

Russian Official Says NATO Risking Direct Conflict with Russia and 'Full-Fledged' Nuclear War

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Former Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, who is now the deputy of Russia's Security Council, [warned Thursday](#) that the US and NATO risk a direct conflict with Russia and a "full-fledged" nuclear war by pouring weapons into Ukraine.

"The pumping of Ukraine by NATO countries with weapons, the training of its troops to use Western equipment, the dispatch of mercenaries and the conduct of exercises by the countries of the Alliance near our borders increase the likelihood of a direct and open conflict between NATO and Russia instead of their 'war by proxy,'" Medvedev wrote on Telegram.

"Such a conflict always has the risk of turning into a full-fledged nuclear war," Medvedev added. "This will be a disastrous scenario for everyone."

While it's widely believed that a direct war between the US and Russia could quickly turn nuclear, the risk doesn't appear to be factored into the Biden administration's Ukraine policy. Over the past few months, the US has significantly escalated its support to Kyiv in its war against Russia through increased military aid, training, and expanded intelligence sharing.

President Biden has maintained that he won't send US troops into Ukraine to fight Russia directly, but the proxy war still risks provoking a response from Moscow. Despite the risks, some ultra-hawks in Washington favor a direct conflict with Russia, including Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-IL).

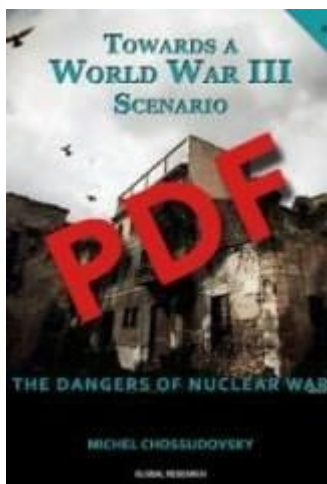
Kinzinger introduced a bill that would give President Biden war powers if he determined Moscow used chemical, biological, or nuclear weapons in Ukraine, but [the legislation failed to gain a single cosponsor](#). Kinzinger is also a proponent of the US enforcing a no-fly zone

over Ukraine, which would require shooting down Russian warplanes and bombing surface-to-air missiles inside Russia.

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