

# Ukraine “Aid” in Perspective. A Huge Addition to “Defense Spending”

The \$ 66.2 billion in US aid for US is nearly \$ 200 for every American

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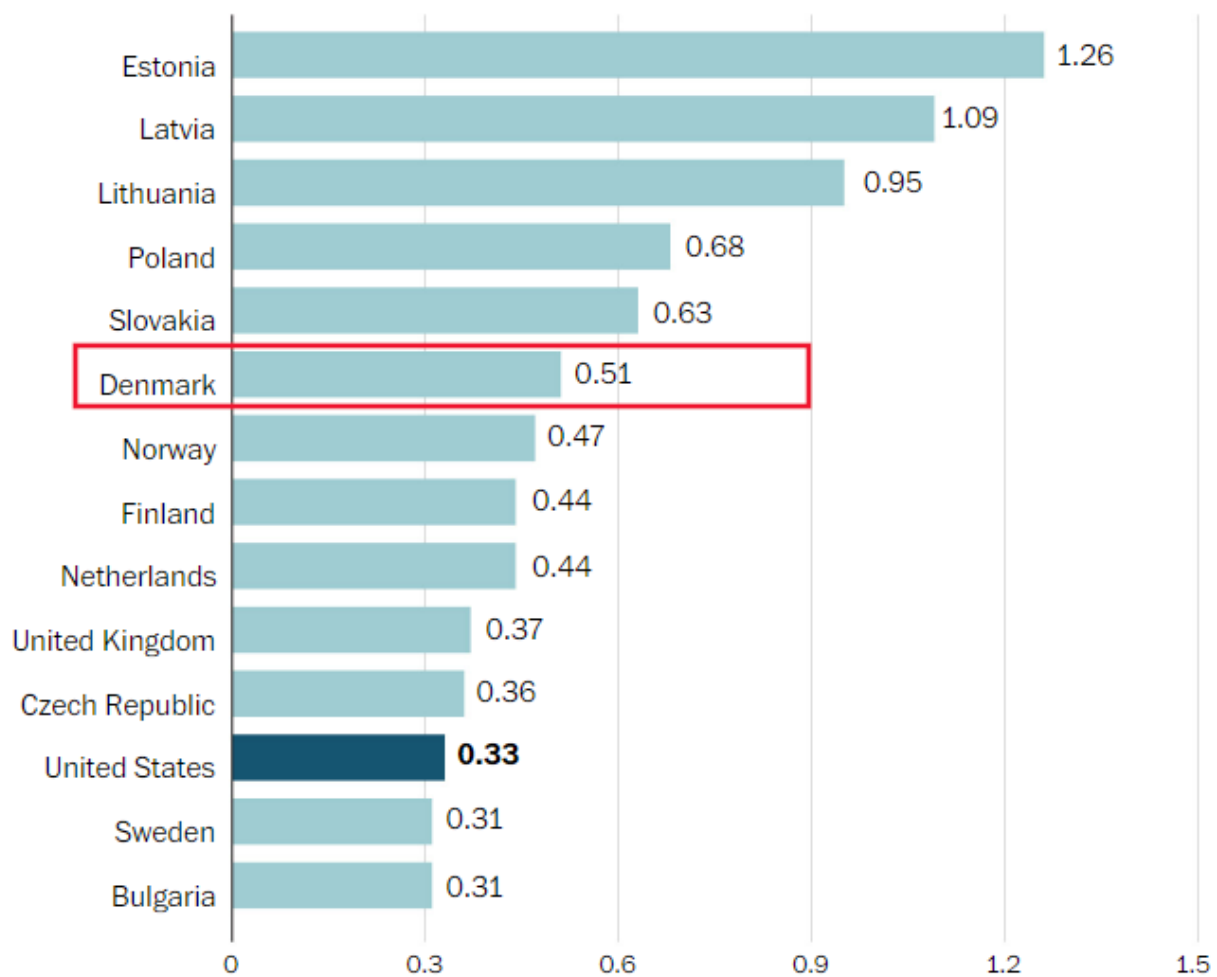
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*It’s interesting to see the Ukraine aid in percent of GDP. Even for the US, it amounts to one-third of a percentage of total GDP. But it’s not only a big burden on the total economies of the West. It’s also a huge addition to total defense spending on top of NATO’s goal of 2% of GDP.*

## In percentage of GDP



Source: [The Washington Post](#)

And it's not surprising to see Denmark with more than half a percentage of GDP on top of the Ukraine spending list, right after the Baltic states and Poland.

Denmark is always the reliable camp-follower of the US. Invade Iraq – Yes, sir! Make a nuclear missile base in Greenland? Of course.

No matter what the US says and does, Denmark jumps.

But it's also interesting to see how Ukraine has taken the lead in US military concerns above everything else – including even Israel and Taiwan.

The funding has eclipsed bilateral support for other U.S. allies, including Israel, Jordan and Egypt, some of the top recipients of U.S. support.



Israel figures taken from Congressional Research Service report detailing "Total U.S. foreign aid obligations." Jordan and Egypt figures taken from CRS reports detailing "U.S. bilateral aid."

O'Hanlon also noted it has exceeded U.S. support for Taiwan, which in late July received a pledge worth more than \$300 million in military

Source: [The Washington Post](#)

With a US population of 340 million, the \$ 66.2 billion in US aid for US is nearly \$ 200 for every American, from newborn to pensioner. A US family of 5 have spent \$ 1,000 dollars for Ukraine – for nothing. That is a lot, considering that 34 million Americans, incl. 9 million children, are “food insecure” – that is, often go to bed hungry due to lack of money for food.

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