

# US Admits to Funding Biological Laboratories in Ukraine, with Dilyana Gaytandzhieva

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*State Department official Victoria Nuland admitted that the US government is funding biological laboratories in Ukraine, confirming what Washington has long dismissed as "Russian propaganda." Correspondent Dan Cohen interviews journalist Dilyana Gaytandzhieva, who has investigated these facilities in Eastern Europe.*

On March 8, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Victoria Nuland commented on a recent Russian Ministry of Defense [announcement](#) it had obtained documents proving the existence of biological weapons programs in laboratories financed by the United States in Ukraine.

**Sen. Marco Rubio:** Does Ukraine have chemical or biological weapons?

**Victoria Nuland:** Ukraine has biological research facilities which, in fact, we're now quite concerned Russian troops, Russian forces may be seeking to gain control of, so we are working with the Ukrainians on how we can prevent any of those research materials from falling into the hands of Russian forces should they approach.

**Sen. Marco Rubio:** I'm sure you're aware that the Russian propaganda groups are already putting out there all kinds of information about how they have uncovered a plot by the Ukrainians to unleash biological weapons in the country, and with NATO's coordination. If there is a biological or chemical weapon incident or attack inside Ukraine, is there any doubt in your mind that 100% it would be the Russians behind it?

**Victoria Nuland:** There is no doubt in my mind, senator. And in fact, it is a classic Russian technique to blame the other guy for what they are planning to do themselves.

Until yesterday this was "fake news" and "conspiracy theory". Undersecretary of State Victoria Nuland just confirmed that [#Ukraine](#) has "biological research

facilities", when asked if Ukraine has bioweapons. She also said US is worried Russia may get "those research materials" [pic.twitter.com/xY2a7KuUCG](https://pic.twitter.com/xY2a7KuUCG)

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Until then, the US government and media outlets had dismissed evidence of biological research laboratories as [Russian disinformation](#) and [QAnon conspiracy theory](#).

Despite Nuland's confirmation, Biden Administration officials continue to insist the claims are false.

White House spokesperson posted a lengthy Twitter thread calling the claims "preposterous" and "disinformation," however declining to address the comments made by Nuland.

We took note of Russia's false claims about alleged U.S. biological weapons labs and chemical weapons development in Ukraine. We've also seen Chinese officials echo these conspiracy theories.

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Journalist Dilyana Gaytandzhieva has spent years investigating US-funded biological laboratories in Eastern Europe.

She spoke with MintPress News' Dan Cohen about her investigations into similar Pentagon-funded laboratories.

Gaytandzhieva's [reports](#) have proven that Pentagon-funded laboratories have conducted potentially lethal experiments on thousands of soldiers in Ukraine and Georgia.

[@dgytandzhieva](#) revealed in January 2022 that the US conducted potentially lethal biological experiments on 4,400 soldiers in Ukraine and 1,000 soldiers in Georgia. <https://t.co/4BASAor35A> [pic.twitter.com/jEaVccQnZm](https://pic.twitter.com/jEaVccQnZm)

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Full interview here: <https://t.co/4BASAor35A>

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Gaytandzhieva [reported](#) in 2018 that the US embassy in Tbilisi, Georgia, was complicit in secretive military programs and that Pentagon scientists had transported “frozen human blood and pathogens as diplomatic cargo for a secret US military program.”

These scientists were “given diplomatic immunity to research deadly diseases and biting insects at the Lugar Center – the Pentagon biolaboratory in Georgia’s capital Tbilisi,” she wrote.

Cohen and Gaytandzhieva also discussed censorship policies implemented in the European Union, and the recent pledge of Bulgarian Prime Minister Kiril Petkov’s comments that Russia “looks like a Petrol station with rockets.”

Despite Petkov’s remarks, he has [asked](#) that the European Union exempt Bulgaria from sanctions on purchasing Russian gas and oil, which his country is totally reliant on.

Petkov also offered to send Bulgarian military equipment to Ukraine.

“After Bulgaria joined NATO, we were told to destroy everything so we would be totally reliant on NATO,” Gaytandzhieva explained.

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