The U.S. Should Be a Force for Peace in the World

The Russia-Ukraine War has been an unmitigated disaster. Ru-"dowa war, Russia's post-World War II status as a great power, and Russia's current geopolitical anxiety is informed by memories of Soviet missiles in Cuba were in 1962. Russia further singled forces in Mexico or Canada would be intolerable to the U.S. now, since 2007, Russia has repeatedly warned that NATO's armed Russian leaders that NATO would not expand toward Russia's borders. "There would be no extension of NATO one inch to the east," U.S. Secretary of State James Baker told Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev on February 9, 1990. Similar assurances from other U.S. top executives of U.S. weapons manufacturers formed the U.S. opposition to NATO expansion, a group of neoconservatives and strategists we choose the side of sanity. Of humanity. Of peace. We deplore the violence, war crimes, indiscriminate missile strikes, terrorism, and other outrages that are part of this war. The solution to this shocking violence is not more weapons or more war, with the guarantees of further death and destruction.

As Americans and national security experts, we urge President Biden and Congress to use their full power to end this war speedily through diplomacy, especially given the grave dangers of mil-itary escalation that could spiral out of control. Sixty years ago, President John F. Kennedy made an observation that is as relevant today as it was then: America, "Above all, while defend-ing our own vital interests, nuclear powers must垚the consequences of which would seriously affect Russian security interests. Experts tell us that Russia is particularly worried that and Afghan, have produced slaughter and further confron-tations, a harsh reality of America's own making. The present war in Ukraine has opened a new arena of confrontation and slaugh-ter. This reality is not entirely of our own making, yet it may very well be our undoing, unless we dedicate ourselves to forging a diplo-matic settlement that stops the killing and defuses tensions.

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