

# McConnell's Ukraine comments show why Republican voters flocked to Trump

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Senate Minority Leader Mitchell McConnell (R-KY) is a veteran of the Washington Swamp and a savvy politician who's been in office since 1985. He's had some tremendous political wins, most notably his influence on shaping the Supreme Court — and, quite frankly, keeping Merrick Garland off the bench. He's been a very solid Republican politician for nearly 40 years. But his most recent comments about Ukraine are indicative of why Republican voters have grown to loathe the "establishment." Even more so, it shows why many of them supported former President Donald Trump.



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McConnell believes the country should keep sending endless billions of taxpayer money to Ukraine. He said as much earlier this week. It's a puzzling statement, given his political experience, and not representative of the sentiment of most Republican voters.

"Providing assistance for Ukrainians to defeat the Russians is the No. 1 priority for the United States right now, according to most Republicans," McConnell said. "That's how we see the challenges confronting the country at the moment."

But why is this the "No. 1 priority" for the U.S.? It truly is a shame what is happening in Ukraine, and many people are rightfully sympathetic. However, Ukraine's security is not the most important issue facing the public. Between rampant inflation, a homelessness crisis, a deteriorating education system, a college student loan crisis, a wealth gap, an enormous national debt, and a culture war, there is no justifiable reason Ukraine should be the "No. 1 priority." Such a statement is indicative of why so many Republican voters favored Trump and the MAGA platform. They want their taxpayer dollars spent on citizens. What a radical concept!

And the purpose of this isn't to defend Trump or MAGA. It's to point out that Republican voters are tired of politicians who do not put America first. If politicians like McConnell are concerned with humanitarian crises to spend billions of taxpayer dollars on, he should start with everyone living in poverty in the U.S.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine is a tragedy and should not be happening. However, the U.S. has spent double what all of Europe combined has spent. Let it start contributing its own taxpayer money to defend Ukraine. Make American politicians prioritize Americans again.