

The war in Ukraine
started because of
~~NATO expansion~~

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Ukraine was about to join NATO in 2022, threatening Russia's security and breaking the West's promise not to expand the Alliance to the East. Russia had no choice but to start the war.


Source: Russian disinformation and Kremlin apologists

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While Ukraine had long expressed interest in NATO membership, this step was far from imminent on the eve of Russia's full-scale invasion.

In his speech in February 2022, Putin hardly focused on **NATO**, questioning instead Ukraine's right to exist as an **independent state**.





Russia's ultimatum
for a guarantee that
Ukraine would not
become a NATO
member was
just a pretext.

Behind this rhetoric
hides Putin's
expansionist
ambition.

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