



## Resources on the War in the Ukraine

There is a lot of information and misinformation going around on the war in the Ukraine. Material is released all the time by both sides, Russia and the Ukraine. This column identifies some of the best resources for patrons interested in researching the war. While no source is totally unbiased, these four web sources provide daily insights into the war.

Probably the best source to start with is the Harvard Nieman Foundation/Nieman Lab website: “Some Resources for Following the invasion of Ukraine” (<https://www.niemanlab.org/2-22/02/follow-war-ukraine>) While the website could use some updating, it has a number of references to blogs about the War, newspaper web sites, Twitter lists, English language channels, sanction trackers, podcasts, livestreams of Ukrainian street cameras, and maps. Nieman Lab notes that a number of Internet sources have been the source of misinformation, and cites the BBC’s Monitoring disinformation unit web site, as a good source of information. Many of the livestreams on the web, claiming to be in the Ukraine are coming from Russia.

Another good place of information on the war is the NPR daily podcast ([www.npr.org](http://www.npr.org)). This podcast, which is updated sometimes several times a day, covers current topics as well as information in a historical context. Projections on future outcomes are also gleaned from current events. Typical topics covered recently include: Ukrainian rail service ads a special train to get people out of Donbas; one man’s effort to lighten the spirits of displaced children in western Ukraine; Japan is examining its security and defense policy as Russian continues war in Ukraine; a new reality reverberates through Russia’s music scene; Zelinskyy has consolidated Ukraine’s TV outlets and dissolved rival political parties; Russia is facing a huge geopolitical price for its invasion of Ukraine; Taiwan is watching Ukraine to prepare

for a possible invasion by China; Russia’s economy is weathering sanctions, but tough time are ahead. The podcasts are available via a pick list on the NPR website, or you can subscribe to the casts as they are produced. This is a really good source of current information placed in an historical context.

Also highly recommended is the Institute for the Study of War website “Ukraine Conflict Updates” ([www.understandingwar.org](http://www.understandingwar.org)). This highly detailed website contains maps, report assessments, and alert warnings you can sign up to receive. Current detailed reports include: Russian Offensive Campaign Assessment, July 12 and the Institute’s interactive map of the Russian invasion of the Ukraine. The assessments are daily and are interesting to go back and view later to see what happened. The reports are very detailed and contain lots of detailed military analysis.

The Economist (<https://www.economist.com/ukraine-crisis>), has an excellent webpage “Ukraine at war,” which consolidates news stories in the Economist into a chronological storyline. Some recent articles include: Europe is preparing for Russian gas to be cut off this winter; Ukraine prepares a counter-offensive to retake Kherson province; Russian is disappearing vast numbers of Ukrainians; Is Putin Ill; the battle for Snake Island; Does a protracted conflict favor Russian or Ukraine; Is the West supplying Ukraine with enough weapons; where will Ukraine store its grain; Why the west should be wary of permanently seizing Russian assets; Does the tank have a future; Japanese energy firms cling to their Russian assets.

As the war progresses these websites will provide you with information about the conflict. Each one has a different focus and detail.