

Why are gas prices really so high? Here's what you need to know.



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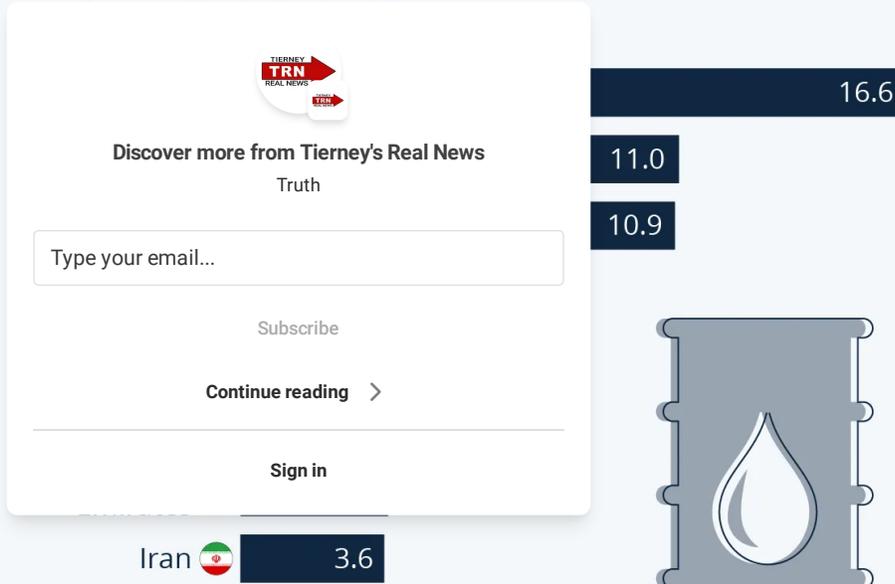
Most people don't realize that control of Russian gas is behind literally ALL of the inflation we are experiencing in America and Europe and the chaos around the world right now. Most people say "I don't care - I just want cheap gas." Well, if that's what you want then you need to understand what's really going on. Because our lives literally depend on it.

Russia has long been competing with America to be the world's gas station to Europe and points beyond. 70% of Russia's economy comes from gas and oil. America produces 50% more natural gas than Russia and almost four times more than Iran. Like Trump says - we have all the energy we need (gas, coal and oil) right under our feet - but Biden is shutting it down so we pay more! WHY WOULD HE DO THAT IF HE LOVED AMERICA? HE WOULD NOT.

	Country	Yearly Gas Production (MMcf)	
1	United States	32,914,647,000	
2	Russia	22,728,734,000	
3	Iran	9,097,956,245	
4	Canada	6,751,698,275	
5	Algeria	6,491,744,560	
6	Qatar	6,000,936,690	
7	Norway	5,763,408,000	
8	China	4,559,625,595	
9	Saudi Arabia	4,231,796,450	

The World's Biggest Oil Producers

Oil production by country in 2021 (in million barrels per day)



Includes crude oil, shale oil, oil sands, condensates and natural gas liquids.

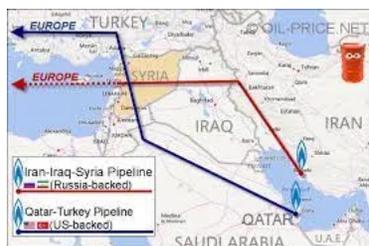
Source: BP



You can't blame Russia for protecting basically their BIGGEST and ONLY money making resource. President Trump understood this - he wanted to help PUTIN build the Russian economy BEYOND natural gas - without Putin having to resort to aligning with Germany, Iran & China - nations run by bullies and leaders NOT looking for peace!

That's why so many corrupt politicians & world leaders want to control Russian energy and the countries (like Ukraine) where Russian pipelines cross. That's why Biden, Romney, and Pelosi ALL have invested in Ukrainian energy companies that flow Russian gas!

That's the same issue in the Middle East - control of nations like Syria where oil pipelines cross! That's why guys like Rupert Murdoch are invested in Syria - to control pipelines there! They actually use terrorists and mercenaries to protect their right of ways and investments! NOT KIDDING.



That's why Russia uses propaganda to stop American gas pipelines from ever being built. Most of those pipeline protesters in America have been funded by Russia and the hedge funds who

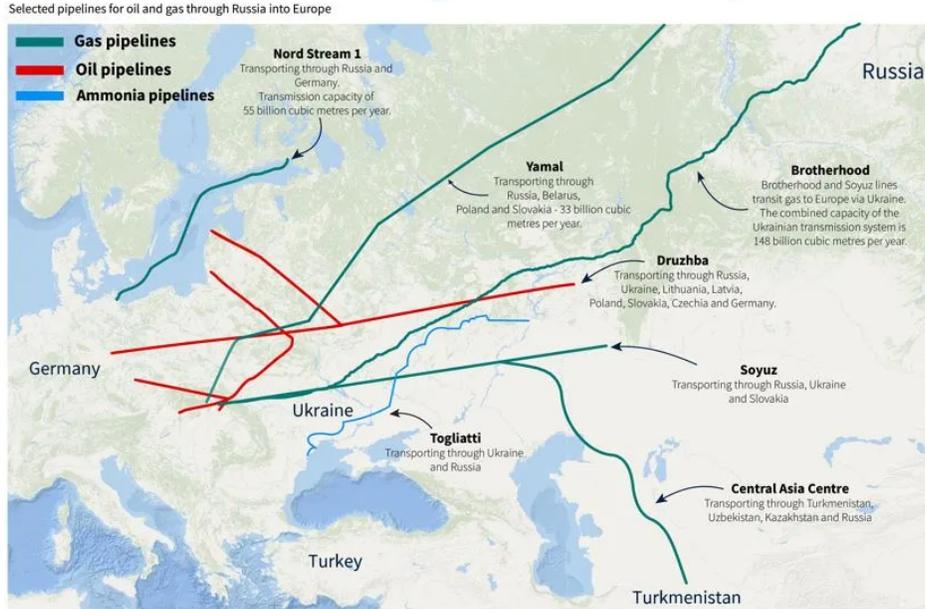
have invested in Russian gas!

America is Russia's biggest competitor for natural gas. Now, ask yourself why is Biden shutting down American pipelines & fracking? That makes NO sense. To help America? Nope - to help himself and our enemies!

<https://www.worldometers.info/gas/gas-production-by-country/>

Here's a look at the oil and gas pipelines that run from Russia into Europe - most go through Ukraine! Russia has to pay fees to Ukraine to cross their land!

Oil and Gas pipelines through Russia into Europe



SOURCE: Global Fossil Infrastructure Tracker, Global Energy Monitor, ICIS, Ameropa

Nordstream bypassed Ukraine and runs under the Baltic Sea from Russia directly to Germany. Nordstream 1 was built in 2011 under Obama.

Trump asked Merkel of Germany to end Nordstream 2, which was under construction, in 2018 and she refused. She was working with Putin to get it done. Trump wanted to supply Europe with the gas that Putin intended to supply Europe with through Nordstream 2. Merkel, who lived in the former Soviet Union, sided with Putin. That's why she hated President Trump. Trump did NOT want to drive Russia & China & Germany & Iran together - what a recipe for world disaster!





In December 2019, President Trump put sanctions on Russia's Nordstream 2 pipeline to STOP Russia from finishing it. Germany and Russia were furious.

THEN THEY ALL HELPED THE FBI AND US INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES REMOVE PRESIDENT TRUMP FROM OFFICE. THEY STOLE THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE SENATE TO CONTROL THEIR INVESTMENTS. THE FAKE NEWS HELPED. SOCIAL MEDIA HELPED.

In March 2021, Biden shut down Trump's KEYSTONE PIPELINE in America. On his fourth day in office, President Trump had signed an EO to allow the pipeline to move forward.

In May 2021, Biden immediately ended Trump's sanctions on the Nordstream 2 pipeline to "rebuild" ties with Germany and he let it continue to be built.

BIDEN'S DECISIONS BACKFIRED - so, in February 2022, Biden pushed Putin to invade Ukraine and then Biden REINSTATED Trump's sanctions on the Nordstream 2 pipeline!

Then, in June 2022 - Biden sent divers to blow up the Nordstream pipelines and then tried to blame Russia! Inflation has gone through the roof! 70% of inflation comes from energy!

Six months ago I wrote an article saying that Biden & the CIA sabotaged the pipeline. People laughed. Well, this liberal writer just proved I was correct!

Here's some more important detail on the sabotage from a "left-wing" journalist!

In June 2022, Navy divers, operating under the cover of a widely publicized mid-summer NATO exercise known as BALTOPS 22, planted the remotely triggered explosives that, three months later, destroyed three of the four Nord Stream pipelines.

Two of the pipelines, which were known collectively as Nord Stream 1, had been providing Germany and much of Western Europe with cheap Russian natural gas for more than a decade. A second pair of pipelines, called Nord Stream 2, had been built but were not yet operational.

Biden wanted to blow them all up with no overt clue as to who was responsible.

The direct route, which bypassed any need to transit Ukraine, had been a boon for the German economy, which enjoyed an abundance of cheap Russian natural gas—enough to run its factories and heat its homes while enabling German distributors to sell excess gas, at a profit, throughout Western Europe.

The holding company behind it, **Nord Stream AG**, was incorporated in Switzerland in 2005 in partnership with Gazprom, a publicly traded Russian company producing enormous profits for shareholders, which is dominated by oligarchs known to be in the thrall of Putin.

Gazprom controlled 51 percent of the company, with four European energy firms—one in France, one in the Netherlands and two in Germany—sharing the remaining 49 percent of stock, and having the right to control downstream sales of the inexpensive natural gas to local distributors in Germany and Western Europe. Gazprom's profits were shared with the Russian government, and state gas and oil revenues were estimated in some years to amount to **as much as 45 percent** of Russia's annual budget.

Trump's political fears were real: Putin would now have an additional and much-needed major source of income, and Germany and the rest of Western Europe would become addicted to low-cost natural gas supplied by Russia—while diminishing European reliance on America. In fact, that's exactly what happened.

Nord Stream 2 would double the amount of cheap gas that would be available to Germany and Western Europe. The second pipeline also would provide enough gas for more than 50 percent of Germany's annual consumption.

Opposition to Nord Stream 2 flared on the eve of the Biden inauguration and Senate Republicans, led by Ted Cruz of Texas, passed a law that, as Cruz told Blinken, "halted [the pipeline] in its tracks."

Would Biden stand up to the Germans? Blinken said yes. A few months later, as the construction of the second pipeline neared completion, Biden CAVED. Blinken was wrong!

In May 2021, in a **stunning turnaround**, Biden waived sanctions against Nord Stream AG, with a **State Department official conceding** that trying to stop the pipeline through sanctions and diplomacy had "always been a long shot." Huh?

Behind the scenes, Biden **reportedly urged** Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, by then facing a threat of Russian invasion, not to criticize the move.

There were immediate consequences. Senate Republicans, led by Cruz, announced an immediate blockade of all of Biden's foreign policy nominees and delayed passage of the annual defense bill for months, deep into the fall. *Politico* later **depicted** Biden's turnabout on the second Russian pipeline as "the one decision, arguably more than the chaotic military withdrawal from Afghanistan, that has imperiled Biden's agenda."

Biden was floundering. Natural gas prices **surged 8% within days**, amid growing fears in Germany and Europe that the pipeline suspension and the growing possibility of a war between Russia and Ukraine would lead to a very much unwanted cold winter.

Throughout all of this, Russian troops had been steadily and ominously building up on the borders of Ukraine, and by the end of December 2021 more than 100,000 soldiers were in position to strike from Belarus and Crimea. Alarm was growing in Washington, including an assessment from Blinken that those troop numbers could be "doubled in short order."

Biden's attention once again was focused on Nord Stream. As long as Europe remained dependent on the pipelines for cheap natural gas, **Biden & his toadies in the IC and MIC were afraid that countries like Germany would be reluctant to supply Ukraine with the money and weapons it needed to defeat Russia.**

In December of 2021, two months before the first Russian tanks rolled into Ukraine, Team Biden got together to come up with a plan for the destruction of the two Nord Stream pipelines.



THE PLAYERS Left to right: Victoria Nuland, Anthony Blinken, and Jake Sullivan.

The Navy proposed using a newly commissioned submarine to assault the pipeline directly. The Air Force discussed dropping bombs with delayed fuses that could be set off remotely. The CIA argued that whatever was done, it would have to be covert. Everyone involved understood the stakes. “This is not kiddie stuff,” the source said. If the attack were traceable to the United States, “It’s an act of war.”

At the time, the CIA was directed by William Burns and the CIA’s working group began to craft a plan for a covert operation that would use deep-sea divers to trigger an explosion along the pipeline.

The waters of the Baltic Sea were heavily patrolled by the Russian navy, and there were no oil rigs that could be used as cover for a diving operation. Would the divers have to go to Estonia, right across the border from Russia’s natural gas loading docks, to train for the mission? “It would be a goat fuck,” the Agency was told.

Throughout “all of this scheming,” the source said, “some working guys in the CIA and the State Department were saying, ‘Don’t do this. It’s stupid and will be a political nightmare if it comes out.’”

Nevertheless, in early 2022, the CIA working group reported back to Sullivan’s interagency group: “We have a way to blow up the pipelines.”

What came next was stunning. On February 7, 2022 - less than three weeks before the seemingly inevitable Russian invasion of Ukraine, Biden met in his White House office with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and Biden defiantly said, “If Russia invades . . . there will be no longer a Nord Stream 2. We will bring an end to it.”

Twenty days earlier, Undersecretary Nuland had delivered essentially the same message : “If Russia invades Ukraine, one way or another Nord Stream 2 will not move forward.”

President Biden on Nord Stream 2 Pipeline if Russia Invades Ukraine: "We will bri...



Several of those involved in planning the pipeline mission were dismayed by what they viewed as indirect references to the attack.

“It was like putting an atomic bomb on the ground in Tokyo and telling the Japanese that we are going to detonate it. The plan was for the options to be executed post invasion and not advertised publicly. Biden simply didn’t get it or ignored it.” **In other words, Biden told Russia he was going to blow up their pipeline and pushed them to invade Ukraine.**

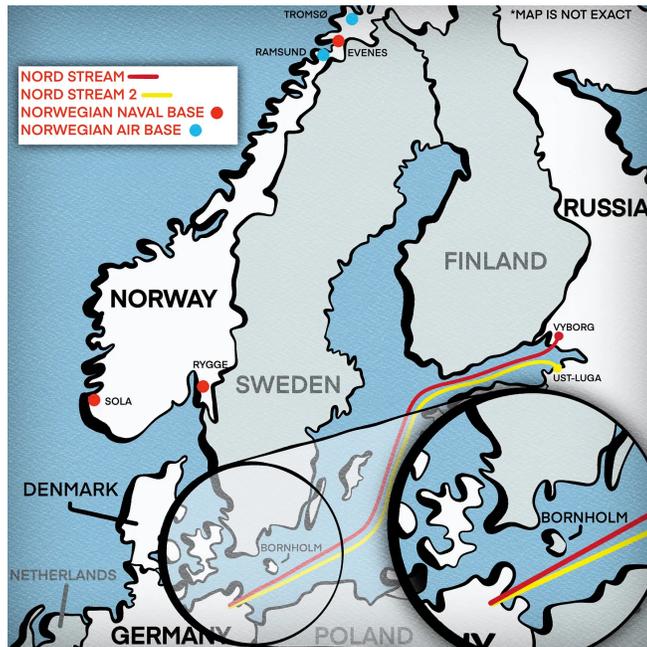
The plan to blow up Nord Stream 1 and 2 was suddenly downgraded from a covert operation requiring that Congress be informed to one that was deemed as a highly classified intelligence operation with U.S. military support. Under the law, the source explained, “There was no longer a legal requirement to report the operation to Congress. All they had to do now is just do it—but it still had to be secret. The Russians have superlative surveillance of the Baltic Sea.”

Norway was the perfect place to launch the mission.

“They hated the Russians, and the Norwegian navy was full of superb sailors and divers who had generations of experience in highly profitable deep-sea oil and gas exploration.”

They also could be trusted to keep the mission secret. The Norwegians may have had other interests as well. The destruction of Nord Stream—if the Americans could pull it off—would allow Norway to sell vastly more of its own natural gas to Europe.

In March 2022, a few members of Biden’s team flew to Norway to meet with the Norwegian Secret Service and Navy. One of the key questions was where exactly in the Baltic Sea was the best place to plant the explosives.



“The best divers with deep diving qualifications are a tight community, and only the very best are recruited for the operation and told to be prepared to be summoned to the CIA in Washington.”

The Russian navy was known to possess surveillance technology capable of spotting, and triggering, underwater mines. The American explosive devices needed to be camouflaged in a way that would make them appear to the Russian system as part of the natural background—something that required adapting to the specific salinity of the water. The Norwegians had a fix.

The Norwegians also had a solution to the crucial question of *when* the operation should take place. Every June, for the past 21 years, the American Sixth Fleet, whose flagship is based in Gaeta, Italy, south of Rome, has sponsored a major NATO exercise in the Baltic Sea involving scores of allied ships throughout the region. The current exercise, held in June, would be **known as Baltic Operations 22, or BALTOPS 22**. The Norwegians proposed this would be the ideal cover to plant the mines.

It was both a useful exercise and ingenious cover. The C4 explosives would be in place by the end of BALTOPS22, with a 48-hour timer attached. All of the Americans and Norwegians would be long gone by the first explosion.

And then: Washington had second thoughts. The bombs would still be planted during BALTOPS, but the White House worried that a two-day window for their detonation would be too close to the end of the exercise, and it would be obvious that America had been involved.

Instead, the White House had a new request: “Can the guys in the field come up with some way to blow the pipelines later on command?”

Some members of the planning team were angered and frustrated by Biden’s seeming indecision.

On September 26, 2022, a Norwegian Navy P8 surveillance plane made a seemingly routine flight and dropped a sonar buoy. The signal spread underwater, initially to Nord Stream 2 and then on to Nord Stream 1. A few hours later, the high-powered C4 explosives were triggered and three of the four pipelines were put out of commission.

In the immediate aftermath of the pipeline bombing, the American media treated it like an unsolved mystery. Russia was **repeatedly cited as a likely culprit**, spurred on by calculated leaks from the White House—but without ever establishing a clear motive for such an act of self-sabotage, beyond simple retribution.

I may not have all the details right but the big picture is clear as day!

Now you know why President Trump said that Biden set up Putin and forced him into invading Ukraine. Now you know why Putin & Zelensky say they negotiated peace but Biden put a stop to it. Now you know why President Trump says he can end THIS PHONY WAR in 24 hours! Aren't you tired of being played?

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This is an EVIL time in America!"

It sounds like Trump believes they will arrest him!

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