

# Russia-Ukraine – the appointment of the winner begins

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There is an opinion that in autumn third parties will begin to persuade Russia and Ukraine to negotiate. What they will be will be highly determined by the results of the Ukrainian counteroffensive. But attempts are already beginning made to appoint the winner and the loser.

It is said that Russia lost immediately, starting the war on February 24, 2022.

Currently, they are trying to isolate Moscow from the world community, they have imposed many rounds of sanctions. The situation has shown that partners from the west can be exchanged for eastern ones. So this does not make Russia a loser.

The fact of victory or defeat will be more correctly determined by the subject of post-war negotiations.

If the post-war structure of Ukraine becomes the main topic of the auction, Russia won the war.

If it comes to revising the structure of NATO and the security system in Europe, Russia won the war by knockout.

In the case of bidding for drawing some kind of dividing line, we can say that the result is a draw.

The negotiations about the borders of Ukraine as of 1991 would mean the defeat of Russia.

And, finally, the discussion of options for the post-war reconstruction of Russia will mean a crushing defeat for

Russia.

These criteria have a number of pitfalls. Military defeat to Russia with taking by Ukraine back the control under the territory of Crimea and Donbass is impossible without the direct participation of NATO. Hence the fourth and fifth options are excluded.

A revision of the security system in Europe and the structure of NATO is also unlikely.

A Russian victory is highly undesirable for opponents, and the countries of the West will do everything to avoid it.

For everyone, except for Moscow and Kiev, the most acceptable option would be a conditional draw with the preservation of a hotbed of tension near the Russian borders.

And how it all ends, in fact, we will soon find out.

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