

# Swedish Left Party supports the supply of weapons to Ukraine: a difficult decision for the Swedish left

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**Social Movement (Ukraine) reports: The representatives of the Left Party were among the first to organize street shares of solidarity with Ukraine. Left Party representatives unanimously condemned the aggression and opposed the exit of Russian troops, continued to demand tougher sanctions, increased the humanitarian budget and the opening of the border for refugees.**

However, the Left Party has recently provoked a storm of criticism as the only Swedish party opposed to the supply of weapons to Ukraine, basing this on the historic policy of neutrality for Sweden.

The Left Party's mixed position has caused harsh criticism from all sides: for some, the Left Party betrayed the principles and bent under the Western Euro-Atlantic imperialism, for others, the Left Party demonstrated hidden reluctance to take decisive actions against Putin's imperialism.

Yesterday there was a heated debate inside the party, which ended with a vote of support to Ukraine's armed struggle and a change of position on weapons supply

At the solidarity action in Lund, it was possible to see the different positions of the party activists. Trying to explain how, for over 30 years, they have been consistently against the Swedish military industrial complex and weapons exports. But no one could ever imagine a war could start quite nearby. So, they took time to rethink today.

As if apologizing and reclaiming their solidarity, the party orchestra played the national anthem of Ukraine.

For video click here: <https://fb.watch/bwjmAVlNs7/>

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