

## Is Resistance Working in Ukraine?

### Description

Episode 141 examines what the role of resistance operations are in the context of the broader war in Ukraine.

Our guests begin by discussing whether resistance in occupied Ukraine is working. They argue that â??Random Acts of Resistanceâ?• are not effective. Instead, resistance activities are most impactful when well synchronized with conventional military operations. The effective use of resistance activities faces multiple challenges though, the largest being the need to synchronize not only SOF and conventional forces on the battlefield, but also to control resistance entities that are often built from the grassroots civilian population. Our guests conclude that resistance operations are important, but they play a *supporting* role in a broader war.

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