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List of Congresspeople Supporting Basic Income:

<https://twitter.com/i/lists/1254888925916782594>

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Scott Santens' Website: <https://www.scottsantens.com/>

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Humanity Forward Website: <https://movehumanityforward.com/>

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Economic Security Project: <https://www.economicsecurityproject.org/>

Basic Income March Website: <https://t.co/IXLn58scDI?amp=1>

YangGang Media Hub: <https://accordion-fish-cznw.squarespace.com/>

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Episode 478 Script

Welcome back to Yang Daily! I'll be your host, Alex Chaney, bringin' you all the Yang news you need to live your life right. Well, safe to say there's been some developments since our last meeting. Let's get right to it.

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-Well, despite it being mostly beyond the purview of this podcast's policy focus, I suppose we should briefly discuss the elephant in the room: Putin. As I'm sure you've all heard, Russia executed their invasion of Ukraine. If you need a crash course on why, basically... well, because Putin's nuts. More specifically, Ukraine used to be part of the Soviet Union. Then they briefly had independence. Then they were absorbed again. Then they were free again, and have been for many decades now but Putin still considers it his rightful territory.

A few years ago, Russia invaded Ukraine's southern peninsula – Crimea – after Ukraine tried to join NATO - the world's largest mutual defense pact. There are conflicting factions within the country. Putin has been supporting the rebel factions, hoping to destabilize the government. Now he's invading the rest of the country, on the pretense of liberating Russia-speaking citizens. Pretty much every country disapproves but doesn't want to start world war 3 by interfering directly.

Biden has explicitly said U.S. forces will not fight Russia, unless a NATO ally is attacked. The U.S., and other NATO countries, have issued economic sanctions against Russia, targeting

major banks, sovereign funds, tech imports, and some of Russia's elite ruling oligarchy, though notably excluding direct sanctions on Putin himself. They've also bolstered military presence around Russia and Ukraine and Biden has instructed Secretary of State Blinken to release up to \$350 million in support of Ukraine's defense.

AP reports that the U.S. offered to evacuate Ukrainian President, Zelenskyy, but his response was, quote: "The fight is here; I need ammunition, not a ride." End quote. I don't know how that'll turn out for him but it's a great line. All signs so far point to him digging in and resisting Putin's aggression.

Putin has since threatened to invade Finland and Sweden as well, following those countries expressing a renewed interest in joining NATO. The old classic of threatening to invade someone, to keep them from joining a defense pact, because they're afraid of being invaded. Basically Russia is like your cat, who wants to have all the doors in the house open, and will yell at you if they're closed, not because they want to use them right now but just to keep the option available for later. Except, instead of the option to take a walk, it's the option to wage war without consequence.

Although, according to Wikipedia, the last time Russia invaded Finland (yes, they've done it before), while they obviously won the war, they lost about 5 times as many troops and planes and an incredible 60 times as many tanks as the Fins, despite having many times more troops and equipment, so... maybe *some* consequences. In a similar vein, Ukraine's military is not rolling over the way Putin hoped.

Yang wrote a brief essay on the invasion, which basically just denounced Putin's actions and emphasized the importance of Putin paying a high price, but endorsed no course of action. Yang also shared an Atlantic opinion article, which criticized the U.S. for not doing more to deter the invasion ahead of time, such as Biden publicly announcing that troops would not be sent in.

I don't follow foreign policy and geo-politics closely, so I don't have an informed opinion on the matter, other than to recognize the complexity of the issue. With a country like Russia, which has a massive military and, more importantly, a massive nuclear arsenal, led by Putin, who appears to care more for his ego than anything else, any escalation of the conflict can have dire consequences. The U.S., or NATO, physically supporting Ukraine could lead to other nations supporting Russia, and a new world war. Failure to interfere sufficiently could also lead Russia to proceed to invade other neighboring countries, which could also lead to world war. And, in the

age of nukes, controlled by sociopaths, any such conflict has the potential for nuclear winter and an end to worldwide civilization, as we know it.

There are no easy answers.

-Biden has announced that his pick to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice Breyer will be Ketanji Brown Jackson. Currently on the U.S. Court of Appeals, for the District of Columbia Circuit, Jackson spent 7 years as an assistant public defender, defending those who could not afford a private lawyer, then 8 years as a federal trial judge in Washington, and a relatively short 8 months on the Appeals Court.

She has no record of rulings, writings or speeches on the big issues of abortion, gun rights or freedom of religion. She was on the 3-judge appeals court panel that denied Trump's attempt to block the January 6th Committee from accessing National Archives documents and once defended a terrorism detainee, in Guantanamo, who was being held without charges or trial. She also helped reduce the standard sentencing recommendations for nonviolent drug offenders.

Jackson would be the first Black woman in the court's history, the 2nd-youngest of the current Justices, and the 1st since Thurgood Marshall with significant experience as a defense lawyer. No date has yet been set for a confirmation hearing.

-Speaking of SCOTUS, there's an important upcoming Supreme Court case that you likely haven't heard about. On Monday, West Virginia v. EPA will be heard. It amounts to a years-long challenge from coal companies and the GOP to limit the EPA's ability to regulate pollution and could be one of the most significant environmental law cases of all time.

Essentially, for years, Democrats have argued the Clean Air Act gives the federal government authority to mandate emissions regulations quite liberally, while the GOP argue it is limited to power plants. This case offers the court a chance to rule on that authority.

Of course, SCOTUS blocked the Obama administration's plan to drastically reduce power plants' emissions in 2016 and, of course, that was before the current super-majority of

Republicans on the bench. The current court has repeatedly pushed back on the authority of federal agencies in other cases, such as when they shot down the federal vaccine mandates.

The weight of this court decision, like abortion, and so many other issues, is a result of Congress being broken. Due to the filibuster and tribal politics, born of flawed election processes, Congress has long failed to enact legislation to clarify the authority of executive agencies, like the EPA, or enact significant laws addressing issues such as climate change. Because Congress can get nothing done, that leaves these agencies as the only avenue for action, which destabilizes the balance of powers, though certainly less so than Congress being a dead branch of government.

The Clean Air Act was written decades before the immense dangers of climate change were understood and it has become just about the only federal means of combating the crisis, in the face of our broken democracy's gridlock. Depending on the court's decision, that last avenue for progress, rightly or wrongly, may be significantly narrowed. We'll see.

-Finally, and unsurprisingly, a study from Columbia University has found that the child poverty rate has surged since the improvements to the Child Tax Credit ended in December, from 12% up to 17%.

That's an additional 3.7 million children deprived of basic needs, in the supposedly richest country on Earth. This is disgraceful; a national travesty. While attention is rightly being granted to the threat from Russia, we can't allow our attention on poverty to lapse. It is an injustice that has killed far more than war ever will and we are closer than we've ever been in history to putting an end to it. Keep pushing your representatives, your friends, your family, to support the removal of conditions from financial aid. Let's make basic needs a right, not a privilege, for all children and adults.

-And that'll do it for today's Yang Daily! Bookmark and the share the EPA case and the Child poverty spike, Flood congress with calls, tweets, faxes, and letters, using the easy volunteer contacts below, If you need help, Consult the Income Movement aid database, the Mission Asset Fund, or United Way. And, don't forget, to Yang Daily.