

Dimitri Muratov's Nobel Prize auctions off for \$103.5 million set to be donated to UNICEF in order to aid displaced children in Ukraine.

With Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014, and their war on Ukraine as of February, Europe is facing its largest humanitarian crisis since the second world war. Orphaned and displaced children have become a primary focus within the drastic impacts of the war on Ukraine, especially for Dimitri Muratov, a Russian journalist. Muratov received a Nobel prize in 2021 for his time serving as editor in chief for the *Novaya Gazeta* (New Gazette), and for advocating for freedom of speech as well as investigating tyrannical governments. With goals of solidarity, and to bring the children of Ukraine "a chance for a future," it was decided he would auction off his Nobel prize. There was much excitement during the bidding process, and it finally ended with an anonymous phone bidder who won the prize with a bid of \$103.5 million. Many people, including Muratov, were shocked at this huge amount of money, as it was record breaking. Muratov explained that the money will go directly to UNICEF to aid the displaced children in Ukraine. Muratov says he chose UNICEF because, "It's critical to us that that organization does not belong to any government. It can work above the government, there are no borders for it." Muratov has faced his own harassment for his work, but has pulled through with this act of compassion to help those in need.

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