



Arnold Schwarzenegger made an impassioned attempt to tell Russian soldiers and the Russian people the truth about the war in Ukraine.

In a nine-minute video with Russian subtitles, the 74-year-old Hollywood star and former California governor described himself as a longtime friend of the Russian people. Schwarzenegger started the basic facts of Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine, and he attempted to **punch through** Russian state **propaganda**. He said that the Kremlin was intentionally lying to Russians that the invasion was to 'denazify' Ukraine, and he noted that the country's president was Jewish.

Schwarzenegger added that the public weren't told the truth about the **consequences** of the invasion, and he bluntly stated that thousands of Russian soldiers had already been killed. He appealed to the Russian president to end the illegal war that he started.

Difficult words: **punch through** (to make a hole in something, to show problems with something), **propaganda** (information or ideas that are often untrue, and people spread them in to help a government or political leader influence people's opinions), **consequence** (a result of an action or situation).

**Discussion Questions****Topic Talk**

1. Define the following words: *punch through*, *propaganda* and *consequence*
2. What did Arnold Schwarzenegger attempt to tell Russian people and soldiers?
3. How did the Hollywood star and former California governor describe his relationship with Russian people?
4. What basic facts did Schwarzenegger reveal in his video about Vladimir Putin?
5. What was Kremlin's real intention for invading Ukraine according to Schwarzenegger?
6. Did the public know the truth about the consequences of the invasion?
7. What was Arnold Schwarzenegger's appeal to the Russian president?

Express Your Thoughts

1. Do you know anything about Arnold Schwarzenegger?
2. Many people believe that he posted that video on social media not only to give misinformed people more information but to reach them on an emotional level. What do you think?
3. How does your country respond to the rapidly escalating conflict between Russia and Ukraine?