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Russia's Motivations for the 2022 Invasion of Ukraine:

Historical and Cultural Ties: Russia views Ukraine as part of its historical and cultural sphere of influence.

Security Concerns: Russia perceived NATO's eastward expansion as a threat to its security, and saw Ukraine's potential membership in NATO as a red line.

Political Control: Russian President Vladimir Putin sought to restore Russia's influence over Ukraine and prevent it from aligning with the West.

Economic Interests: Russia has significant economic ties with Ukraine, and the invasion was seen as a way to protect these interests.

Domestic Politics: The invasion was also seen as a way to boost Putin's popularity and consolidate his power within Russia.