

Is this what Keir Starmer now thinks we're all about?

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As the New York Times noted in a mail this morning:

A new study estimates that there have been [nearly 1.4 million](#) military casualties in Russia's three-year war with Ukraine, with almost a million Russian troops and roughly 400,000 on the Ukrainian side believed to have been killed or wounded.

Though the study, by the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, cautioned that the figures were difficult to estimate, the staggering tally points to the grinding nature of the conflict. Russia's territorial gains have hovered around 165 feet a day in some places, slower than the bogged-down and costly Somme advance of British and French troops in World War I.

This is what Keir Starmer wants to prepare us for by buying vast amounts of new military equipment.

Meanwhile, [in one coordinated attack](#), Ukraine knocked out \$7 billion of Russian planes, apparently representing 34% of its strategic bombers, although I treat all such claims with some caution, albeit it is very apparent that something quite dramatic did happen during these raids.

To be blunt, all that complicated kit could not be defended from relatively simple drones, and on the ground war is not working, but vast numbers are being killed and wounded.

Is this really what Keir Starmer wants to prepare us for?

Does he really have a clue what he is talking about?

And does he appreciate that there is no appetite for this, at all, in the UK as a whole, because confidence in what we are is collapsing?