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**Word cloud assignment**

To create this word cloud, I used a [CNN story](https://www.cnn.com/2022/02/12/politics/biden-putin-call-ukraine/index.html) on the hour-long phone call today between both President Biden and Putin where they discussed the rising tensions in Ukraine. Russian troops are amassing at the border, and the US threatens a decisive reaction with sever costs should Russia invade.

As I suspected, the most frequently used word was “Ukraine,” written 17 times, as it was the subject of the call. Ukraine was referenced a center for attack, associated with terms like Russian assault or invasion. Consequently, it was also used in conjunction with the evacuation of US embassy members. Words like “Biden,” “Russian,” were cited 11 and 12 times respectively, followed by “Putin.” The presidents were cited in the context of decision-making. Putin in the context of invasion, and Biden determining his response both preliminary motions (ordering evacuation) and threatening allied action.

The word cloud provides a sense of what the topic of the article was. Through the words it highlighted it called attention to the country of conflict, identifies threatening forces and decision-makers.

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