

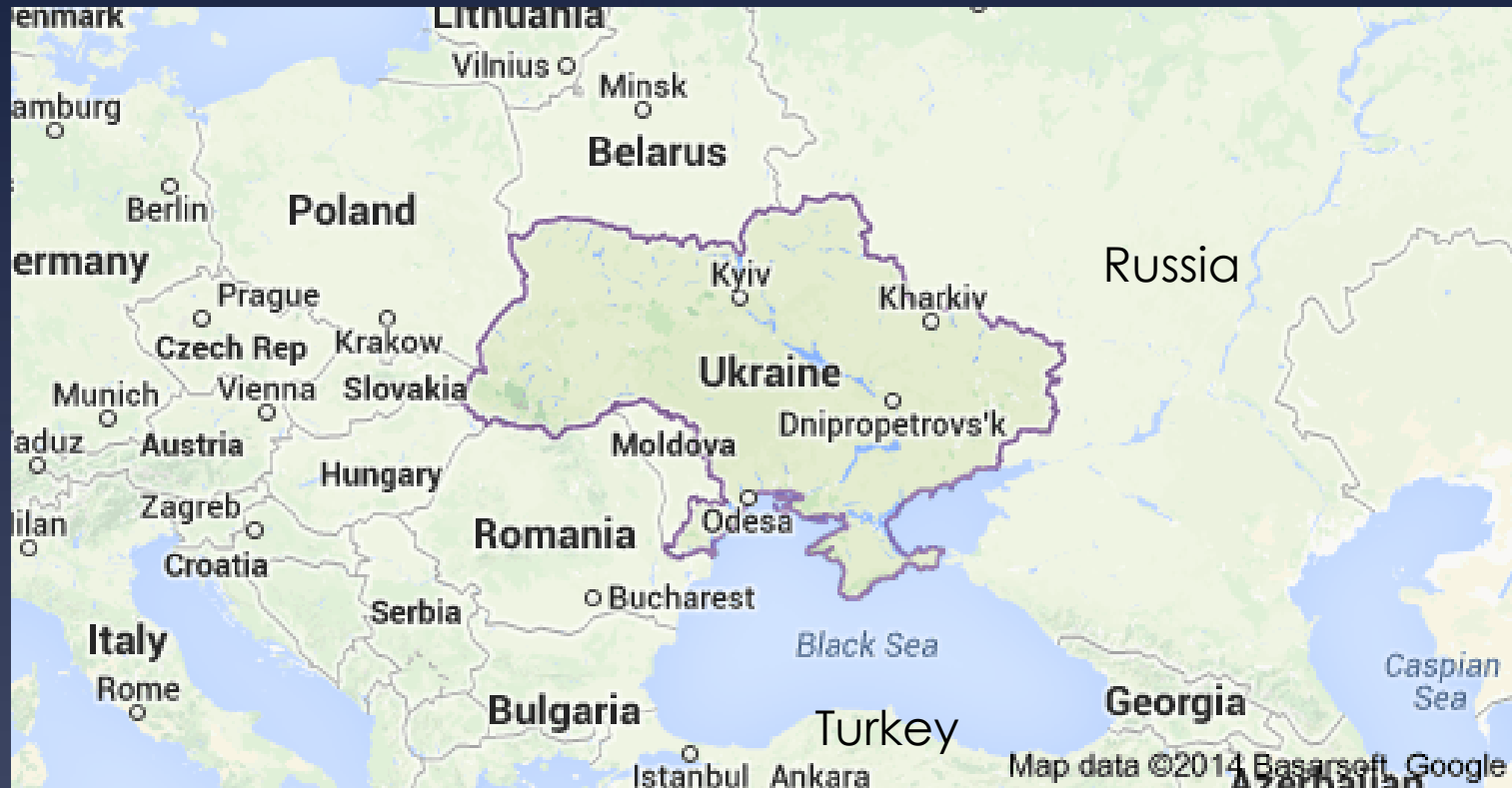
Ukraine: The Revenge of Geography



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Ukraine: “The Frontier”



Area: 603,300 km²

Rank in Europe: 1

People



Population: 45.6 million

Rank: 7th in Europe

69% Urban

Median Age: 40.3

E_0 : 74.8 Women 63.4 Men

UNDP HDI: .740 Rank 78



Ukrainians and Russians

* Ethnicity (Self-Identified)

- * Ukrainians: 77.8%
- * Russians: 17.3%

* Language (Self-Identified)

- * Ukrainian: 67%
- * Russian: 24%



Geopolitics: Not Really a Bad Word

- * Space

- * Location, Location, Location
- * Size Can Matter

- * Place

- * Population
- * Resources/Climate

Popular Geopolitics



Robert D. Kaplan

The Revenge of Geography

“A state’s **position** on the map is the first thing that defines it, even more than its governing philosophy.”

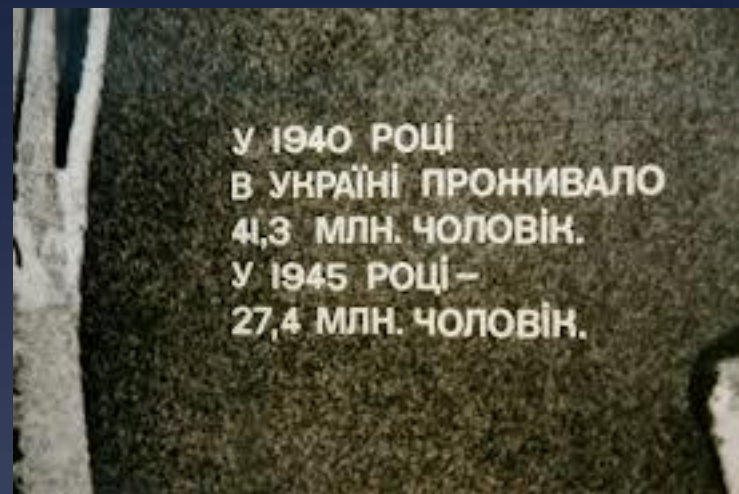
“You do not have to be a geographical **determinist** to realize that geography is vitally important.”

“Maps are a rebuke to the very notions of the equality and unity of humankind, since they remind us of all the different environments of the earth that make men profoundly unequal and disunited in so many ways, leading to conflict on which **realism** dwells.”

Ukraine in the Late Tsarist Period



Bloodlands



Creation of the USSR:1924

Soviet Union Administrative Divisions, 1989

The United States Government has not recognized the incorporation of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania into the Soviet Union. Other boundary representation is not necessarily authoritative.



KAZAKH Union republic (SSR)

- Union republic (SSR) center
- Autonomous republic (ASSR), oblast, or kray boundary
- - - Autonomous oblast (AO) or autonomous okrug (AOK) boundary

Note: The union republic administrative centers are shown. The only other administrative centers shown are for oblasts having the same name as their administrative centers.

0 400 800 Kilometers
0 400 800 Miles

- ASSRs and AOs in the Caucasus
1. Kabardino-Balkarskaya ASSR
 2. Severo-Osetinskaya ASSR
 3. Chechenu-Ingushskaya ASSR
 4. Adzharskaya ASSR
 5. Nakhichevanskaya ASSR (Azerbaijan SSR)
 6. Adygeyskaya AO
 7. Karachayevo-Cherkesskaya AO
 8. Yugo-Osetinskaya AO
 9. Nagorno-Karabakhskaya AO

* Areas with no oblast-level administrative divisions, where rayons are under direct republic jurisdiction

The USSR

- * A Federation of Ethnic Republics
 - * Including Ukrainian Republic
- * “National in Form, Socialist in Content”
 - * -J.V. Stalin

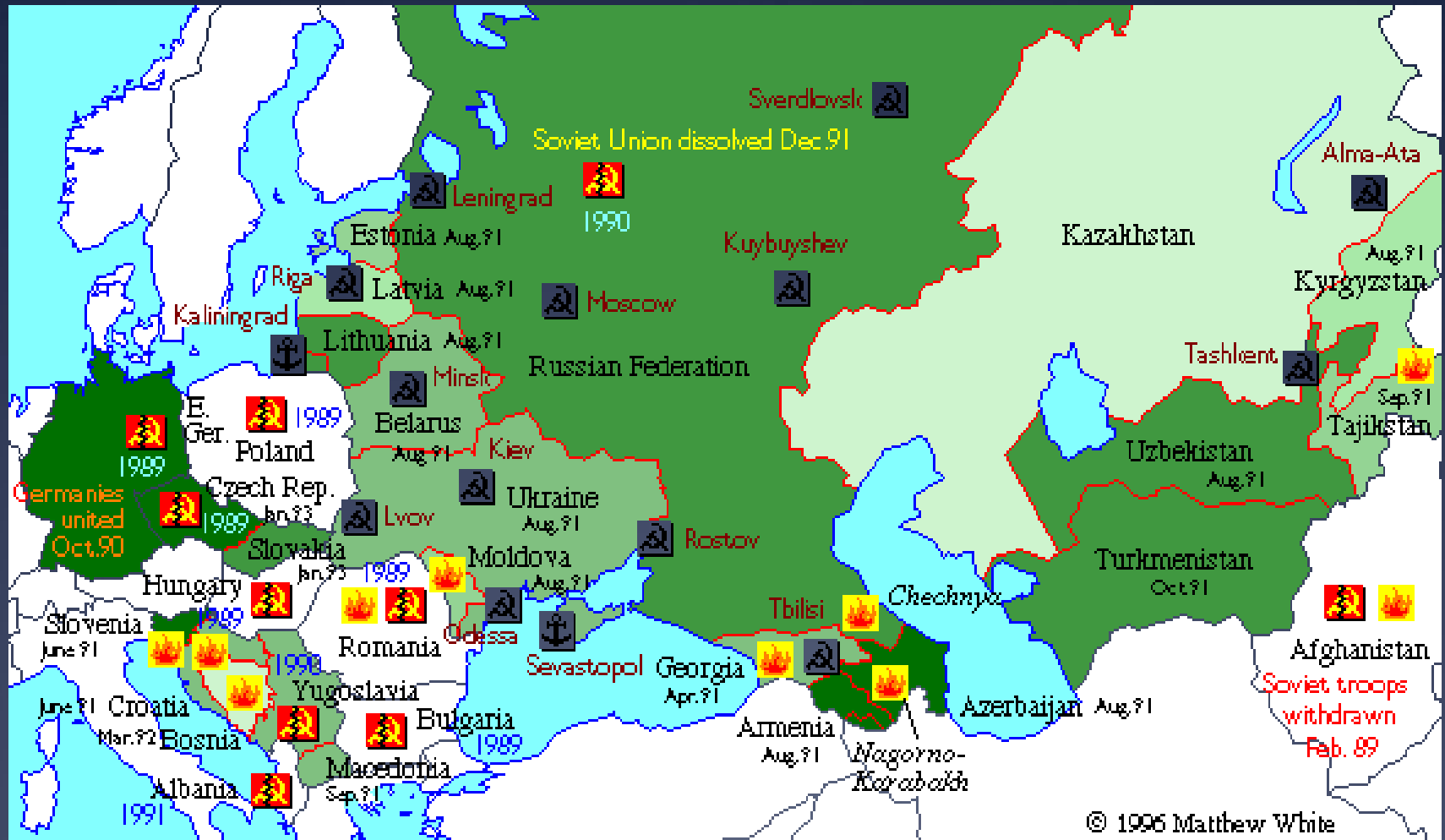


USSR Collapses

- * Berlin Wall Comes Down, 1989
- * Soviet Union Dissolves, 1991



USSR Fragments



Soviet Republic to Sovereign State



From Bad to Worse



Leonid Kravchuk, 1991-1994



Leonid Kuchma, 1994-2005



Viktor Yushchenko, 2005-2010



Viktor Yanukovich, 2010-?

Still in Jail

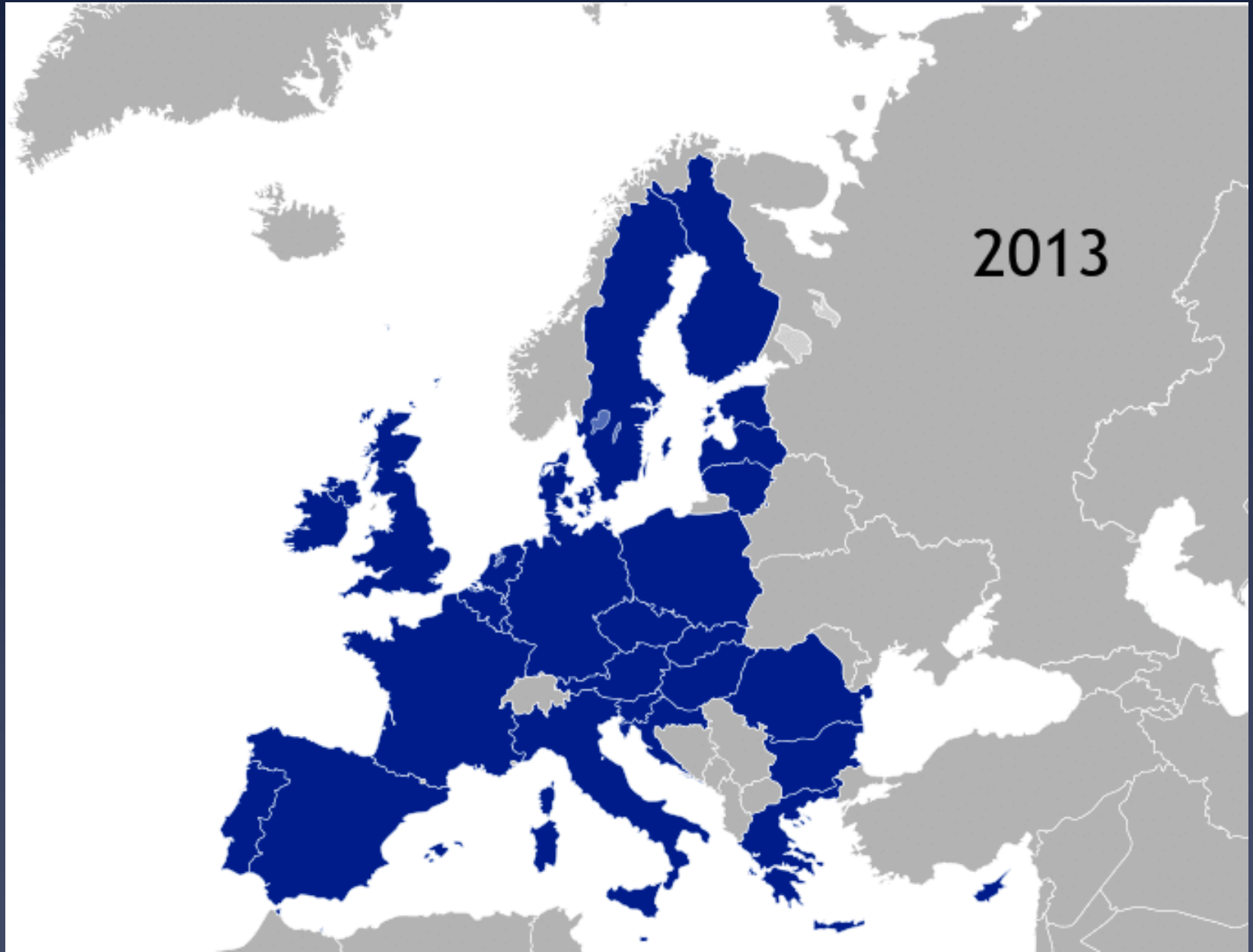
What Might Have Been



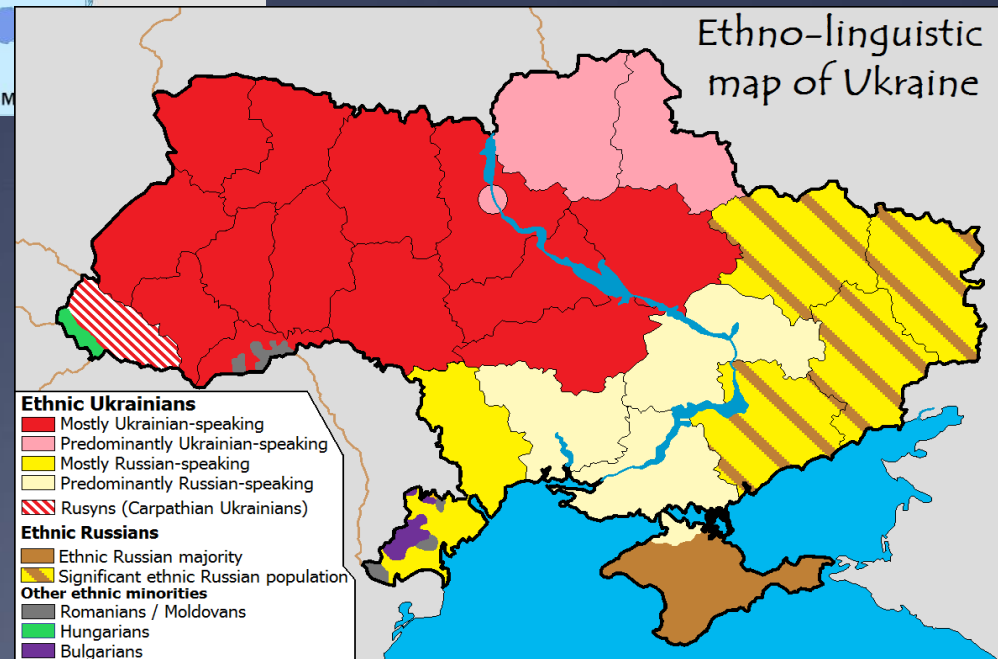
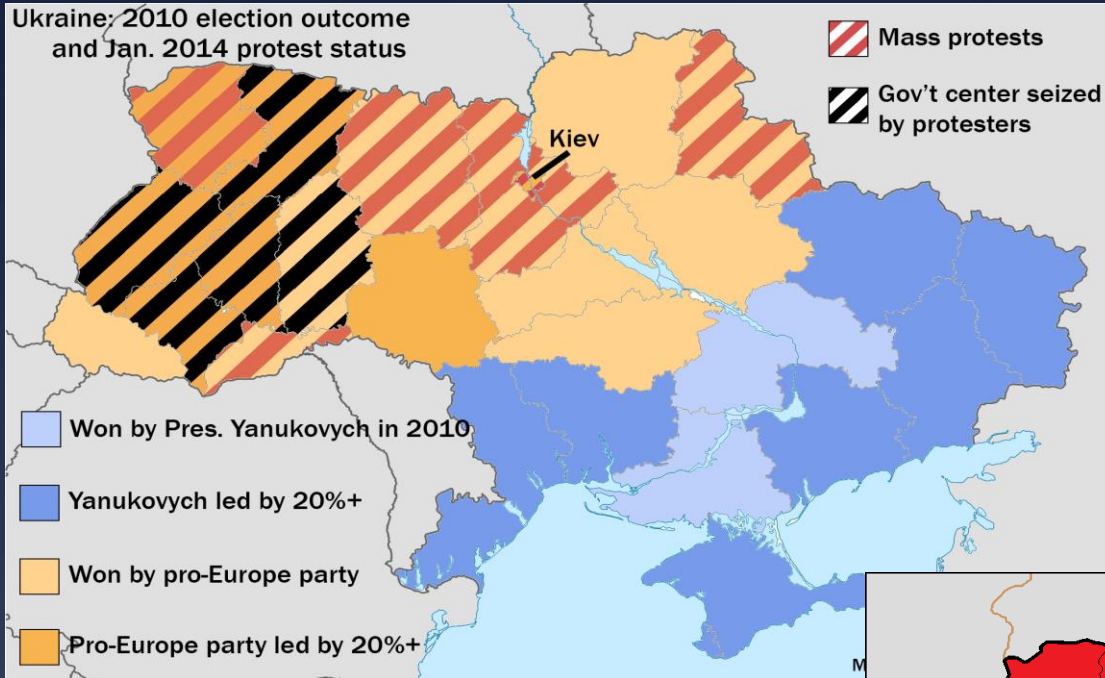
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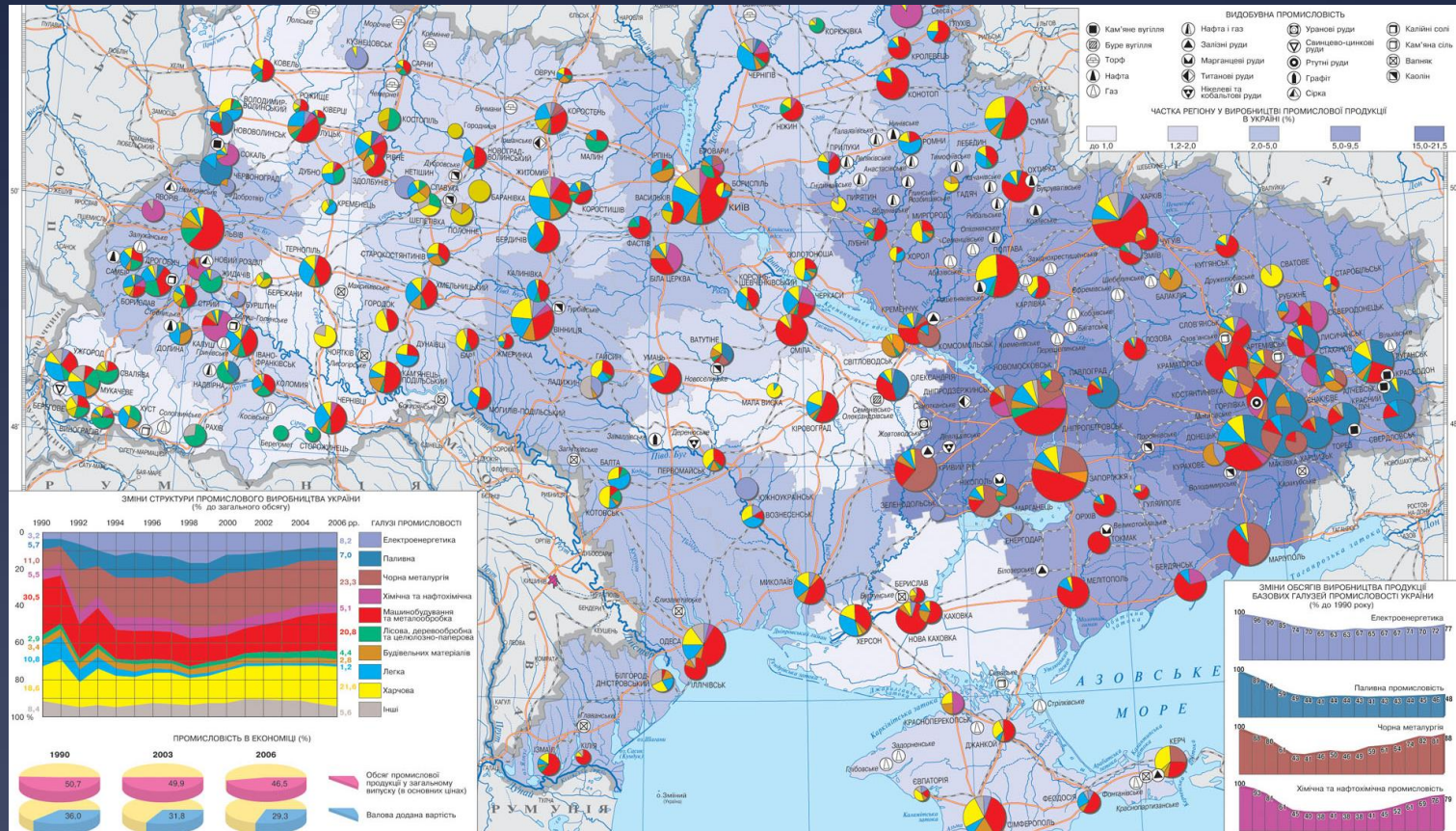
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Notice Any Similarities?



Heavy Industry in the East

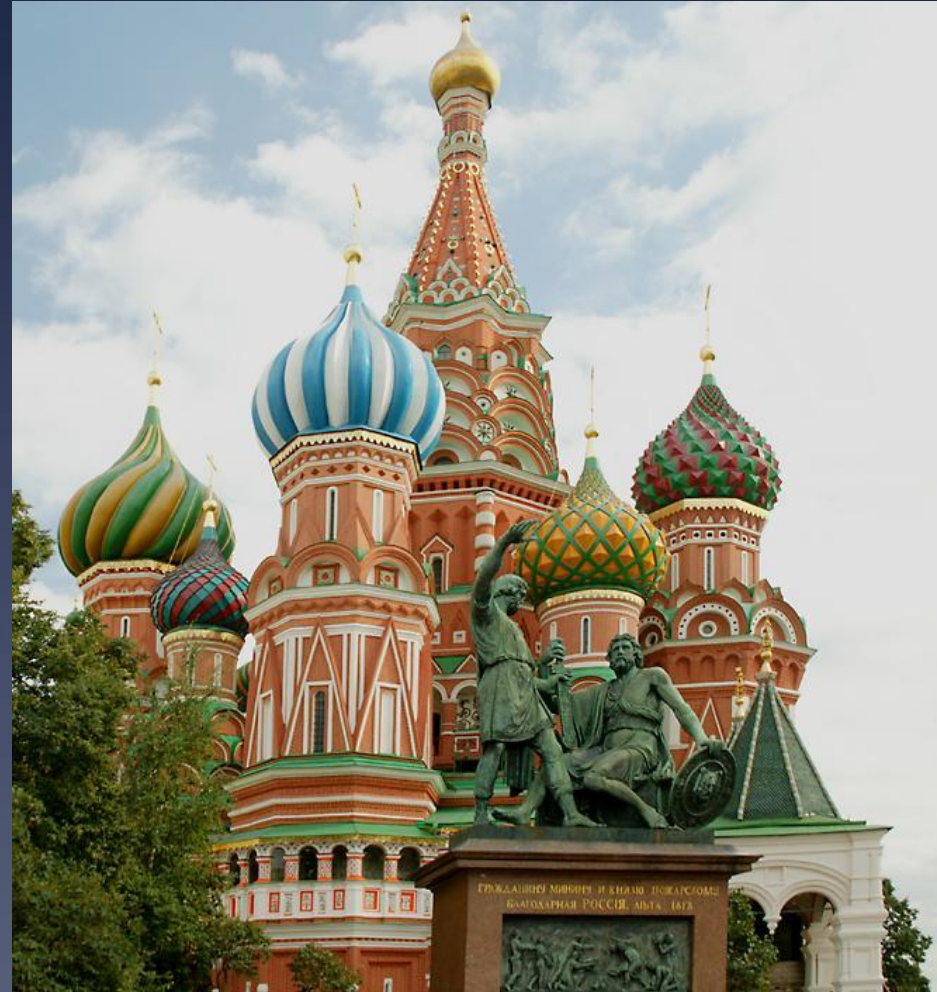


Exports Mainly from the East



Russia: Applied Geopolitics

Russia Wants and Needs
Ukraine Much More than
Does the EU

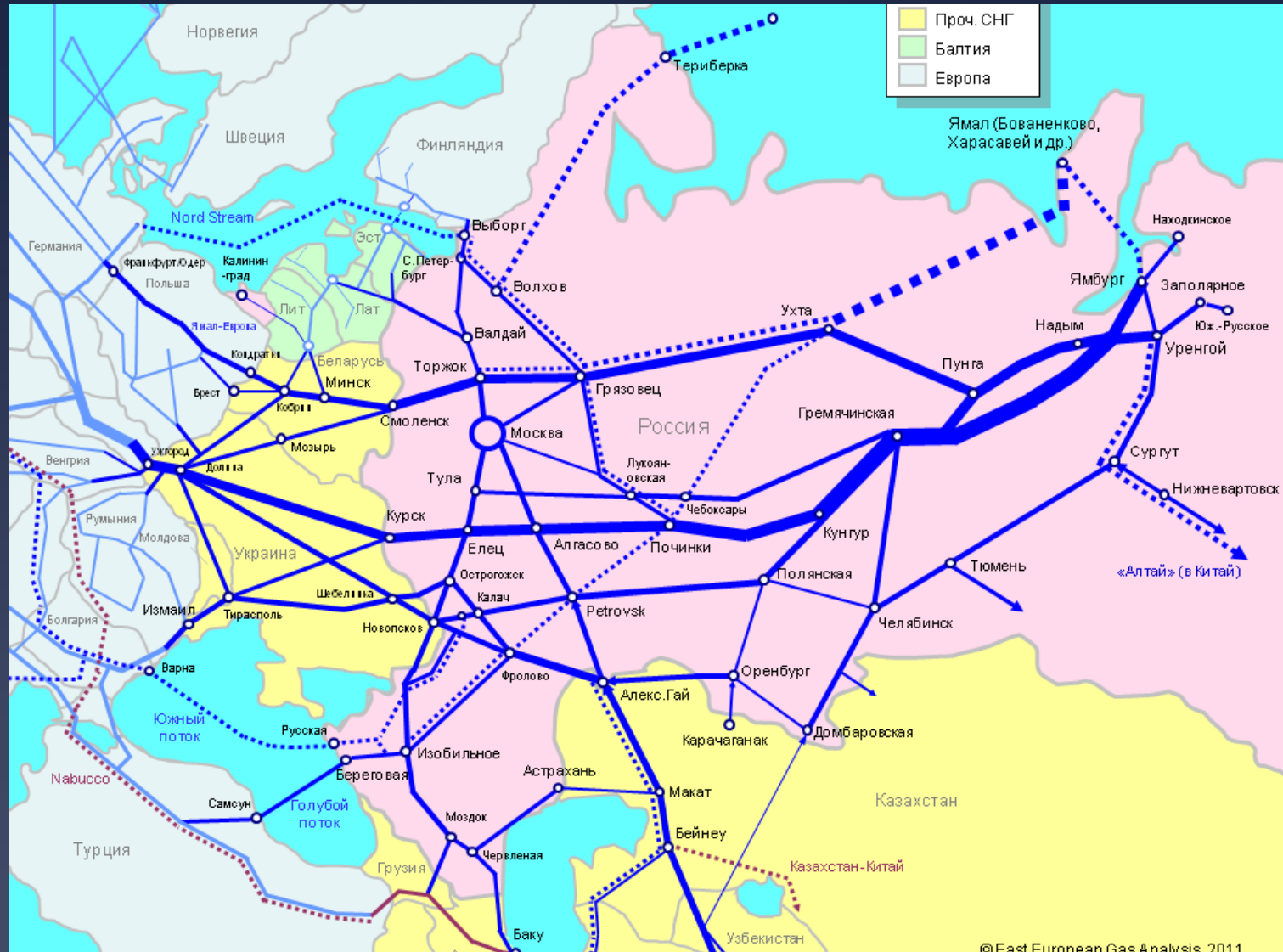


He is Not a Nice Man

- * Oil and Natural Gas Wealth
- * World's Largest Exporter of Gas, #2 of Oil



Follow the Pipelines



Ukraine: Exports and Imports

As a Percent of Totals

(2011)

	• <u>Exports</u>	<u>Imports</u>
* Russia	24.5	36.2
* Russia and CU	30.3	41.7
* EU	25.4	30.1

* Trade Deficit \$5.1 Billion, of which Russia accounts for 20%

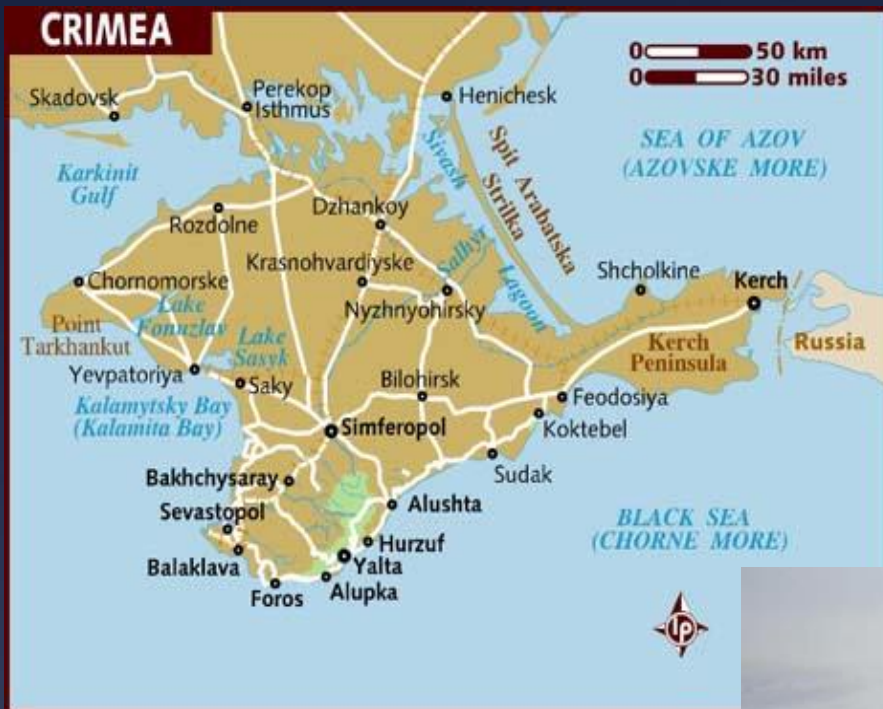
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The Other Players



Most Important Trading Partner
Some Historical Baggage

The Other Players



Can They Get Their Act Together?

The Other Players



Could We Please Just Shut Up?