



# Crimea 2014

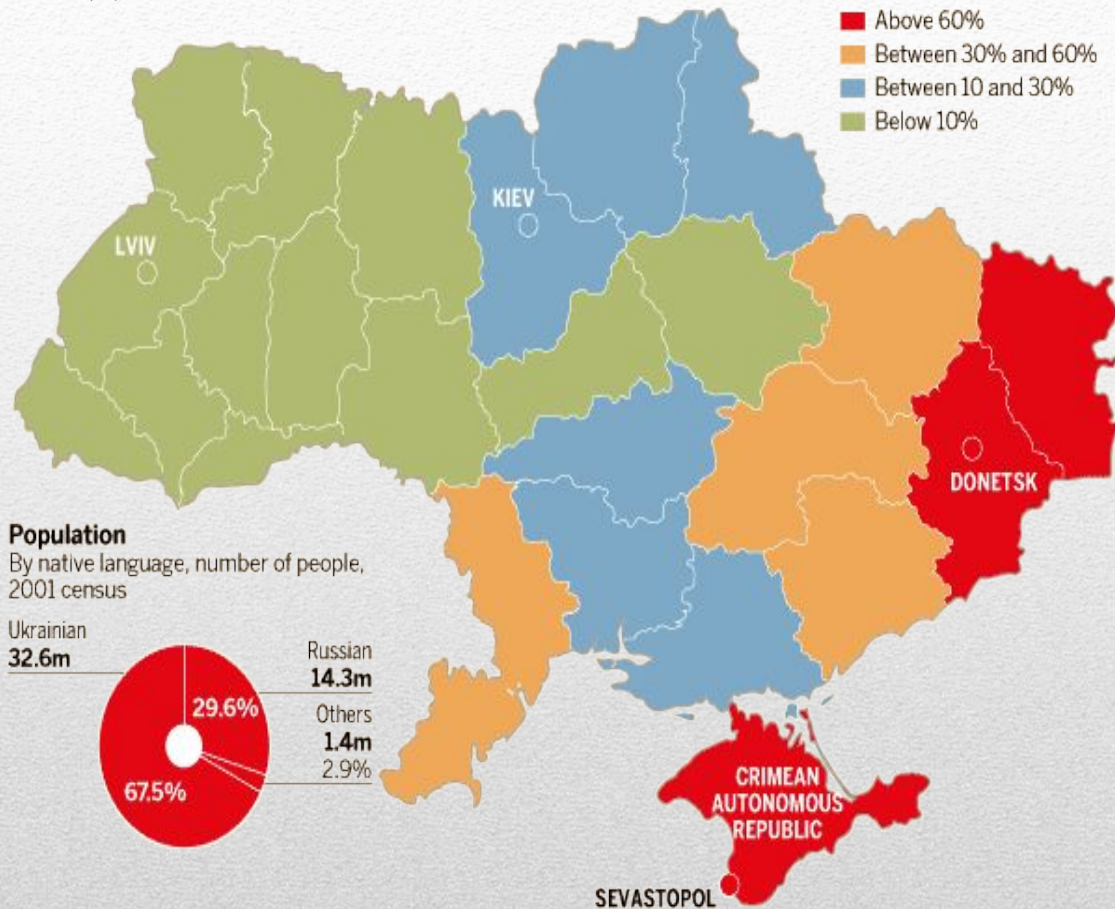
Overview of Russian Intervention According  
to the Law on the Use of Force

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- Part of Tsarist Russia since 1783
- Political gift by Khrushchev in 1954
- Autonomous Republic since 1998
- Votes exclusively Pro-Russian parties
- Hosts major Russian naval base

## Ukraine: Russian native speakers

As % of population, census 2001



Sources: ukrcensus.gov.ua; IMF; Thomson Reuters Datastream; IISS

# Crimea: General Factual Background

- Started out as a peaceful demonstration, turned violent coup
- Led by predominantly Western Ukrainians
- US and EU financial/political support
- Deposed democratically elected president
- Largely divided, strongest wing is Far-Right Sector



## The 2014 Coup

- Descendants of UPA, one of the most notorious Nazi units
- Participated in both Chechen Wars against Russia
- Calls for extermination of ethnical Russians and Poles
- Currently in control of major cities in Western Ukraine
- Declaration of terror doctrine against pro-Russian regions



## The Danger of Far-Right

- February 27<sup>th</sup>, Crimean Parliament pleaded for Russian protection amid growing tensions
- March 1<sup>st</sup>, Russian Parliament granted President Putin authority to use military force
- March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Russian forces entered peninsula



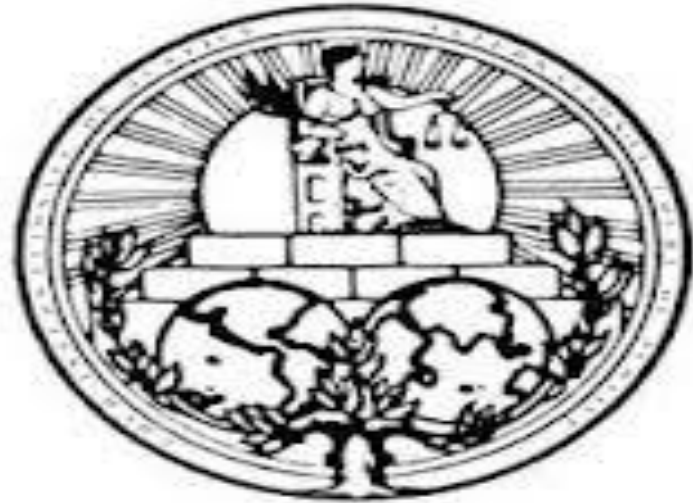
# Russian Intervention

- Virtually entire Ukrainian garrison pledged allegiance to Crimea
- Not a single shot fired
- People generally welcome Russian troops
- Careful conduct in sensible situations (disarmament of Ukrainian forces)
- Major defections from oppositional government



## Russian Tactics: Polite Warfare

- General prohibition under Art 2(4) UN Charter
- Definition of “use of force” in *Nicaragua* case
- Action directed against territorial integrity and political independence of another state (Note Kosovo)



# Law on Use of Force

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- The 1997 Friendship Agreement allows up to 25k Russian military personnel in Crimea
- Official data is 6k, Ukrainian speculation is 16k so far
- All actions within the framework of the Treaty



# Treaty

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- Assistance to the government of the State is allowed (ICJ in *Nicaragua, Congo*)
- Also recognized in UN GA Res on *Declaration of Aggression*
- Does not apply, if there is civil war
- Ukrainian president requested such assistance



## Invitation

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- Art 51 of the UN Charter
- Main principles necessity and proportionality
- Possible broader interpretation invoked by US and Israel
- 700k Ukrainians fled to Russia
- HR protection?



## Self-defense

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