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**We are already in a cold war, says Brzezinski**

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_We Are Already In a Cold War_. Former US National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski believes the West should stand up to Russian President Vladimir Putin in Ukraine. "We should make it more costly for the Russians to use force."

Orientation _towards Russia is decreasing among inhabitants of Eastern and Southern Ukraine_; whereas more people are inclined to support a neutral status for Ukraine. _Survey._

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Putin regime now seizing and destroying archives to whitewash the Soviet past.

Putin’s parliament just _made it easier for him to falsify presidential election._

West _fails to recognize nature and scope of Putin’s hybrid war_ against it. Eidman.

4 reasons _U.S should care about Ukraine._

‘Trump has betrayed Russia to escape impeachment’ and other neglected Russian stories.

**Making Ukraine mono-ethnic is Putin’s greatest achievement** and most fateful failure. Ninety-two percent of Ukrainian citizens now consider themselves ethnic Ukrainians.

Russian language use in post-Soviet space declining.

War with Ukraine _reveals hypocrisy of Russian intellectuals._

Andrey Zubov: Russia will one day be a normal country.

The big discussion at VoxUkraine: _Education and healthcare reform._

Death by a thousand cuts: the _strategy of reactionary forces in Ukraine_. Ukraine once again finds itself in the midst of a security, political, and economic turmoil. T. Mylovanov.

Ukraine made _more progress in last 3 years than it has done in the last 25 years_. Dr. Katja Smagliy, Director of the Kennan Institute in Ukraine

Ukrainian reforms: _Europe’s most transparent and corrupt country._
Militants forced to exchange passports for fake IDs
Life after war: US and Ukraine veterans talk

Apr 17. Militants launched 22 attacks on positions of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Militants use mortars in Pavlopil, Hnutove and Vodiane.

Apr 16. Day in ATO zone passes without losses in Ukrainian army.

Ukraine loses ammo worth $1 bln in military depot fire near Kharkiv.

Donetsk filtering station shelled over 200 times since beginning of 2017 – OSCE SMM.

Militants forced to change Ukrainian passports for non-recognized IDs of so-called Donetsk and Luhansk People’s Republics before May.

Russian commanders secretly bury killed militants and continue to receive money for them.

Crimean fresh water in crisis
New arrests of Crimean Tatars in occupied Crimea

Batons and gunshots in new arrests of Crimean Tatars in occupied Crimea.

Crimean Tatar placed on Russia’s list of extremists and deprived of pension for calling Crimea Ukraine.

Pro-Ukrainian victim of savage attack faces ‘extremism’ sentence for ‘Crimea is Ukraine’ post.

Salty flavor of annexation: Crimean fresh water crisis.
The current Ukraine government at one year old
See Ukraine for its people, not its problems

The current government of Ukraine at one year old. Let’s look at its results.

Week’s balance: Groysman’s year, Gontareva's resignation, and new legal field for electricity.

See Ukraine for its people, not its problems. Just like a product, a country also needs to protect and promote its brand. How can Ukraine change its image? Promote Ukraine Chairwoman Marta Barandiy thinks it’s about the people and about making it personal.

Ukraine’s foreign trade deficit in goods shrinks by 44.5%.

Central Bank of Ukraine lowers key interest rate to 13%.

Ukraine is a post-Soviet country with the easiest access to KGB archives.

The most transparent cities in Ukraine: Kropyvnytskyi, Kyiv and Ivano-Frankivsk.

Criminal justice system in Ukraine tolerates violence against women.

Ukraine imposes new anti-dumping duties on Russia imports.

Meet Artem Sytnyk, the head of Ukraine’s National Anti-Corruption Bureau. He’s the man taking on Ukraine's most powerful politicians.

Detectives of the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine (NABU) have completed a pre-trial investigation into the theft of almost US$3 million related to the state-owned enterprise Directorate for Construction and Management of National Project Air Express and other infrastructure facilities in Kyiv region.

UNIT.City: Ukraine has been discussing the launch of innovation parks for several years. One of the first has recently opened in Kyiv.

Success stories show what to expect from CUFTA
Ukraine Government, Bitfury to create full blockchain eGovernance

Ukraine to launch big blockchain deal with tech firm Bitfury. Ukrainian Government will partner with Bitfury to build the first full-scale blockchain eGovernance program for the country.

Ukraine is open for business (Video). Success stories from Canada-Ukraine companies prove there are even more business opportunities with the new Canada-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement (CUFTA).
Five things about Kyiv to amaze Eurovision 2017 visitors
Loznitsa's "A Gentle Creature" to compete for Palme d’Or at Cannes

"A Gentle Creature", a film by Ukrainian director Sergei Loznitsa, has been selected for the main competition of the 2017 Cannes International Film Festival.

Eurovision 2017 in Ukraine: Five things about the Ukrainian capital Kyiv that will amaze song contest guests.

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