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[Ukraine-Russia gas row - the sequel - pencilled in already](#) The sticking plaster Russia-Ukraine gas payment deal will unpeel in March with the intensity of the likely next row dependent on a judgement from a legal panel in Sweden. The potential is there for a far more tangled dispute next year as unresolved issues resurface on the question of payment which determines gas supply for Ukraine and onward to Europe. Last week, talks between Russia and Ukraine brokered by the European Commission led to a temporary agreement on a gas price, a debt repayment schedule and a resumption of gas supplies until the end of March - a fix to the disagreement over a 2009 bilateral supply contract. **REUTERS.** [Read More](#)

[Ukraine crisis: Petro Poroshenko says country is 'ready for total war' with Russia](#) Ukrainian president Petro Poroshenko says his country is "prepared for total war" as fighting continues around the pro-Russian rebel stronghold of Donetsk in eastern Ukraine. Fresh volleys of artillery fire were heard across many parts of Donetsk overnight, fuelling fears of a military build-up amongst rebel forces. **ABC News.** [Read More](#)

[Obama Says Russia's Arming of Separatists Breaks Pact With Ukraine](#) President Obama edged closer to describing Russia's military incursions in Ukraine as an invasion, saying on Sunday that the Western campaign to isolate Moscow would continue, though additional sanctions were unnecessary for now. Speaking to reporters at the end of the annual meeting of the Group of 20, an organization of 19 industrial and emerging-market countries along with the European Union, Mr. Obama said the Russians were supplying heavy arms to separatists in Ukraine in violation of an agreement Russia signed with Ukraine a few weeks ago. **The New York Times.** [Read More](#)

[As Putin keeps advancing, the U.S. keeps rationalizing](#) If someone had told you last fall that Russia would soon invade a neighboring country, annex part of it and occupy another chunk, you might have been skeptical. You certainly would not have believed that, in the face of this shattering of the accepted world order, the Obama administration would generally consider its Russia policy to be a success. **Washington Post.** [Read More](#)

[Senate Foreign Relations Committee Unanimously Passes Ukraine Freedom Support Act of 2014](#) The Senate Foreign Relations Committee unanimously passed the Ukraine Freedom Support Act of 2014 today by a vote of 18 to 0. The legislation was introduced by Chairman Robert Menendez (D-NJ) and Ranking Member Bob Corker (R-TN) and it imposes broad sanctions on Russia's defense, energy, and financial sectors, as well as increasing military and non-military assistance for Ukraine. [Read More](#)

[Ukrainian Congress Committee of America](#) The Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS), the Washington public-affairs bureau of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), is sponsoring the "Ukrainian Days" advocacy event in cooperation with the Ad Hoc Committee for Ukraine. For more information, you can go to the UCCA website site: [Read More](#)

[Fraud in the Ukrainian election? Not this time](#) On Oct. 26, Ukraine held snap elections to Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine's parliament. A key reason for the snap elections was to restore the legitimacy of the parliament after members of the outgoing parliament voted for the so-called dictatorial laws on Jan. 16. The legitimacy of the newly elected parliament hinges on whether elections were fair. While a number of reputable organizations such as [OSCE](#) reported that elections were not fraught with fraud, rumors of fraudulent elections continue to circulate in the media. In this post, we use statistical tools to assess whether such rumors have any foundation.

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[Harper Uses Handshake to Tell Putin to 'Get Out of Ukraine'](#) Russian President [Vladimir Putin](#) got a blunt message when he approached Canadian Prime Minister [Stephen Harper](#) for a handshake at today's Group of 20 summit in Brisbane, Australia. "I guess I'll shake your hand but I have only one thing to say to you: you need to get out of Ukraine," Harper told Putin, the prime minister's spokesman Jason MacDonald said in an e-mail. Putin's response to the comment wasn't positive, MacDonald said, without elaborating. Putin and Harper talked briefly, according to Putin's spokesman [Dmitry Peskov](#). "Indeed Harper told Putin that Russia should leave Ukraine," Peskov said by phone today in Brisbane. "Putin told him that this is impossible because they are not there."

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[Putin on Ice](#) Global temperatures are rising, but the former Soviet Union's frozen conflicts show no sign of a thaw. On the contrary, the ice is expanding. Russia's support for the election held by separatists in Donetsk and Luhansk – key cities in Ukraine's Donbas region – indicates that the Kremlin has decided to create another semi-permanent "mini-Cold War," this time in rebel-controlled areas of Russia's most important neighboring country. But freezing Ukraine's legitimate government out of the region is potentially far more destabilizing than the Kremlin's support for the other ex-Soviet breakaway territories: Moldova's Transnistria and the Georgian regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia. **Project Syndicate.** [Read More](#)

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