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about Ukraine

and the ~~special military operation~~ war



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Russian President Vladimir Putin has repeatedly claimed that Ukraine does not exist. He denies the country its sovereignty, its own culture, and the freedom to decide for itself who its allies should be. According to Putin's view, a Ukrainian state can only exist in "partnership" with Russia.

A partnership always requires at least two consenting parties. But what happens when one of the two is vehemently against that partnership? And if the other insists on being "partners" anyway? What if one "partner" is much more powerful and starts a war to unilaterally enforce the so-called "partnership"? Then it is called imperialism, at least according to the classical definition. What the Russian government is trying to do is subjugate a supposedly weaker neighbor.

Putin ended his pamphlet *On the Historical Unity of Russians and Ukrainians* with the sentence: "And what Ukraine will be – it is up to its citizens to decide." The Ukrainian people have done exactly that! Twice now. The first time was when all of Ukraine's oblasts voted for independence in 1991 – including Crimea, by the way. The second time, the decision was even clearer.

This time, it wasn't a vote that demonstrated just how much Ukrainians believe in their country. Instead, it's their determined and committed opposition to the Russian war of aggression. Throughout history, having a united enemy has often brought the people of a nation together. This

case is no different. The Ukrainian army is fighting back, Ukrainian politicians are fighting back, the Ukrainian people are fighting back – since the invasion, there is cohesion like never before.

Ukraine is made up of an independent and sovereign population. Ukrainians have been aware of this for a long time. By deciding to invade Ukraine, Putin has disproven his own theories. What's more, he has put the Ukrainian people's self-determination and understanding of themselves as sovereign and self-confident before the eyes of the world. Ukraine has proven that it will not surrender without a fight and that Putin is wrong – Ukraine does not belong to Russia. Putin has created Ukrainian heroes and has made Ukrainian independence a more visible movement than anyone before. The entire world is now aware: Ukraine is its own nation.

This book provides at least 100 pieces of evidence for Ukrainian identity, showing many of its aspects, peculiarities, and problems. It offers proof of the existence of a separate nation with its own culture and self-image – more independent and sovereign than ever!

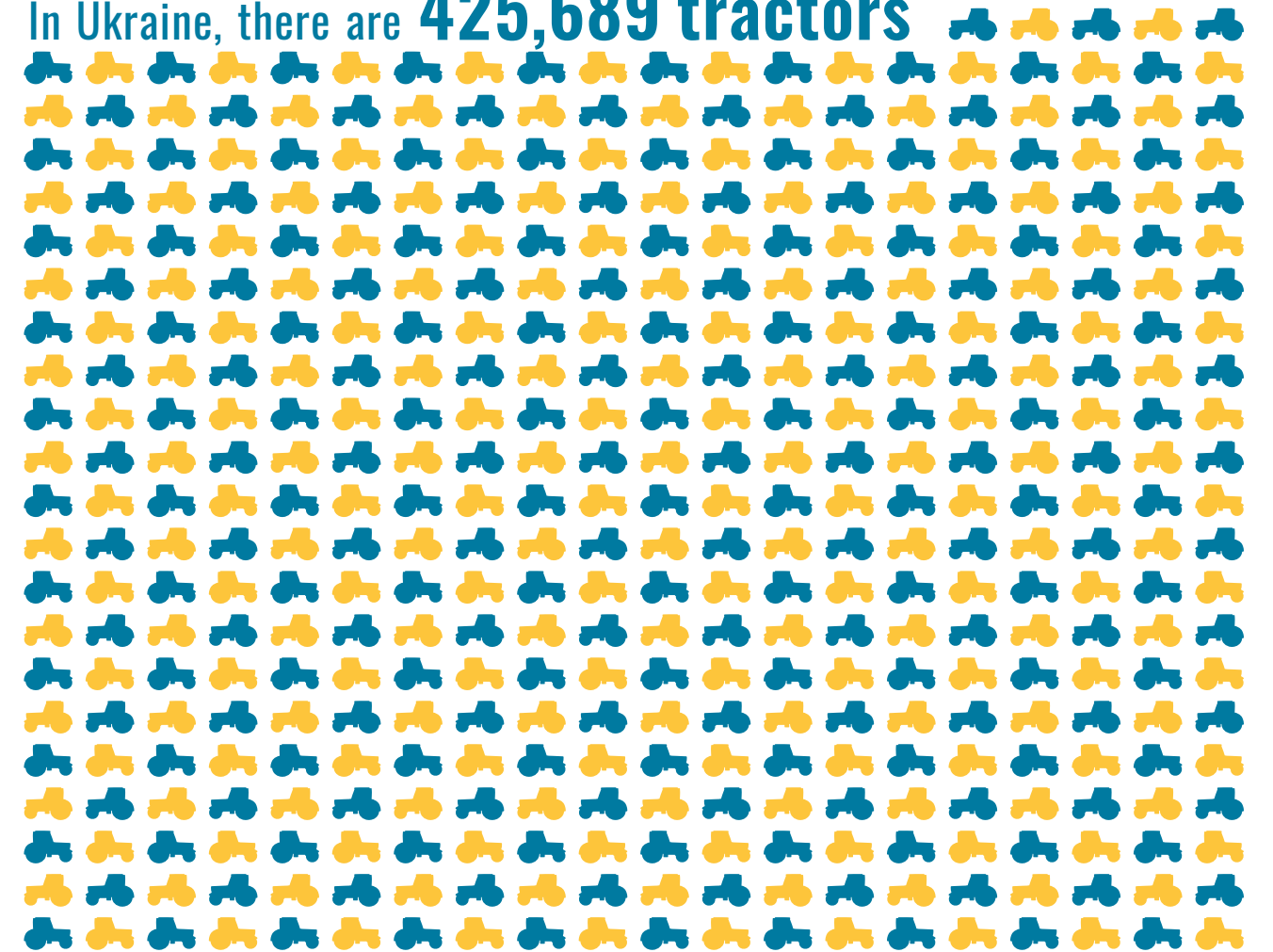
Benjamin Fredrich

Tanks vs. Tractors

Since the first days of the Russian invasion in February 2022, reports, photos, and videos have been circulating of Ukrainian farmers stealing Russian tanks. In some cases, they are said to have simply hauled them away with their tractors. Whether all of these stories are true is

impossible to verify entirely, however, some of them definitely sound at least pretty conclusive. If we consider Ukrainian tractors as some sort of military vehicle, comparing their numbers with that of Russian tanks seems only reasonable. Now, only one question remains: who has more?

In Ukraine, there are **425,689 tractors**



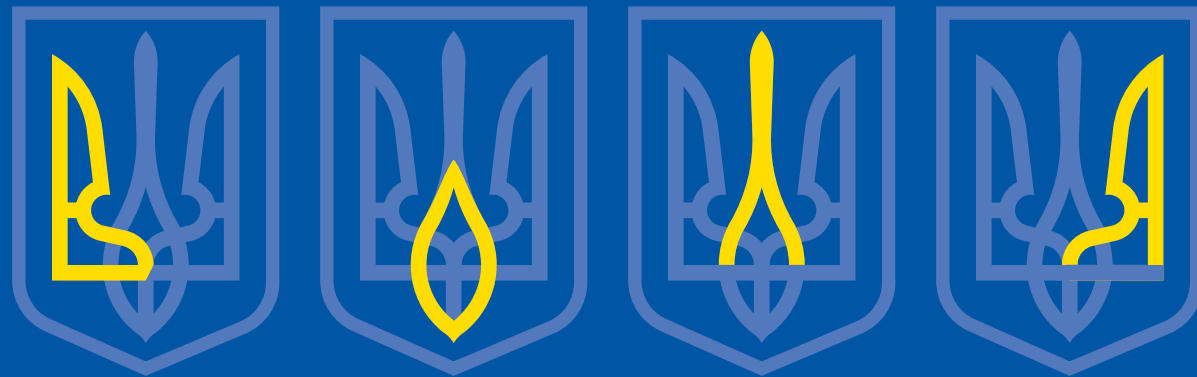
As of 2009

Before the war, Russia had over **12,420 tanks**



 each symbol refers to
 1,000 vehicles

Hidden Message in the Ukrainian Coat of Arms



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“Freedom”



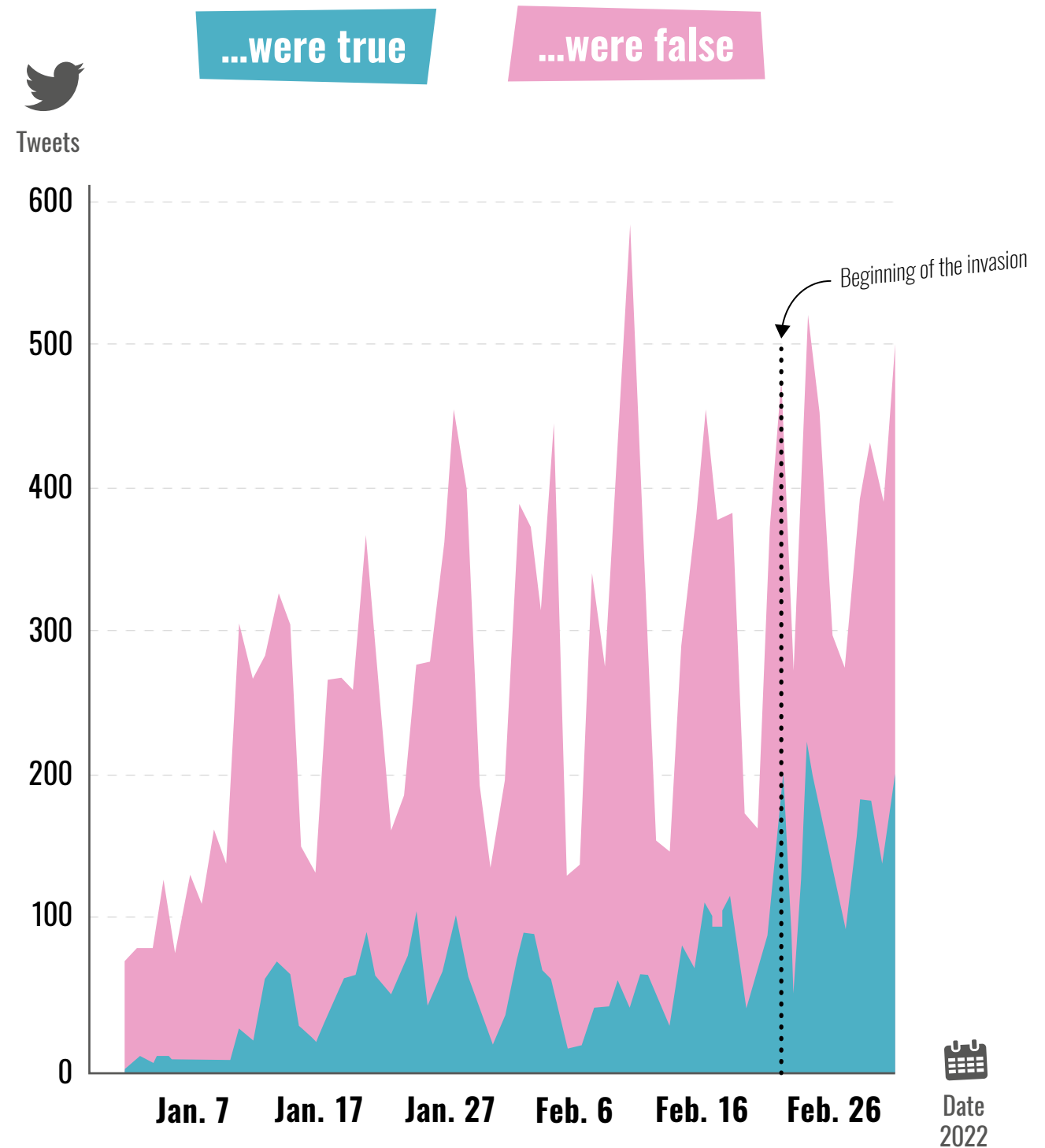
The Coat of Arms of Ukraine

The Tryzub – which translates to “trident” – has been through a lot. It’s Ukraine’s most important symbol and was first coopted by the Nazis in the Second World War, before being completely banned by the Soviet Union. Nowadays, it can be found on bank notes, postage stamps, and of course, on the Ukrainian flag. In school, Ukrainian kids today learn that there is a hidden word if you look closely: freedom.

Preparing for the War: Spreading Fake News

According to a study, there are 75 official Russian government accounts which are largely responsible for the spread of false information. Between February 25th and March 3rd, 2022, they tweeted 1,175 times. Three quarters of the information posted was about Ukraine, much of which sought to justify the Russian invasion. They were retweeted a total of 36 million times, got 30 million likes, and received about 4 million replies.

Number of Tweets by the Russian government mentioning Ukraine that...





Berlin

Kyiv

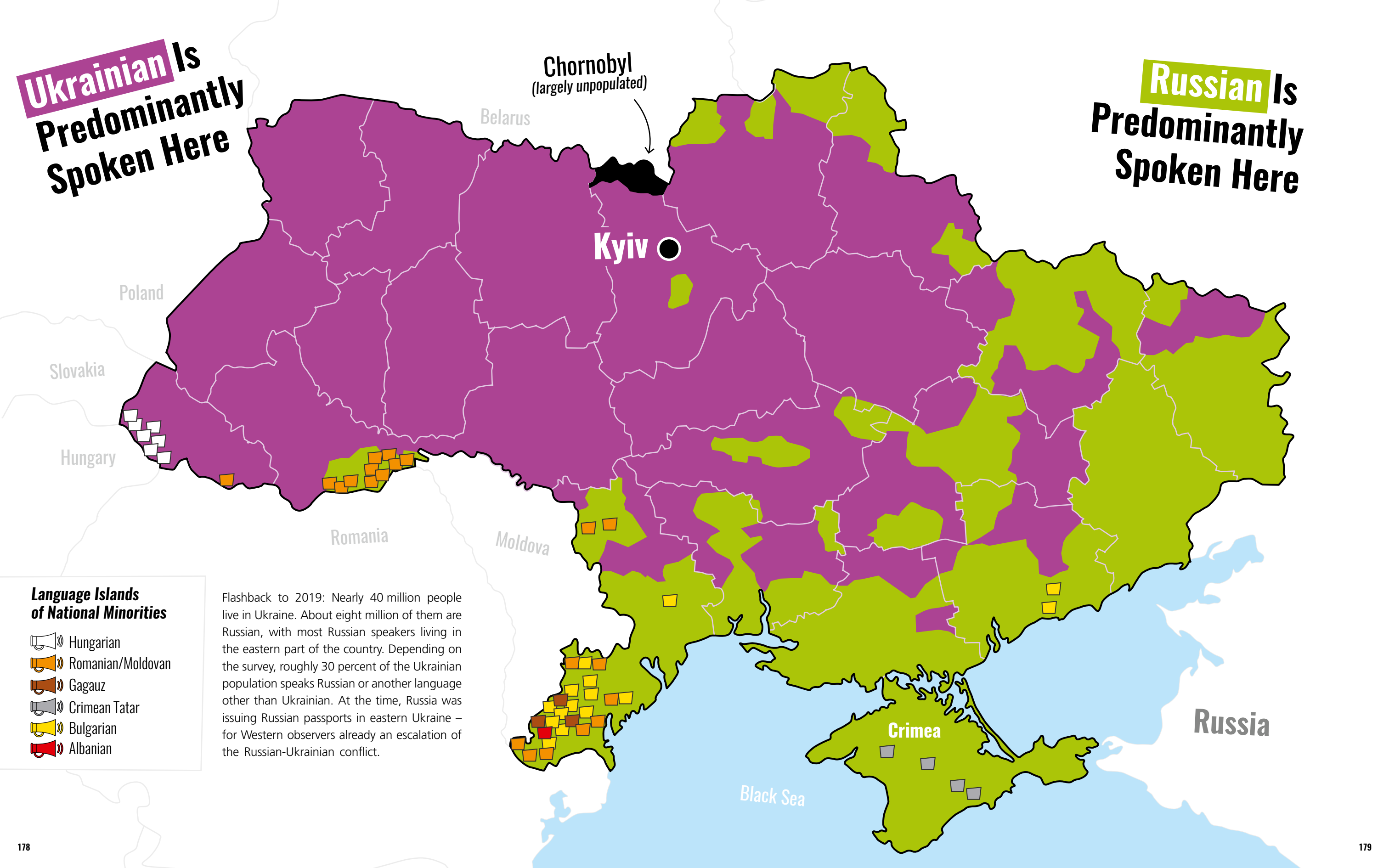
Rome

1,200 km

Ukraine Is Closer Than You Think

Ukrainian Is Predominantly Spoken Here

Russian Is Predominantly Spoken Here



Chernobyl
(largely unpopulated)

Kyiv

Language Islands of National Minorities

- Hungarian
- Romanian/Moldovan
- Gagauz
- Crimean Tatar
- Bulgarian
- Albanian

Flashback to 2019: Nearly 40 million people live in Ukraine. About eight million of them are Russian, with most Russian speakers living in the eastern part of the country. Depending on the survey, roughly 30 percent of the Ukrainian population speaks Russian or another language other than Ukrainian. At the time, Russia was issuing Russian passports in eastern Ukraine – for Western observers already an escalation of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict.



Did you know that Ukraine lies at the geographic center of Europe? Or that they have almost 50% more libraries than Germany, Austria, and Switzerland combined? Did you know that most of the world's sunflower oil and seeds come from Ukraine? Or that the total agricultural land used to grow those sunflowers is as big as the entire country of Lithuania? Or that there's as many tractors in Ukraine as there are people living in Duisburg? Or that you'd find the deepest metro station in the world in Kyiv? Or that Ukraine is in the top four all-time best-performing countries in the Eurovision Song Contest? Or that Ukrainians celebrate Christmas twice a year?

The newest KATAPULT atlas shows what's currently happening in Ukraine and also what we stand to lose with its destruction. KATAPULT will offer this book in four languages. That's something we've never done! It's being released in German, Ukrainian, and English. And of course also in Russian. The Russian e-book we're sending to the servers of whoever were offering hacked versions of our magazine for illegal download a few years ago. If we upload it there it'll be available for free everywhere. Even in Russia.

