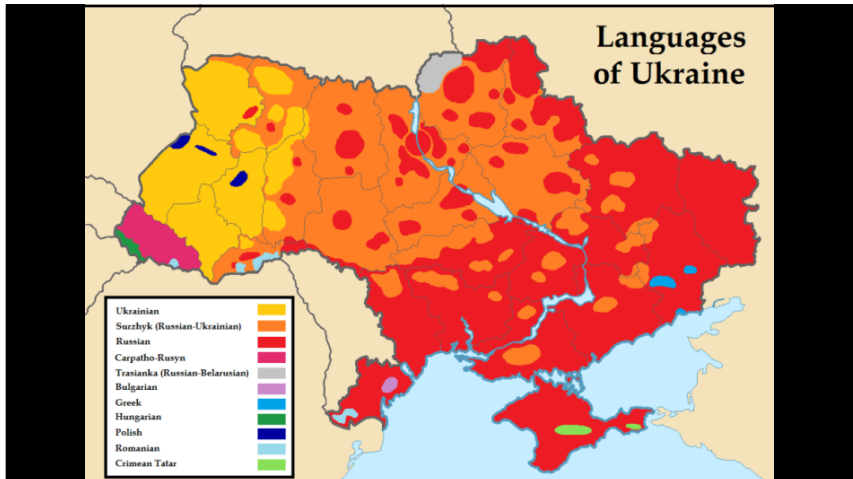




- ### BIASES IN DONBAS MEDIA
- Background
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METHODS: POSSIBLE NEWS SOURCES

- Radio?
- Television?
- Print?
- Online?
 - Which sources?
 - What timeframe?

DETERMINING BIAS

- Article includes violence
- Violent sentences include perpetrator as subject
- Subject is Ukraine-linked or Russian-linked
- All others considered "neutral"
- Does not necessarily indicate true neutrality, but rather no blatant bias in violence-related articles

Pro-Russian

Pro-Ukrainian

Neutral

- Faults Ukraine
- No Russian fault
- Faults Russia
- No Ukrainian fault

NEWS AGENCIES OBSERVED

DONETSK	LUHANSK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Новости Донбасса (Donbas News)</i> • <i>Восточный Проект (Eastern Project)</i> • <i>Донецкое Агентство Новостей (Donetsk News Agency) – Russian</i> • <i>Донецкое Агентство Новостей (Donetsk News Agency) – English</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Новости Донбасса (Donbas News)</i> • <i>Прав-да!</i> • <i>Мой Город (My City) – Russian/Ukrainian</i> • <i>Северодонецке</i> • <i>Трибун (Tribune)</i>

FINDINGS: NEWS SOURCE BIASES

	Pro-Russian Articles	Pro-Ukrainian Articles	Neutral Articles
Donbas News (R)	1	0	5
Donetsk News Agency (R)	24	0	1
Donetsk News Agency (E)	11	0	0
Prav-da! (R)	0	2	0
My City (U/R)	0	4	2
Severdonetske (R)	1	4	0
Tribune (R)	0	5	0

BREAKDOWN OF FINDINGS

- Donetsk: overwhelmingly pro-Russian media
- Luhansk: overwhelmingly pro-Ukrainian media
- Donbas News: Almost completely neutral
 - Reports only incidents, never perpetrators
 - Not true neutrality

IMPLICATIONS

for Donbas

- Does this reflect public opinion or indicate control?
- How free is the press?
- How free is speech?
- Can democratic institutions function?
- Other implications?

IMPLICATIONS

for the world

- How can we inform the public?
- How can we determine the will of the people?
- How can we understand the region?

LIMITATIONS

- Timeframe
- Source type
- Limited sources
- Region-specific

QUESTIONS?

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