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Russia - Ukraine Relations Since 2014

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Russia–Ukraine relations refer to the relations between the Russian Federation and Ukraine. The legacy of the tsarist Empire and the Soviet Union is one of the crucial factors to understand and explain the current affairs in the post-Soviet space. This is especially true for Russia–Ukraine relations. Relations between the two countries have severely fallen apart since the 2014 Ukrainian revolution, followed by Russia's annexation of Crimea from Ukraine, and over Russia's backing for the separatist fighters of the Donetsk People's Republic and the Luhansk People's Republic. The research mainly focusses on the bilateral relations of Russia and Ukraine from 2014 following Russian annexation of Crimea from Ukraine and how internal and external factors have affected the dynamics of bilateral relations. It falls under the category of descriptive research design, and it was conducted according to both qualitative and quantitate methods. All the information obtained are secondary data obtained from available sources. The research gives an insight into the shifts in foreign relations of Russia and Ukraine also into the impact of the Russo-Ukrainian war on global politics.

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