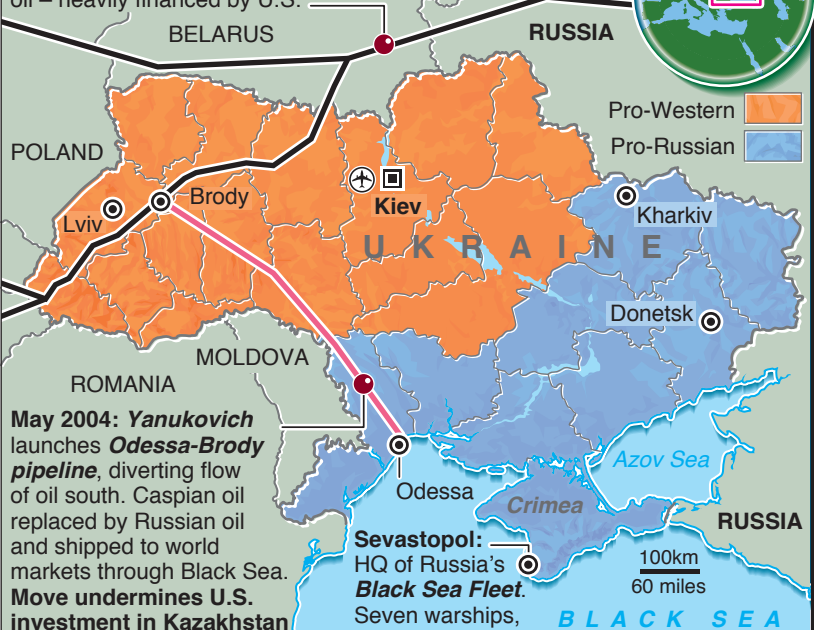


What's at stake in Ukrainian election

A country of 48 million, Ukraine shares borders with seven nations and sits between the enlarged EU/Nato and its former imperial master, Russia. The west is dominated by Ukrainian nationalists seeking European-style living standards; the east by Russian speakers who lean towards Moscow

1999: Ukraine joins scheme guaranteeing energy supplies across Europe – cornerstone of Ukraine's relations with West.

Druzhba pipeline feeds Europe with Caspian-Kazakhstan oil – heavily financed by U.S.



Viktor Yushchenko
Pledges to strengthen ties with European Union

Pora: Pro-democracy youth organization plans to mobilize two million people to protest nationwide



Yulia Tymoshenko
Ukraine's wealthiest woman – and former energy minister – backs Yushchenko



Viktor Yanukovich
Opposes Euro-Atlantic integration, wants closer ties with Moscow. Kremlin and Russian energy giant **Gazprom** supplied half of Yanukovich's \$600 million campaign chest