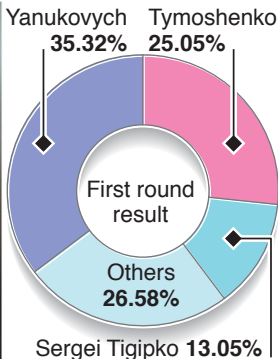


Ukraine vote could slow integration with West

Opposition leader Viktor Yanukovych is running against Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko in Ukraine's second round of voting on Sunday. Both candidates have vowed to work more closely with Moscow



Viktor Yanukovych, 59. Former prime minister (2002-04, 2006-07)

- Native Russian speaker and former executive in Soviet Union's coal-mining industry in eastern Ukraine
- Has strong relations with Moscow, pledging to keep Ukraine out of NATO, but has been careful to say that he is committed to integration with EU
- Blames government corruption and dire economic performance on **Orange Revolution**. Says Ukraine is paying too much for Russian gas – Kremlin should pay “market price” to base its Black Sea Fleet in Sevastopol
- Has support of country's wealthiest man, billionaire **Rinat Akhmetov**

Yulia Tymoshenko, 49. Prime Minister

- Sought to pull Ukraine out of Kremlin's sphere of influence during Orange Revolution, but has now built better relationship with Moscow
- New-found personal rapport with Russian counterpart and former nemesis, **Vladimir Putin**, has eroded her support in fiercely nationalist central and western regions
- Policies include compensation for depositors who lost Soviet-era savings, increase public spending, reduce inflation with price controls
- Has promised banking magnate **Sergei Tigipko** post of prime minister if she wins presidency