

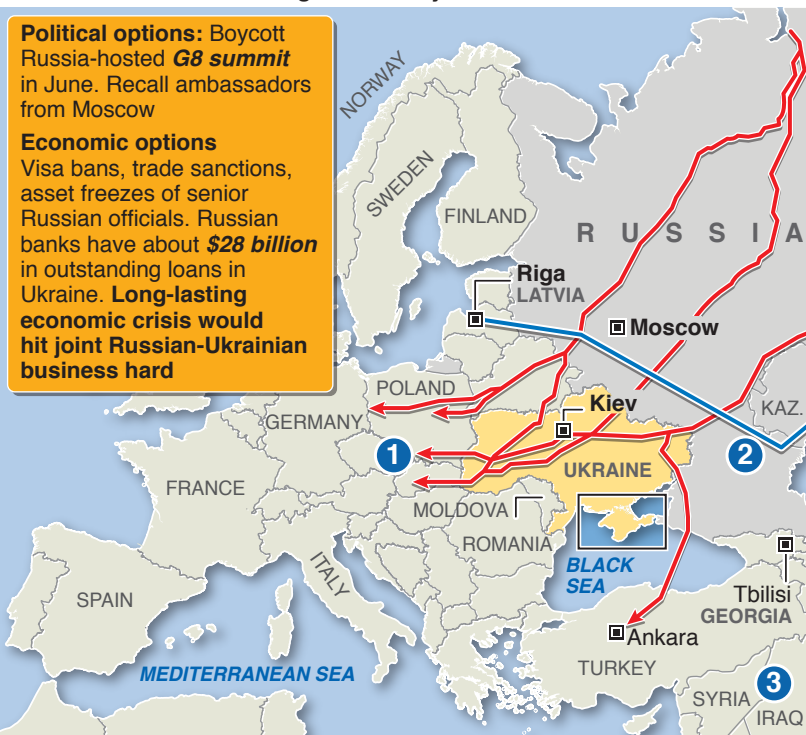
U.S., European options in Ukraine

Russia has deployed 150,000 troops along Ukraine's borders and 6,000 special forces control the Crimean peninsula's main airports and strategic causeways to Ukraine

Political options: Boycott Russia-hosted **G8 summit** in June. Recall ambassadors from Moscow

Economic options

Visa bans, trade sanctions, asset freezes of senior Russian officials. Russian banks have about **\$28 billion** in outstanding loans in Ukraine. **Long-lasting economic crisis** would hit joint Russian-Ukrainian business hard



Putin's options

1. Cut off gas supplies to Europe. Pipelines – which run through Ukraine – carry about half of Russia's gas shipments to EU and Turkey
2. Close Washington's **Northern Distribution Network** – vital supply route needed to bring U.S. troops and equipment home from Afghanistan
3. Russian help is needed in western bid to end Syria's civil war