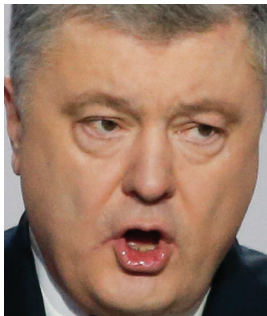


TV comic leads Ukraine's presidential race

A popular comedian with no political experience is poised to win the first round of Ukraine's presidential election, setting the stage for a runoff vote against the incumbent president



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Volodymyr Zelenskyy

Political novice best known for playing fictional president in hit TV series. Now bidding for role in real life

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Yulia Tymoshenko

Former prime minister and key figure in Orange Revolution of 2004. Backs closer ties with EU and NATO

Petro Poroshenko

Pro-Western tycoon in power since 2014 has seen popularity plunge amid graft claims and economic woes

FIRST ROUND RESULTS (Almost 60 percent of votes counted)

Volodymyr Zelenskyy –
Servant of the People Party

30.2%

16.6%

Petro Poroshenko Bloc
“Solidarity”

13%

Yulia Tymoshenko –
All-Ukrainian Union “Fatherland”