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GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

Ukraine– Basic Information

The largest country entirely located in Europe
(603,700 km²)

Approximately 36 million inhabitants
(2022)

Capital: Kyiv

It borders, among others, Poland, Russia, Belarus, Hungary, and Romania.

Access to the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov





Terrain features

- 95% of the area – lowlands and plains
- Continental climate

Natural zones:

- forest-steppe
- steppe
- northern forests
- Carpathians

"Europe's breadbasket" – fertile chernozem soils

Natural resources

- Coal – Donbas
- Iron ore – Kryvyi Rih
- Manganese, uranium, titanium
- Lithium and rare earth metals

Significance: industry and agriculture as the foundation of the economy



HISTORICAL OUTLINE



Key stages of history

1

**Kievan Rus
(9th–13th
centuries)**

2

**Cossack period –
17th century**

3

**Partitions between Russia
and Austro-Hungary**

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**20th century – Holodomor,
World War II**

5

**1991 –
Independence**

Recent events

**2004–2005 – Orange
Revolution**

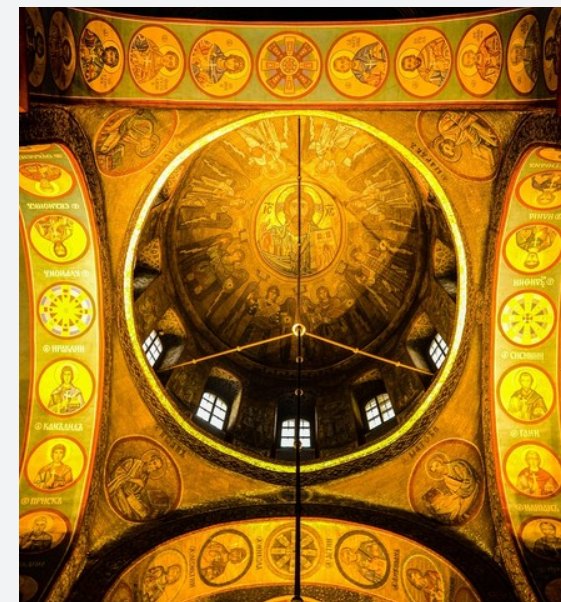
**2013–2014 –
Euromaidan**

**2014 – Annexation of
Crimea**

**24 lutego 2022 – Full-
scale Russian invasion**

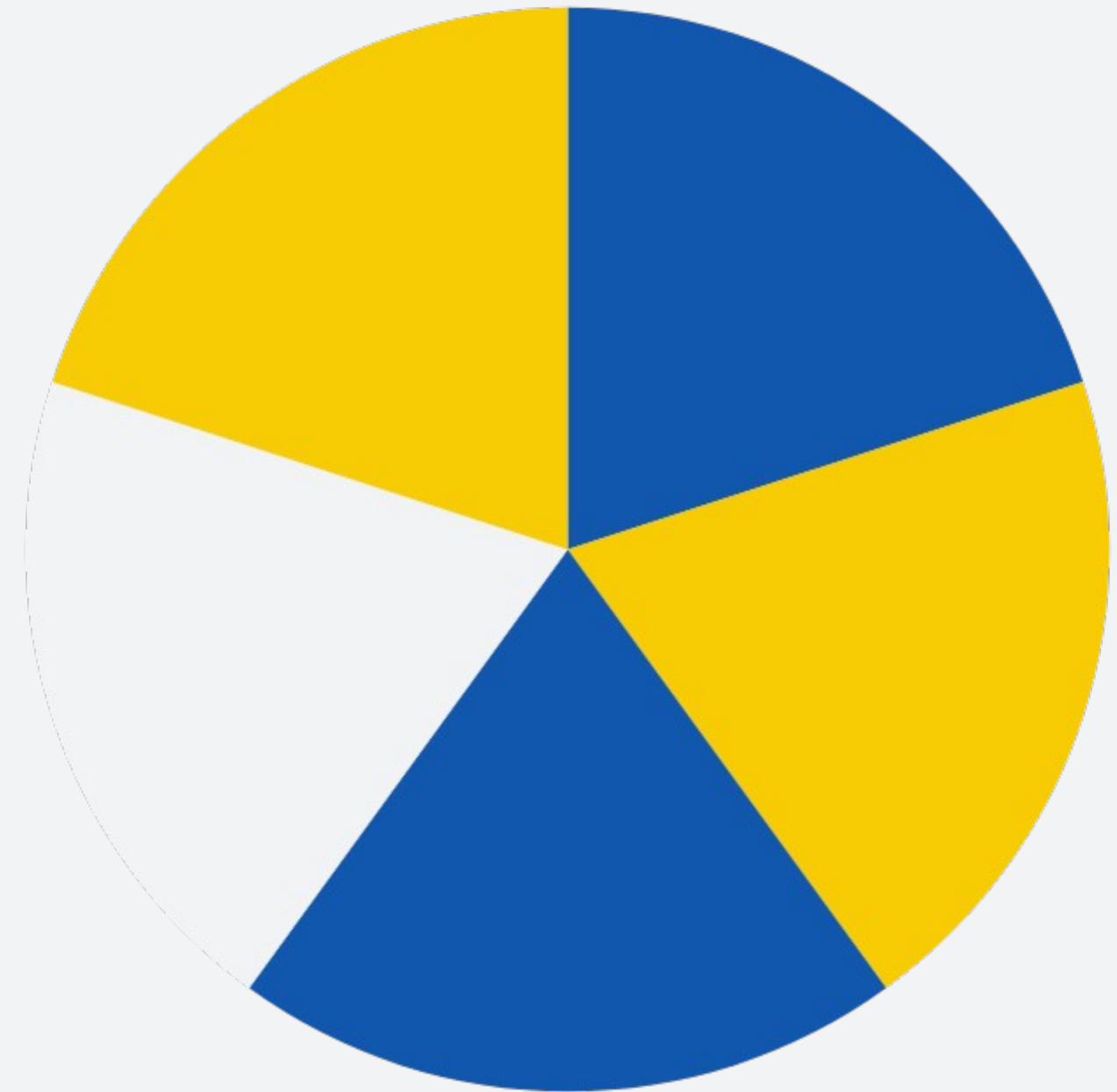


CULTURE AND IDENTITY



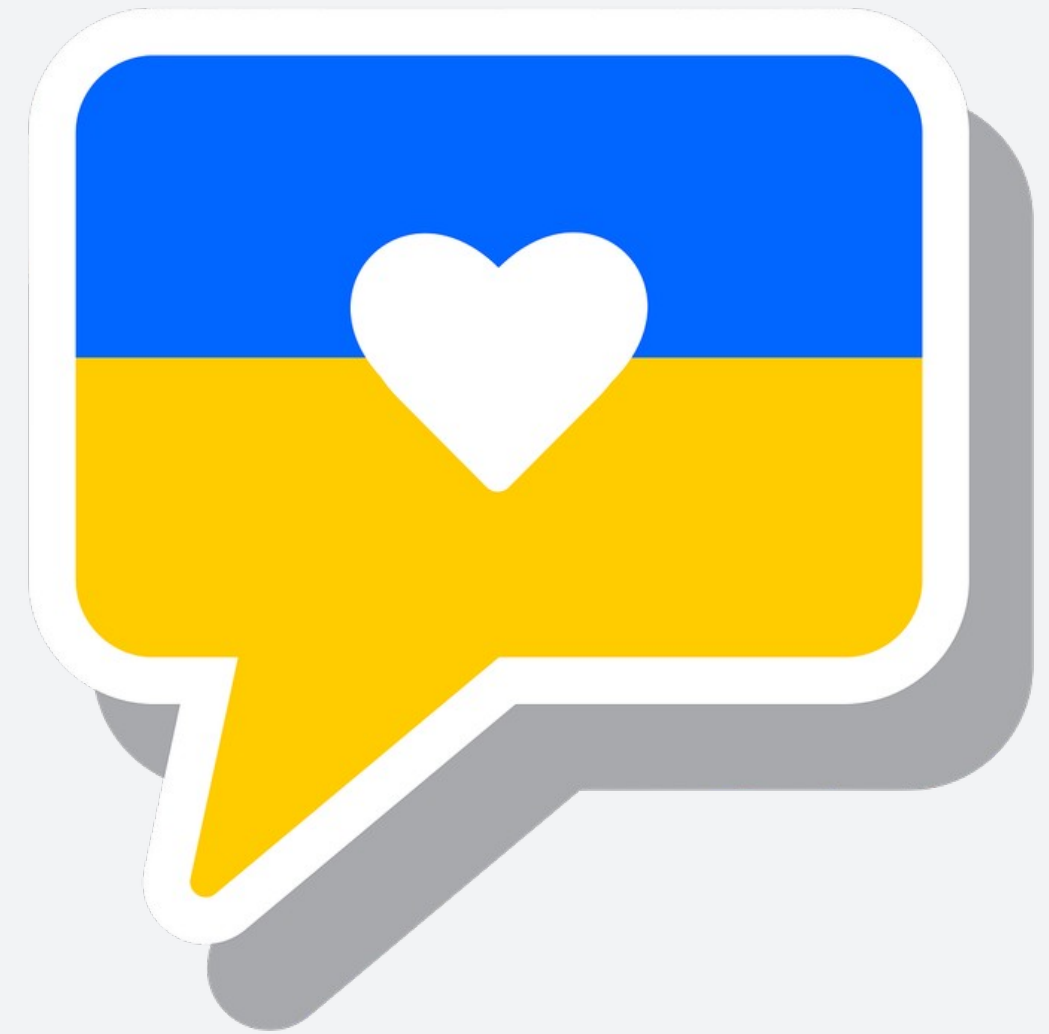
Cultural values

- Freedom and independence
- Strong national identity
- Family and community
- Solidarity
- Hospitality



Language and literature

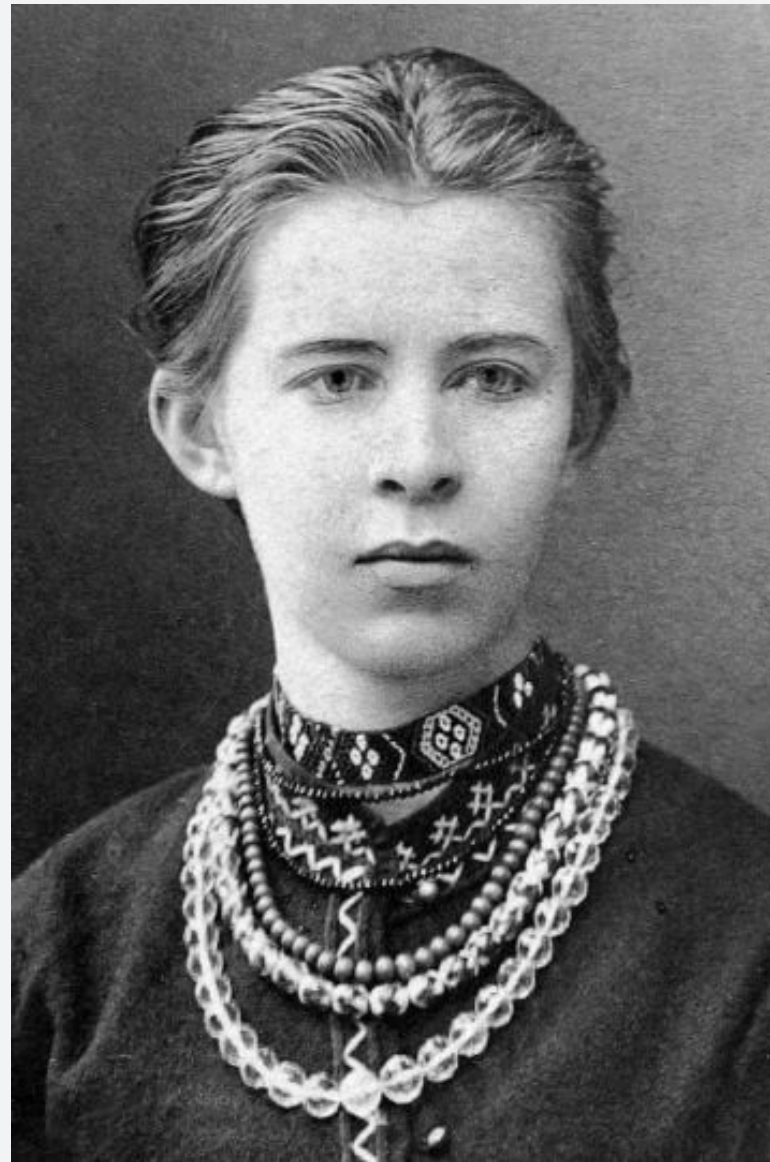
- The Ukrainian language – a key element of identity
- Since 2014 – a strong linguistic revival



The most important creators:



Taras Szewczenko
1814-1861



Łesia Ukrainka
1871-1913

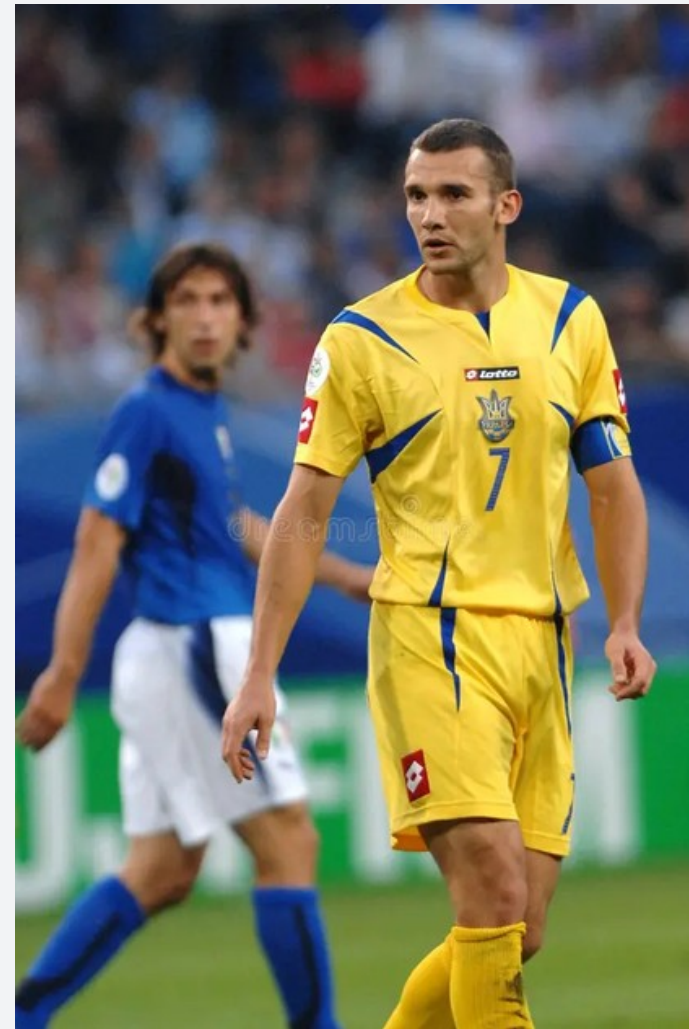


Iwan Franko
1856-1916

Famous figures of Ukraine



Serhij Bubka



Andrij Szewczenko



Witalij Kliczko



Mila Kunis

UKRAINE TODAY

Kyiv – capital city, political centre

Lviv – strong ties with Poland

Kharkiv – symbol of resistance

Odesa – port on the Black Sea

Dnipro – industry and defence

Zaporizhzhia – Cossack traditions

Ivano-Frankivsk – Carpathian region



KITCHEN

Characteristics:

- Filling
- Simple
- Family-friendly
- Based on potatoes, cabbage and beetroot



The most famous dishes

- Ukrainian borscht (UNESCO)
- Vareniki
- Kiev cutlet
- Salo
- Deruny
- Holubtsi
- Kiev cake



A close-up photograph of several hands of different skin tones stacked together in a circle, palms facing down. The hands are positioned in the center of the frame, with fingers slightly spread. One hand on the left wears a wide, multi-colored, textured bracelet. Another hand on the right has light pink nail polish. A blue and white cable-knit sweater sleeve is visible on the right side. The background is blurred, showing indistinct shapes and colors. Overlaid on the center of the hands is the text 'SOCIAL POLICY SYSTEM' in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font.

SOCIAL POLICY SYSTEM

Transformation after 1991

Transition to a
market
economy

Restriction of
social benefits

Pension pay-
as-you-go
system

Low minimum
pension

Challenges



A close-up photograph of a person wearing military camouflage clothing, including a helmet and a tactical vest. The person's hands are visible, adjusting the straps of the vest. The background shows a dirt ground with some sparse green vegetation. The text "CAUSES AND EFFECTS OF CONFLICT" is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image.

CAUSES AND EFFECTS OF CONFLICT

Reasons for the conflict

Russia's geopolitical ambitions

Euromaidan protests

The dispute over national identity

**Russia's opposition to NATO
enlargement**

Effects of the conflict

Humanitarian disaster

Millions of refugees

Sanctions against Russia

Strengthening NATO

Europe's energy transition

Summary





Summary

- Ukraine has a thousand-year history
- Strong national identity
- The war is a conflict of values: authoritarianism vs democracy
- The consequences will be felt for generations

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