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## **Position: Economic sanctions should be imposed on Russia**

*This position addresses the topic 2014 Russian military intervention in Ukraine.*

For this position

“ The immediate concern must be to show Russia that further moves will not be tolerated and that Ukraine’s territorial integrity is sacrosanct. Diplomatic isolation, asset freezes and travel bans against oligarchs are appropriate. The announcement of air defense exercises with the Baltic states and the movement of a U.S. destroyer to the Black Sea bolster our allies, as does economic help for Ukraine’s embattled leaders, who must put aside their internal divisions and govern their country. ”

From Will America heed the wake-up call of Ukraine?, by Condoleezza Rice (*The Washington Post*, March 7, 2014) ([view](#))

“ Why did we deny Ukraine weapons? Because in the Barack Obama-John Kerry worldview, arming the victim might be taken as a provocation. This kind of mind-bending illogic has marked the administration’s response to the whole Crimea affair. ”

From Obama’s pathetic response to Putin’s invasion of Crimea, by Charles Krauthammer (*The Washington Post*, March 20, 2014) ([view](#))

“ Western strategy must also fulfill the warning issued by German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who said the invasion would “cause massive damage to Russia, economically and politically.” That means, at a minimum, excluding Moscow from the Group of Eight and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, which it is seeking to join. It also requires expanding sanctions from individuals to sectors — starting with the Russian banking system, which should be cut off from U.S. and European markets. ”

From U.S., E.U. must stay the course on Russian sanctions over Ukraine, by The Washington Post editorial board (*The Washington Post*, March 19, 2014) ([view](#))

“ What is truly alarming in Mr. Putin’s rash behavior is that he is motivated by the desire for revenge against the Ukrainian people for revolting against a Kremlin-friendly government. A rational actor would know that the precedent of holding a local referendum to determine sovereignty is risky for Russia — a federation of more than 80 disparate regions, including more than 160 ethnic groups and at least 100 languages. ”

From How to Punish Putin, by Alexey Navalny (*The New York Times*, March 19, 2014) (view)

“ Putin showed little heed to Obama’s raised hand, with brazen confidence that his U.S. counterpart would never dare swing. So far, Putin’s leverage has fed his appetite for conquest. Crimea is his, and already he has cast a wandering eye toward Russian-speaking areas of eastern Ukraine. Ukraine, meanwhile, waves a 1994 treaty in which the U.S., United Kingdom and Russia pledged to respect its territorial boundaries and wonders if anyone remembers signing anything. ”

From Feeble sanctions leave Russian leader unchallenged, by The Dallas Morning News editorial board (*The Dallas Morning News*, March 19, 2014) (view)

“ Mr. Obama said Monday he will “calibrate our response based on whether Russia chooses to escalate or de-escalate.” Since a de-escalation looks at this point like wishful thinking, we’ll know that the president’s calibrations are adequate when they cause Russia’s markets to plunge rather than rally. ”

From Western sanctions deliver only a slap on the wrist to Mr. Putin, by The Washington Post editorial board (*The Washington Post*, March 17, 2014) (view)

“ The immediate step, freezing assets of a few officials close to Putin, is a minor warning shot. The firepower can be multiplied many times by imposing embargoes, cutting Russia off from the international banking system or other measures — if Europe is willing to bear the cost. An even more potent step would be aggressive energy development in Europe, which over time would deprive Russia of revenue from its primary export and reduce its leverage. ”

From Show Putin the high cost of conquest, by USA Today editorial board (*USA Today*, March 17, 2014) (view)

“ We do not need to close the pipelines tomorrow, nor could we. But most energy experts believe Europe is already paying over the odds for Russian gas. By restructuring the energy network to take in other producers, such as Qatar and Algeria, we could, within the space of just a few years, cut our dependence on Russia, with the disastrous implications that would have for Moscow’s balance sheet. ”

From Ukraine crisis: we have to stand up to Russia - it’s a rogue state, by Con Coughlin (*The Daily Telegraph*, March 17, 2014) (view)

“ When the Russian-backed operatives first began taking over buildings in Donetsk and other cities two weeks ago, Mr. Kerry told a congressional hearing that broad sanctions against the Russian banking, energy and mining sectors were “on the table.” Those steps would give pause to the Russian elite, if not Mr. Putin. ”

From President Obama, disregarding his own red line, dithers on Ukraine, by The Washington Post editorial board (*The Washington Post*, April 21, 2014) (view)

Against this position

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“ Critics point to the Russian "occupation" of Crimea as evidence that no fair vote could have taken place. Where were these people when an election held in an Iraq occupied by U.S. troops was called a "triumph of democracy"? Perhaps the U.S. officials who supported the unconstitutional overthrow of Ukraine's government should refocus their energies on learning our own Constitution, which does not allow the U.S. government to overthrow governments overseas or send a billion dollars to bail out Ukraine and its international creditors. ”

From Crimea secedes. So what?, by Ron Paul (*USA Today*, March 17, 2014) (view)

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