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# Feeble sanctions leave Russian leader unchallenged

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**Quote**

“ 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. ”

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