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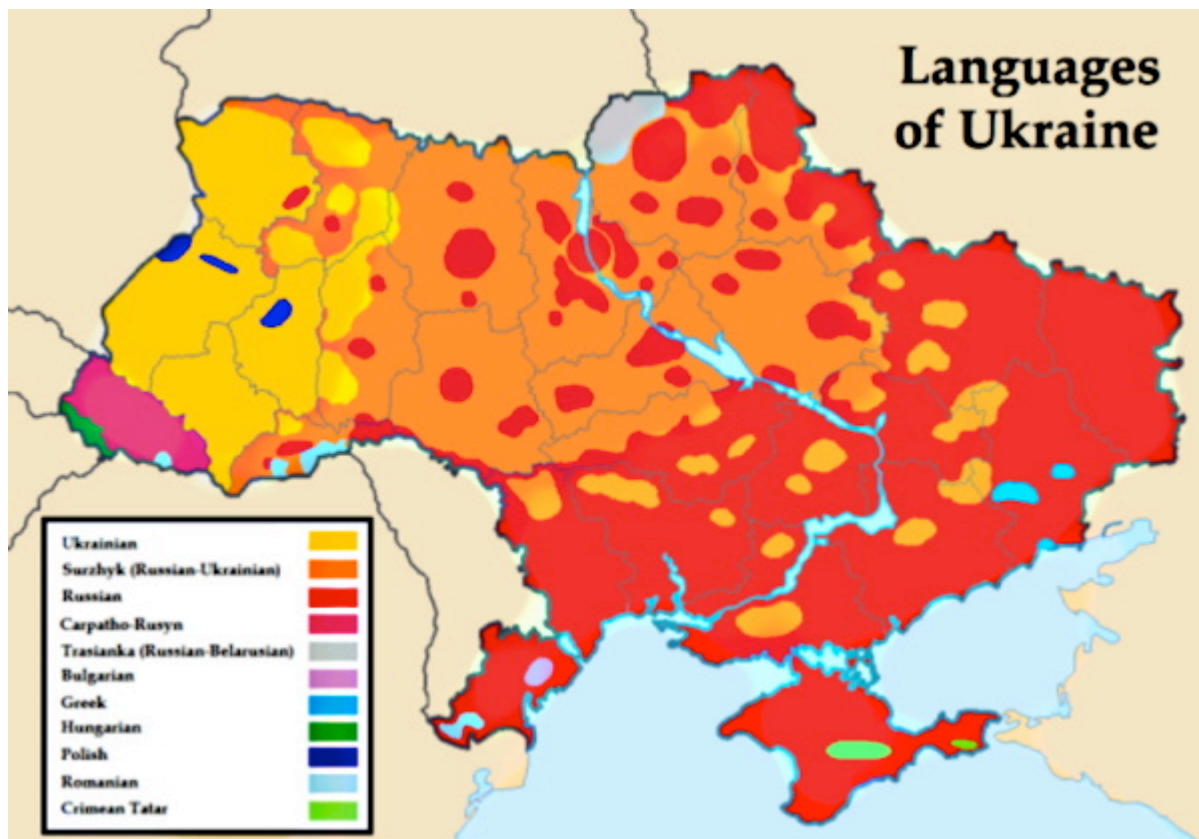
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Just like Crimea, the majority of the people in the eastern region of Ukraine are Russian and do not want to be part of Ukraine, but the Ukrainian government – with the approval of the US government ([including the CIA](#)) and NATO – refuse to let it happen for geopolitical reasons.

Here is a map of the languages spoken in Ukraine. Basically, anything east of the Dnieper River – which sorts of cuts the country in half – is Russian.



[Russell Bentley](#) is an American soldier who has been living and

fighting in Donetsk (eastern Ukraine) since 2014, helping the Donbass province realise its independence from Ukraine.

I was moved [by his conversation](#) with me a few weeks ago, so I contacted him and asked if he wouldn't mind taking a few videos with his cellphone, so that I can see what it's like to live there right now. He obliged and sent me a bunch of clips which I turned into a single 10-minute film.

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Russell is also an accredited war correspondent, providing factual news and counter-propaganda about the situation in Ukraine and the Ukrainian government's war against Donbass. He is trying to expose the US-backed regime in Kiev. Russell is also the vice president of [Donbass Humanitarian Aid](#), a fund which has helped hundreds of innocent victims of the war since 2015.

He joined me for a conversation about his story and how he arrived where he is, as well as what's going on in Ukraine.

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