

The Ukraine debate in Germany

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1) Introduction

This study is looking at the public debate about the Ukraine conflict in Germany from March 2014 to February 2015.

Germany is a key country for the Kremlin. It has been a close partner in the last two decades, but during the Ukraine conflict its leaders and its public opinion both have turned against Russia.

In the following study, the German debate about Ukraine is being analyzed under a number of angles: public opinion polls, the position of different media, the main protagonists and the Kremlin's influence. A last chapter proposes two courses of action for OSF.

2) Public opinion polls

I have looked at the main opinion polls from March 2014 to February 2015. Annex 1 gives an overview of the responses. In the following I draw some conclusions:

The majority of Germans moves from an anti-sanctions to a pro-sanctions