

Former first lady of Ukraine visits BYU, talks politics

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She believes that Ukraine's democracy offered an opportunity for other surrounding countries to have democracy. Eventually the people of Russia will want a free market and a democracy, and Putin's power will be in jeopardy.

From U-wire 18, October 2014 Former first lady of Ukraine Kateryna Yushchenko spoke to BYU students on Thursday about the dangers Russia poses to the rest of the world. Yushchenko, who still remains active in advancing freedom in Ukraine, spoke with grim conviction about the current Russian invasion of Crimea. "Putin doesn't look at the world the same way as we do," Yushchenko said. "The U.S. looks at the world as a win-win situation. Putin looks at it from 19th century power politics where if I win, you lose." Ukraine has been at war with Russia since pro-Russian forces took control of the Crimean Peninsula on Feb. 26. Russia annexed Crimea months later with a referendum currently not recognized by the United Nations. The U.S. and Europe have placed economic sanctions on trades with Russia in an effort to push back on Russia without violence. According to [Forbes](#), these sanctions have failed. Yushchenko said she believes Putin wants to create a Russian world that goes from the Atlantic to the Pacific, a world that is no longer based on democracy, or America. For full text, Link below

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