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Ukraine: existential threat, nation building and state reform

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Since independence Ukraine has failed to build an efficient state with European characteristics. Its economy is overmonopolized, interaction between state officials and business is notoriously corrupt and based on rent seeking. On that basis huge wealth has been created by a few, leading to predatory behaviour towards the state. Civil society has expressed its dissatisfaction with this in two revolutions a decade apart. Russia, harbouring revisionist desires, has capitalized on state building failures and, by violating all possible international norms and treaties, has violated Ukraine’s territorial integrity and sovereignty in 2014. During this crisis and conflict, Ukraine’s state weaknesses were fully exposed: weak economy, corrupt and violent law enforcement agencies and weak loyalty to the state by its employees.

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