

The Enemy of My Friend? A Comparative Analysis of Reportage on Ukraine in

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In this research project, I compared reportage on events in Ukraine in the Kyrgyz newspaper from two especially volatile periods in Ukraine's recent history—the one-year period after the start of the Euromaidan protests (November 21, 2013–November 20, 2014) and the one-year period after Putin's recognition of the independence of Ukraine's breakaway southeastern regions (February 21, 2022–February 20, 2023). In the post-Soviet sphere, Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine both stand out for their relative political instability and frequency of revolutions and regime changes. However, the two states' relations with Russia, the regional hegemon, have developed very differently, as Ukraine has increasingly defied Russian hegemony while Kyrgyzstan has largely remai