



## Zelensky Bans Political Opposition, Nationalizes Media to Create 'Unified' Information

### Description

UKRAINE: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky [banned](#) 11 opposition political parties and nationalized media. Any activities supporting the parties labeled “pro-Russian” are now illegal.

Axios [reports](#) the list of parties now banned include: Platform For Life, Shariy Party, Nashi, Opposition Bloc, Left Opposition, Union of Left Forces, State, Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine, Socialist Party of Ukraine, Socialists Party, and Volodymyr Saldo Bloc.

Platform for Life is Ukraine’s largest opposition party and currently holds [44 seats](#) in parliament. Last year, The party’s leader, Viktor Medvedchuk, was accused of treason and placed under house arrest.

Another targeted party, Nashi, is led by Yevhen Murayev. The UK previously [accused](#) Murayev of working with Moscow to overthrow the Ukrainian government. However, Murayev was [sanctioned](#) by Russia in 2018.

Ukraine’s Russian minority has faced increased discrimination since the 2014 coup. The opposition parties largely represent the 17% of the Ukrainian people who are ethnic Russians. Language and cultural laws have targeted Russian movies, including [one starring Zelensky](#).

The new presidential order is a part of Zelensky’s effort to create a [unified](#) political narrative in Ukraine. He has announced an information policy that combines “all national TV channels...[into] a single information platform of strategic communication.”

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