

**Question for written answer E-005027/2015**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - A disturbing truth

In your declaration of 16 March 2015, you say: 'the European Union does not recognise and continues to condemn this act [the so-called Russian annexation] of violation of international law.' On the other hand, the Ukrainian branch of the German social research institute GfK has just published a study, 'The Socio-Political Sentiments in Crimea,' carried out as part of the 'Free Crimea' initiative.

Asked 'what is your opinion of what is being written by the Ukrainian media about Crimea?' only 1% of respondents said that the Ukrainian media 'provides entirely truthful information,' while 4% considered the information 'more often truthful than deceitful.' 45% of respondents considered this information 'completely untrue,' while the remaining 35% described it as 'more often deceitful than truthful.'

While the media coverage in Ukraine has such an ideological bias, how can we expect crucial issues to be objectively treated in that country? Can we trust Kiev's official position on the tragedy of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17, on the causes of the humanitarian crisis in the Donbass, or the human losses since the start of the conflict?