

# Political Revenge Squelched

Local elections didn't bring widely expected revenge of populist and pro-Russian parties. Still, the October vote underscored a few interesting trends. First, there was no dominant winner. Though national parties led the pack, dozens of local political forces entered local councils, creating a mixed local political landscape. There's been a shift in the sympathies in the east – some traditional patrimonies of the former Party of Regions are now, surprisingly, beginning to support alternative forces. The pending second round of mayoral elections on the political front line of Dnipropetrovsk is indicative of this trend. Local voting also showed that the so-called “tariff revolution” is unlikely to happen. Populist parties like Tymoshenko's Batkivshchyna improved their standing, but support is insufficient to push a new agenda>>>

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