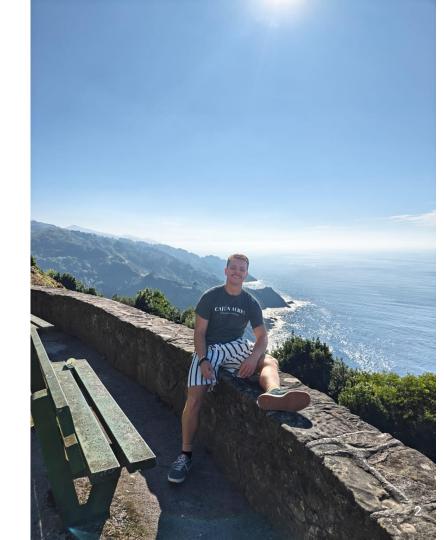


# **Anthony Burley**

I'm presenting to you all the country of Ukraine. I personally enjoy the works of art that are produced by this country. I'm a big fan of the Ukrainian actress Mila Kunis and her roles in American television. I too like to listen to Ukrainian bands such as Океан Ельзи (Okean Elzy) and Клавдія Петрівна (Klavdia Petrivna). I too have a deeply rooted belief that a country's autonomy is sacred. I've been following Ukraine and her ongoing conflict with Russia since 2014.



# Explanatory Case Study of Ukraine

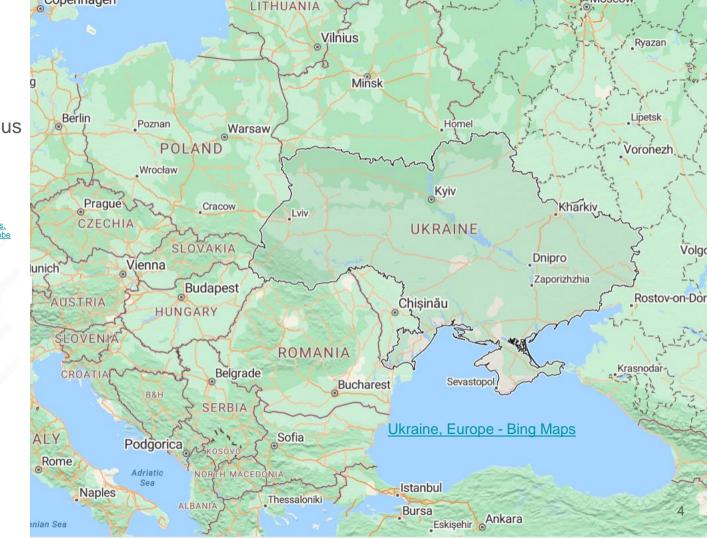
- •This explanatory case study <u>aims</u> to answer why the people in Ukraine wear the clothing they do.
- •The <u>purpose</u> of this case study is to detail phenomena in Ukraine that form the country's culture, which determines the clothing worn in the country.
- •This is an investigation of components of culture and the resulting clothing worn.
- •This study will answer the research <u>questions</u> of why people wear the clothing they do, what do they wear, and what cultural components impact the clothing worn.
- •This research study has no control nor over, nor impact on, the occurrence of events and focuses on real-life situations.

### Location

- 4,000 sq. mi. (<TX)
- Fertile plains and plateaus
- Capital: Kyiv
- Population: 40 million



The World Factbook. (Ukraine).
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Factbook



# Ukrainian Background

- Ethnicity: 78% Ukrainian, 17% Russian
  - Ongoing Russian separatist movement in the east
- Official Language: Ukrainian
- Religion: Orthodox Christian
- Temperate continental climate
  - Cold winters and hot summers comparable to the American Midwest
- Natural resources ores, minerals and oil
  - Iron ore



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## Modern State of Ukraine, 35 Years in a Nutshell

- 1989-1999
  - Independence from USSR
  - Relations established with NATO
  - Budapest Memorandum
  - Government type: semipresidential republic
- 2000-2009
  - Transitioned to capitalism
  - Denied NATO admission
- 2010-2019
  - Economic tension with Russia
  - Russia annexed Crimea
  - President Zelensky elected
- 2020-2024
  - Russia invaded Ukraine



**Web:** Sullivan B. (2022, February 24). Russia's at war with Ukraine. Here's how we got here. *NPR*. Retrieved November 4, 2024 from <u>A timeline of Ukraine's history: NPR</u>

### **Good Slavic Eats**

Varenyky

Dumpling stuffed with potato meat and mushrooms

Borch

Light red vegetable soup topped with sour cream



Holubtsi

Cabbage rolls stuffed with grain and meat stewed in sauce

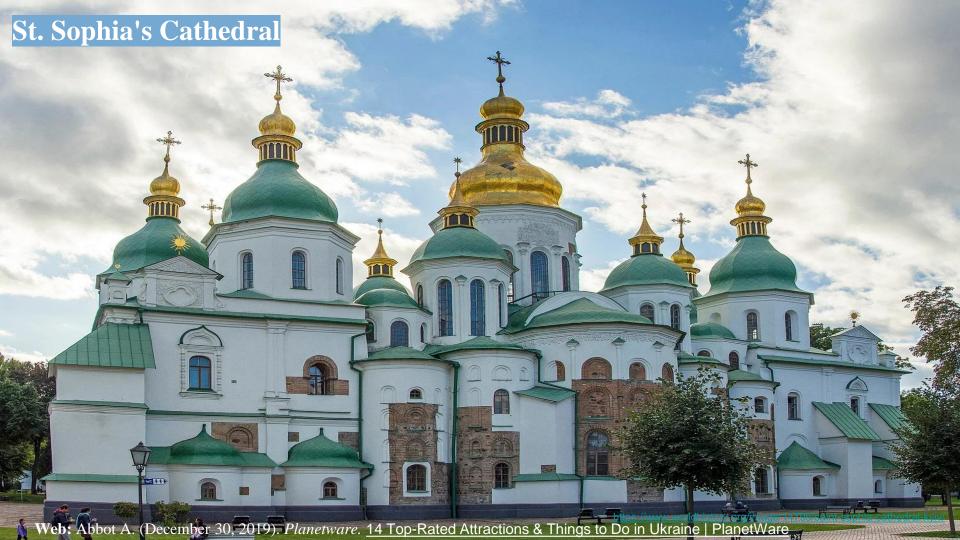
- Various pickled vegetables
- Grain used for bread
- Potatoes are abundant

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# Tourism











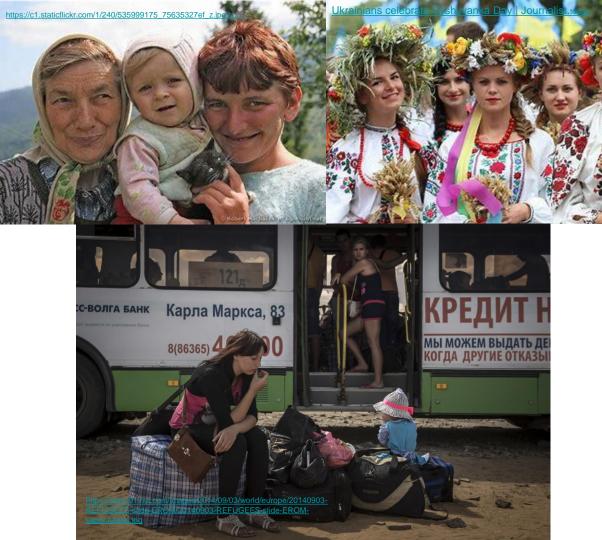
# People

 Life expectancy: 71 (ranked 173rd)

Median age: 37 (ranked 25th)

 Drinking water/ sanitation: 100%

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# Society

- Fertility rate: 1.22 (ranked 224<sup>th</sup> world)
- Contraceptive prevalence:65%
- Mother's age at first birth:26
- Alcohol consumption per person: 1½ gallons (ranked 77<sup>th</sup> world)
- Tobacco use: 26% (ranked 43<sup>rd</sup> world)

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# Society

- Health expenditure of gross domestic product (GDP): 8%
- Education expenditure:
   5% (ranked 63<sup>rd</sup> world)
- Literacy rate: 100%
- School life expectancy: 15 years

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# **Economy**

- Real GDP per capita: \$16K (ranked 116<sup>th</sup> world)
- Population living below the poverty line: <2%</li>
- Tax (of GDP): 17% (ranked 119<sup>th</sup> world)
- Exports: \$50 billion
  - Grain to Poland
- Imports: \$90 billion
  - Loans from the Group of 7(G7)

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# Ukrainians Display National Pride on Face Masks

- Early months COVID-19
  - Face masks made an international impact
  - Many unique/stylish designs appeared on masks
  - These designs all have a shared Ukrainian identity theme
  - Why did Ukrainian designers choose their designs, via interview
- Majority poll response was culture-heritage & national pride
  - Remaining responses artistry dancing activism holiday-occasion
  - Vendors motivations were philanthropic
- Ukraine embroidery varies
  - Different shapes flowers colors
  - Metaphorical literal significance
  - Decoration functionality mask integrity upheld by printing rather than actual embroidery
- Ukraine macro-identity
  - Revitalization & modern applications of traditional art
  - Display of national cultural identity
  - Evolution Ukrainian embroidery function and intention



https://journals.ku.edu/folklorica/article/view/15689

JOURNAL: Chomitzky, K. (2020). Pandemic, but make it fashion: Ukrainian embroidered PPE in the time of COVID-19. Folklorica: Journal of the Slavic, East European & Eurasian Folklore Association, 24, 27–50. DOI: https://doi.org/10.17161/folklorica.v24i.15689

### Bombs and Bevza

Svitlana Bevza founded self named brand in Kyiv

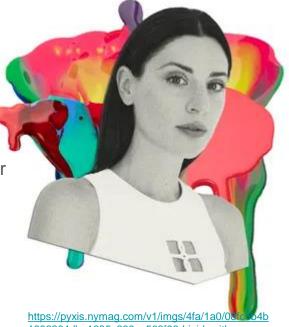
- College graduate, Kyiv National Institute of Design
- Small line of credit and two sewing machines
- Sleek comfortable designs Ukrainian folk influence
- NYC fashion week 2019, Met Gala 2023

#### War begins 2022

- Fled Ukraine to Portugal with her two kids, husband at war
- Opened a second Portuguese warehouse, other in Kyiv
- Refugee in London, operates her business remotely
- Navigating conflict, access to goods, ability to transport

#### The conflict

- Brough unexpected growth
- A desire to keep what is theirs and not let it be taken



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MAG: Flanagan H. (2024, August 19). Running a Ukrainian fashion house in time of war. *The Cut*. Retrieved October 30, 2024 from

### Ukrainian Brand Makes Waves In America

- New York Fashion Week (NYFW)

  - Attendees Singers & Olympians
    Proceed donated to preservation of art
    and culture in Ukraine
- Spring Collection 2025
  - Raunchy avant-garde
  - Pastel colors complimented with black
  - Lacey fabrics layers texture
  - Corsets
  - Narrow silhouettes highlighted
- Inspirations
  - Risqué subcultures of bondage discipline domination submission sadism masochism (BDSM)
  - LGBTQ+
  - Folk apparel



### Ukrainian Fashion Week 2024

- First fashion week held in Ukraine since 2021, 2022 and 2023 London
- During the show, an ongoing war was only 300 miles away
  - Designer brands producing armor and camouflage for soldiers
  - International attendees had extended journey (flight closures)
  - Veterans dawning prosthetic on catwalk
- Goals of fashion week
  - Curate home grown talent
  - Exhibit domestic creativity
  - Display and preserve heritage and culture
  - Provide opportunities for youth
  - Value in living life no matter what happens
- Venues
  - National Opera
  - Saint Sophia Cathedral



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**NEWS:** Toseland F. (2024, September 6). "Life is the most precious gift we have": Ukrainian fashion week returns to Kyiv. *British Vogue*. Retrieved October 30, 2024, from "Life Is The Most Precious Gift We Have": Ukrainian Fashion Week Returns To Kyiv

# Klavdia Petrivna-Ukrainian Singer

- Famous via Tik-Tok
- Wears large hats that hide her face
- Cabaret style performance
- Songs are described as melancolique

Review: Panssov I. (September 2, 2024). Klavdia Petrivna: dancing on the edge of life and death. *Bable*. Retrieved from Klavdia Petrivna's concert in Kyiv photos and reportage





# Dating Under Enemy Fire

- Men currently have compulsory military service making them less likely to settle
- Men are not allowed to leave Ukraine
- Women are free to move away from Ukraine
  - Many have chosen to date foreigners
- Stigma against Russian speaking Ukrainians
- Draft dodgers are called unpatriotic
- Most men on Ukrainian tinder are foreign volunteers or people unfit for service



#### Photo from source

News: The New York Times. (August 4, 2024). War shatters dating scene for women in Ukraine. *The Straits Times*. Retrieved from War shatters dating scene for women in Ukraine | The Straits Times

# Clothing





### **Urban Wear**

Modern Western Styles

- Balaclavas/skullies (ski mask)
- Beanies
- Flat-bill caps
- Graphic T- shirts
- Hoodies
- Pre-ripped jeans/jorts
- Scarves

UglyCool (2024). UglyCool streatwear Kyiv style made in Ukraine. Retrieved November 11, 2024 from https://ugly.cool/





### Rural Wear

- Modern leisure wear in the home
  - T-shirts, shorts, pajamas
- Weather appropriate outdoor wear
  - Warm
    - Blouse, T-shirt, collard shirt, jeans, cargo pants
  - o Cold
    - Jacket (fur is still common), long sleeve shirt, hoodie, pants, sweater
  - Rain/snow
    - Rain-coat
- Tennis shoes, boots, belts, walking sticks, sun-glasses, beanies, watches

**Blog:** Ninel D. (2017, August 8). The story of the trip to the Carpathians "green rest" July 27-August 1. *Life is a trip*. Retrieved from The story of the trip to the Carpathians "Green Rest" (photo and video).



### **Business Attire**

- Dress to the 9's
- Jewelry

#### Women

- Long dresses
- Skirts
- High heels
- Makeup
- Pants

#### Men

- Suits
- Ties
- Loafers
- Button up shirt



from <u>Kiev</u>, <u>Ukraine</u> - <u>What is the typical dress code at</u> work and in public places? Is formal dress ever required?

# Uniform in University

- Similar to USA
  - Casual in class
  - More polished for special occasions
  - Females typically dress up more than males
  - Weather appropriate accessories
- At the moment of making this presentation many uni-age Ukrainians are serving their military in a time of war (soldiers' uniforms)

Web: Alexander D. (2023, February 24). 'No safety no plan': the young Ukrainians starting adult life in shadow of war. *Metro.co.uk*. Retrieved from The young Ukrainians starting their adult lives during war | World News | Metro News



# Traditional/Holiday Costume

- Jackets, and coats
  - Sewn from wool
- Boots
  - Made of tree bark and leather
- Shirts
  - Decorated with embroidery, each region has its own style
- Belt
  - Woven or plaited of wool or leather (men)
- Vest
  - Made of leather
- Corsets
- Married women cover their hair with a headscarf
- Hats (men) head-dress (women)
- Necklaces for women
  - Made of coral
- Purse (men)

Ian Honchar Musuem National Center of Fulk Culture. Get the Ukrainian look: Ukrainian folk dress. Retrieved on November 11, 2024 from <a href="https://artsandculture.google.com/story/get-the-ukrainian-look-ukrainian-folk-dress-national-center-of-folk-culture/OgURhGB0NRK4sO?hl=en">https://artsandculture.google.com/story/get-the-ukrainian-look-ukrainian-folk-dress-national-center-of-folk-culture/OgURhGB0NRK4sO?hl=en</a>



# Common Wedding

- Wedding rings are exchanged and worn on right hand
- Attendee typically wear traditional costumes in rural areas and also modern formal wear in urban areas

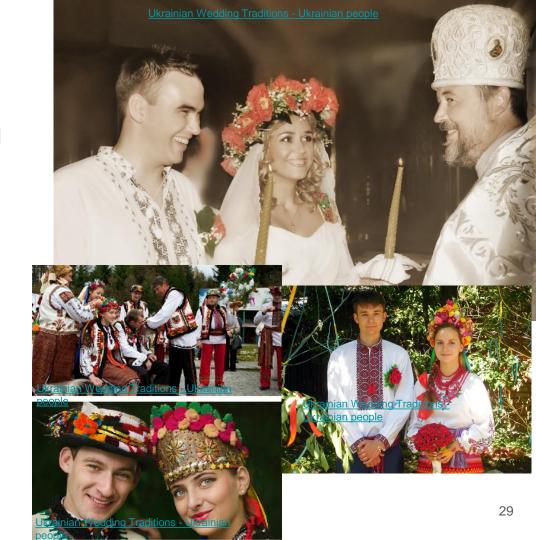
#### Groom

- Traditional costume is worn during wedding
- Traditional embroidered shirt may accompany with blazer
- Boutonniere

#### Bride

- Some wear a wedding dress and vail
- Some wear traditional costume
- Always a floral headdress
- Hair usually braided before wedding
- Bouquet

**Web:** Faryna, O. (2017, May 12). Ukrainian wedding traditions. *Ukrainian Peropel*. Accessed from <u>Ukrainian</u> Wedding Traditions - Ukrainian people



# Wealthy Wedding

- Exotic venue destinations (UK, USA)
- Bride
  - Long flowing white wedding dress
  - o Professional makeup and hair
  - Traditional headdress
  - Reception outfit, for easier movement
- Groom
  - Tuxedo with bow ties
  - Boutonniere
- Guest
  - Suits and dresses
- Bridal Party
  - Tuxedos and dress

**Web:** The Adamkovi. (2023, April 17). Upscale Ukrainian wedding at the field museum of Chicago. Retrieved from The Field Museum of Chicago Upscale Ukrainian Wedding





# Special Adornment

#### Gerdan

- Traditional jewelry of the Carpathian region
- Made of crystal beed
- Decorated in various patterns
- Gender neutral but typically feminine
- Some hang low to the navel
- Some only cover the neck and throat
- Come in many different colors



**Web:** Vechkanova E. (2018, February 23). Gerdan- the first jewelry of ukrainian women. *Tree Snails*. Retrieved from <u>Gerdan - the first jewelry of Ukrainian women | TS Handmade - Blog</u>

# **Special Adornment**



#### Kuchma

- Tall cylindrical or cone-shaped cap made of sheepskin or other fur
- Popular throughout Ukraine

#### Malakhai

- Fur hat (traditionally wolf) with earmuffs
- Worn in the cold season
- Includes the tail usually



Web: Histrov (2023, October 6). Ukrainian headwear: traditional elegance and regional taste. Histrov. Retrieved from Ukrainian

### Issues

#### Refugee crisis

- Due to the war many Ukrainians living in the war zones have been displaced
- Refugees have fled to west Ukraine,
   European nations and the United States
   of America

#### Separatist movement in the east

- Ethnic Russian-Ukrainians have formed malissias
- These units are funded by Russia
- They have caused political unrest

### Russian annexation of Ukrainian land

Using political instability in bordering areas



Image retrieved from source

**Web:** Karasapan O. (2022, October, 14). Ukrainian refugees: challenges in a welcoming Europe. *Brookings*. Retrieved from Ukrainian refugees: Challenges in a welcoming Europe

### Conclusions

- In the 1990's into the 2010's Ukraine emerged as a stable, bountiful, artistic nation with rich culture and a lot to offer to the world at large.
- Though officially starting in 2022 Ukraine has been under extreme pressure to fold under the thumb of a much more powerful state (Russia).
- In the face of challenge Ukraine has risen to the occasion and has successfully thus far defended its independence.
- This feverous struggle for freedom is fueled by the burning pride that Ukrainians have in their culture and what they claim as theirs.
- Though Ukraine's future is uncertain at this moment there is no doubt that its people have a unique view that the world can't get enough of.
- Clothing expresses the Ukrainian climate, traditions, and modernism following Western United States and European fashion, as well as the emergence of fashion designers blending a uniqueness of the past and the future.