

RUSSIA – THE USSR



1990

THE 15 SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS



1990

THE SOVIET REPUBLICS OF NON SLAVIC ETHNICITIES AND LANGUAGES



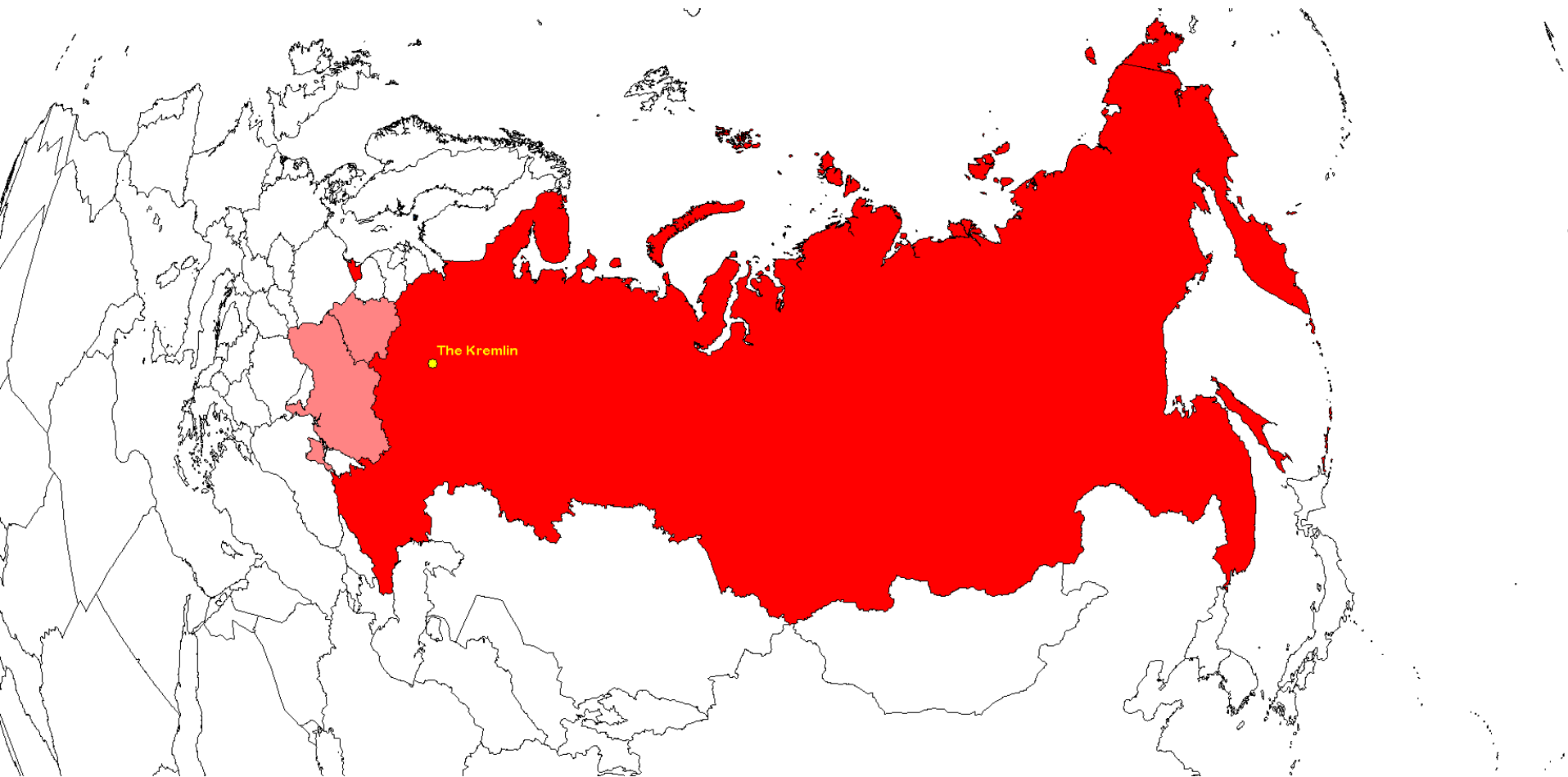
1990

THE TWO ETHNIC SLAV REPUBLICS



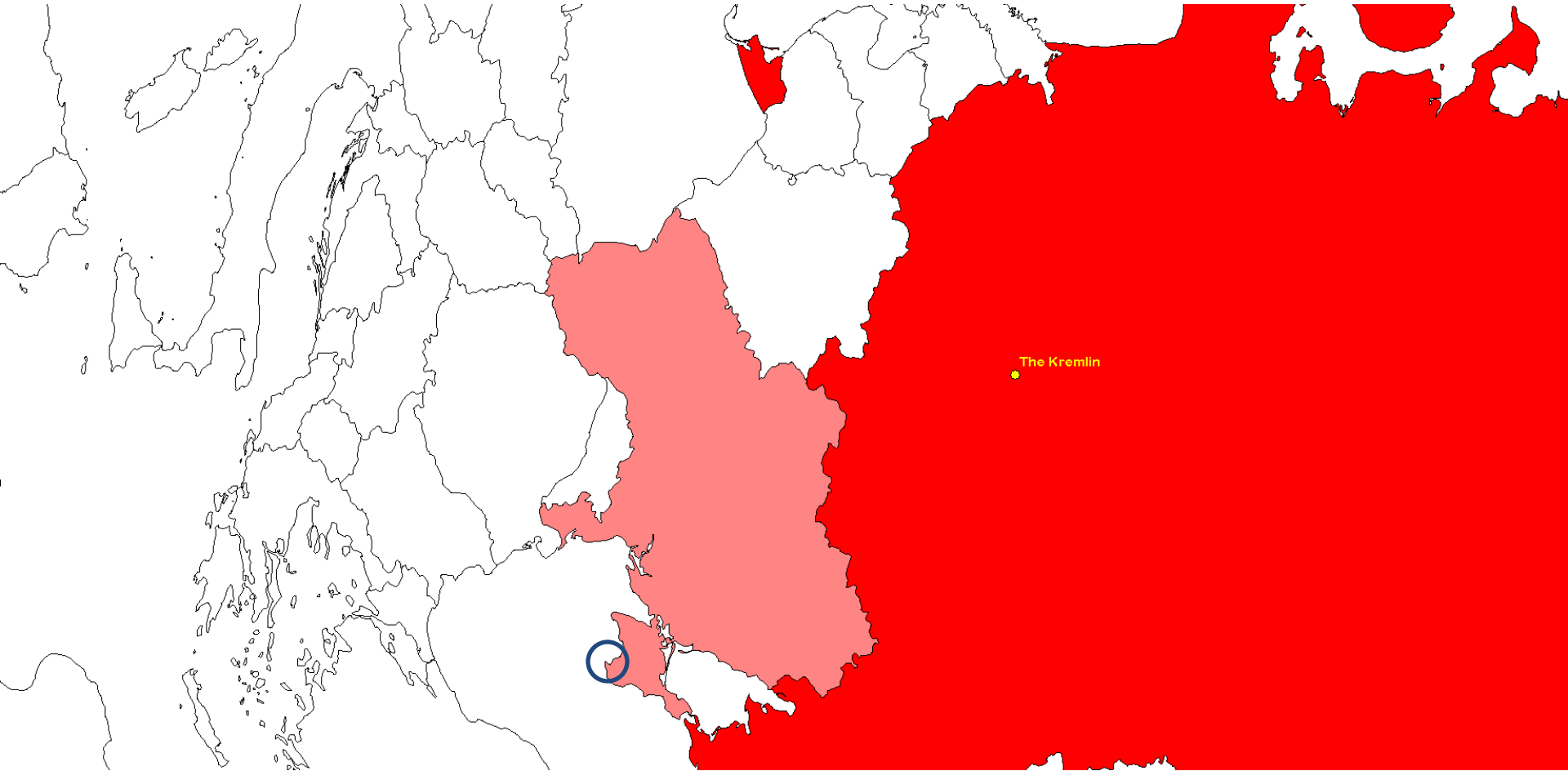
1990

RUSSIA AND THE TWO ETHNIC SLAV REPUBLICS AFTER THE VOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION OF THE USSR



1991

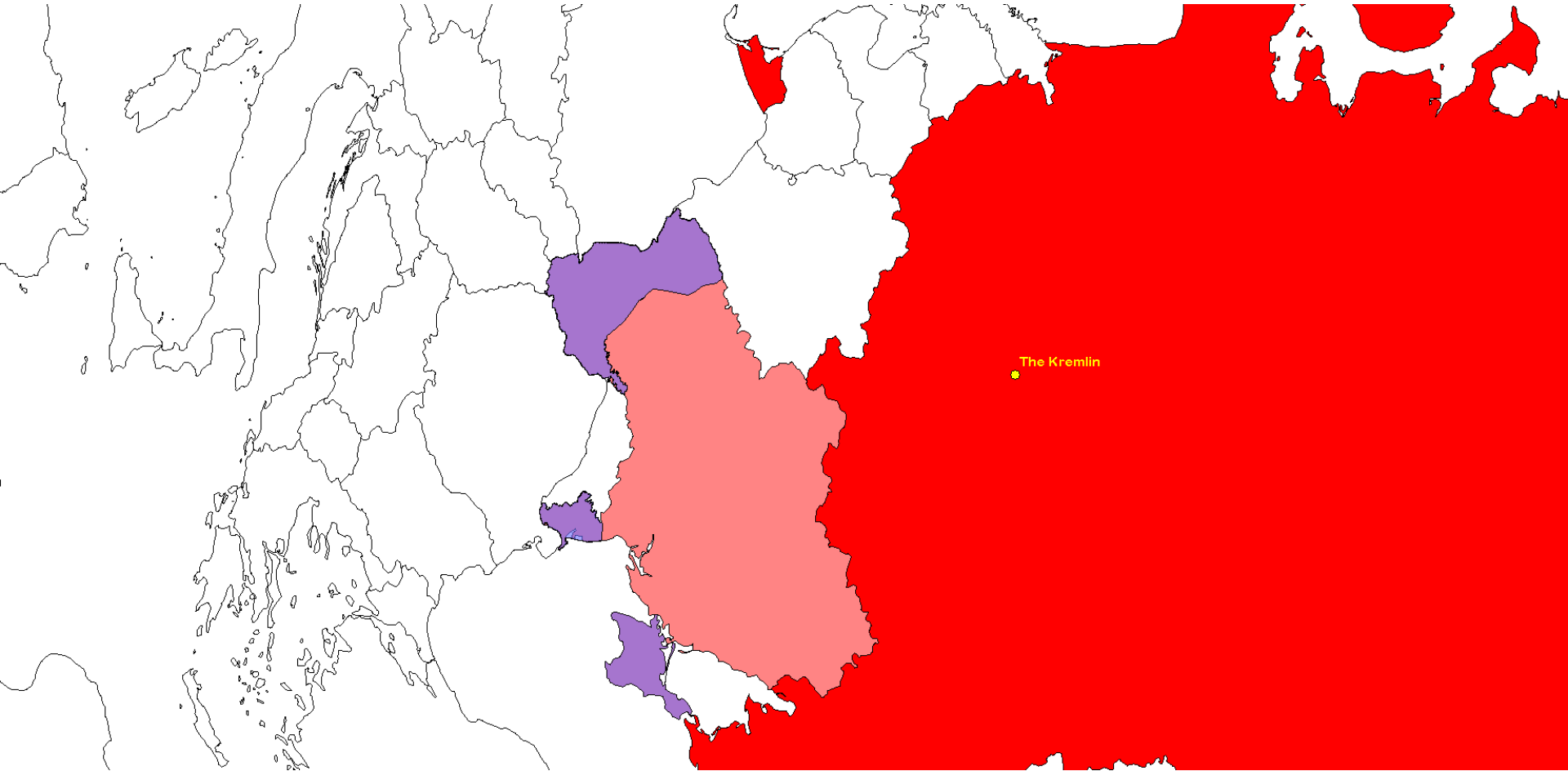
**IN 1991 RUSSIA BESTOWS VOLUNTARILY TO UKRAINE ALL MILITARY ASSETS PRESENT IN UKRAINE EXCEPT
NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AS WELL AS HALF OF THE BLACK SEA FLEET.
THE TWO FLEETS SHARE THE NAVY FACILITIES OF SEBASTOPOL (IN BLUE CIRCLE).**



**IT IS THEREFORE UNDERSTOOD THAT RUSSIA AND UKRAINE ARE STAUNCH MILITARY ALLIES.
THEIR ECONOMIES ARE HISTORICALLY INTERTWINED INSIDE A FREE TRADE AGREEMENT.**

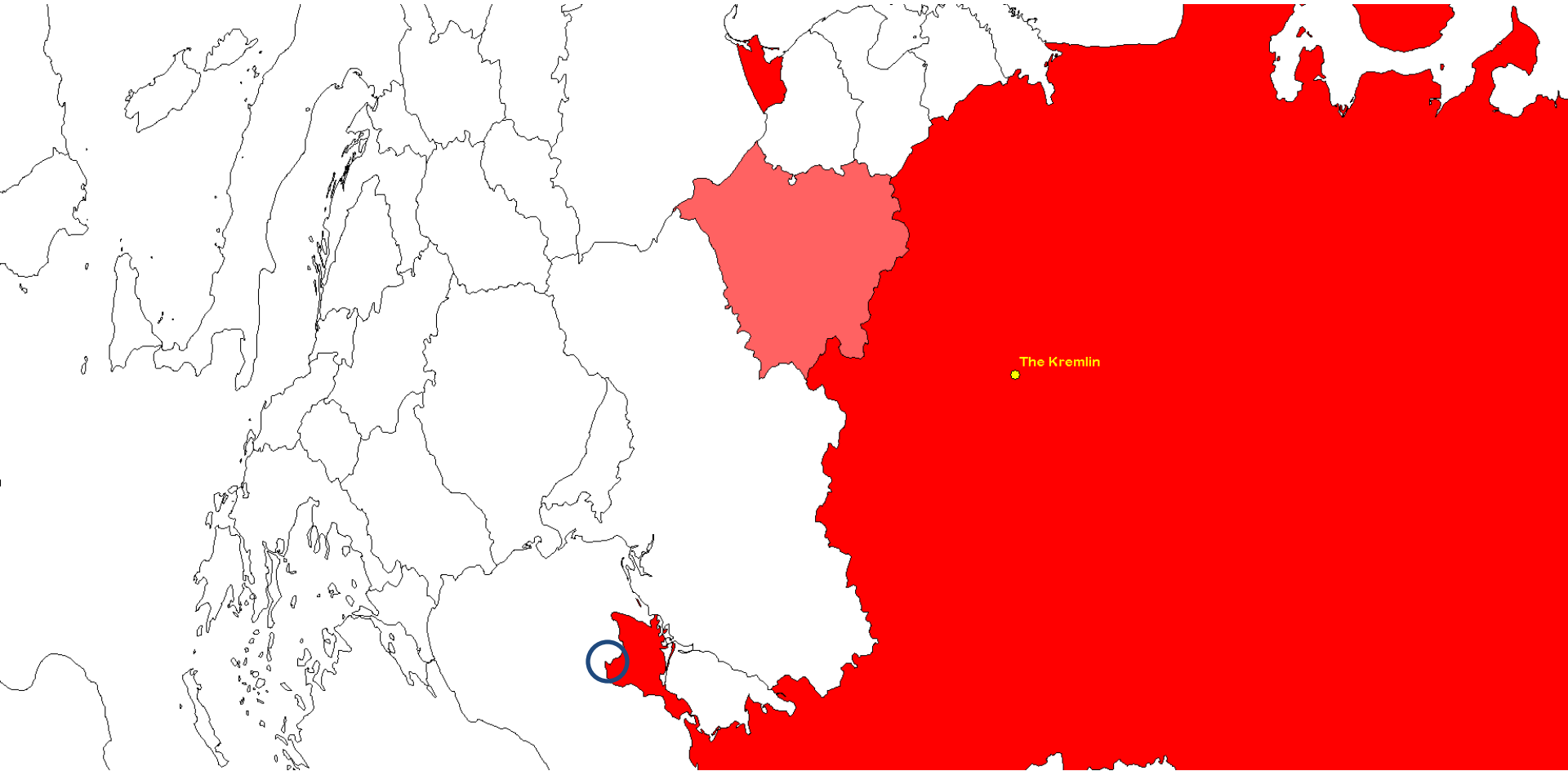
TERRITORIES ACQUIRED BY THE USSR FROM ROMANIA, HUNGARY, SLOVAKIA, AND POLAND AND INCORPORATED INTO THE UKRAINIAN SSR IN 1945.

TRANSFER OF CRIMEAN SOVEREIGNTY FROM THE RUSSIAN TO THE UKRAINIAN SSR IN 1954.



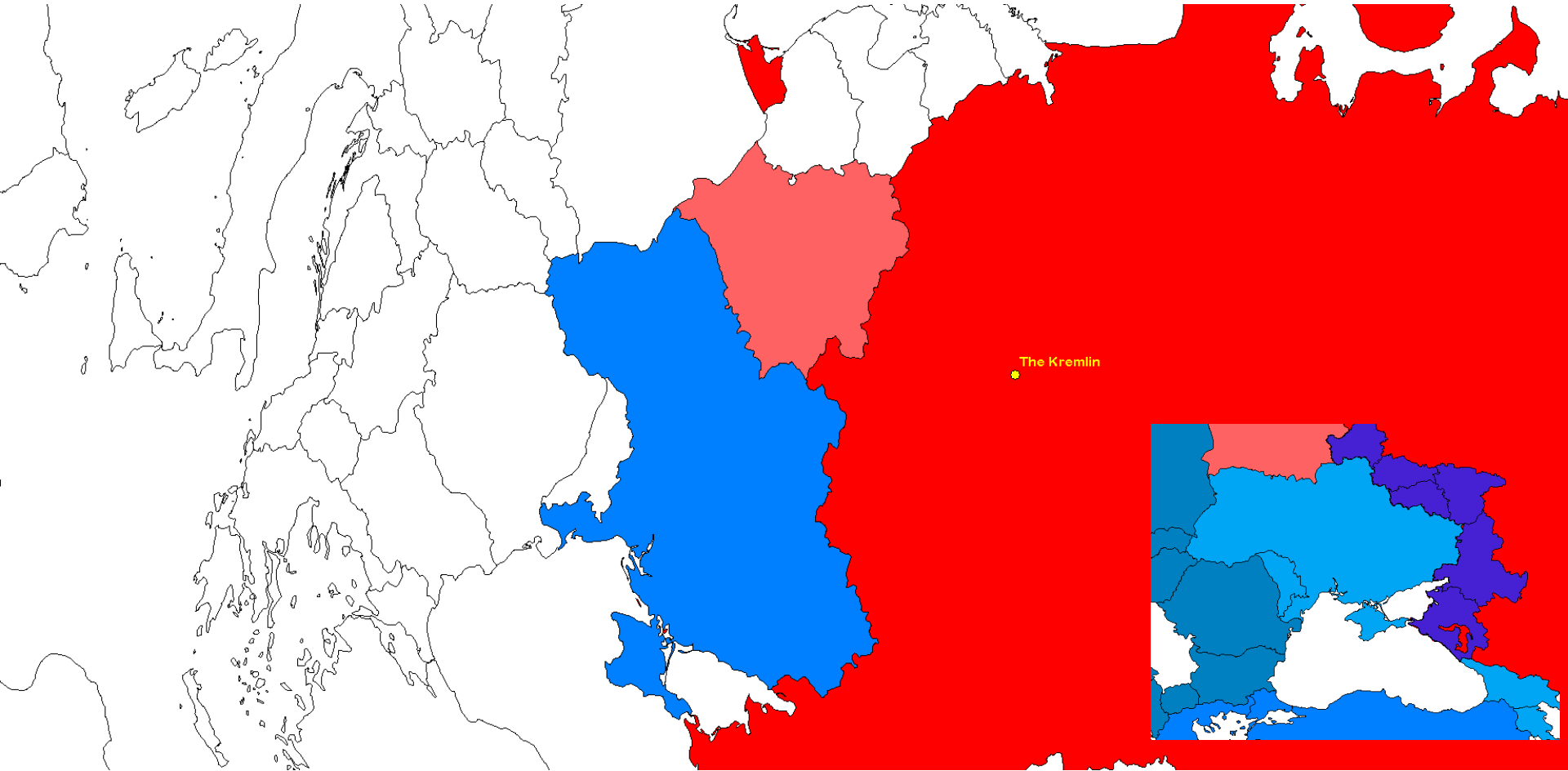
IN 2014, THERE ARE AT LEAST 7 NATIONALITIES AND LANGUAGES IN UKRAINE, THE VERNACULAR AND LANGUAGE OF GOVERNMENT BEING RUSSIAN.

HOWEVER, IN 2014 A WESTERN ORCHESTRATED COUP D'ÉTAT DESTROYS THE STATUS QUO TO THE BENEFIT OF THE WEST. BELARUS REMAINS FAITHFUL TO HER COMMITMENTS.



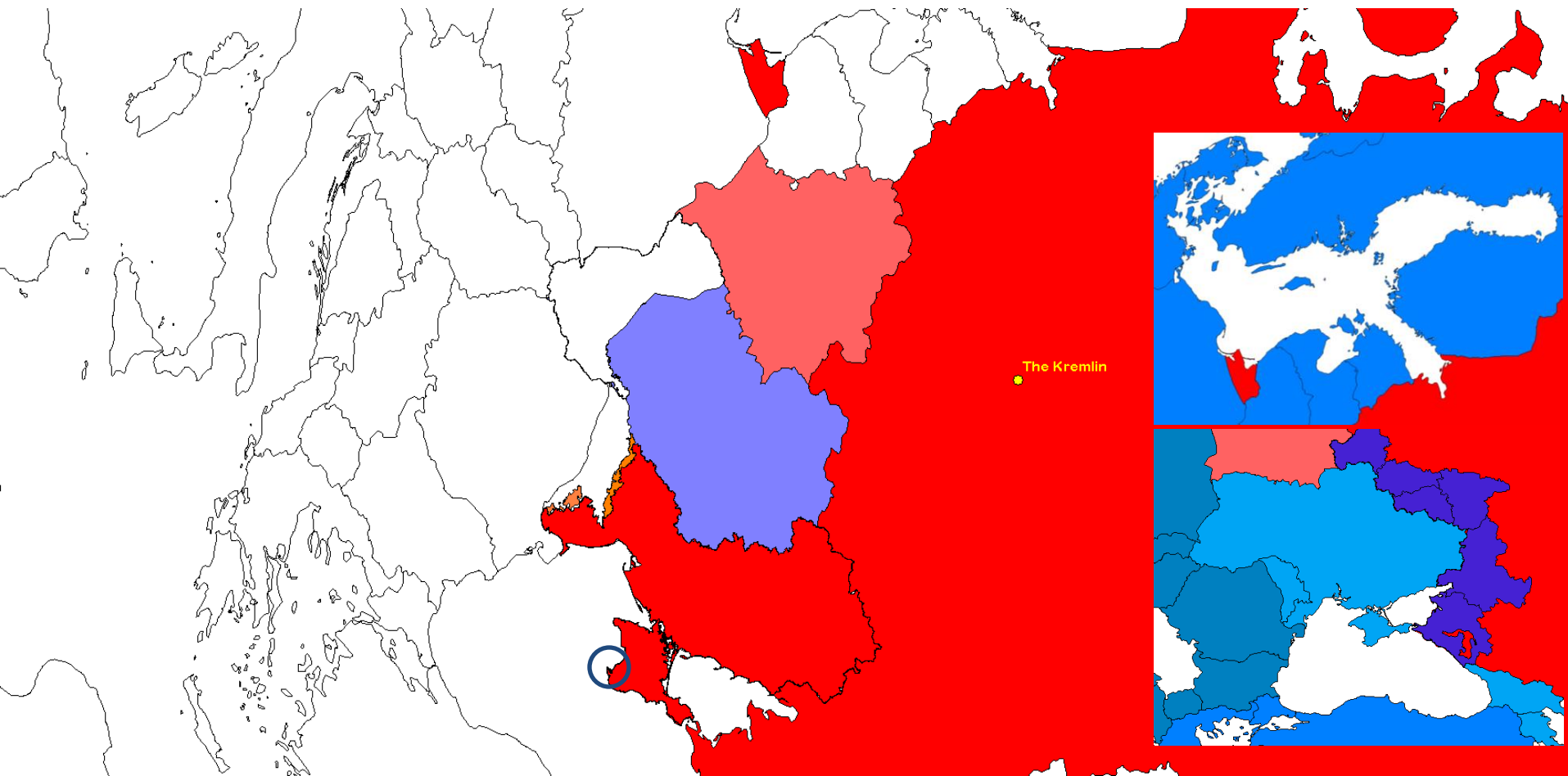
**THE NEW UKRAINE ALL BUT BANS LANGUAGES OTHER THAN THE UKRAINIAN IDIOM.
THE NEW UKRAINE ATTEMPTS TO EVICT THE RUSSIAN FLEET FROM SEBASTOPOL.
RUSSIA RESUMES SOVEREIGNTY OVER CRIMEA AND SEBASTOPOL.**

IT CAN BE ARGUED THAT THE CAESAREAN BIRTH OF UKRAINE AS A FORCIBLY UNIFIED NATION, ALBEIT ARTIFICIAL IN VIEW OF THE LINGUISTIC, CULTURAL, AND ETHNIC INCONSISTENCIES, DATES FROM BETWEEN THE 2004 ORANGE REVOLUTION AND THE 2014 WESTERN-BACKED COUP, RATHER THAN 1991.



**RUSSIA SEES THE COUP AS A WESTERN ANNEXATION OF THE REGION.
WAR STARTS IN 2014 WHEN THE EASTERN SECTIONS REBEL AGAINST THE OUSTER OF THE ELECTED
PRESIDENT, AND CULMINATES IN 2022 WITH THE RUSSIAN INVASION.
SEE IN INSERT UKRAINE'S 2024 SOVEREIGN CLAIMS OVER RUSSIAN REGIONS.**

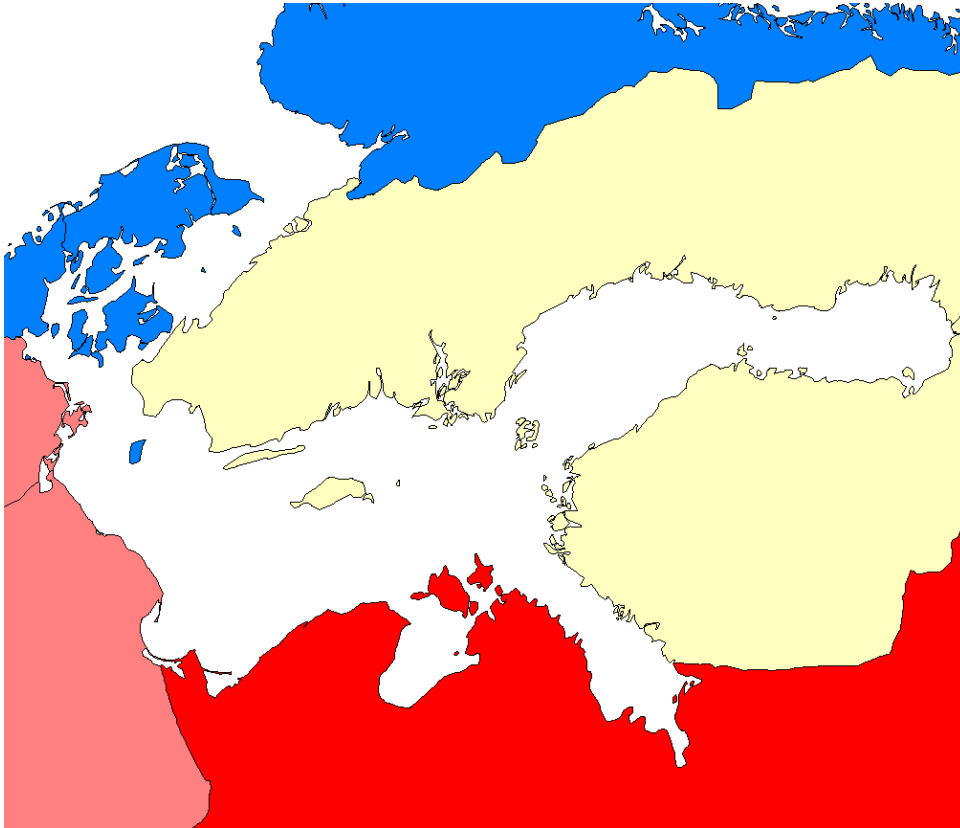
UKRAINE IF ALL AREAS ACQUIRED BY THE USSR IN 1945 WERE TO BE RETURNED TO ROMANIA, HUNGARY, SLOVAKIA, AND POLAND, AND ALL ETHNIC RUSSIAN REGIONS WERE TO BE ATTACHED TO RUSSIA. THE SUBSISTING AREA IS BUT 1/3 OF THE ORIGINAL. ACCESS TO THE BLACK SEA IS LOST.



IF ONLY A MODERN CIRCE HAD REMINDED THEM OF THE SONG OF THE SIRENS: A PERMANENT VISA TO ANYWHERE IN EUROPE FOR THE EXPATRIATION-PRONE POPULATIONS, IN EXCHANGE FOR THE EXPULSION OF THE RUSSIAN FLEET FROM SEBASTOPOL AND THE TRANSMUTATION OF THE BLACK SEA INTO *MARE NIGRUM ET NOSTRUM* (ALONGSIDE *MARE BALTICUM ET QUASI NOSTRUM*).

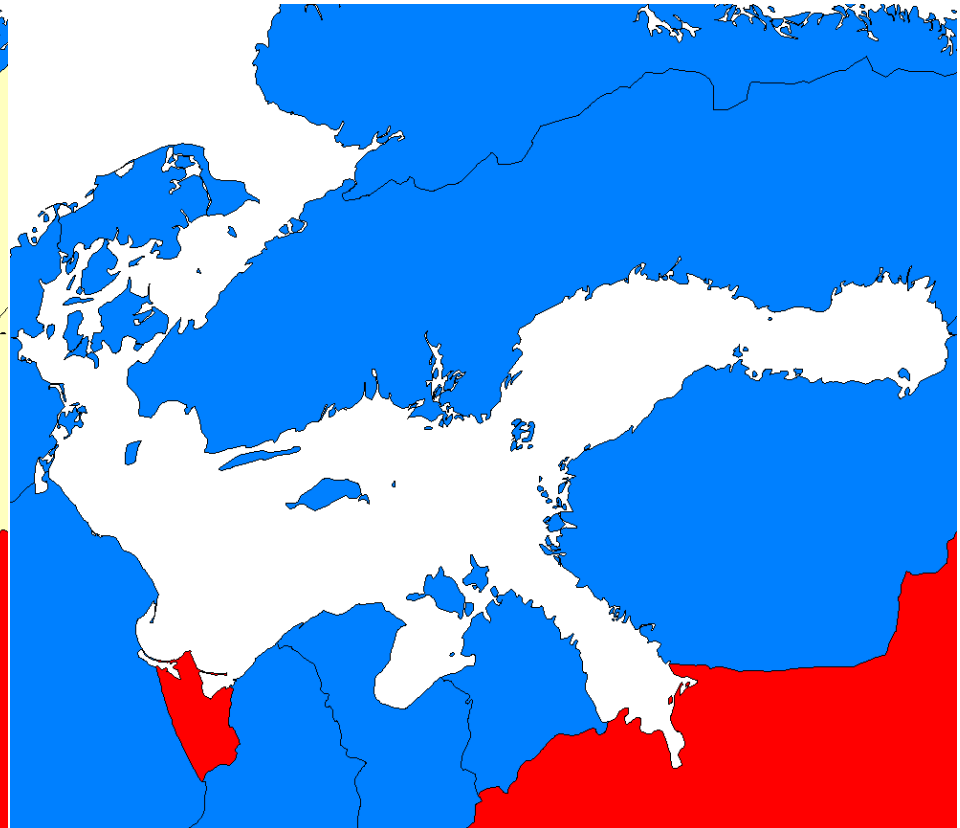
REGARDING ACCESS TO THE BALTIC SEA, THE QUITE ASSERTIVE BLUE EXPANSIONISM LEAVES THE RED PARTY WITHOUT MUCH ROOM TO WIGGLE, AND HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BRING ABOUT SERIOUS DISPUTES IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

BALTIC SEA 1990



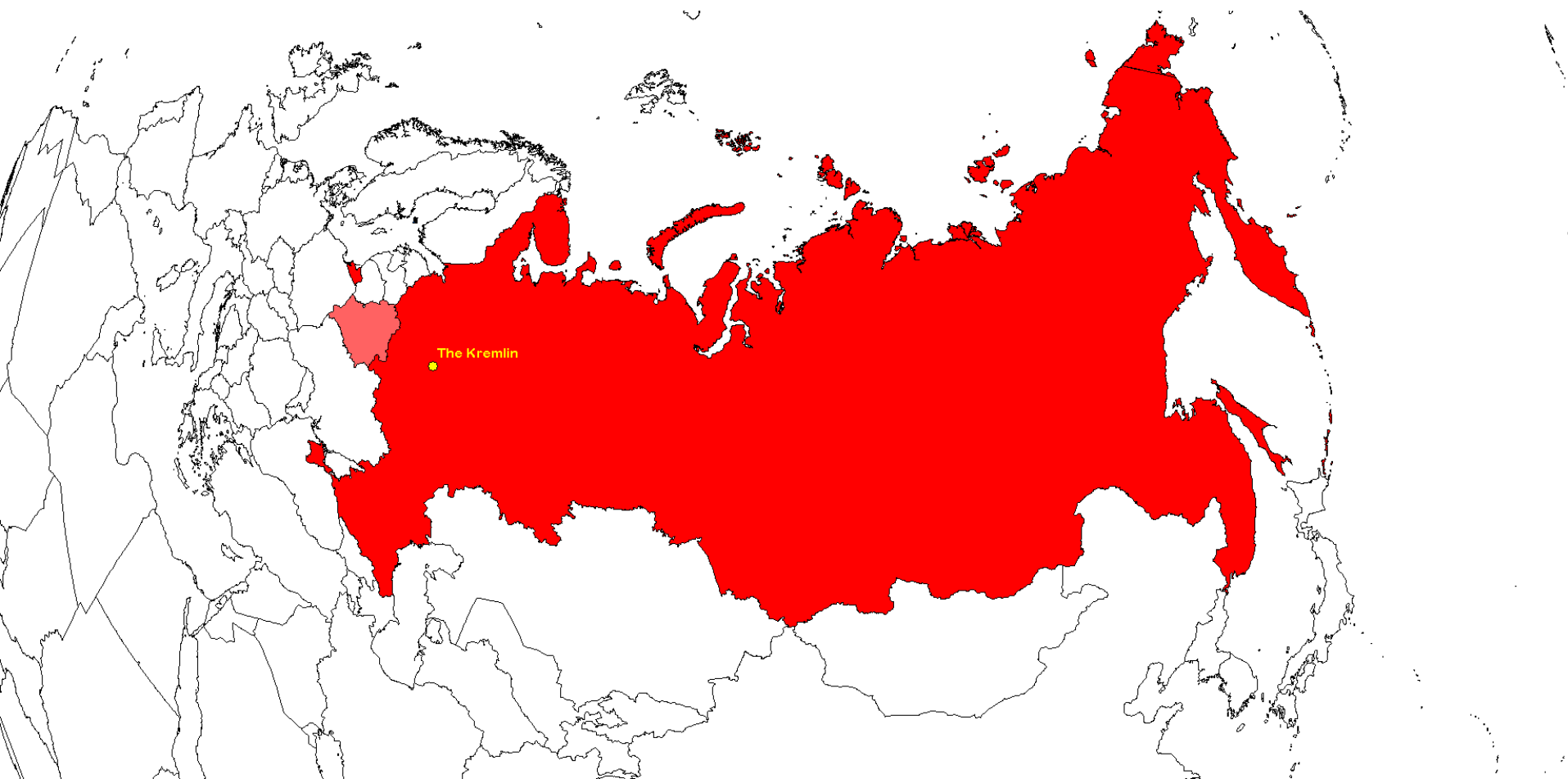
**RED AND PINK: USSR AND WARSAW PACT
YELLOW: NEUTRAL STATES
BLUE: NATO**

BALTIC SEA 2024



**RED: RUSSIA
BLUE: NATO**

RUSSIA WITH BELARUS



2014

RUSSIA PROPER



2014