

Ukraine enters uncharted new era after comedian wins presidency

Ukraine entered **uncharted** political waters on Monday after near final results showed a comedian with no political experience and few detailed policies had dramatically up-ended **the status quo** and won the country's presidential election by a **landslide**.

Ukraine 乌克兰

uncharted 未知的；图上未标明的

the status quo 现状

landslide 山崩；大胜利

The **emphatic** victory of Volodymyr Zelenskiy, 41, is a bitter blow for **incumbent** Petro Poroshenko who tried to rally **Ukrainians** around the flag by casting himself as a **bulwark** against Russia and a champion of Ukrainian identity.

emphatic 显著的；强调的

incumbent 现任的

Ukrainian 乌克兰人

bulwark 壁垒；保障

Zelenskiy, who plays **a fictitious** president in a popular TV series, is now **poised** to take over the leadership of a country on the frontline of the West's **standoff** with Russia.

fictitious 虚构的；假想的

poised 镇定的；静止的

standoff 和局；僵持

dismay 沮丧；惊慌

He has promised to end the war in the eastern Donbass region and to root out corruption amid widespread **dismay** over rising prices and sliding living standards.

But he has been **coy** about exactly how he plans to achieve all that and investors want **reassurances** that he will accelerate reforms needed to attract foreign investment and keep the country in an International Monetary Fund programme.

coy 腼腆的；怕羞的

reassurance 保证；安慰

"Since there is complete uncertainty about the economic policy of the person who will become president, we simply don't know what is going to happen and that worries the financial community," said Serhiy Fursa, an investment banker at Dragon Capital in **Kiev**.

Kiev 基辅