Ukraine in Turmoil

1. What is your past Model UN experience?

I have not participated in any of the Model UN in the United States. However when I lived in Taiwan I was on a debate team that visited other school or debate events, and the topic included polices and economic. Thus, I am looking forward to be a part of the Model UN this year.

1. What interests you about the Ukrainian crisis?

The actions that people have taken to protest their own belief and to support their opinions really interesting me. I have seen so many news and video clips about the rebellion and the violence actions of people and the military officials. I am curious to see whether these action would alter the decision of the government on letting people to decide if they want to be Russian or Ukrainian.

1. What are some of the major factors that influence Ukraine’s relationship with both the West and with Russia?

Ukraine has a very close relationship with the West. Ukraine has always interested to be a part of the NATO which provides Ukraine national security. However, I think the land and the natural resources that Ukraine has also interested the West and Russia. The coal, iron, natural gas, and fossil fuel are all profitable resources that would benefit the economics of both the West and Russia. Thus, I think the natural resources are the major factor that influence Ukraine’s relationship with both the West and with the Russia.

1. The annexation of Crimea—justifiable or a crime? Why? Be concise, be specific.

I think the annexation of Crimea is a crime for several reasons. First, I think even though the people in Crimea have their own right to choose whether they want to be Russian or Ukrainian but I think the Russian government might also take some actions to make the people vote for annexation, either bribery or rigging votes. Secondly, once Crimea is annex more and more people would start to think about becoming a part of Russia and causes more chaos in Ukraine like what happen now in Ukraine. Moreover, the Russian government had been reveals of providing ammunitions and weapons to the rebels and helping them to overthrow the Ukraine government. This shows Russian government ambition of annexing more land from the Ukraine. Thus, I think the annexation of Crimea is a crime.