

# Russian TV Softens Rhetoric on Ukraine

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Russian television news broadcasts have softened their rhetoric with reference to Ukraine in recent weeks, having shied away from referring to the Ukrainian authorities in Kiev as a "junta," according to Medialogia research company.

In fact, the term "junta" has not been mentioned in this context since Sept. 4.

Ekho Moskvy radio's deputy editor Vladimir Varfolomeyev posted a graph on Sunday, compiled by Medialogia, illustrating a drastic change in Ukraine rhetoric on the government-leaning television channels, some of which have faced accusations in the past of having disseminated propaganda.

Ukrainian central authorities in Kiev and pro-Russian insurgents signed a cease-fire agreement in Minsk on Sept. 4, with a view of ending the violence that has consumed eastern Ukraine for months. Russia and the OSCE acted as guarantors of the agreement.

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as a junta after former President Viktor Yanukovich fled the country in February, and the parliament assumed the control of the country.

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