



Conclusion

Analysts of Center for Economic Strategy (CES) have checked data and calculations, presented in feature article "Looking Putin in the eye: an insider's lessons from a major victory". The article was published on "Yuriy Vitrenko Library" website in July 2020. It is available by the link <https://www.vitrenkolibrary.com/en/longread/>.

During the audit, CES analysts performed the following:

- Requested and received from authors additional information on data sources and calculation methodology;
- Checked data and their sources;
- Checked calculations.

As a result, the following results were stated:

- The majority of data used for calculations are publicly available;
- Used public data are correct;
- Data sources are not stated in some cases;
- Calculations are correct;
- Conclusions based on data and calculations are logical and reasonable.

According to these conclusions, on Jan 18, 2021, authors were recommended the following:

- To correct Ukraine's population size (from 40 to 42 million people);
- To state sources for all data used;
- To publish a detailed calculation methodology.

Later, on February 1, 2021, CES checked the feature article again. All recommendations were taken into account, text and supporting data were corrected or amended according to those recommendations.

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