

Ukraine's lessons: Fighting disinformation and defending democracy**Debate ahead of the International Democracy Day****Moderator**

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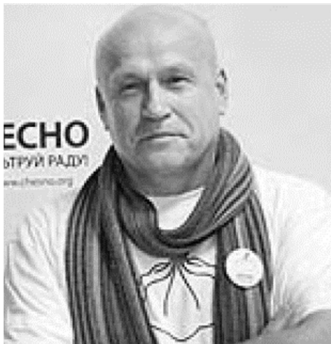
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