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n.

An administrative territorial division within Russia and other former Soviet republics, including Ukraine and Kyrgyzstan.

[Russian *oblast'*, from Old Church Slavonic *oblastĭ* : *ob*, on; see **epi** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *vlastĭ*, power; see **wal-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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