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Title: Protest in Putin's Russia
Author: Gabowitsch, Mischa, 1977-
Published: Cambridge, UK : Polity, 2017
Physical Description: xi, 332 pages : illustrations, 24 cm.
Notes: "First published in German as Putin kaputt!?, (c) Suhrkamp Verlag, 2013."
Notes: Bibliography: p. 297-318. Includes index.
Notes: The Russian protests, aroused by the 2011 Duma election, have been widely portrayed as a colourful but inconsequential middle-class rebellion, confined to Moscow and organised by an unpopular opposition. In this sweeping new account of the protests, the sociologist and historian Mischa Gabowitsch challenges these journalistic cliches. Discussing protests across Russia and abroad, he analyses the biggest wave of demonstrations since the end of the Soviet Union. He shows that explanatory frameworks referring to the rise of an anti-Putin middle-class or the struggle between the opposition and the regime stem from wishful thinking and media bias rather than from accurate empirical analysis. Drawing on numerous interviews, an original database of protest events, photos and slogans, as well as a wide range of data assembled by research teams in different parts of Russia, the author places the wave of mobilisation in the context of protest and social movements in Russia as a whole, particularly outside Moscow and St Petersburg.
Subject: PROTEST MOVEMENTS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
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Post-communist Russia is an instance of the phenomenon of authoritarian modernization project, which is perceived as a set of policies intended to achieve a high level of economic development, while political freedoms remain beyond the current modernization agenda or are postponed to a distant future. Why did Russia (unlike many countries of post-communist Europe) pursue authoritarian modernization after the Soviet collapse? What is the ideational agenda behind this project and why does it dominate Russia's post-communist political landscape? What are the mechanisms of political governance, which maintain this project and how have they adopted and absorbed various democratic institutions and practices? Why has this project brought such diverse results in various policy arenas, and why have the consequences of certain policies become so controversial? Why, despite so many controversies, shortcomings and flaws, has this project remained attractive in the eyes of a large proportion of the Russian elite and ordinary citizens? This volume intends to place some of these questions on the research agenda and propose several answers, encouraging further discussion about the logic and mechanisms of the authoritarian modernization project in post-communist Russia and its effects on Russia's politics, economy, and society.
After years of rapprochement, the relationship between Russia and the West is more strained now than it has been in the past 25 years. Putin's motives, his reasons for seeking confrontation with the West, remain for many a mystery. Not for Mikhail Gorbachev. He draws on his wealth of knowledge and experience to reveal the development of Putin's regime and the intentions behind it. He argues that Putin has significantly diminished the achievements of perestroika and is part of an over-centralized system that presents a precarious future for Russia. Faced with this, Gorbachev advocates a radical reform of politics and a new fostering of pluralism and social democracy. Gorbachev's insightful analysis moves beyond internal politics to address wider problems in the region, including the Ukraine conflict, as well as the global challenges of poverty and climate change. Above all else, he insists that solutions are to be found by returning to the atmosphere of dialogue and cooperation which was so instrumental in ending the Cold War. This book represents the summation of Gorbachev's thinking on the course that Russia has taken since 1991 and stands as a testament to one of the greatest and most influential statesmen of the twentieth century.

Subject: GORBACHEV, MIKHAIL SERGEEVICH, 1931-
Subject: PRESIDENTS--USSR--BIOGRAPHY
Subject: USSR--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
ISBN: 9781509503872
Call Number: 92 GORB/00002
Item ID: 80026221
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection

Title: Que veut Poutine ?
Author: Jouanny, Jean-Robert
Published: Paris : Seuil, 2016
Physical Description: 171 pages ; 21 cm.
Notes: Bibliography: p. 163-170.
Notes: La politique etrangere de Vladimir Poutine est interpretee a tort comme celle d'un pouvoir sur de lui-meme. En realite, elle ne fait que refleter les fragilites de la Russie depuis l'effondrement de l'Union sovietique. C'est la these de cet essai : bien que conscient de ses faiblesses, le pays ne parvient pas a depasser les complexes qui le hantent. Sur la scene internationale, Vladimir Poutine a certes rendu la Russie incontournable. Secretement, sa force et son insolence seduisent. Mais que cherche-il au juste ? Restaurer l'empire dechu ? Disputer aux autres civilisations le controle du monde ? Quelles sont les vulnerabilites qu'il essaie de masquer ? Comment dechiffrer l'ideologie et les principes directeurs de sa politique etrangere ? Les reponses a ses questions permettent a l'auteur de donner un nouvel eclairage au positionnement de Moscou sur les grands dossiers d'aujourd'hui : la bataille pour l'etranger proche', la rivalite avec le monde occidental ou encore la lutte d'influence dans l'etranger lointain'. Une synthese indispensable pour comprendre les ressorts de la politique etrangere russe contemporaine.

Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: PUTIN, VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH, 1952-
ISBN: 9782021286663
Call Number: 327 /01797
Item ID: 80026302
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection
Title: Winter is Coming : Why Vladimir Putin and the Enemies of the Free World Must Be Stopped
Author: Kasparov, Garri Kimovich
Additional Author: Greengard, Mig
Published: New York : PublicAffairs, 2015
Physical Description: xxvii, 291 pages ; 25 cm.
Notes: The ascension of Putin to the presidency of Russia in 1999 was a strong signal that the country was headed away from democracy. Now, with his vast resources and nuclear arsenal, Putin is at the center of a worldwide assault on political liberty and the modern world order. The author shows that the collapse of the Soviet Union was not an endpoint, and reveals Putin as an existential danger hiding in plain sight.
Notes: Includes index.
Subject: PUTIN, VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH, 1952-
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
ISBN: 9781610396202
Call Number: 327 /01800
Item ID: 80026327
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection

Title: The Invention of Russia : From Gorbachev's Freedom to Putin's War
Author: Ostrovsky, Arkady, 1971-
Published: New York : Viking, 2015
Physical Description: 374 pages ; 24 cm.
Notes: The end of communism and breakup of the Soviet Union was a time of euphoria around the world, but Russia today is violently anti-American and dangerously nationalistic. So how did we go from the promise of those heady days to the autocratic police state of Putin's new Russia? This book reaches back to the darkest days of the Cold War to tell the story of the fight for the soul of a nation. The author introduces us to the propagandists, oligarchs and fixers who have set Russia's course since the collapse of the Soviet Union, inventing a new and more ominous identity for a country where ideas are all too often wielded like a cudgel.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: POST-COMMUNISM--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: NATIONALISM--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--SOCIAL CONDITIONS
ISBN: 9780399564161
Call Number: 323 /01499
Item ID: 80026340
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection
Alexander Yakovlev: The Man Whose Ideas Delivered Russia from Communism

Title: Alexander Yakovlev: The Man Whose Ideas Delivered Russia from Communism
Author: Pipes, Richard
Published: DeKalb, IL : NIU Press, 2015
Physical Description: x, 151 pages : illustrations ; 23 cm.
Notes: Bibliography: p. 143-144. Includes index.
Notes: A significant political figure in twentieth-century Russia, Alexander Yakovlev was the intellectual force behind the processes of perestroika (reconstruction) and glasnost (openness) that liberated the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe from Communist rule between 1989 and 1991. Yet, until now, not a single full-scale biography has been devoted to him. The main reason for this deliberate oblivion is that the communists regard Yakovlev as their bête noire, while the reformers prefer to give credit to Mikhail Gorbachev. The author seeks to rectify this lacuna and give Yakovlev his historical due. Yakovlev’s life provides a unique instance of a leading figure in the Soviet government who evolved from a dedicated Communist and Stalinist into an equally ardent foe of everything the Leninist-Stalinist regime stood for. He quit government service in 1991 and lived until 2005, becoming toward the end of his life a classical Western liberal who shared none of the traditional Russian values. This illuminating study consists of two parts: a biography of Yakovlev and the author’s translation of two important articles by Yakovlev.
Subject: YAKOVLEV, ALEKSANDR NIKOLAEVICH, 1923-2005
Subject: STATESMEN--USSR--BIOGRAPHY
Subject: USSR--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
ISBN: 9780875804941
Call Number: 92 YAKO/00001
Item ID: 80026111
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection

Dans la tete de Vladimir Poutine : essai

Title: Dans la tete de Vladimir Poutine : essai
Author: Eltchaninoff, Michel
Published: Arles : Actes Sud-Solin, 2015
Physical Description: 171 pages ; 20 cm.
Notes: C’est presque passe inapercu. Janvier 2014, en Russie, les hauts fonctionnaires, les gouverneurs des regions, les cadres du parti Russie unie recoivent un singulier cadeau de Nouvel An de la part de l’administration presidentielle : des ouvrages de philosophie ! Des oeuvres de penseurs russes du XIXe et du XXe siecle. Si Gogol revenait, il decrirait ces imposants personnages, habitues aux restaurants chics et aux belles voitures, en train de peiner sur la lecture de pages emplies de speculations sibyllines. Car il faut s’y mettre, et passer des soirees a s’arracher les cheveux. Le president lui-meme a recemment cite ces auteurs dans des discours decisifs, et il faut essayer de comprendre ce qu’il a voulu dire. Les plus perseverants trouvent d’ailleurs dans ces livres des formules qui resonnent etrangement, et sentent comme une concordance des temps : le role du guide de la nation dans une democratie authentique, l’importance d’etre conservateur, le souci d’ancrer la morale dans la religion, la mission historique du peuple russe face a l’hostilite millenaire de l’Occident. Dans cet essai, l’auteur tente de repondre a la question que chacun se pose depuis l’annexion de la Crimee, magnifiee en Russie comme un acte fondateur : qu’est-ce que Poutine a dans la tete en ce debut de siecle imprevisible ?
Subject: PUTIN, VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH, 1952-
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
ISBN: 9782330039721
Call Number: 321 /00919
Item ID: 80025702
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection
Title: Ruling Russia : Authoritarianism from the Revolution to Putin
Author: Zimmerman, William, 1936-
Physical Description: viii, 329 pages ; 24 cm.
Notes: Bibliography: p. 311-321. Includes index.
Notes: When the Soviet Union collapsed, many hoped that Russia’s centuries-long history of autocratic rule might finally end. Yet today’s Russia appears to be retreating from democracy, not progressing toward it. This is the only book of its kind to trace the history of modern Russian politics from the Bolshevik Revolution to the presidency of Vladimir Putin. It examines the complex evolution of communist and post-Soviet leadership in light of the latest research in political science, explaining why the democratization of Russia has all but failed. The author argues that in the 1930s the USSR was totalitarian but gradually evolved into a normal authoritarian system, while the post-Soviet Russian Federation evolved from a competitive authoritarian to a normal authoritarian system in the first decade of the twenty-first century. He traces how the selectorate - those empowered to choose the decision makers - has changed across different regimes since the end of tsarist rule. The selectorate was limited in the period after the revolution, and contracted still further during Joseph Stalin’s dictatorship, only to expand somewhat after his death. The author also assesses Russia’s political prospects in future elections. He predicts that while a return to totalitarianism in the coming decade is unlikely, so too is democracy. Rich in historical detail, this is the first book to cover the entire period of the regime changes from the Bolsheviks to Putin, and is essential reading for anyone seeking to understand why Russia still struggles to implement lasting democratic reforms.
Subject: AUTHORITARIANISM--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: DEMOCRATIZATION--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: AUTHORITARIANISM--USSR
ISBN: 9780691161488
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Item ID: 80025499
Media: Book
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Title: Poutine
Author: Pons, Frederic, 1954-
Published: Paris : Calmann-Levy, 2014
Physical Description: 363 pages ; 23 cm.
Notes: Bibliography: p. 359-363.
Subject: PUTIN, VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH, 1952—BIOGRAPHY
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)—POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)—FOREIGN RELATIONS
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Call Number: 92 PUTI/00002
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Media: Book
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The Russian state presents a mystery to outside observers. Although Russia was the site of some of the last century's most radical upheavals, and although Russian governments are usually characterized by autocracy, corruption, and political decay, the central government has retained a remarkable hold on the vast country. Does its historical progress represent change, or continuity? How has the political culture molded the expectations and behavior of the Russian people over time? What features of the Russian state are the key to understanding it? The book provides a succinct account of Russia's 'strong state' model by reviewing the external and internal contexts in each major period and tracing its evolution over time. Every era saw the emergence and growth of a strong state as well as a subsequent decline, but in each the contexts combined in unique ways to produce very different political outcomes. The author argues that while the western perspective on Russia is limited, there is an alternative way of thinking about the nation and its problems. Despite focusing on the contemporary Russian state, the book situates it in a broader historical continuity and explains that the roots of its development can be found in the tsar's autocratic system. Russia's strong state has evolved and survived throughout centuries, and that alone suggests its historical vitality and possible future revival. From this perspective, the central scholarly question is not whether Russia will recreate a strong state, but rather what kind of a strong state it will be, and under which circumstances it will likely function.

Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: USSR--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: AUTHORITARIANISM--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: DESPOTISM--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
ISBN: 9780199336203
Call Number: 321 /00923
Item ID: 80025758
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection
Title: Le passe de la Russie est imprévisible : journal de bord d'un enfant du degel
Author: Gratchev, Andrei Serafimovitch 1941-
Published: Paris : Alma Editeur, 2014
Physical Description: 518 pages ; 22 cm.
Series: Essai Histoire
Notes: Andrei Gratchev est un 'enfant du degel', l'un de ces Russes nés sous Staline mais dont la jeunesse se déroule alors que Khrouchtchev relâche la pression. Il évoque avec finesse ces années 1960, quand le rêve de modernisation bouillonnait sous la chape de la Guerre froide. Mais l'espoir d'offrir un contrepoids socialiste à la toute-puissance du capitalisme s'envole bientôt. Voici le temps de Brejnev, l'immobilisme des vieillards, la sclérose totale du Parti ... Tout ce à quoi Mikhail Gorbatchev et ses proches opposeront leurs grandes espérances. Ce sera la Perestroïka. Avec des scènes dignes d'un roman, Andrei Gratchev s'impose à la fois comme témoin et lucide analyste de ce deuxième degel. Son enquête se poursuit jusqu'aux crises d'aujourd'hui : comment penser le monde après la disparition des deux blocs ? Quelle alternative - respectueuse de l'homme et de la planète - offrir au capitalisme sauvage dont s'accommodent si parfaitement les régimes autoritaires postcommunistes et/ou nationalistes ? Sous ce récit vif, d'un humour subtil, couve la flamme jamais extingüée d'un grand idéal et d'un enthousiasme qu'aucun revers et aucune déception ne peuvent étouffer. Face à un monde qui se glace à nouveau, Andrei Gratchev appelle de ses voeux un troisième degel.
Subject: USSR--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: USSR--HISTORY
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
ISBN: 9782362791277
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Title: Moscow in Movement : Power and Opposition in Putin's Russia
Author: Greene, Samuel A.
Published: Stanford, CA : Stanford University Press, 2014
Physical Description: xii, 276 pages ; 24 cm.
Notes: Bibliography: p. 239-261. Includes index.
Notes: This book explains the fraught relationship between the governed and governing in Putin's Russia - with special reference to the dramatic election protests of 2011-2012 and their aftermath.
Subject: CIVIL SOCIETY--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: POLITICAL PARTICIPATION--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: SOCIAL MOVEMENTS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
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ISBN: 9780804790789
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Mr. Putin: Operative in the Kremlin

Author: Hill, Fiona, 1965-
Additional Author: Gaddy, Clifford G.

Physical Description: xiii, 390 p.; 23 cm.
Notes: Bibliography: p. 363-377. Includes index. 'Who is Vladimir Putin? Observers have described him as a 'man from nowhere' - someone without a face, substance, or soul. The authors argue that Putin is in fact a man of many and complex identities. Drawing on a range of sources, including their own personal encounters, they describe six that are most essential: the Statist, the History Man, the Survivor, the Outsider, the Free Marketeer, and the Case Officer. Understanding Putin's multiple dimensions is crucial for policymakers trying to decide how best to deal with Russia. The authors trace the identities back to formative experiences in Putin's past, including his early life in Soviet Leningrad, his KGB training and responsibilities, his years as deputy mayor in the crime and corruption-ridden city of St. Petersburg, his first role in Moscow as the 'operative' brought in from the outside by liberal reformers in the Kremlin to help control Russia's oligarchs, and his time at the helm of a resurgent Russian state. The authors then examine the nature of the political system Putin has built, explaining it as a logical result of these six identities. Vladimir Putin has his own idealized view of himself as CEO of 'Russia, Inc.' But rather than leading a transparent public corporation, he runs a closed boardroom, not answerable to its stakeholders. Now that his corporation seems to be in crisis, with political protests marking Mr. Putin's return to the presidency in 2012, will the CEO be held accountable for its failings?'

Subject: PUTIN, VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH, 1952-
Subject: PRESIDENTS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
ISBN: 9780815723769
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Media: Book
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Fragile Empire: How Russia Fell In and Out of Love with Vladimir Putin

Author: Judah, Ben
Published: New Haven, CT : Yale University Press, 2013

Physical Description: ix, 379 pages : illustrations ; 24 cm.
Notes: Bibliography: p. 351-355. Includes index. 'Vladimir Putin sees his regime as a triumph - one that has turned a bankrupt state into an energy superpower, built a new middle class out of post-Soviet wreckage, and defeated NATO expansion, while Russian incomes boomed more than 140 per cent. However, in this riveting new analysis, the author argues that Russia's leader is not the strongman he appears. Putin may be victorious as a politician, but he has utterly failed to build a modern state. Once loved for its forcefulness and the spreading of new consumer lifestyles, Putin's regime is now increasingly loathed for incompetence and corruption. Rather than modernizing Russia's institutions, Putin has enthroned a predatory bureaucracy, leaving the regions a patchwork of fragmented and feudalized entities - some ruthlessly technocratic, others almost lawless. Written with rare access to the oligarchs and officials who made the Putin era and the new opposition who are trying to destroy it, this book is a journey through a frenzied Moscow and beyond. The author takes the reader through a scarred nation - from the battlefields of the Caucasus and the tank factories of the Urals to the impoverished farmers toiling for Chinese settlers in the cold fields of the Far East. This book asks if Putin can still control a new middle class that is dreaming of Europe, if he can win over the first post-Soviet generation, and whether his Kremlin can still hold onto a Siberia overshadowed by China. This is a razor-sharp diagnosis of what has gone wrong in post-modern Russia.'

Subject: PUTIN, VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH, 1952-
Subject: PRESIDENTS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
ISBN: 9780300181210
Call Number: 323 /01363
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Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection
Putin's 'Preventive Counter-Revolution': Post-Soviet Authoritarianism and the Spectre of Velvet Revolution

Author: Horvath, Robert
Published: Abingdon, UK: Routledge, 2013
Physical Description: xix, 266 p.; 24 cm.
In: BASEES/Routledge Series on Russian and East European Studies; 82
Notes: Bibliography: p. 257-259. Includes index. 'This book examines the 'preventive counter-revolution', a programme of reforms and repression that transformed the face of Russian politics during Vladimir Putin's second term as president. Kremlin propagandists hailed this programme as a defence of national sovereignty against Western attempts to foment a 'velvet revolution' in Russia. But this book shows that the Putin regime was reacting to a real domestic threat: opposition leaders and youth activists who had begun to employ 'velvet' revolutionary methods in a campaign to harness popular grievances and to challenge Putin in the streets and at the ballot box. It traces the formulation and implementation of the regime's two-track response, which was based on a careful analysis of the lessons of the recent 'velvet' (or 'coloured') revolutions in Georgia and Ukraine. The first track was repressive: the imposition of controls on NGOs and restrictions on electoral competition, and a crackdown on opposition demonstrations. The second was the mobilisation of supporters in 'patriotic' youth organisations that employed both gang violence and 'velvet' revolutionary techniques. Drawing on a wide range of Russian-language sources, including opposition activists' blogs, this book charts the end of Russia's experiment with liberal democracy and the emergence of a new type of authoritarian order.'
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: UKRAINE--HISTORY--ORANGE REVOLUTION, 2004
ISBN: 9780415694216
Call Number: 323 /01313
Item ID: 80024646
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection

The Man Without a Face: The Unlikely Rise of Vladimir Putin

Author: Gessen, Masha
Published: New York: Riverhead Books, 2012
Physical Description: 314 p.; 24 cm.
Notes: Includes index. 'This is the chilling account of how a low-level, small-minded KGB operative ascended to the Russian presidency and, in an astonishingly short time, destroyed years of progress and made his country once more a threat to her own people and to the world. Handpicked by the 'family' surrounding an ailing and increasingly unpopular Boris Yeltsin, Vladimir Putin seemed like a perfect choice for the oligarchy to shape according to its own designs. Suddenly the boy who had stood in the shadows was a public figure, and his popularity soared. Russia and an infatuated West were determined to see the progressive leader of their dreams, even as he seized control of media, sent political rivals and critics into exile or to the grave, and smashed the country's fragile electoral system, concentrating power in the hands of his cronies. As a journalist living in Moscow, Masha Gessen experienced this history firsthand, and she has drawn on sources no other writer has tapped.'
Subject: PUTIN, VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH, 1952-
Subject: PRESIDENTS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
ISBN: 9781594488429
Call Number: 323 /01301
Item ID: 80024496
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection
Title: The Crisis of Russian Democracy: The Dual State, Factionalism, and the Medvedev Succession
Author: Sakwa, Richard
Published: Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2011
Physical Description: xviii, 398 p.; 23 cm.
Notes: Bibliography: p. 366-384. Includes index. 'The view that Russia has taken a decisive shift towards authoritarianism may be premature, but there is no doubt that its democracy is in crisis. In this original analysis of the fundamental processes shaping contemporary Russian politics, the author applies a new model based on the concept of Russia as a dual state. Russia's constitutional state is challenged by an administrative regime that subverts the rule of law and genuine electoral competitiveness. This has created a situation of permanent stalemate: the country is unable to move towards genuine pluralist democracy but, equally, its shift towards full-scale authoritarianism is inhibited. The author argues that the dual state could be transcended either by strengthening the democratic state or by the consolidation of the arbitrary power of the administrative system. The future of the country remains open.'
Subject: DEMOCRACY--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
ISBN: 9780521145220
Call Number: 321 /00831
Item ID: 80023918
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection

Title: Post-Imperium: A Eurasian Story
Author: Trenin, Dmitri
Physical Description: xiv, 279 p. : ill.; 24 cm.
Notes: 'The war in Georgia. Tensions with Ukraine and other nearby countries. Moscow's bid to consolidate its 'zone of privileged interests' among the Commonwealth of Independent States. This volatile situations all raise questions about the nature and prospects for Russia's relations with its neighbors. The author argues here that Moscow needs to drop the notion of creating an exclusive power center out of the post-Soviet space. Like other former European empires, Russia will need to reinvent itself as a global player and as part of a wider community. The author's vision of Russia is an open Euro-Pacific country that is savvy in its use of soft power and fully reconciled with its former borderlands and dependents. He acknowledges that this scenario may sound too optimistic but warns that the alternative is not a new version of the historic empire but instead is the ultimate marginalization of Russia.'
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Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
ISBN: 9780870032486
Call Number: 327 /01582
Item ID: 80024355
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection

Title: Russia in 2020: Scenarios for the Future
Additional Author: Lipman, Maria, ed.
Additional Author: Petrov, Nikolay, ed.
Physical Description: xiv, 685 p. : ill.; 24 cm
Notes: Includes index.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FORECASTING
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT--FORECASTING
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS--FORECASTING
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ECONOMIC POLICY--FORECASTING
ISBN: 9780870032646
Call Number: 321 /00847
Item ID: 80024319
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection
Title: The Return : Russia's Journey from Gorbachev to Medvedev  
Author: Treisman, Daniel  
Published: New York : Free Press, 2011  
Physical Description: xi, 523 p. : ill.; 24 cm.  
Notes: Includes index. 'Drawing on two decades of research, interviews, and insider observation, this book provides the first comprehensive history of postcommunist Russia. From Gorbachev to Yeltsin, Putin, and Medvedev, it traces the twists and turns of the country's evolution, uncovering the causes behind Russia's plunge into depression in the 1990s and the resurgence since 2000. The book provides insight into the prospects for democracy in Russia, the challenges and opportunities of doing business there, the wars in Chechnya, and the motives behind Moscow's foreign policy.'  
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT  
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ECONOMIC POLICY  
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS  
ISBN: 9781416560715  
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Title: Change or Decay : Russia's Dilemma and the West's Response  
Author: Shevtsova, Lilia Fedorovna  
Additional Author: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (US)  
Additional Author: Wood, Andrew, 1940-  
Physical Description: 259 p.; 24 cm.  
Notes: Includes index. 'The world is still coping with the consequences of the collapse of the Soviet Union. Two decades later, the West has yet to adjust to the post-Soviet reality and Russia has not settled on its relationship with the rest of the world. Two of the most respected scholars on Russia analyze here how relations are shifting between Russia and the world. In a series of lively and candid conversations, they discuss how the Russia of Putin and Medveded emerged from the ashes of the Soviet Union and the trajectory of Russia's relations with the West.'  
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS  
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT  
ISBN: 9780870033469  
Call Number: 327 /01578  
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2010

Title: The Territories of the Russian Federation : 2010  
Published: London : Routledge, 2010  
Physical Description: x, 329 p. : ill.; 24 cm.  
Notes: Bibliography: p. 319-322. Includes index. 'This book offers a distinctive collection of political and economic information on the Russian Federation and its 83 constituent units. It represents an invaluable resource for anyone studying Russia or doing business there. This 11th edition provides an overview of the often-neglected regional dimension of the politics and economy of this vast country. Background historical, political, economic and statistical information is provided for the country as a whole, followed by an individual chapter on each of the constituent federal units. The volume also includes a contextualizing map of each region.'  
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT  
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ECONOMIC CONDITIONS  
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--HISTORY  
ISBN: 9781857435559  
Call Number: 321 /00035 REF  
Item ID: 80023150  
Media: Book  
Collection Type: Reference Collection
Title: Contemporary Russia
Author: Bacon, Edwin
Published: Houndmills, UK : Palgrave MacMillan, 2010
Physical Description: xii, 239 p. : ill.; 23 cm.
Edition: 2nd ed.
In: Contemporary States and Societies
Notes: Bibliography: p. 227-233. Includes index. 'This book provides a readable and accessible introduction to Russia's politics, economics, and society especially of the Putin legacy and Medvedev's presidency. Present developments are set in the historical context of the events and trends of Russia's first post-Soviet decade and of the country's changing place in the world.'
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ECONOMIC CONDITIONS
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--SOCIAL CONDITIONS
ISBN: 9780230223707
Call Number: 321 /00806
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Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection

Title: Le nouveau nationalisme russe : des reperes pour comprendre
Author: Laruelle, Marlene
Published: Paris : Editions de l'Oeuvre, 2010
Physical Description: 373 p.; 21 cm.
Notes: Bibliography: p. 315-363. Includes index. 'La recente montee en puissance de Moscou prend au depourvu les pays occidentaux, qui ont du mal a decrypter les tenants et les aboutissants de cette manifestation de force, percue comme agressive. A l'heure ou les medias europeens depeignent la Russie comme un pays en prise avec ses vieux demons imperialistes, il convient de revenir sur la question du nationalisme. Cet ouvrage offre une grille de lecture qui rompt avec les cliches de la guerre froide. La 'Russie de Poutine' n'est pas une URSS bis, c'est une construction politique inedite. Ni le clivage gauche-droite, ni la dichotomie dictature-democratie ne sont operants pour traduire les tensions qui structurent la nouvelle puissance russe, a la fois populaire, democratique et autoritaire. L'auteur dresse pour la premiere fois le portrait politique d'une societe qui trouve dans le nationalisme une forme de retour a la normalite. Elle demontre que ce nationalisme n'est pas uniquement aux mains de mouvements d'extreme droite ou d'opposition au pouvoir, mais fait egalema partie integrante des strategies du Kremlin pour recreer de l'unite sociale apres le traumatisme des epoques gorbachevienne et eltsinienne.'
Subject: NATIONALISM--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
ISBN: 9782356310569
Call Number: 323 /01209
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Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection

**Notes:**

Bibliography: p. 315-318. Includes index. '1991 : liquidant de son propre chef l'Empire soviétique et le système communiste, Boris Eltsine croit avoir payé le prix de la modernité et attend que l'Europe l'accueille a bras ouverts. Vingt ans plus tard, que reste-t-il de cette illusion ? L'auteur montre ici la somme des malentendus, soupçons, épreuves de force, occasions manquées entre le pouvoir russe - auquel Poutine a rendu puissance extérieure et fierté intérieure - et les Occidentaux. Sa grande originalité est de ne pas se contenter de nous présenter la Russie 'entre deux mondes', mais aussi 'le monde vu de Russie'. Une Russie confrontée a des problèmes immenses - démographie en chute, corruption galopante, terrorisme ... - qui mise sur sa force extérieure. Mais elle rencontre partout la puissance américaine, acharnée à l'écarter du 'grand jeu' énergétique et a la remplacer dans sa 'zone d'interêts'. Quelle vision sous-tend aujourd'hui la stratégie russe ? Asiatiqpe ? Democratique et européenne ? Ou passerelle entre les deux mondes ?'

**Subject:** RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

**Subject:** RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS

**ISBN:** 9782213651477

**Call Number:** 321 /00820

**Item ID:** 80023500

**Media:** Book

**Collection Type:** General Collection

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**2009**

**Title:** Eastern Europe, Russia and Central Asia : 2010

**Published:** Abingdon, UK : Routledge, 2009

**Physical Description:** xiii, 790 p. : ill.; 29 cm.

**Edition:** 10th ed.

**Notes:** 'This edition is an up-to-date survey of the countries and territories that make up the region.'

**Subject:** EUROPE, EASTERN--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

**Subject:** EUROPE, EASTERN--ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

**Subject:** EUROPE, EASTERN--SOCIAL CONDITIONS

**Subject:** RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

**Subject:** RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

**Subject:** RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--SOCIAL CONDITIONS

**Subject:** ASIA, CENTRAL--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

**Subject:** ASIA, CENTRAL--ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

**Subject:** ASIA, CENTRAL--SOCIAL CONDITIONS

**ISBN:** 9781857435313

**Call Number:** 321 /00035 REF

**Item ID:** 80023137

**Media:** Book

**Collection Type:** Reference Collection
Title: Authoritarian Backlash: Russian Resistance to Democratization in the Former Soviet Union
Author: Ambrosio, Thomas, 1971-
Published: Farnham, UK: Ashgate, 2009
Physical Description: xiii, 240 p.; 24 cm.
In: Post-Soviet Politics
Notes: Bibliography: p. 221-231. Includes index. 'The author examines five strategies that an increasingly authoritarian Russia has adopted to preserve the Kremlin's political power: insulate, bolster, subvert, redefine, and coordinate. Each strategy seeks to counter or undermine regional democratic trends both at home and throughout the former Soviet Union. Policies such as these are of great concern to the growing literature on how autocratic regimes are becoming more active in their resistance to democracy. Through detailed case studies of each strategy, this book makes significant contributions to our understanding of Russian domestic and foreign policies, democratization theory, and the policy challenges associated with democracy promotion.'
Subject: AUTHORITARIANISM--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: DEMOCRATIZATION--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: DEMOCRATIZATION--EUROPE, EASTERN
ISBN: 9780754673507
Call Number: 321 /00794
Item ID: 80022976
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection

Title: The Russia Balance Sheet
Author: Aslund, Anders, 1952-
Additional Author: Peterson Institute for International Economics (US)
Additional Author: Kuchins, Andrew
Institution: Center for Strategic and International Studies (US)
Published: Washington: Peterson Institute for International Economics, 2009
Physical Description: ix, 207 p.: ill.; 23 cm.
Notes: Bibliography: p. 171-173. Includes index. 'Russia under Vladimir Putin sought to reestablish itself as a major power on the international stage; Dmitri Medvedev's succession as president promises a similar agenda. Going forward, how the United States and Russia deal with each other and with issues of mutual interest will have a great impact around the globe. This book sets forth a primer on Russia's current governmental and political infrastructure as well as its opportunity for growth. It provides comprehensive information on all key aspects of Russia and discusses what its status means for the US and other nations. To that end, the authors develop a cohesive, overarching framework that analyzes the nexus point of such areas as economic reforms and integration, domestic politics and society, foreign business partnerships, and energy demands.'
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ECONOMIC POLICY
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS--USA
Subject: USA--FOREIGN RELATIONS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
ISBN: 9780881324242
Call Number: 321 /00793
Item ID: 80022920
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection
Title: Putin : Russia's Choice  
Author: Sakwa, Richard  
Published: Abingdon, UK : Routledge, 2008  
Physical Description: xi, 388 p.; 24 cm.  
Edition: 2nd ed.  
Notes: Bibliography: p. 370-375. Includes index. 'The second edition of this political biography of Vladimir Putin builds on the strengths of the previous edition to provide the most detailed account of the man, his politics and his profound influence on Russian politics, foreign policy and society.'  
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT  
Subject: PUTIN, VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH, 1952-  
ISBN: 9780415407656  
Call Number: 323 /01086  
Item ID: 80022875  
Media: Book  
Collection Type: General Collection

Title: Russie : l'envers du pouvoir  
Author: Mendras, Marie  
Published: Paris : Odile Jacob, 2008  
Physical Description: 333 p. : ill.; 24 cm.  
Notes: Bibliography: p. 325-330. 'Cet ouvrage a pour but d'éclairer sous un angle nouveau l'histoire récente de la Russie postcommuniste et de proposer une interprétation du changement politique et social qui s'y produit. Il a aussi pour ambition de construire une première analyse du régime politique poutinien, l'étape la plus récente de la transformation russe.'  
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT  
Subject: PUTIN, VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH, 1952-  
Subject: YELTSIN, BORIS NIKOLAYEVICH, 1931-2007  
ISBN: 9782738120458  
Call Number: 323 /01163  
Item ID: 80022722  
Media: Book  
Collection Type: General Collection

Title: Russian Eurasianism : An Ideology of Empire  
Author: Laruelle, Marlene  
Physical Description: xi, 276 p.; 24 cm.  
Notes: Bibliography: p. 255-268. Includes index. 'Since the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Russia has been literally marginalized at the edge of a Western-dominated political and economic system. But in recent years, leading Russian figures including President Putin have begun to stress instead a geopolitics that puts Russia at the center of a number of axes : European-Asian, Christian-Muslim-Buddhist, Mediterranean-Indian, Slavik-Turkic, and so forth. Contributing to this push is Eurasianism, an intellectual movement promoting an ideology of Russian-Asian greatness, which has begun to take hold throughout Russia, Kazakhstan, and Turkey. Eurasianism purports to tell Russians what is unalterably important about them and why it can only be expressed in an empire. This volume examines the political presuppositions and expanding intellectual impact of this movement. Using a wide range of sources, including academic and quasi-academic journals, pamphlets, books, and personal interviews, the author discusses the impact of the ideology of Eurasianism on geopolitics, interior policy, foreign policy, and culturalist philosophy.'  
Subject: EURASIAN SCHOOL  
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT  
Subject: POST-COMMUNISM--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)  
Subject: GEOPOLITICS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)  
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS  
ISBN: 9780801890734  
Call Number: 323 /01135  
Item ID: 80022500  
Media: Book
Title: Politics in Russia
Author: Remington, Thom F.
Published: New York : Pearson/Longman, 2008
Physical Description: xii, 270 p. : ill.; 23 cm.
Edition: 5th ed.
Notes: Includes index. 'This is an authoritative overview of Russia's contemporary political system and its recent evolution. The author focuses on four areas of change - state structure, regime, economics, and identity - to offer a context for analyzing the transition from the Soviet era to the post-Soviet era. Emphasizing the intersection of politics and economics and the tension between authoritarian and democratic trends, this text helps students explore the complexities and ambiguities of Russian politics today.'
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
ISBN: 9780205586028
Call Number: 321 /00757
Item ID: 80021749
Media: Book

Title: The New Cold War : How the Kremlin Menaces both Russia and the West
Author: Lucas, Edward
Published: London : Bloomsbury, 2008
Physical Description: xxxiv, 350 p. : ill.; 20 cm.
Notes: Includes index. 'No longer the sick man of Europe, Russia is run by an authoritarian ex-KGB regime with the cash to put its ideas into practice. Under Vladimir Putin's autocratic rule, it silences its critics and bullies its neighbours. The murder of Anna Politkovskaya and Aleksander Litvinenko have sent a grim warning to other critics and the sham presidential 'election' in 2008 that put Dmitri Medvedev in the Kremlin as Putin's hand-picked successor showed how Russia's rulers, not the voters, dictate the country's political future. This book explains the Kremlin's use of energy blockades and trade sanctions, military sabre-rattling and propaganda wars against its neighbours - and why a divided and demoralised West is responding so feebly. Revised and updated following Russia's attack on Georgia, this is an incisive and disturbing account of why we are perilously close to defeat - and how we can still win.'
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: PUTIN, VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH, 1952-
ISBN: 9780747596363
Call Number: 327 /01461
Item ID: 80022845
Media: Book

Title: Russia : A New Cold War ?
Additional Author: Korinman, Michel, ed.
Additional Author: Laughland, John, ed.
Published: London : Valentine Mitchel Academics, 2008
Physical Description: xviii, 396 p. : ill.; 22 cm.
In: Geopolitical Affairs ; 3
Notes: 'When Vladimir Putin came to power in 2000, George Bush said he was a man he could trust. Since then, relations between Russia and the West have gone from bad to worse. The EU and Russia have been unable to agree on the terms of their partnership; NATO expansion continues apace, threatening to include countries like Ukraine and Georgia; the United Kingdom harbours as political refugees men who call for the violent overthrow of the Russian government; and the United States is determined to build an anti-missile shield which, Moscow fears, would render feasible a 'first strike' against Russia. How do Russians see these developments and the other developments inside their fascinating country? This volume contains articles by some fifty commentators and decision-makers, the overwhelming majority Russians, on issues as diverse as immigration, demography, the economy, gas and oil pipelines, foreign policy, public opinion and international relations. The book aims to provide a survey of all the major political and social issues facing Russia today.'
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--SOCIAL CONDITIONS
ISBN: 9780853038047
Call Number: 327 /01454
Item ID: 80022851
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection

Title: La reconquete russe
Author: Mandeville, Laure
Published: Paris : Grasset, 2008
Physical Description: 388 p.; 23 cm.
Notes: Bibliography: p. 387-388. '8 aout 2008, Vladimir Poutine lance ses chars contre la Georgie sous les yeux de l'Occident stupéfait. Ce n'est ni un accident, ni un hasard de l'histoire mais l'aboutissement d'un processus enclenché au milieu des années 1990 alors que se noue, sans qu'on en ait encore conscience, le tragique échec de la démocratie en Russie. Ce livre raconte la rénaissance d'un 'système' qu'on croyait défunt. Il décrit la reconquete idéologique, politique et économique de la population et du territoire russe engagée depuis le Kremlin par Poutine et ses hommes, et explique les raisons qui conduisent aujourd'hui à la contre-attaque de l'Empire. De l'échec de l'èreeltsinienne qui a tourne au pillage à l'invasion de la Georgie, de la montée au pouvoir de Poutine à la chute du nouveau prince du capitalisme russe, Mikhail Khodorkovski, c'est la meme logique d'un pouvoir predateur qui s'impose, detruisant systematiquement toute possibilite d'opposition. Aujourd'hui, la derive nationaliste russe sonne comme un defi majeur pour l'Occident. Saura-t-il arréter les apprentis sorciers qui, au Kremlin, ont jusqu'ici agi en toute impunite ? Si tel n'était pas le cas, la reconquete russe sonnerait le glas de la securite de nos democracies.'
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: PUTIN, VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH, 1952-
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
ISBN: 9782246728016
Call Number: 323 /01127
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Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection

2007

Title: Democratic Breakdown and the Decline of the Russian Military
Author: Barany, Zoltan D.
Physical Description: xi, 247 p.; 24 cm.
Notes: Includes index. 'Why have Russian generals acquired an important political position since the Soviet Union's collapse while at the same time the effectiveness of their forces has deteriorated ? Why have there been no radical defense reforms in Russia since the end of the Cold War, even though they were high on the agenda of the country's new president in 2000 ? This book explains these puzzles as it paints a comprehensive portrait of Russian military politics. The author identifies three formative moments that gave rise to the Russian dilemma. The first was Gorbachev's decision to invite military participation in Soviet politics. The second was when Yeltsin acquiesced to a new political system that gave generals a legitimate political presence. The third was when Putin not only failed to press for needed military reforms but elevated numerous high-ranking officers to prominent positions in the federal administration. Included here are the author's insightful analysis of crisis-management following the sinking of the Kursk submarine, a systematic comparison of the Soviet/Russian armed forces in 1985 and the present, and compelling accounts of the army's political role, the elusive defense reform, and the relationship between politicians and generals.'
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ARMED FORCES--POLITICAL ACTIVITY
Subject: CIVIL-MILITARY RELATIONS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
ISBN: 9780691128962
Call Number: 355 /00504
Item ID: 80021563
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection
In Russia's resurgence as an assertive actor in the global diplomatic arena after a long period of introspection and preoccupation with domestic troubles, and the economic revival that underpins it, are among the most striking developments in international relations of recent years. But what drives Russian foreign policy at the end of the Putin era? To what extent is it shaped by Russia's role as a major energy supplier, and how long can the country remain an 'energy superpower', if indeed it is one? How might Russian foreign policy change in the years ahead? How might Russia respond to the might of growing powers around it, and struggling with the fragility of its economic success and stability at home, choose to face in international relations? This paper examines the domestic context of contemporary Russian foreign policy and its key political, economic, military and security drivers, as well as looking at the contrasting outlook that preceded it, and at how Russia's international posture may adjust again in the coming years. The paper concludes with recommendations for Western policymakers on how to respond to Russia's return.

Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ECONOMIC POLICY
ISBN: 9780415450638

A Russian Diary
Author: Politkovskaya, Anna
Published: London : Harvill Secker, 2007
Physical Description: x, 323 p.; 24 cm.
Notes: 'Covering the period from the Russian parliamentary elections of December 2003 to the tragic aftermath of the Beslan school siege in late 2005, this book is an unflinching record of the plight of millions of Russians and a pitiless report on the cynicism and corruption of Vladimir Putin's presidency.'
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--SOCIAL CONDITIONS
ISBN: 9781846551024

Engaging with Russia : The Next Phase
Author: Lyne, Roderic
Additional Author: Trilateral Commission
Additional Author: Talbott, Strobe
Additional Author: Watanabe, Koji
Published: Washington : Trilateral Commission, 2006
Physical Description: x, 182 p.; 23 cm.
Notes: 'This report seeks to understand the development of the Russian Federation in the post-Soviet era, including the development of new processes in politics and society, of a market economy, and of new external relationships; to explore the choices facing Russia and the ways in which the country might develop over the next generation; and to look at the implications for Russia's partners. Chapter 2 looks at the legacy inherited from the 1990s. Chapters 3 and 4 assess the main trends and policies under the current administration. Chapter 5 examines Russia's role in the G-8 and her relations with the United States. In chapter 6 the authors look at the evolution of Russia's relations within the European continent and in chapter 7, at the parallel processes in Asia. In chapter 8, the authors draw some conclusions about the direction in which Russia is heading and the impediments to progress.'
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
The Soviet dictatorship was a strong state, committed to dominating and transforming society in the name of a utopian ideology. When the communist regime crumbled and the post-Soviet countries committed to democracy, most observers took for granted that their state structures would be effective agents of the popular will. Russia’s experience demonstrates that this assumption was overly optimistic. This book, based on a major collaborative research project with American and Russian scholars, shows that state capacity, strength, and coherence were highly problematic after communism, which had major consequences for particular functions of government and for the entire process of regime change. Eleven well-known contributors examine governance in post-Soviet Russia in comparative context, investigating the roots, characteristics, and consequences of the crisis as a whole and its manifestations in the specific realms of tax collection, statistics, federalism, social policy, regulation of the banks, currency exchange, energy policy, and parliamentary oversight of the bureaucracy.

How Russia Really Works: The Informal Practices that Shaped Post-Soviet Politics and Business

The author explores practices in politics, business, media, and the legal sphere in Russia in the 1990s - from the hiring of firms to create negative publicity about one's competitors, to inventing novel schemes of tax evasion and engaging in 'alternative' techniques of contract and law enforcement. She discovers ingenuity, wit, and vigor in these activities and argues that they simultaneously support and subvert formal institutions. They enable corporations, the media, politicians, and businessmen to operate in the post-Soviet labyrinth of legal and practical constraints but consistently undermine the spirit, if not the letter, of the law. The 'know-how' the author describes in this book continues to operate today and is crucial to understanding contemporary Russia.

POLITICAL CORRUPTION--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)

POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

CORPORATIONS--CORRUPT PRACTICES--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)

RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ECONOMIC CONDITIONS
Douloureuse Russie : journal d'une femme en colère
Politkovskaya, Anna
Paris : Buchet-Chastel, 2006

III, 420 p.; 23 cm.

Notes: 'En arrivant au Kremlin en 2000, Vladimir Poutine avait promis d'instaurer en Russie la 'dictature de la loi'. Mais s'il y a bel et bien une dictature en Russie, c'est celle exercée par un pouvoir impitoyable qui ne se soucie de la loi que lorsque cela l'arrange, explique l'auteur. Au fil des jours, la journaliste de la Novaia Gazeta, l'un des derniers organes de presse indépendants, dresse un constat terrible de la 'poutinisation'. Loin d'être pacifiée, la Tchetchenie demeure plus que jamais une zone de non-droit. La 'verticale du pouvoir' écrase toute opposition digne de ce nom, n'hésitant pas a truguer grossièrement les élections. Sur la totalité du territoire, une bureaucratie corrompue pille les citoyens. Les tribunaux rendent une justice qui ne profite qu'aux mieux en cour. Les pauvres, les vieux, les invalides, les orphelins, sont livrés à eux-mêmes. Au sommet de ce système 'neosovietique', un homme : Vladimir Poutine. Combien de temps encore la population, éreintée, apeurée et désespérée, va-t-elle se laisser faire ? Comme toute évolution en douceur semble impossible, les discours les plus radicaux trouvent de plus en plus d'écho ... Si révolution il y a en Russie, elle ne sera ni rose comme en Georgie, ni orange comme en Ukraine. Elle sera couleur rouge sang.'

Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--SOCIAL CONDITIONS
ISBN: 2283021006
Call Number: 323 /00999
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Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection

Lessons from Russia: Clinton and US Democracy Promotion
Marsden, Lee
Aldershot, UK : Ashgate, 2005

XII, 218 p.; 24 cm.

Notes: Bibliography: p. 201-211. Includes index. 'The author presents here one of the most original and comprehensive analyses of US democracy promotion in Russia and argues that in order to understand the failings of democracy assistance in Russia, it is necessary to understand the inter-relation of macro and micro level policy. This book introduces two new models of foreign policy analysis which increase understanding of both the formulation and implementation of foreign policy. Furthermore, it demonstrates how the promotion of democracy in Russia was substantially flawed due to implementation and the US foreign policy process.'

Subject: DEMOCRATIZATION--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: USA--FOREIGN RELATIONS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS--USA
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
ISBN: 0754646106
Call Number: 321 /00721
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Media: Book
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Leaders and leadership continue to dominate Russia's political development. Like his predecessors in the Kremlin, Vladimir Putin has made a crucial impact on the substance and style of Russian politics. His efforts to use traditional tools of state power to manage democracy and market capitalism have had mixed effects on both. The book investigates the ambiguities and contradictions of Putin's rule from four perspectives. The volume first considers his leadership in the context of Russia's convulsive historical cycle of revolutionary transformation, breakdown, consolidation, and stagnation. The study then analyses how normative and institutional components of democracy have fared under Putin's regime of stronger executive control. It proceeds to examine the strengths and weaknesses of presidential power vis-à-vis bureaucratic, regional, and corporate groups. The volume concludes with two assessments of the strategic direction in which Putin is taking Russia. They explore the tensions between bureaucratic-authoritarian trends and Putin's apparent commitment to electoral democracy, market capitalism, and alignment with the West. The book helps to deepen our understanding of the cultural and institutional factors shaping Putin's leadership approach and policy priorities. More widely, it sheds light on the complexity of the relationship between post-communist leadership, democracy, and economic modernization.

Subject: POLITICAL LEADERSHIP--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: PUTIN, VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH, 1952-
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
ISBN: 0199276145
Call Number: 323 /00933
Item ID: 80020327
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection
"Virtual Politics : Faking Democracy in the Post-Soviet World"

Title: Virtual Politics : Faking Democracy in the Post-Soviet World
Author: Wilson, Andrew, 1923-
Published: New Haven, CT : Yale University Press, 2005
Physical Description: xviii, 332 p.; 25 cm.
Notes: Includes index. 'States such as Russia and Ukraine may not have gone back to totalitarianism or the traditional authoritarian formula of stuffing the ballot box, cowing the population and imprisoning the opposition - or not obviously. But a whole industry of 'political technology' has developed instead, with shadowy private firms and government 'fixers' on lucrative contracts dedicated to the black arts of organising electoral success. This book uncovers the sophisticated techniques of the 'virtual' political system used to legitimise post-Soviet regimes: entire fake parties, phantom political rivals and 'scarecrow' opponents. And it exposes the paramount role of the mass media in projecting these creations and in falsifying the entire political process. The author argues that it is not primarily economic problems that have made it so difficult to develop meaningful democracy in the former Soviet world. Although the West also has its 'spin doctors', dirty tricks and aggressive ad campaigns, it is the unique post-Bolshevik culture of 'political technology' that is the main obstacle to better governance in the region, to real popular participation in public affairs and to the modernisation of the political economy in the longer term.'
Subject: FORMER SOVIET REPUBLICS -- POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: DEMOCRACY -- FORMER SOVIET REPUBLICS
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION) -- POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: DEMOCRACY -- RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
ISBN: 0300095457
Call Number: 321 /00710
Item ID: 80020496
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection

2004

Title: Between Dictatorship and Democracy : Russian Post-Communist Political Reform
Author: MacFaul, Michael
Additional Author: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (US)
Additional Author: Petrov, Nikolai
Additional Author: Ryabov, Andrei
Published: Washington : Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 2004
Physical Description: xii, 364 p. : ill.; 23 cm.
Notes: Includes index. 'For the past two decades, Russian leaders have attempted to launch a series of political reforms, purportedly aimed at moving the country toward democracy. Have these reforms taken hold? If not, what kind of political regime will sustain in post-Soviet Russia? How has Vladimir Putin's rise to power influenced the country's course? The authors seek to give a comprehensive answer to these fundamental questions about the nature of Russian politics.'
Subject: DEMOCRACY -- RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION) -- POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
ISBN: 0870032062
Call Number: 321 /00671
Item ID: 80019306
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection
Title: The Central Government of Russia: From Gorbachev to Putin
Author: Shevchenko, Iulia
Published: Aldershot, UK: Ashgate, 2004
Physical Description: 199 p.; 24 cm.
In: Post-Soviet Politics
Notes: Bibliography: p. 186-192. Includes index. 'Placing the development of the Soviet and Russian central
governments in theoretical context, this work breaks new ground in the study of contemporary Russian politics. The
author's creative treatment of the principal-agent model offers fresh insight into the institutional origins of change in
government organization in the communist and post-communist period, from President Gorbachev to President
Putin. She demonstrates that government organization varies with the extent to which the principal actors - the
president and parliament - are prepared to empower the cabinet to actively develop rather than just implement
policy. Delegation of broad decision-making powers, which occurs when the policy environment is highly competitive,
is a crucial factor explaining the uneven dynamics of government development during this period.'
Subject: CABINET SYSTEM--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: USSR--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
ISBN: 0754639827
Call Number: 328 /00073
Item ID: 80020046
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection

Title: Russian Politics under Putin
Additional Author: Ross, Cameron, ed.
Published: Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2004
Physical Description: xii, 292 p.: ill.; 24 cm.
Notes: Includes index. 'In March 2000 Vladimir Putin was elected President of the Russian Federation, the largest
country in the world. In the space of just a few years Putin's radical reforms in the areas of domestic and foreign policy
have made a major impact on Russian politics and society and we have witnessed a new orientation in Russia's
external relations with the West. But is Putin an authoritarian or a democrat? Does his presidency signal a break with
Russia's past or is he just another autocratic Tsar in modern clothing? Bringing together a team of internationally
renowned scholars from Britain, the USA and Russia, this book provides a critical analysis of Putin's domestic and
foreign policies. This is a lively, comprehensive, and highly accessible account of contemporary Russian politics. There
are fifteen chapters covering such key areas as: leadership and regime change, political parties and democratisation,
economy and society, regional politics, the war in Chechnya, and Russian foreign policy.'
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ECONOMIC POLICY
ISBN: 0719068010
Call Number: 321 /00681
Item ID: 80019697
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection
Title: Russian Crossroads : Toward the New Millennium
Author: Primakov, Evgenii Maksimovich
Published: New Haven, CT : Yale University Press, 2004
Physical Description: viii, 337 p.; 24 cm.
Notes: Includes index. 'A prominent Russian politician who served as prime minister, foreign minister, and head of foreign intelligence during the 1990s, the author has been part of all vital decisions on Russian domestic and foreign policy for the past two decades. His memoir is both an insider's account of post-perestroika Russian politics and a statement from a representative of the enlightened Russian establishment on the nation's relationship with America and the world. The author is a specialist in the Middle East, and his personal involvement in the problems of that region make his commentary particularly valuable as he articulates Russia's view of the conflicts there and its stances towards Iraq, Israel, and Palestine. Primakov also offers pertinent opinions on the Gulf War, NATO enlargement, spying, and other aspects of contemporary international relations, and he gives personal assessments of a wide variety of major players, from Saddam Hussein and Yasir Arafat to Madeleine Albright and Bill Clinton. Providing behind-the-scenes information about government shake-ups in Moscow, the history of speculative privatizations, the formation of the new political and economic oligarchy, and much more, this book is an invaluable aid to political analysts, historians, and anyone interested in Russia's recent past and future plans.'
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Subject: PRIMAKOV, EVGENII MAKSIMOVICH
ISBN: 0300097921
Call Number: 327 /01227
Item ID: 80019729
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection

Title: Poutine et le renouveau autocratique
Author: Ponsard, Lionel
Institution: NATO Defence College (IT)
Published: Rome : NATO Defense College, 2004
Physical Description: 32 p.; 21 cm.
In: Occasional Paper ; 1
Notes: 'Enigme encore insondable, la politique de Poutine n'en presente pas moins une caracteristique sans cesse plus reelle : le renforcement des tendances autocratiques initi&eacute; par le Kremlin et l'effacement des vagues premisses d'un liberalisme institutionnel. Faut-il y voir la consequence de l'attrait intemporel des Russes pour toute figure charismatique symbolisant grandeur, pouvoir et force de decision ? S'agit-il au contraire de la concretisation des ambitions d'un seul homme, remarquable strategie a la volonte inflexible ? Plus important encore, peut-on attender de la Russie qu'elle adopte une democratie calqu&eacute;e sur le modele occidental, faisant ainsi table rase de son passe ? Les contours autocratiques du gouvernement Poutine nous mettent mal a l'aise et notre propre culture politique nous pousserait a les rejeter en bloc; mais ce regime aux relents autoritaires n'est peut-etre rien d'autre que la forme incontournable d'une democratie a la russe ...'
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: DEMOCRACY--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Call Number: 321 /00673
Item ID: 80019350
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection
He emerged from the shadows of the Soviet secret policy and lowly government jobs to become the most powerful man in Russia. Since Vladimir Putin was propelled into the Kremlin in 2000, he has defied domestic and foreign expectations, by presiding over a period of strong economic growth, significant restructuring, and rising international prestige. Yet Putin himself remains a man of mystery and contradictions; he has pursued an increasingly pro-western foreign policy and liberal economic reforms, while continuing a hardline war in Chechnya and introducing tighter controls over parliament, the regions and the media, which are reminiscent of the Soviet era. This is the first analysis of contemporary Russia under its new president to be written by a western journalist. It digs behind the rumours and speculation, tracing Putin’s rise to power, and assessing how he has performed in office, and the changing nature of the Russia he rules. It draws on interviews with Putin himself, and a number of the country’s leading figures, as well as many ordinary Russians. With his re-election campaign imminent, it is possible to draw conclusions about Putin’s thinking, style and effectiveness as President; and about the evolution of Russia during his period in office. The lessons are important for anyone interested in the recent past and future of Russia.

Subject: PUTIN, VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH, 1952-
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
ISBN: 1862076405
Call Number: 323 /00869
Item ID: 80019740
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection

The author traces the shared history of Russia and Islam. The study’s analytical drive stresses political and geopolitical relationships over time and examines Russia’s Muslim populations, religious institutions, political organizations and ideological movements.

Subject: ISLAM--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: ISLAM AND POLITICS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Subject: MUSLIMS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
ISBN: 0765612828
Call Number: 323 /00830
Item ID: 80019304
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection
Title: La Russie selon Poutine
Author: Politkovskaya, Anna
Published: Paris : Buchet/Chastel, 2004
Physical Description: 271 p.; 23 cm.
Notes: ‘Que devient la Russie sous la conduite de Vladimir Poutine ? A travers une succession de recits et de rencontres, en reprenant des dossiers tels que ceux des criminels de guerre, des ‘petits arrangements’ qui lient mafia, police et justice, ou des tragedies des prises d'otages a Moscow ou a Beslan, la journaliste de Novaia Gazeta dresse un portrait douloureux de ses concitoyens et de son pays. La violence de l'armee, le cynisme des nouveaux riches, le desarroi des simples gens, le declin des intellectuels, la dignite galvaudee de ceux qui s'efforcent, malgre les difficultes et les avanies, de servir honorablement leur patrie, le mepris du pouvoir pour les victimes de ses erreurs ... tout ou presque laisse mal augurer de l'avenir. Au fil des pages, c'est l'inhumanite du regime russe et de son premier dirigeant qui transpire.’
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--SOCIAL CONDITIONS
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
ISBN: 2283020638
Call Number: 323 /00909
Item ID: 80020197
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection

2003

Title: Metamorphose de la Russie : 1984-2004
Author: Sokoloff, Georges
Published: Paris : Fayard, 2003
Physical Description: 748 p. : ill.; 24 cm.
Notes: Bibliography: p. 729-748. 'Plus de 'degels' ni de 'detentes' ! On n'ouvrira pas la Russie sur le monde moderne en continuant de l'imaginer en dehors et au-dessus du sort commun aux autres nations : il faudra se resoudre a la rendre organiquement compatible avec l'Occident. A la stupere generale, un souverain sovietique a entendu le message iconoclate des intellectuels de sa generation. Voila vingt ans de cela, Gorbatchev a accepte de remettre en question la forteresse du socialisme. Mais quand il a entrepris de la reamenager, elle s'est eboulee. De derapages en glissades, de culbutes en retablissements, la Russie d'aujourd'hui est meconnaissable. Puissance, territoire, peuplement, economie, gouvernement, societe, diplomatie ... de l'URSS ne reste plus que le souvenir. Suffisamment tenace, ce dernier, pour nourrir la critique d'une Russie desormais trop ordinaire ? Le propos de ce livre n'est pas de polemiquer, il est de raconter. Il est de faire le recit, le plus attentif possible aux personnages et aux circonstances, de l'odyssee conduite par les chefs russes et enduree par leur peuple pour se rapprocher de nous.'
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--HISTORY
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: USSR--HISTORY
Subject: USSR--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
ISBN: 221361699X
Call Number: 947 /00058
Item ID: 80019456
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection
2002

Title: A Political and Economic Dictionary of Eastern Europe
Author: Day, Alan John
Additional Author: East, Roger, 1952-
Additional Author: Thomas, Richard
Published: London : Europa, 2002
Physical Description: ix, 642 p.; 24 cm.
Notes: Includes index. 'This dictionary provides over 1,000 clear and concise entries covering the politics and economics of Eastern Europe. It defines, explains and gives further information on the countries, regions, ethnic groups, political parties, prime ministers, presidents and other prominent politicians, business organizations, geographical features, religions and border disputes. Entries include Chechnya, Hungarian Democratic Forum, Poland: economy, UN War Crimes Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, Uniate Church, Gennadii Zyuganov. Coverage spans 22 countries in central, eastern and south-eastern Europe, tran-Caucasus and the Russian Federation. Informative separate articles on each country, and on its economy, are also provided.'
Subject: EUROPE, EASTERN--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT--DICTIONARIES
Subject: EUROPE, EASTERN--ECONOMIC CONDITIONS--DICTIONARIES
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT--DICTIONARIES
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ECONOMIC CONDITIONS--DICTIONARIES
ISBN: 1857430638
Call Number: 32 /00281 REF
Item ID: 80019601
Media: Book
Collection Type: Reference Collection
Title: Gorba
chev, Yeltsin, and Putin : Political Leadership in Russia's Transition
Additional Author: Brown, Archie, 1938- , ed.
Additional Author: Shevtsova, Lilia Fedorovna, ed.
Additional Author: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (US)
Physical Description: x, 162 p.; 23 cm.
Notes: Includes index. 'This book analyzes leadership politics in Russia over the past sixteen years. Its authors demonstrate the crucial difference new leaders can make in a system that both before and after the fall of communism concentrated great power and authority at the top of the political hierarchy. Focusing on Russia's three top leaders since 1985, the authors examine their goals, evolving ideas, style of rule, institution-building, and impact in different areas of policy. This fascinating and informative volume provides readers a feel for all the tension and drama of Russia's transformation under three very different leaders.'
Subject: USSR--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: POLITICAL LEADERSHIP--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: POLITICAL LEADERSHIP--USSR
Subject: GORBACHEV, MIKHAIL SERGEYEVICH, 1931-
Subject: YELTSIN, BORIS NIKOLAYEVICH, 1931-2007
Subject: PUTIN, VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH, 1952-
ISBN: 0870031864
Call Number: 323 /00768
Item ID: 80018411
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection

Title: Midnight Diaries
Author: Yeltsin, Boris Nikolayevich, 1931-
Published: London : Phoenix, 2001
Physical Description: xxiii, 398 p. : ill.; 20 cm.
Notes: Includes index. 'To many outsiders, it seemed that for a decade the 'irrational element' in Russian politics was Boris Yeltsin. Yet this remarkable diary shows that, right up to the minute he announced his decision to retire - unknown even to his family, his closest aides - Yeltsin was firmly in control. And recording everything in his diaries at the end of every day ... As vivid and direct as his broadcast persona, Yeltsin's account of his presidency reveals the turbulent events of an extraordinary decade in Russian history - from the 1991 coup, through the dismissal of a string of prime ministers, the rumours about his health, allegations of corruption, and the friendship with Chirac and Kohl that rattled the UK and USA, to the tough decisions to be made over Chechnya - in a memoir more personal than that of any recent world leader. Above all, these diaries overturn the stereotype of a hard-drinking buffoon and reveal a very astute and well-advised politician indeed.'
Subject: YELTSIN, BORIS NIKOLAYEVICH, 1931-2007
Subject: PRESIDENTS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
ISBN: 0753811340
Call Number: 323 /00836
Item ID: 80019341
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection
Title: Regionalization of Security in Russia
Author: Isakova, Irina
Additional Author: Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies (GB)
Published: London : Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies, 2001
Physical Description: v, 78 p. : ill.; 22 cm.
In: Whitehall Paper Series ; 53
Notes: 'This research examines the following major themes : the emerging patterns of Russian statehood within the FDs (Federal Districts); the role of the FDs in the economic and military reforms during Putin's Presidency; the role of the FDs as structural territorial units in the state's management system, and the engagement strategies of the FDs with the world.'
Subject: FEDERAL GOVERNMENT--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--MILITARY POLICY
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--NATIONAL SECURITY
ISBN: 00855161469
Call Number: 323 /00702
Item ID: 80017603
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection
Availability: Available for Circulation

2000

Title: La Russie inachevee
Author: Carrere d'Encausse, Helene
Published: Paris : Fayard, 2000
Physical Description: 340 p.; 22 cm.
Notes: Bibliography : p. 289-316. Includes index. 'Y a-t-il en tout, mais d'abord dans le malheur, une exception russe ? Une fatalite qui ferait echapper ce peuple et ce pays aux convergences de la mondialisation, qui les ferait diverger d'une evolution favorable qui profite meme aux plus desherites de leurs anciens vassaux ? Des pesanteurs qui a chaque pas en avant les tirent a nouveau en arriere ou vers le bas ? Le mieux est d'y aller voir mais, si l'on peut dire, sur le terrain du Temps, la ou l'on voit mieux affleurer ou saillir les grandes permanences d'un pays. Dans le cas russe, ce sont : l'immense espace, et donc ses decompositions et recompositions successives; le pouvoir total, ses chutes et ses restaurations; la tentation europeenne ou le rejet de cette appartenance; le retard sur tout et sur tous et les effets de la conscience de ce retard; la peur de l'exterieur avec sa double traduction dans l'expansion et l'aggressivite. De quel poids pesent ces grands traits du passe dans l'evolution de la Russie actuelle, confrontee a un probleme qui menace son avenir : une regression demographique sans precedent ? Un tel phenomenne, inconnu partout ailleurs, est-il compatible avec la survie d'un pays et la permanence de son identite ? Tout est-il perdu pour la Russie affaiblie, alors que jamais les chances de renaitre a la liberte et de 'mondialiser' n'ont ete aussi grandes pour elle ?'
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--SOCIAL CONDITIONS
Subject: RUSSIA--HISTORY
Subject: USSR--HISTORY
Subject: USSR--HISTORY--ATTEMPTED COUP, 1991
ISBN: 2213605971
Call Number: 323 /00680
Item ID: 80017143
Media: Book
Collection Type: General Collection
Just as the Bolshevik revolution defined the early politics of the 20th century, the transition from communist rule is the landmark event of its final years. In this book, based on a wealth of references including interview and survey material, the author offers a full, discriminating account of the dramatic process of change in what is still the world's largest country. After an early chapter examining the Gorbachev legacy, the book analyses the electoral process, the powerful presidency, and the intractable problem of economic reform. Later chapters cover social divisions, public opinion, and foreign policy, and a final chapter places the Russian experience within the wider context of democratisation.
Journal Articles
Articles de revues*

2016

Title: Between Nationalism, Authoritarianism, and Fascism in Russia: Exploring Vladimir Putin's Regime
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)—POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: NATIONALISM—RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: AUTHORITARIANISM—RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: FASCISM—RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Item ID: JA031729
Media: Article

Title: Russian Politics under Putin: The System Will Outlast the Master
Author: Pavlovsky, Gleb
Notes: The article focuses on Russian politics under the leadership of President Vladimir Putin, who introduced a system called 'managed democracy' in 2000 that continued until 2012 despite Dmitry Medvedev serving as president. Topics discussed include Putin's governance style that depends on indirection and interpretation rather than command and control, the role of Putin's so-called 'curators' or semiofficial figures in operating the government and the redefinition of 'sistema' under Putin.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)—POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA031743
Link: http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=a9h&AN=114537275&site=ehost-live&scope=site
Media: Article

Title: How Putin Silences Dissent: Inside the Kremlin's Crackdown
Author: Lipman, Maria
Notes: The article explores Russian President Vladimir Putin's intolerance of political and civic activism. Topics discussed include Putin's goal of ensuring that the ruling elite would never again lose power, growing activism in 2010 criticizing habits of government officials including their immunity to traffic laws and Putin abandoning his policy of tolerance after winning a re-election bid in 2012 that started with the arrest of feminist protest group Pussy Riot.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)—POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: POLITICAL ACTIVISTS—RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Item ID: JA031747
Media: Article

* This list contains material received as of May 2nd, 2017.– Cette liste est arrêtée au 2 mai 2017.
Notes: Over the next few months, Russia will have to make choices that will determine its trajectory during Vladimir Putin’s probable fourth term in office, which looks set to commence in 2018 and run for six years. Recent decisions taken by the Master of the Kremlin have already yielded a few clues. Politically, President Putin has continued to strengthen his grip on the country by unceremoniously ditching several eminent members of his entourage and replacing them with little-known youngsters who will owe everything they have to him. He has also bolstered the role of the State Duma as a rubber-stamping chamber overwhelmingly packed with deputies from his own United Russia party. The economy is a more open field. Here, Mr. Putin seems to hesitate between maintaining a statist course and allowing a degree of openness, but the return to grace of Alexei Kudrin, the very liberal-leaning former Finance Minister, seems to suggest that the supporters of private initiative have the wind in their sails.

Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ECONOMIC POLICY
Item ID: JA032049
Media: Article

2015

Notes: Almost twenty five years after the collapse of the Soviet Union, Russia and several Central Asian republics appear to be converging on what may be termed a ‘hierarchic party system’, characterized by controlled and unequal competition between parties. Addressing the juncture between international politics and party politics, this article explores this convergence and considers Russian authoritarian norm diffusion as a possible explanation. This articles argues that although Russia continues to build significant party-based linkage in Central Asia, similarities between party systems are the result of complex, multi-directional norm diffusion, as regimes look to liberalise or close their respective political systems.

Subject: POLITICAL PARTIES--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: POLITICAL PARTIES--ASIA, CENTRAL
Subject: AUTHORITARIANISM--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: AUTHORITARIANISM--ASIA, CENTRAL
Item ID: JA031447
Link: http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.postcomstud.2015.06.004
Media: Article
Title: The End of Ambiguity in Russia  
Author: Greene, Samuel A.  
Notes: Vladimir Putin used to base his power on manufactured uncertainty, but since his return to the presidency there is no longer much doubt about the prevalence of coercion and corruption.  
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT  
Item ID: JA031350  
Media: Article

2014

Title: Authoritarian Modernization in Russia ?  
In: DEMOkrATIZATISIYa, vol. 22, no. 4, Fall 2014, Whole Issue.  
Subject: AUTHORITARIANISM--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)  
Item ID: JA030912  
Media: Article

Title: Domestic Power Relations and Russia’s Foreign Policy  
Author: Kaczmarski, Marcin  
Notes: President Vladimir Putin’s domination of Russia’s politics, coupled with the apparent stability of the regime, have contributed to the relative neglect of domestic politics in explaining Russia’s foreign policy. This article seeks to overcome this lapse and argues that the evolving distribution of political and economic power under the surface of Putin’s leadership has been influencing the process and content of Russia’s foreign policy-making to a significant extent. The concentration of material resources by a number of domestic actors limited Putin’s room for maneuver and his flexibility in the area of foreign policy. The changes in the size and internal composition of Putin’s winning coalition have been reflected in shifting patterns in Russia’s international behavior. Domestic power struggles led to foreign policy outcomes inconsistent with the Kremlin’s strategic designs. The effects are unpacked by investigating the case of Russia’s policy toward Asia and its two most outstanding features: the rise of Sinocentrism and the failure to diversify energy exports to the Asian market.  
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS  
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT  
Item ID: JA030478  
Link: http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=a9h&AN=100856352&site=ehost-live&scope=site  
Media: Article

Title: Poutine : l’heure de verite  
Author: Thom, Françoise  
Notes: Les evenements survenus en Ukraine et l’inévitable confrontation qu’ils provoquent entre la Russie de Vladimir Poutine et l’Occident invitent a revenir sur la personnalite de l’autocrate russe et plus encore sur le regime qu’il a instaure. L’auteur part du dessein que Poutine a formule des la fin du XXe siecle. Elle montre que, dans une premiere periode, il a beneficie d’atouts considérables, et peut-être d’une chance exceptionnelle, qui ont nourri en Occident beaucoup d’illusions. Mais le temps des revers est désormais venu et il devoile les pires vices du systeme, notamment le regne outrageant du mensonge. Il en resul te que, si le mensonge triomphe a Moscou, pour nous, en Europe, c’est l’heure de verite quant a Poutine et au regime russe qui sonne.  
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS  
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT  
Item ID: JA030509  
Media: Article
Russia: Shifting Political Frontiers

Author: Kuchinsky, George


Notes: Russia's current system of government is weakening. Putin's annexation of Crimea only masks this underlying trend. The system remains centered around Putin. Putin has effectively eliminated individual and institutional political rivals. But public criticism has become more diffuse and hard to neutralize. The impact of public opinion on driving the political process is growing and the opposition is expanding and coalescing. This is manifested through multifaceted forms of dissent and the growing influence of opposition leader Aleksey Navalny. The dissent, which was initially fueled by prominent opinion makers, evolved into sporadic protests in key urban centers and political campaigns. Why did people who used to support Putin or were apathetic become critical to the point of speaking out and even engaging in opposition activity? The most likely catalyst was the 2008–2009 financial crisis. It undermined Putin's longstanding argument that an authoritarian system, with him at the helm, was necessary for economic advancement. Beyond economics alone, resentment is driven more generally by state incapacity - incapacity to strengthen the social safety net, improve public services, and effectively address corruption; violent crime; natural disasters; and terrorism - which increasingly contrasts Putin's stability narrative. Credible estimates and public perceptions indicate that corruption levels today exceed even those of the turbulent 1990's. Russia's leadership is known to be the key driver and beneficiary of this trend, which is also an important component that fuels discontent. The opposition has not organized into a political party and the government temporarily bolstered its popularity through outside intervention. This makes it hard for the opposition to dislodge Putin and for Putin to contain the opposition, which is creating an impasse. Russia is likely to be increasingly characterized by volatility - internally and on the international stage. This volatility positions the U.S. and the European Union to have greater influence on Russia but it's important for the West to understand how to take advantage of its already substantial leverage.

Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

Repenser les relations avec la Russie (1/2)

Author: Tchernega, Vladimir


Notes: La Russie de Poutine inquiete a l'heure de la crise ukrainienne. Comprendre l'évolution de la societe russe est indispensable pour mieux discerner les enjeux strategiques. De fait, la perception de la chute de l'URSS reste centrale avec une approche tres differente pour les Russes qui retrouvent désormais une fierte avec le retour de la 'nouvelle Russie'.

Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

Can Putin Keep His Grip on Power?

Author: Treisman, Daniel


Notes: President Vladimir Putin has neutered technocrats, harassed and intimidated opponents, and declared war on 'deviants' and foreigners. Nonetheless, the success of his efforts to retain control over Russia remains far from assured.

Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: PRESIDENTS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: PUTIN, VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH, 1952-

Media: Article
Title: Russie : une presidentielle sans surprise ...
Author: Melnik, Alexandre
In: POLITIQUE INTERNATIONALE, no. 135, printemps 2012, p. 201-211.
Notes: The Russian presidential election on March 4 marked a real turning point in the country’s history. By once again becoming the president of the Russian federation for a new six-year term, Vladimir Putin won a battle that had been decided in advance - the election itself - but he lost another, and more important one, namely the battle for hearts and minds. The main locomotives of the ‘Putin system’ are slipping: the strengthening of the State has resulted in an unwieldy, inefficient and corrupt public sector; the flaunted patriotism has turned into a threatening pan-Slavism; and the Orthodox religion, presented by propaganda as the quintessence of Russian identity, in fact prevents people from acting by presenting fatalism as a virtue. Weighted down by these attributes, Russia is unable to position itself in the international race. And it is this disappointment that pushed thousands of Russians into the street the day before the election. For the moment, of course, this social awakening has not resulted in a new political offering, but let us hope that it is only a matter of time.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: PUTIN, VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH, 1952-
Subject: PRESIDENTS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Item ID: JA028607
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Media: Article

Title: The Vertikal : Power and Authority in Russia
Author: Monaghan, Andrew
Notes: Power and authority in Russia are traditionally seen to reside with the president. Such an understanding was emphasized during the eight years of Vladimir Putin's presidency, from 2000 to 2008, as he sought to centralize power, strengthen the state and establish a strong vertical of power to implement policy. This article examines the nature of this power and authority in the light of the tandem, the ruling arrangement between current President Dmitry Medvedev and Prime Minister Putin. While acknowledging the central importance of Vladimir Putin in Russian political life, the article argues that emphasis on his role draws too much attention away from the leadership team that he has shaped with Medvedev. This team takes shape in formal institutional structures such as the Security Council, which has become an increasingly important group as a reservoir of experience and authority. It also takes shape in an informal network that stretches across state and business boundaries. Although there are some tensions in the network, this team ensures broad policy continuity. Furthermore, the article questions Putin's success in establishing a vertical of power, and the authority of both President Medvedev and Prime Minister Putin. The analysis explores evidence that suggest that, despite the appointment of loyal personnel in this vertical of power, presidential instructions, orders and personnel commands often remain incompletely and tardily carried out or even unfulfilled. In essence, therefore, although many have suggested a split within the leadership, particularly between Medvedev and Putin, the article suggests that the more important splits are horizontal ones between different layers of authority. Thus, a process of direct control is necessary, whereby the most senior officials are obliged personally to oversee the implementation of their instructions. The article concludes by suggesting a reconsideration of our terms of reference for Russian politics, replacing the tandem with the team, and introducing 'manual control'.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: PRESIDENTS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Item ID: JA028356
Link: http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/j.1468-2346.2012.01053.x
Media: Article
Notes: Vladimir Putin's third term as Russian president, which began in May 2012, is unlikely to be his last. The strongman of Moscow, who already served as President (2000-2008) and Prime Minister (1999 and 2008-2012), has announced his intention to stand for re-election in 2018, meaning that he could stay in power until 2024. In that case, with twenty years in the Kremlin under his belt, he would outstrip his distant predecessor, Leonid Brezhnev, who was head of state for 18 years (1964-1982). The similarities do not end there. Like Brezhnev, Putin is an authoritarian leader, deaf to any form of criticism, surrounded by an opaque inner circle mockingly nicknamed the 'Politburo', and convinced that his opponents can only be enemies in the pay of foreign powers. Brezhnev's reign was dubbed a time of 'stagnation'; the same will certainly be true of the Putin era, mired as it is in social, economic and political conservatism that nothing seems able to dissolve.
Title: No Return to the Past for Russia
Author: Trenin, Dmitri
Notes: Russian society is awakening and issues of domestic political and economic performance have come under closer scrutiny. To respond to the change, the Kremlin has moved to modify its method of governance and strengthen its instruments of control - but there can be no return to the past. How the political process will evolve, and what the results will be, is impossible to predict, but the change will impact on Russia's domestic and foreign policies. In the meantime, Russia's international partners will have to deal with a familiar set of policies aimed at balancing between Moscow's real needs, its views of Russia's role and the opportunities which present themselves.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ECONOMIC POLICY
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Item ID: JA028829
Link: http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/03932729.2012.711677
Media: Article

Title: Twenty Years Since the Collapse of the USSR: What Have We Learned?
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ECONOMIC POLICY
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--SOCIAL CONDITIONS
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ETHNIC RELATIONS
Item ID: JA028558
Media: Article

Title: Disintegration of the Soviet Union. Twenty Years Later. Assessment. Quo Vadis?
In: COMMUNIST AND POST-COMMUNIST STUDIES, vol. 45, nos. 3 - 4, September - December 2012, Special Issue.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Subject: CIVIL SOCIETY--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: UKRAINE--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: UKRAINE--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Item ID: JA029025
Media: Article

Title: The Other Russia
Author: Dmitriev, Mikhail
Additional Author: Treisman, Daniel
Notes: Moscow's anti-Putin protesters have captured the world's attention. But does their message resonate outside the big cities? New research shows that although Russians in the provinces have no taste for revolution, noisy street protests, or abstract slogans, they are deeply unhappy with the current political system and may soon demand change themselves.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA028776
Media: Article
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Title: Vingt ans après : la Russie et la quête de puissance
Author: Mendras, Marie
Notes: Vingt ans après l'effondrement de l'URSS, la politique étrangère de la Russie, tout comme la politique intérieure, reste profondément marquée par la chute de 1991. Les hommes qui dirigent le pays aujourd'hui ont une vision negative de leur histoire nationale. Ils continuent a voir dans l'extraordinaire bouleversement des reformes gorbacheviennes et de l'eclatement de l'empire une perte considerable. 1991 a ete une 'catastrophe geopolitique', repete Vladimir Poutine. Cette rupture brutale avec le passe laisse de profondes traces, tant dans les mentalites que dans le comportement des elites dirigeantes.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA028206
Media: Article

Title: New Uncertainties Enliven Russia's Election Season
Author: Colton, Timothy J.
Notes: The powers that be are almost certain to dominate the 2011 parliamentary and 2012 presidential balloting. But election victories will not suffice to sustain the system Vladimir Putin has erected.
Subject: ELECTIONS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA028056
Media: Article

Title: Institutionalizing Pluralism in Russia : A New Authoritarianism ?
Author: Petrone, Laura
Notes: Contemporary Russia is a peculiar regime which combines democratic and authoritarian features : here internal factors strongly prevail over external variables of democratic imitation and contagion, showing the extent to which Russia differs from other political contexts. The leadership uses some strategies to solve internal conflicts and become stable in spite of democratizing pressures coming from outside. In particular, the mechanisms are aimed at limiting pluralism within the two arenas of political competition and civil society, from where the major threats to the status quo are supposed to come. The incumbents’ interventions in these spheres during the past ten years have shaped a regime that can be understood by reference to the concept of 'new authoritarianism'.
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Media: Article
Muddling Through the Shadow of the Past(s): Post-Communist Russia's Search for a New Regime Ideology

Author: Chen, Cheng


Notes: For many scholars, the current Russian regime is characterized by pragmatism aimed at, first and foremost, the maintenance of political power. But as the country's international status rises and domestic problems persist, the regime is clearly interested in defining a new regime ideology beyond nationalism that can justify regime rule and guide long-term developmental strategy. This article seeks to examine the major forces shaping the current Russian regime's search for a new ideology. It explores the reasons why this process has been so difficult and full of ambiguities, looking at both key historical and institutional factors that constrain the regime's ideological repertoire and at vital strategic choices made by regime leaders and political elites. It argues that the current Russian regime's inability to form a clear new ideology largely stems from two major sources: the fundamental incoherence of the regime's ideological repertoire and the relative weakness of Russian political elite's commitment. Consequently, the regime has had to 'muddle through' a rather inconsistent assortment of selected elements from the past(s), only to arrive at vague concepts devoid of any concrete socioeconomic programs - such as 'sovereign democracy' - to define itself. This kind of fundamental ambiguity could have far-reaching implications, both domestically and internationally.

Subject: IDEOLOGY--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

Boxing Russia: Executive-Legislative Powers and the Categorization of Russia's Regime Type

Author: Clark, William A.


Notes: This paper examines the debate over the categorization of the Russian political system as 'semi-presidential' (as many, especially comparativists, argue) or 'super-presidential' (as perhaps the majority of Russian area experts argue). To approach a resolution of this debate, the article focuses on the interpretation of the relevant articles in the Russian constitution, presents practical comparisons with unambiguously semi-presidential systems (such as those in France and Poland), and delves into the issue of executive cohabitation between president and prime minister as the sine qua non of semi-presidentialism. To that end, the Yeltsin-Primakov dyad is examined in some detail. At its base level, the article rejects the notion that Russia since 1993 is a semi-presidential system of the French or Polish variety, since, it is argued, (1) the possibility of bona fide cohabitation is not present under Russia's constitutional rules, (2) the Prime Minister and cabinet are ultimately not responsible to the State Duma, and (3) the Prime Minister is not president-independent. Rather, viewing Russia as essentially a super-presidential system, though not without its own problems, best captures the nature of politics in the country.

Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Title: When the Center Can Hold: The Primacy of Politics in Shaping Russian Democracy
Author: Anderson, Richard D.
Notes: Violations of rights, a weak Duma, political parties dominated by bureaucrats, and corrupt privatization are ordinarily taken as signs or even causes of the failure of democracy in Russia or at best as normal traits of electoral politics in a middle-income state. Yet all of these are natural consequences of introducing democracy in a country with the Russian electorate’s distinctive recent experience of a loss of a third of the state’s territory and half its population. In such a democracy only a centrist, not a liberal, strategy can block a return to authoritarianism, and such a strategy in Russia will subordinate rights to the task of privatization that a Duma weakened by ideological, demographic and geographic impediments to party development cannot conduct. Consequently what are taken as signs or causes of democratic failure in Russia are instead necessary effects of introducing democracy in Russia’s special circumstances.
Subject: DEMOCRACY--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Item ID: JA027352
Link: http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.postcomstud.2010.10.002
Media: Article

Title: The New Authoritarianism in the Former Soviet Union
Subject: AUTHORITARIANISM--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: AUTHORITARIANISM--FORMER SOVIET REPUBLICS
Item ID: JA027351
Media: Article

Title: Medvedev, Putin and Perestroika 2.0
Author: Hahn, Gordon M.
Notes: There was a consensus among professional Russia watchers that the rise of Dmitry Medvedev to the Russian presidency would bring no change and that the new president was a puppet completely controlled by his predecessor, current Prime Minister Vladimir Putin. This consensus is proving to be palpably incorrect. A ‘thaw’ in Russia’s domestic politics, economics and foreign policy has started. There has been significant liberalization in the style of Russian leadership. There also have been minor changes to the political system with the promise of more, major reforms of key institutions such as the MVD have been initiated, a fight against corruption has begun, and other rule-of-law initiatives are being instituted. Likewise, a ‘reset’ in Russian foreign policy is emerging to meet the Obama administration’s own ‘reset’ with Moscow.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA027076
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Media: Article

Title: Medvedev's Potemkin Modernization
Author: Shevtsova, Lilia
Notes: Russia's leaders hope to use Western technology and capital to sustain their corrupt regime. Real change will not come without altering the political elite's genetic code.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA027180
Media: Article
Title: Russian Rulers : Don't Hold Your Breath
Author: Kim, Alexandra
Notes: In May, Prime Minister Vladimir Putin celebrates his first decade of power. Remember talk two years ago of hopes for a more democratic Russia under his designate successor President Dmitry Medvedev? Well, Medvedev is halfway through his term now and we are still waiting for anything resembling genuine democratic transformation. Not that this should be a surprise, for it never really mattered in the first place which of Putin's colleagues took over as they are all different facets of one and the same system.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA026722
Media: Article

Title: Is Putin's Regime Less Vulnerable than Monarchist Russia in 1916 or the Soviet Union in 1990?
Author: Shlapentokh, Vladimir
Notes: Former president Vladimir Putin still appears to dominate an unassailable regime from the position of prime minister. However, parallels with imperial Russia shortly before the tsar's overthrow, and with its Soviet successor in the year before the union collapsed, suggest that the security of the regime should not be taken for granted. The failure of 'experts' to identify the weakness of the earlier regimes should teach us to be prepared for the unexpected. The parallels between tsarist Russia and the mature Soviet Union are strong, and Putin has publicly shown his appreciation of both previous regimes. In some respects, Putin's regime is close to its tsarist predecessor, and in some the parallels with the Soviet case are compelling; but the wealth of oil and gas appeared to give Putin's Russia a measure of invulnerability that neither earlier regime enjoyed. Yet technological disasters, the possible limits to the Russian nation's legendary patience, the expressed apprehensions on the part of the intelligentsia, and the shock of the global economic crisis of the autumn of 2008, place the regime's supposed invulnerability in a different light. In particular, it lacks a clear and inspiring ideology that could be used to unite the population round the regime. The sudden demise of the regime is not inevitable, but history teaches us not to be surprised by the unforeseen.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA026641
Link: http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13523270903511822
Media: Article

Title: Moscow's Modernization Dilemma : Is Russia Charting a New Foreign Policy?
Author: Laqueur, Walter
Notes: Over the last year, Russia has begun to display some subtle signals that it may be ready for detente with the West, and with the United States in particular. Moscow would like to trade its compliance on a range of international issues for technology and investment, both of which it needs for domestic growth and stability.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ECONOMIC POLICY
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Item ID: JA027286
Media: Article
Title: Poutine-Medvedev : une lutte inevitable ?
Author: Avioutskii, Viatcheslav
In: POLITIQUE INTERNATIONALE, no. 124, ete 2009, p. 81-96.
Notes: In November 2007, just months before the Russian presidential election of March 2008, Vladimir Putin designated a successor : Dmitri Medvedev. Naturally, Medvedev was elected without meeting any great opposition and promptly appointed his predecessor as prime minister. Most observers came to the simple conclusion that Medvedev was a puppet and Putin remains in charge. But the reality is quite different. Two different groups are fighting for power in Russia : the liberals and the conservatives. The giant gas company Gazprom plays the role of referee between the two. And Gazprom decided to back the representative of the liberals, Medvedev. Putin, who is close to the conservatives, had to go along with this decision. Thanks to his heavyweight support, the young president has managed to gradually sideline the conservatives, much to Putin's displeasure. The next few years will see an intensification of the struggle for control, but for the moment it is far too early to predict an outcome.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA026002
Link: http://www.politiqueinternationale.com/revue/article.php?id_revue=124&id=820&content=synopsis
Media: Article

Title: The Kremlin Begs to Differ
Author: Saunders, Paul J.
Additional Author: Simes, Dimitri K.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA026298
Link: http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=a9h&AN=44961632&site=ehost-live&scope=site
Media: Article

Title: Russian Politics, Policy-Making and American Missile Defence
Author: Tsypkin, Mikhail
Notes: The American decision to deploy missile defence in Poland endangered the central myth of Putin’s regime (Russia’s rebirth as a Great Power), challenged the status of Putin as Russia’s strongman, and introduced an additional uncertainty into the carefully scripted campaign for succession to Putin. It also hit the raw nerve of Russia’s reliance on nuclear weapons. The character of Russian policy-making has guaranteed the worst-case scenario evaluation of the American programme. The Russian elite’s world view has magnified the problems resulting from the deployment into fears of a window of vulnerability.
Subject: BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSES--USA
Subject: BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSES--EUROPE
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA025995
Link: http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=a9h&AN=42959797&site=ehost-live&scope=site
Media: Article

Title: Two-Part Czar
Author: Reddaway, Peter
In: NATIONAL INTEREST, no. 101, May - June 2009, p. 66-75.
Notes: The Russian leadership lives in a tension-ridden house. Putin and Medvedev’s tandem system is beginning to falter. The recession has exposed frictions between the two men and revealed Putin’s inadequacies at rectifying the state’s deep economic flaws. It has also led to growing popular protest, ruling-class dissent and greater regional autonomy. As Russian elites begin to lose confidence in the tandem leadership, the state’s future looks increasingly uncertain.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ECONOMIC POLICY
Item ID: JA025780
Link: http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=a9h&AN=40098366&site=ehost-live&scope=site
Media: Article
Title: The Myth of the Authoritarian Model
Author: MacFaul, Michael
Additional Author: Stoner-Weiss, Kathryn
Notes: A growing conventional wisdom holds that Vladimir Putin’s attack on democracy has brought Russia stability and prosperity - providing a new model of successful market authoritarianism. But the correlation between autocracy and economic growth is spurious. Autocracy’s effects in Russia have in fact been negative. Whatever the gains under Putin, they would have been greater under a democratic regime.
Subject: AUTHORITARIANISM--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Item ID: JA024479
Media: Article

Title: Russia’s Duma Elections and the Practice of Russian Democracy
Author: DeBardeleben, Joan
Notes: This article explores possible reasons underlying the efforts of the Russian leadership to assure the election outcome and suggests some criteria for assessing their compatibility with democratic practice. The underlying argument is that the ‘colour revolutions’ that took place in other postcommunist countries since November 2003, notably Ukraine’s orange revolution, offered a powerful impetus for Russian elites to ‘manage’ the 2007 Russian parliamentary election even more firmly than they had in 2003.
Subject: ELECTIONS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: DEMOCRACY--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Item ID: JA025102
Link: http://dx.doi.org/10.1177/002070200806300204
Media: Article

Title: Rusia al final del gobierno de Putin: un precario 'statu quo'
Author: Shevtsova, Lilia
Notes: La designación de Medvedev como ‘heredero’ del Kremlin es otro de los actos de la democracia de imitacion rusa. En un sistema fuertemente presidencialista, la elite empresarial-burocrática parece no tener y interes en un lider funcional. Aceptar esta idea la ciudadania?
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: PRESIDENTS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Item ID: JA024740
Media: Article

Title: Russia’s Janus Face
Author: Shevtsova, Lilia
Notes: As Vladimir Putin’s presidency comes to an end, Russia’s ruling class is struggling to preserve its power. That power, however, could well collapse should the Putin-Medvedev diarchy flop. The infirmities of the state, the bureaucracy, and the economy all bode ill for Russia’s new ruling class.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA024821
Media: Article
Title: It Is Still Putin's Russia
Author: Stoner-Weiss, Kathryn
Notes: Observers search for policy distinctions between Dmitri Medvedev and Vladimir Putin. It seems ever more clear that the president serves at the prime minister's pleasure.
Subject: PRESIDENTS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA025255
Media: Article

Title: Putin and Putinism
Subject: PUTIN, VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH, 1952-
Subject: PRESIDENTS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA025424
Media: Article

Title: Putin's Choice
Author: Brzezinski, Zbigniev
Notes: How will history judge Vladimir Putin? He had alternatives, but his decisions, despite their apparent short-term success, are likely to have negative long-term effects on the Russian political system, economy, and geopolitical prospects.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ECONOMIC POLICY
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Subject: PUTIN, VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH, 1952-
Item ID: JA024731
Link: http://dx.doi.org/10.1162/wash.2008.31.2.95
Media: Article

Title: Le choix de Poutine
Author: Brzezinski, Zbigniew
Notes: Comme President puis comme Premier ministre, Poutine a dirige et dirige la Russie. Autocratie ? Democratie ? L'une melee a l'autre ? La forme politique importe. La Russie importe aussi pour l'Europe et pour le monde.
Subject: PUTIN, VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH, 1952-
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ECONOMIC POLICY
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Item ID: JA025008
Media: Article

Title: La decision de Putin, el futuro de Rusia
Author: Brzezinski, Zbigniew
Notes: Detener y luego invertir la evolucion democratica de Rusia ha sido una eleccion, no una necesidad. Pese a los alardes nacionalistas de la potencia energetica, el Kremlin no tiene una vision para el futuro de un pais que hoy desarrolla 20 veces menos tecnologia innovadora que China.
Subject: PUTIN, VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH, 1952-
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ECONOMIC POLICY
Item ID: JA025147
Media: Article
Why Russia is Not a Democracy
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Russia is the only remaining authoritarian great power in Europe. It seemed for a moment in December 2001 that Boris Yeltsin would honor his pledge to install popularly sovereign democracy, but he didn't. Instead, he forced an authoritarian constitution on the nation against parliament's will in 1993, and never looked back. Vladimir Putin, Yeltsin's former secret police chief and presidential successor, subsequently intrigued his way to power, advancing his former master's hidden authoritarian agenda by more sternly repressing civil rights, political participation, balloting, and parliamentary autonomy. Oppression today isn't as harsh as in the bad old Brezhnev years, but is heading that way, toward an autocracy where the monarch is supreme, with or without a ruling party.

After Putin, the Deluge?
Aron, Leon

Who will win the presidential election this spring? In Russia, political predictions are never easy. Neither are political successions.

Post-Communist Russia: A Historic Opportunity Missed
Shevtsova, Lilia

This article analyses the nature of the current Russian system and its future trajectory. First, the continuity between the Yeltsin and Putin presidencies is made clear. The nature of the Russian system has, to a great extent, been influenced by Yeltsin, who strengthened demands not for independent institutions but for a new and more powerful authoritarian leadership. Putin has consolidated the system, based on personalized power. But despite signs of economic growth and outward stability there is evidence that the Russian system is unsustainable in the long-term. The current system is based on a modification of the petro-economy that reproduces the merger between power and business with the rentier class. Thus far, however, the model has not been able to solve social conflicts or stop the degradation of 'human capital'. Nor is it likely to do so in the future.
Notes: En mars 2008, la Russie pourrait connaître une alternance à l'occasion d'un scrutin présidentiel. Le président Vladimir Poutine semble organiser sa succession entre les deux hommes forts du régime. Serguei Ivanov et Dmitri Medvedev, représentant respectivement deux clans kremliens, la force publique et les libéraux centristes. Il n'est pas exclu que V. Poutine, malgré tout, pourrait se succéder à lui-même, cédant ainsi à une forte pression de son entourage et de l'opinion publique, qui lui reste largement favorable.

Subject: PRESIDENTS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
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Title: La Russie et les autres pays de la CEI en 2006
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ECONOMIC CONDITIONS
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES--ECONOMIC CONDITIONS
Subject: COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA023564
Media: Article

Title: Poetin : de Geliefde Goede Tsaar
Author: Bardina, Natascha
In: INTERNATIONALE SPECTATOR, jg. 61, nr. 10, oktober 2007, p. 476-480.
Notes: The author surveys the popularity of the Russian president Vladimir Putin. At the end of his second term Putin is as popular among the Russians as ever. Nearly eight years into his effective presidency and ready to pass on the duties to a successor following the March 2008 elections Putin maintains approval ratings exceeding 70 percent in domestic polls. At the heart of this tremendous popularity is his enigmatic personality which never fails to puzzle Western observers. While the initial success of a fairly unknown ex-KGB agent was primarily attributed to his decisive actions in the conflict in Chechnya, the grounds for trust and support he gained over the years lay primarily in the realm of his political decision making. Putin’s policy of a strong hand, reaffirming central state power and securing economic stability has met a broadly positive response in Russian society. Exhausted by the turmoil of the Yeltsin era the majority of Russians tend to favour this regime despite strong Western criticism and the increasingly authoritarian character Putin’s regime has taken.
Subject: PRESIDENTS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA024153
Media: Article

Title: Le vrai bilan de Vladimir Poutine
Author: Sapir, Jacques
Notes: Vladimir Putin will leave the Kremlin in March 2008. The time has come to examine his legacy. The author argues that Putin has won his bet. Elected in March 2000, Vladimir Putin arrived in power at a time when the country was at the point of collapse : unregulated privatizations in the 1990s had benefited only a few oligarchs, while the rest of the population saw their standard of living drop vertiginously. The Federation itself risked imploding, with its constituent republics continuing to take more power from the center. By conducting a resolutely dirigiste policy, Putin resolved most of these problems. The State confiscated and took control of key industrial assets from a number of the oligarchs; the economy has registered healthy growth thanks to oil prices, but also due to state-sponsored technological innovations; and peripheral republics have once again been integrated into the Federation. The West may well condemn Putin, but his fellow citizens are well aware of what they owe him.
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Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ECONOMIC POLICY
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Item ID: JA023711
Link: http://www.politiqueinternationale.com/revue/article.php?id_revue=115&id=628&content=synopsis
Media: Article
Title: Russia and the Return of Geopolitics
Author: Vego, Milan N.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ARMED FORCES
Item ID: JA023489
Media: Article

Title: Les elections parlementaires russes de decembre 2007 : une nouvelle etape dans la consolidation de l'elite politique russe au pouvoir
Author: Gille-Belova, Olga
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: ELECTIONS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Item ID: JA024381
Media: Article

Title: Russie : les hommes du president
Author: Jego, Marie
Notes: One of Vladimir Putin's most spectacular initiatives since his arrival in power in March 2000 has been his pursuit of the oligarchs. A good number of businessmen who became immensely rich under Boris Yeltsin have had their companies taken from them, on the grounds that management of strategic resources is the business of the State. The problem is that Putin has simply replaced these fallen oligarchs with a new oligarchy of men in uniform - generally former KGB/FSB agents (like the president himself) whom he has known for years. Over the past few years, military men have taken over the reins of most of the leading companies in Russian industry. At the same time, this caste has placed its members in most of the key administrative positions. Now that Russia has become a veritable 'militarocracy', its new leaders can turn their attention to another task over the next few months : a pitiless struggle for the presidency, which Putin will be leaving in March 2008.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA023710
Link: http://www.politiqueinternationale.com/revue/article.php?id_revue=115&id=625&content=synopsis
Media: Article
Title: Russie : l'introuvable 'revolution douce'
Author: Jego, Marie
Notes: A wave of 'color revolutions' (such as Ukraine's 'orange' revolution) has swept away several regimes close to Moscow over the past few years, and has put the wind up the Kremlin. On the one hand, it has 'lost' its former allies, forcing it to lower its ambitions of becoming a 'great power' once again; and on the other hand, Vladimir Putin's entourage fears above all a repetition of the phenomenon in Russia itself. Moscow has therefore reacted strongly. First, it has 'punished' its erstwhile allies by abruptly raising the price of gas they buy from Russia. Then the authorities turned against all those within the country who might serve as a conduit for mass protestation. NGOs, opposition parties and citizens' associations have been placed under close surveillance and presented to the public as the work of 'foreign agents'. It has to be admitted that the Kremlin has done its job well : a 'soft' revolution in Russia today seems a very unlikely proposition.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS--FORMER SOVIET REPUBLICS
Subject: FORMER SOVIET REPUBLICS--FOREIGN RELATIONS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA022725
Link: http://www.politiqueinternationale.com/revue/article.php?id_revue=112&id=553&content=synopsis
Media: Article

Title: Russie : la transition inachevee
Author: Medish, Mark
In: POLITIQUE ETRANGERE, 71e annee, no. 1, 2006, p. 11-23.
Notes: La croissance economique russe est spectaculaire; mais les echecs sociaux et politiques du pays sont tout aussi nets. Vladimir Poutine apparait a la fois comme l'homme des reformes pragmatiques et comme l'initiateur d'une nouvelle glaciation politique qui s'illustre dans la brutalisation croissante des relations avec l'etranger proche. Les Occidentaux, divises et largement impuissants, doivent redefinir et unifier leurs choix politiques vis-a-vis d'une Russie pour le moins incertaine.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Item ID: JA022370
Media: Article

Title: A New Turn to Authoritarian Rule in Russia ?
Author: Gill, Graeme
Notes: Many observers have pointed to the increasingly authoritarian nature of President Putin's regime in Russia. This apparent turn away from democracy has generally been attributed either to Russian political culture or to the security background of Putin himself and many of those he has brought to office. However, analysis of the democratization literature suggests that the sources of Russia's authoritarianism may lie in the nature of the initial transition from Soviet rule, and in particular the way in which elites were able to act with significant independence from civil society forces because of the weakness of such forces. This weakness enabled successive elites led by Mikhail Gorbachev, Boris Yeltsin and Vladimir Putin to construct a political system in which popularly based involvement and participation were severely restricted. In this sense, Putin is merely building on what went before, not changing the regime's basic trajectory.
Subject: AUTHORITARIANISM--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA022196
Link: http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13510340500378258
Media: Article
Title: Russia's Ersatz Democracy  
Author: Shevtsova, Lilia  
Notes: Russia's political evolution has entered a strange stage. The ruling elite is trying to use popular elections to legitimize a regime that is based on personified power and bureaucratic authority. It is trying to buttress the social order by restoring Russia's great power status while invoking nostalgia for a past that the elite itself rejects and fears. In all of these endeavors, Russia's leaders are experimenting with a model of national transformation that attempts a unique fusion of conflicting elements: of tradition and postmodernity; of autocracy and democracy; of the market and state control; of partnership with the West and a rejection of Western values.  
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT  
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS  
Item ID: JA022939  
Media: Article

Title: Rusia, un nuevo sistema para salvar el antiguo regimen  
Author: Shevtsova, Lilia  
Notes: Con esloganas nacionalistas y mensajes de superpotencia energetica, el regimen de Vladimir Putin se desliza hacia el autoritarismo. Desde Asia central, hasta la Union Europea y Estados Unidos, las ambiciones rusas suscitan una creciente desconfianza.  
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT  
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS  
Item ID: JA022661  
Media: Article

Title: Wat moeten wij met Rusland - wat moet Rusland met ons?  
Author: Baak, Joost van  
In: INTERNATIONALE SPECTATOR, jg. 60, nr. 12, december 2006, p. 619-625.  
Notes: The author deals with political, economic, and social developments in Russia against the background of some of the long-term characteristics of Russian history and culture. The post-communist rulers of Russia have been confronted with rapidly changing local and global circumstances of various, and often contradictory nature. The sudden and total evaporation of the all-pervading ideology during almost eighty years has left the country and its people in a confusing and even threatening vacuum regarding much of its national history and cultural identity, its socio-economic fabric, as well as its traditional position in world politics. The present global energy situation offers an unexpected bounty for Russia, and especially for its rulers, but it is far from clear how this will affect the country and its international position in the long term. The political reflexes of the rulers point in the direction of traditional authoritarian rule, extension of control over society as a whole, and geopolitical arguments strongly determining foreign policy. Still, it remains to be seen to what extent this is just a phase in the post-communist development of Russia, and what the chances will be in the long run for the forces that favour the development of a civil society and a more open, transparent economy.  
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT  
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS  
Item ID: JA023246  
Media: Article  
Collection Type: Articles Collection - Ask Library Staff for the Journal
Notes: Little is known about the siloviki, commonly but misleadingly described as a group of current and former intelligence officers from Putin's hometown of St. Petersburg. Yet, its members, interests, relationships, and influence are helping shape Russia as its 2008 presidential elections approach.

Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

Media: Article

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Notes: Les violences ont décru en Tchétchénie depuis 2004, en particulier du fait d'une évolution des tactiques russes, mais elles essaiment dans tout le Caucase du Nord. Si la crise de regimes nepotiques et corrompus du Caucase du Nord constitue un facteur évident de la transformation des communautés musulmanes - les Jamaat - en vecteurs de la contestation sociale et politique, la réduction par Moscou du problème islamiste dans le Caucase a la lutte contre le terrorisme est grosse de dangers pouvant s'étendre bien au-delà de cette seule région.

Subject: TERRORISM--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--PREVENTION

Subject: TERRORISM--GOVERNMENT POLICY--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)

Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

Subject: ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)

Subject: TERRORISM--RELIGIOUS ASPECTS--ISLAM--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)

Item ID: JA022427

Media: Article
Title: Le deuxieme mandat du President Poutine : une mentalite obsidionale
Author: Thom, Francoise
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA021450
Media: Article

Title: Putin's Etatization Project and Limits to Democratic Reforms in Russia
Author: Hashim, S. Mohsin
Notes: The paper evaluates Putin's state building efforts in terms of its impact on democratic change in Russia. Putin's evolution is treated as a response and not a solution to the legacy of the Yeltsin era reforms that created a politico-economic system lacking widespread legitimacy. It is argued that Putin's consolidation of power through his centralization measures seriously undermines Russia's prospects for democratization. The paper analyzes his efforts to wrest authority away from regional leaders, oligarchs, parliament and civil society. The analysis contends that concentration of state power in the absence of horizontal accountability and an effective state bureaucracy will only consolidate a non-democratic regime incapable of implementing its proclaimed public policy goals.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA021426
Link: http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.postcomstud.2005.06.002
Media: Article

Title: Le grand retour du sovietisme
Author: Mandeville, Laure
Notes: The West has found a very curious ally in Vladimir Putin. Under his iron hand, the Russian parliament has been transformed into a docile body that simply rubber stamps presidential decisions. Regional powers have been virtually eliminated and the media has been reined in. The private sector finds itself threatened by the appetite of the state. The war in Chechnya has started up again, bloodier and more absurd than ever. But the Russian president joined the 'sacred union' of those willing to combat international terrorism, earning him the good graces of the United States. At the same time, he joined the camp of the multilateralists opposed to the US intervention in Iraq, gaining the esteem of 'old Europe'. Such clever maneuvering did not work out in the Ukrainian affair, however, where Putin's stubborn support for 'his' candidate could well have gotten the 'ostriches' in the West to raise their heads and take a look at the imperial reality of the authoritarian regime in Moscow.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Item ID: JA021269
Link: http://www.politiqueinternationale.com/revue/article.php?id_revue=20&id=74&content=synopsis
Media: Article

Title: La democratie russe, de la spontaneite a l'improvisation ?
Author: Salmine, Alexei
Notes: Comment caracteriser les transformations institutionnelles qui marquent la Russie depuis pres de quinze ans ? De 1991 a 1996, le pays a vu emerger un regime de 'democratie immature' ou d' 'infra-democratie', fonde sur des elections libres, l'inscription de la separation des pouvoirs dans la Constitution, la decentralisation et la liberte de la presse. Aux cotes de ces institutions nouvelles ont subsiste toutes celles qui n'ont connu que des changements mineurs ou se sont recomposese selon des logiques tres differentes aux reformes des annees 1990 : il s'agit en particulier des 'structures de force' - armee, police, services de renseignements - du systeme judiciaire et du systeme educatif. En outre, le regime actuel se caracterise par des 'institutions de transition' qui ont pour fonction de remplir des espaces sociopolitiques vacants : oligarques, 'clans', etc. Mais la veritable lacune de la societe russe, c'est l'absence d'un pouvoir consolide, qui se traduit par une forte instabilite institutionnelle et une certaine opacite au plus haut niveau de l'Etat.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: DEMOCRACY--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Item ID: JA020287
The 'Putin System' and Political Pluralism.

Title: The 'Putin System' and Political Pluralism.
Author: Wieck, Jasper
Notes: Putin dominates the duma and the political parties in it, and he is ruthless with any would-be opposition. Yet it might be a mistake to think he is necessarily recreating a monopoly political system in Russia. Not only does he say he wants a strong market economy, which depends on some competition of ideas. For the first time in Russia since Soviet collapse, a party, Putin's United Russia, is taking responsibility for the government program. This sets up a new dynamic.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA020576
Media: Article

Wealth versus Political Power: the Russian Case.

Title: Wealth versus Political Power: the Russian Case.
Author: Shlapentokh, Vladimir
Notes: The interplay between the state and the super rich has been a subject of intense debate since the time of Aristotle, who introduced the notion of oligarchs and the oligarchic regime as the ruling of a few rich people. The ideologically loaded debates about the role of wealthy people in society can be found in each country in the contemporary world. A dramatic struggle between Russia President Vladimir Putin, and the oligarch Mikhail Khodorkovsky, whose wealth was estimated before his arrest at eight-billion dollars, unfolded in the summer and fall of 2003. This conflict will likely be recounted in any future textbook that discusses the relationship between political power and big money.
Subject: OLIGARCHY--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA020631
Link: http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.postcomstud.2004.03.001
Media: Article

La Russie et les autres pays de la CEI en 2003.

Title: La Russie et les autres pays de la CEI en 2003.
In: COURRIER DES PAYS DE L'EST, no. 1041, janvier - fevrier 2004, numero special.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ECONOMIC CONDITIONS
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES--ECONOMIC CONDITIONS
Subject: COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA020372
Media: Article

Faut-il avoir peur de Vladimir Poutine?

Title: Faut-il avoir peur de Vladimir Poutine?
Author: Carrere D'Encausse, Helene
Notes: Russians had several reasons to be satisfied with 2004, along with numerous reasons for concern. The good news included the economy as growth continued at a sustained pace and inflation steadily declined. The standard of living of the population is slowly rising and a real middle class is emerging. Politically, on the other hand, there is a tendency for the powers that be to try to regain control, exerting influence on the media, returning former KGB officials to positions of authority in the government and generally strengthening the authority of the state and its institutions. But this does not necessarily justify fears of a return to the Soviet era, which would be a shortsighted view. It is obvious that Vladimir Putin is trying to consolidate his authority and that of the state he dominates. He does not, however, have either the means - nor likely the ambition - to go any further. The current tightening of control is above all the result of Russia's persistent complex of encirclement, aggravated by recent events in Georgia and Ukraine.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA021268
Link: http://www.politiqueinternationale.com/revue/article.php?id_revue=20&id=73&content=synopsis
Media: Article
La Russie de Vladimir Poutine : un virage vers le passe ?

Author: Shevtsova, Lilia
In: POLITIQUE ETRANGERE, 69e annee, no. 1, printemps 2004, p. 81-94.
Notes: Les recents evenements en Russie - le harcelement des medias independants, l'attaque contre Mikhail Khodorkovsky, qui a construit l'entreprise la plus rentable et la plus transparente du pays, et les resultats des elections a la Douma de decembre 2003, qui ont vu disparaire du Parlement les partis liberalo-democratiques - montrent que la Russie post-communiste est entree, pour longtemps, dans une periode de pouvoir semi-autoritaire. Le regime de Vladimir Poutine, replace dans l'histoire de la Russie, ressemble en effet a un enieme avatar du pouvoir russe traditionnel, monolithique et personnalise, la separation des pouvoirs n'y etant que theorique. Toute la question est donc de savoir comment Poutine reussira a concilier deux aspects opposes de sa personnalite - le reformateur pro occidental et le politique autoritaire - et si ses choix pro-occidentaux seront ou non soutenables a long terme.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA020286
Media: Article

A Normal Country.

Author: Shleifer, Andrei
Additional Author: Treisman, Daniel
Notes: Conventional wisdom in the West says that post-Cold War Russia has been a disastrous failure. The facts say otherwise. Aspects of Russia's performance over the last decade may have been disappointing, but the notion that the country has gone through an economic cataclysm and political relapse is wrong - more a comment on overblown expectations than on Russia's actual experience. Compared to other countries at a similar level of economic and political development, Russia looks more the norm than the exception.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ECONOMIC CONDITIONS
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA020198
Media: Article

Russia - A Question of Trust.

Author: Kendall, Bridget
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
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Link: http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/03071840308446869
Media: Article

Russia : Power in Weakness ?

Author: Rumer, Eugene B.
Additional Author: Wallander, Celeste A.
Notes: Russian leadership faces internal political, economic, societal, and defense challenges that will preclude Russia from achieving great-power status in the near future. What is notable is not Russia's power but its weakness.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ECONOMIC CONDITIONS
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--SOCIAL CONDITIONS
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Item ID: JA020144
Media: Article
Notes: Quelle est cette société russe qui a renvoyé aux 'poubelles de l'histoire', en moins de dix ans, deux chefs d'État ayant connu auparavant une popularité certaine, Mikhaïl Gorbatchev et Boris Eltsine ? Peu convaincus par les valeurs démocratiques, les Russes aspirent plutôt à être gouvernés par un homme fort, à l'ordre et à la sécurité, paralélement à l'idée selon laquelle la démocratie n'est pas faite pour les Russes. Les partis politiques ayant par ailleurs peu de crédit auprès des électeurs, l'abstention frôle désormais les 50 %, quel que soit le scrutin, les jeunes étant les plus nombreux à ne pas aller voter. Il faut y ajouter le vote 'contre tous', en progression, qui a séduit 2,2 millions de votants lors des élections législatives de 1999. Le fossé s'est considérablement creusé entre la société et le pouvoir au cours de la période Eltsine. Les deux tiers des personnes sondées estiment en effet avoir été flouées par les dirigeants, en particulier en raison de la confiscation de leur épargne et de la désagrégation du système social. Les Russes, désormais, constatent qu'ils ne peuvent compter que sur eux-mêmes et l'idée que l'État doit se cantonner dans ses fonctions regaliennes fait son chemin (33 % des sondes). Le Président reste la seule institution respectée, avec 70 % qui lui font confiance aujourd'hui. L'action de Vladimir Poutine sur le plan intérieur est généralement approuvée, mais les sondages révèlent paradoxalement que le vrai pouvoir serait aux mains des oligarques et de la mafia. Ils considèrent par contre d'un œil critique le rapprochement avec les États-Unis.
Notes: Next month the Russian people take part in the first stage of a new electoral cycle. Parliamentary elections for the new Duma and the presidential poll next March mark a potential watershed in the political development of the largest and most important of the post-Soviet states. They go to the heart of a question that has engaged Western policy-makers since the collapse of the Soviet Union more than a decade ago: Russia's democratic progress. To some observers, the elections are staging posts in an inexorable if uneven process of democratisation. For others, they are an elaborate scam in which form and illusion pass for substance, and political democracy and a civil society are mere labels of convenience.

Subject: ELECTIONS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: DEMOCRACY--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
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Media: Article
Notes: A parliament is a crucial testing ground for the coherence of political parties and an environment in which the distribution of incentives affects party survival. It is commonly held that in weakly institutionalised parliaments, political parties with distinct organizational structures will strive to shape floor decisions in their partisan image, rather than distribute inclusive and pragmatic incentives aiming at forming stable coalitions. The experience of the Russian State Duma in its first session, 1994-95, is a case in point. Voting patterns in open roll-call votes, analysed according to partisan fractions, and internal discussions of central patriotic partisan issues reveal that patriotic political parties gained leverage on the shaping of internal regulations and contributed to giving the Duma a voice in foreign policies by focusing on ideational incentives and group coherence, rather than building coalitions.

Subject: LEGISLATIVE BODIES--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

Title: Putin's Twelve-Step Program.
Author: Blank, Stephen J.
Notes: Historically, Moscow’s foreign policy has sought to preserve Russia’s integrity, restore primacy across the CIS, and revise the status quo. Putin has devised and implemented 12 steps, starting with the war in Chechnya, to pursue these same goals.

Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

Title: The Putin System.
Author: Vogel, Heinrich
Notes: The first good news for President Putin is that the Russian economy has finally resumed growth after a decade of decline. His second good news is that he is succeeding in reining in his rivals in the Duma and the regions and among the oligarchs. The bad news is Chechnya - and the built-in limits in a system that depends on the omnipotence of the center.

Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

Title: Poutine, le prisonnier du Caucase.
Author: Mandeville, Laure
Notes: Appearances notwithstanding, the spectacular hostage-taking in a Moscow theatre in October 2002 no doubt says more about president Putin’s regime than it does about the broader Chechen crisis. Bogged down in an endless conflict, the Russians are caught in their own trap. Far from becoming ‘normalised’ - as termed in official Kremlin-speak - the situation continues to deteriorate. Russia has become a target for Chechen fighters driven to desperation. Never has a Russian president been so powerful and so popular. And yet Vladimir Putin does not enjoy a totally free hand, since he is himself the hostage of his generals and the Russian oligarchs. Former advisors to Boris Yeltsin continue to lurk in the hallways of the Kremlin, making sure that their protege remains aware that they are the ones who put him in power. Russian society, for its part, remains a prisoner of its own doing. The lack of public reaction following the carnage on Rue Dubrovka opens the door to extremely troubling authoritarian winds.

Subject: CHECHNYA (RUSSIA)--HISTORY--CIVIL WAR, 1994-
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

Link: http://www.politiqueinternationale.com/revue/article.php?id_revue=13&id=210&content=synopsis
Media: Article
Title: Putin’s First Two Years: Democracy or Authoritarianism?
Author: Nichols, Thomas M.
Notes: Those who argue for the irreversibility of Russian democracy are on firmer ground than the critics who, while understandably concerned, have been warning repeatedly since 1991 that Russia is headed for disaster and whose predictions of doom have repeatedly gone unrealized.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA018379
Media: Article

Title: Russia Renewed?
Author: Treisman, Daniel
Notes: Most observers think Vladimir Putin is remaking Russia. In fact, although the faces may have changed, Putin’s Russia is more like Yeltsin’s than is generally recognized. Oligarchs still reign, war in Chechnya rages on, and most of Putin’s innovations are superficial. Meanwhile, most of what is new in Russia - the growing economy and Putin’s popularity - owes little to the president’s policies.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA018613
Media: Article

Title: Seven Faces of Putin’s Russia: Federal Districts as the New Level of State-Territorial Composition.
Author: Petrov, Nikolai
Notes: Russian President Vladimir Putin has made federal reform one of his key priorities, and his first serious action, taken just a couple of days after his inauguration, was the introduction of a new system of seven enlarged federal districts. In five cases, the presidential envoys appointed to these districts were generals, who hand-picked their deputies and staff mostly from the ranks. The majority of the chief federal inspectors in the regions also come from established ‘power structures’. In this article, the seven federal districts are described, and an analysis is made of the essence of the reform, the way it is proceeding, its effectiveness, and its future prospects. The forceful start of the federal reform in 2000 noticeably reduced the development of regional trends in Russia and strengthened central control; however, in 2001 the reform lost much of its dynamism, and the need for the new level of territorial organization remains questionable. It is argued that, whatever the Kremlin’s initial plans and words, what is really happening is the insertion of police-state mechanisms into a delegative and declarative democratic state.
Subject: FEDERAL GOVERNMENT--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA017754
Link: http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/0967010602033001006
Media: Article

2001

Title: Theses sur la Russie passe et presente.
Author: Besancon, Alain
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Item ID: JA016628
Media: Article
Troubled Triangle : Russia, Ukraine and the United States.

Title: Troubled Triangle : Russia, Ukraine and the United States.
Author: Kincade, William H.
Notes: A potentially productive triangular arrangement among Russia, Ukraine, and the US emerged in 1994 from efforts to constrain nuclear weapons diffusion. By 2001, this promising initiative was nearly moribund, owing to the inability or unwillingness of the parties to fulfill the commitments of subsequent agreements. The domestic and external causes of this failure are many and clear. Yet the advantages to each of reengaging in a trilateral relationship are also plain. This means fulfilling their unfinished agenda by learning from past mistakes, adopting realistic premises and goals, and pursuing 'bottom up' as well as 'top down' strategies.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS--USA
Subject: USA--FOREIGN RELATIONS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: UKRAINE--FOREIGN RELATIONS--USA
Subject: USA--FOREIGN RELATIONS--UKRAINE
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: UKRAINE--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA016460
Link: http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/01402390108437824
Media: Article

Simulations of Power in Putin's Russia.

Title: Simulations of Power in Putin's Russia.
Author: Holmes, Stephen
Notes: Although the identity of power wielders changes from year to year, we will not soon witness the emergence of a form of power accountable to ordinary Russian citizens. The state will remain detached and nonresponsive to society. It will remain 'a corporation' that, however wracked by international struggles, basically looks after itself.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA017051
Media: Article

Putin's Federal Reforms : Reintegrating Russia's Legal Space or Upsetting the Metastability of Russia's Asymmetrical Federalism.

Title: Putin's Federal Reforms : Reintegrating Russia's Legal Space or Upsetting the Metastability of Russia's Asymmetrical Federalism.
Author: Hahn, Gordon M.
In: DEMOKRATIZATSIYA, vol. 9, no. 4, Fall 2001, p. 498-530.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: FEDERAL GOVERNMENT--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
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Media: Article

Moscou : le pouvoir carnivore.

Title: Moscou : le pouvoir carnivore.
Author: Mandeville, Laure
Notes: Over the past ten years, Russia has experienced deep-seated upheavals and as many revolutionary slogans. Hence the impression that nothing has really changed in this country and that there can be no end to the crisis that now engulfs it. After the financial collapse of 1998, in fact, the Russian economy got back on its feet much faster than expected. And it is also true that Boris Yeltsin, that aging and disgraced czar, made way for a dashing president, whose youthfulness and vitality have helped restore the public's opinion of power. Capitalizing on his popularity, Vladimir Putin has even launched an ambitious and much-needed project of 'restoring the state'. Unfortunately, behind these fine words, it is becoming increasingly clear that Putin's prime political motive is to strengthen central power to the detriment of all other types of power, whether formal - the legislature, the judiciary, etc. - or informal, such as the influence of certain oligarchs.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA016585
Link: http://www.politiqueinternationale.com/revue/article.php?id_revue=6&id=371&content=synopsis
Media: Article
Title: Wild Theories.
Author: Light, Margot
Additional Author: White, Stephen
Notes: In the two years since Vladimir Putin first assumed real political power the inner circles of the Kremlin have become less accessible to westerners. Despite growing exposure to international summity, the President has yet to develop his own world view. But the theories put forward by those around him are alarming indeed.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Item ID: JA016659
Media: Article

Title: Putin's First Year in Office : The New Regime's Uniqueness in Russian History.
Author: Shlapentokh, V.
Notes: The author analyzes Putin's first year in office by comparing it to the last fifteen regimes in Russian history. Putin shares many common features with the leaders of the past. He belongs to the group of leaders who were not so concerned about the progress of society as in removing the threat to the existing political order. He is also among those who moved toward authoritarianism in their first year. As all new regimes in the 20th century, Putin used democratic ideology for the legitimization of his rule, though he almost immediately began to curtail the fledgling democracy in Russia. While Putin's regime was similar to the previous regimes in some respects, it was very different in others. First of all, no ruler rose to power from such a politically obscure position. Putin came to power with far less experience than his fourteen predecessors. The circumstances under which Putin came to power have no precedent in recent history. Another uniqueness of Putin's first year in office was the extent to which various elements of the old regime were preserved. The author dwells on Putin's first year with special attention. As a predictor of the future, it suggests that Russian society under Putin will remain essentially the same as it was shaped by 1995.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA017285
Link: http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0967-067X(01)00010-1
Media: Article

Title: Russian Interpretations of Crisis.
Author: Buckley, Mary
Notes: Across Russian historical periods there has been recurring discourse about the nature of 'crisis' and how best to solve it. In 1999 and 2000, parties and movements across the ideological spectrum variously defined its characteristics and consequences, illustrating a diversity and complexity in contemporary Russian political thought which offered competing recommendations for change. In contrast to the final years of the Soviet Union in 1990 and 1991, when 'crisis' was also frequently discussed, its solution today does not require structural collapse of the state. The political 'centre' of the Russian Federation is not becoming redundant, as it finally did in the USSR under Michael Gorbachev, since it retains both power and authority and most regional elites want to work with it.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA017103
Media: Article

Title: Charisma und Zweifel : Prasident Putin vor grossen Herausforderungen.
Author: Vogel, Heinrich
Notes: Der Amtsantritt von Wladimir Putin im Jahr 1999 wurde von Hoffnungen auf eine rasche Stabilisierung ebenso wie von Befurchtungen über ein mogliches Abgleiten in autoritare Herrschaft begleitet. Beides ist eingetreten, doch überwiegen in allen wesentlichen Bereichen der Wirtschafts- und Gesellschaftspolitik die ungelosten Probleme - das 'System Putin' steht auf schwachen Fussen.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA017185
Media: Article
Title: Putin's Russia: slowing the pendulum without stopping the clock.
Author: Nicholson, Martin
Notes: Vladimir Putin has been president of Russia for eighteen months, sufficient time for some judgement about his style of leadership and achievements to have been made. He set out to restore order to a Russia that was fragmenting in Yeltsin’s latter years and to revive Russians’ pride in their country. Nonetheless, he remains committed to a liberal market economy integrated with the world economy. He encouraged force to bring order to Chechnya, but has not really tackled the problem of reconstruction. He has brought the regions under greater control by the centre, but has been prepared to compromise to avoid confrontation. His most tangible achievement to date has been in championing legislation, most of it long overdue, to establish the legal basis of a market economy. He has been able to exploit a working majority in the parliament, which Yeltsin never enjoyed. The success of this enterprise will depend to some degree on its political context. Persistent efforts by Putin and his team to exert control over the political process and the media will be counterproductive if they concentrate power with the president but leave him without broadly based, independent political support. Putin is likely to remain in power until 2008, so he has time on his side.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA017130
Link: http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=a9h&AN=5408276&site=ehost-live&scope=site
Media: Article

Title: Une nouvelle classe politique en Russie?
Author: Raviot, Jean-Robert
In: COURRIER DES PAYS DE L'EST, no. 1015, mai 2001, p. 25-34.
Notes: Vladimir Poutine n'entend pas seulement modifier les rapports centre-regions dans l'optique de retablir un Etat fort et coherent, il cherche aussi a faire emerger une veritable classe politique et a lutter contre l'influence des oligarques. Or il se heurte a une classe dirigeante issue de la nomenklatura economique, traversee par des conflits d'interets, ou s'affrontent les groupes de pression, qui a investi les institutions politiques mais ne s'est pas impliquee dans la vie des partis. Il n'existe donc pas de classe politique en tant que telle, mais un conglomerat de personnalites aux profils disparates. Dans ce contexte, faute de structures partisanes, le President est amene a jouer le role d'arbitre tout en s'appuyant sur trois groupes d'interets : les neo-liberaux, le clan des Petersbourgeois et les structures militarisees. Le projet de loi sur les partis politiques avec les contraintes qu'elle impose devrait aboutir a la constitution de trois ou quatre grandes formations, aux appareils hierarchises. Mais les reseaux informels et les oligarchies ont-ils interet a entrer dans ce moule?
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA016943
Media: Article

2000

Title: Putin's Plutocrat Problem.
Author: Wolosky, Lee S.
Notes: Russia’s popular new president is better positioned than his predecessor was to enact needed reforms. But all of Vladimir Putin’s efforts will come to nought unless he can do what Boris Yeltsin never did: rein in Russia’s plutocrats. These ruthless oligarchs have fleeced Russia of staggering sums, seizing control of its oil industry—one of the world’s largest—in the process. Through payoffs and intimidation, they have insinuated themselves into electoral politics and virtually immunized themselves from prosecution. None of Russia’s problems—not its crippled economy, nor its emaciated infrastructure, nor its wheezing democracy—will be solved while the robber barons retain their power. America cannot afford to sit on the sidelines any longer.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: CORRUPTION--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Item ID: JA015019
Media: Article
Le système politique russe : caractéristiques et évolution.  
**Author:** Sakwa, Richard  
**In:** REVUE INTERNATIONALE ET STRATEGIQUE, no. 38, été 2000, p. 73-85.  
**Notes:** Le concept de 'régime' tel qu'il est ici développé sert à décrire la manière dont la pratique politique russe a évolué et a permis de s'éloigner des contraintes institutionnelles et constitutionnelles définissant la nature du système politique russe. Se détachant des réalités systémiques, un groupe de dirigeants politiques a, au cours de la période eltsinienne, acquis une certaine indépendance d'action tout en s'alliant à de nouveaux groupuscules relativement influents de la sphère économie-finances, pour donner naissance à un système hybride, à la fois démocratique et autoritaire. Neanmoins, si le régime présidentiel russe fonctionne suivant un modèle clientéliste qui laisse planer des doutes quant à la transparence de certains agissements, cette évolution reflète surtout des luttes de pouvoir incessantes et les difficultés à se détacher des pratiques du passé.

**Subject:** RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT  
**Item ID:** JA015296  
**Media:** Article

Les élites politiques russes à l'époque eltsinienne : une alternance est-elle possible ?  
**Author:** Schaub, Marie-Karine  
**In:** REVUE INTERNATIONALE ET STRATEGIQUE, no. 38, été 2000, p. 112-119.  
**Notes:** L'importance des élites politiques est la résultante de tendances lourdes de l'histoire russe et soviétique. Malgré cette pesanteur historique et sociologique, les groupes au pouvoir se sont recomposés au gré des succès ou des échecs des différentes stratégies reformatrices, des engouements du président, de l'évolution économique-politique. C'est dans la rencontre entre des soubresauts souvent marqués par la violence et une certaine stabilité déjà analysable sur une décennie qu'il est possible d'évaluer la nature, les stratégies et les pratiques des élites russes. Au moment des élections présidentielles, qui se sont déroulées le 26 mars 2000, et dans le sillage de l'élection de Vladimir Poutine à la présidence de la Fédération de Russie, on peut s'interroger sur les conditions d'une eventuelle alternance des élites politico-économiques.

**Subject:** RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT  
**Item ID:** JA015300  
**Media:** Article

Putin in Power.  
**Author:** MacFaul, Michael  
**Notes:** Will this former KGB colonel return Russia to a repressive past, or does he plan to reconfigure Russian democracy into a more 'efficient', center-dominated political system ?

**Subject:** RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT  
**Item ID:** JA015862  
**Media:** Article

Russian Reforms and the West.  
**Author:** Fylov, Vyacheslav O.  
**In:** COMPARATIVE STRATEGY, vol. 19, no. 2, April - June 2000, p. 117-121.  
**Notes:** Although Russia has achieved freedom since the fall of the Soviet Union, the financial and economic crises and political uncertainty have eroded public confidence. US support of Russian reforms has been premised more on control of its nuclear arsenals than on accomplishing systemic change. Western economic policies have contributed to anti-American attitudes among the Russian people. Many Russians are leaning toward alternative political scenarios that could signify a return to authoritarianism. Such a regime would have little incentive to cooperate with the West on issues such as arms control and regional stability.

**Subject:** RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT  
**Item ID:** JA015503  
**Media:** Article
Title: Putin’s Russia.
Author: Leahy, Anne
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Item ID: JA016187
Media: Article

Title: Qui a peur de Vladimir Poutine ?
Author: Thom, Françoise
In: POLITIQUE INTERNATIONALE, no. 87, printemps 2000, p. 31-44.
Notes: The division between public opinion and Western leaders has never been as gaping as in the case of Vladimir Putin. As the Russian army accomplished its foul deeds in Chechnya, messages poured in from governments over Europe to congratulate the newly-elected Russian president. In contrast to ordinary citizens, the democratic leaders have let themselves be fooled, apparently forgetting that Putin is an experienced KGB agent and that one of the basic principles drilled into the officers of the former intelligence service was the art of saying what people want to hear. This man, who has built his political career on hatred and a call to murder an entire people, is in the process of building a totalitarian power base: renewing his grip on the media, reinforcing the special services and the police, and tightening links with the Soviet Union’s former clients. The biggest crime in the face of such excesses would be to let Putin think that strength always win out over dialogue.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA015314
Link: http://www.politiqueinternationale.com/revue/article.php?id_revue=2&id=438&content=synopsis
Media: Article

Title: Chancen und Risiken: Russland unter Putin.
Author: Rahr, Alexander
Additional Author: Wolf, Cordula
Notes: Russia is going through a crisis! This conclusion is obvious when summarizing the incidents that occurred in that country in the last few months. Starting from the bomb attack in the Moscow subway and the sinking of the Kursk submarine to the burning TV tower in East Ankino, the occurrences seem to speak for themselves. They are interpreted differently, primarily abroad where they are regarded as a sign of weak and shaky economy demonstrating in a tragic way the government’s difficulties in combating terrorism. In addition, there is the ongoing armed conflict in Chechnya which is still claiming new lives every day. According to recent reports of the Deputy Chief of the General Staff, Manilov, approximately 14,000 insurgents were killed since the beginning of the intervention by the Russian armed forces in the Northern Caucasus in August last year. The losses on the side of the Russian troops are officially numbered at about 2,600 military personnel killed in action. However, this number is called in question by the Russian organization of Mothers of Soldiers which assumes that the figure of killed soldiers is two or three times as high. The number of victims among the civilian population in the areas the two opponents are fighting over is not exactly known yet; but it is said to run into several thousands. Nevertheless, since Vladimir Putin has taken up office, positive developments can be seen in the much-scolded Russian economy which give cause for hope.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ECONOMIC POLICY
Item ID: JA015958
Media: Article
Title: Putin y la plutocracia rusa.
Author: Wolosky, Lee S.
Notes: Es pronto todavía para determinar el compromiso democrático de Vladimir Putin. Demostrarlo, le exige imponer su autoridad sobre la peligrosa oligarquía que dirige Rusia y que representa una amenaza para la transición hacia la democracia y el libre mercado. También para los intereses de EE UU, cuya seguridad depende, en buena medida, del éxito de la transformación rusa.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: CORRUPTION--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Item ID: JA015560
Media: Article

Title: Yeltsin and the Evolution of Electoral Monarchy in Russia.
Author: Shevtsova, Lilia
Notes: Yeltsin's paradox - that he stood for both continuity and change, for conservatism and revolution - makes it difficult to assess how the first Russian president's legacy will be viewed in coming years. To what extend did Yeltsinism define the office, and how will Putin and future leaders build on his 'experiment'?
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA015863
Media: Article

Title: Les destins de Monsieur Poutine.
Author: Shihab, Sophie
In: POLITIQUE INTERNATIONALE, no. 89, automne 2000, p. 241-258.
Notes: A year after Vladimir Putin took the reins in Moscow, one question is on everyone's lips: will this ex-lieutenant colonel of the KGB, the 'savior of the nation' appointed by the Yeltsin clan to protect its interests, restore a strong central authority in Russia? The answer lies in the complex relations - built on rivalries and compromise - between the new President and the so-called oligarchs (the powerful businessmen who supported his rise to power). For the moment, there are three plausible scenarios. Putin might rid himself of his turbulent oligarchs and establish a Soviet-style authoritarian regime, which may well lead to widespread violence. Alternatively, thanks to the rise in oil and raw materials prices, Putin might succeed in integrating the oligarchs in a modern, prosperous and democratic state. Or thirdly, he could simply do nothing and Russia will continue on its long march towards the abyss.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA015902
Link: http://www.politiqueinternationale.com/revue/article.php?id_revue=4&id=426&content=synopsis
Media: Article

Title: 'Starker Staat' Russland : Putins ehrgeiziges Programm.
Author: Luchterhandt, Otto
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA015476
Media: Article
Title: Changing Guard at the Kremlin.
Author: Nicholson, Martin
Notes: On the last day of the millennium, Boris Yeltsin surprised the world by resigning as president of Russia. His action automatically elevated his protege, Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, to the post of acting president. Putin, boosted by the parliamentary elections of 19 December, now looks certain to win the presidential elections, brought forward from June to 26 March. Yeltsin’s move was designed to serve his own interests. It may also serve Russia’s - by shortening the period of uncertainty between the two sets of elections and hastening the time when the conflict in Chechnya can be taken out of the electoral context.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA014920
Media: Article

Title: Le triomphe de l’ordre etabli.
Author: Raviot, Jean-Robert
In: COURRIER DES PAYS DE L’EST, no. 1004, avril 2000, p. 4-26.
Notes: Apres une campagne menee sur fond de guerre en Tchetchenie et jalonnee de coups bas - il s’agissait, pour la liste Unite incarnant le ‘parti du Kremlin’ patronnee par le ‘dauphin’ du president Eltsine, d’évincer la coalition centriste concurrente, La patrie - Toute la Russie, qui aspirait a la detroner - les legislatives du 19 decembre 1999 n’ont pas degage de majorite claire. Pourtant ce scrutin, qui ne change pas fondamentalement la donne politique - la Chambre basse n’ayant guere de poids - est tres eclairant en termes d’orientations politiques. Il consacre en effet le triomphe des centristes et la deroute des nationaux-patriotes, l’erosion des democrates et la stabilite de l’électorat communiste. Il permet egalement de mieux cerner ce qu’est pour les Russes le type ideal d’homme politique, qui se confond avec le parti du pouvoir. Mais, plus que les valeurs et les orientations politiques, la vraie ligne de partage de l’électorat russe est le territoire. L’auteur offre ici une fine analyse des votes selon les sujets de la Federation - ceux de la continuite et ceux du changement -, des pratiques et comportements des candidats, souvent peu soutenus par des formations nationales, du role des grands groupes industriels et financiers ... Une classe politique est en formation en Russie, qui n’est encore que la partie emergee de la classe dirigeante reelle.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Item ID: JA015416
Media: Article
Title: Authoritarian Modernization in Russia: Ideas, Institutions, and Policies [electronic resource]

Additional Author: Gel'man, Vladimir, 1965-, ed.

Published: Abingdon, UK: Routledge, 2017

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Notes: Includes index.

Notes: Post-communist Russia is an instance of the phenomenon of authoritarian modernization project, which is perceived as a set of policies intended to achieve a high level of economic development, while political freedoms remain beyond the current modernization agenda or are postponed to a distant future. Why did Russia (unlike many countries of post-communist Europe) pursue authoritarian modernization after the Soviet collapse? What is the ideational agenda behind this project and why does it dominate Russia's post-communist political landscape? What are the mechanisms of political governance, which maintain this project and how have they adopted and absorbed various democratic institutions and practices? Why has this project brought such diverse results in various policy arenas, and why have the consequences of certain policies become so controversial? Why, despite so many controversies, shortcomings and flaws, has this project remained attractive in the eyes of a large proportion of the Russian elite and ordinary citizens? This volume intends to place some of these questions on the research agenda and propose several answers, encouraging further discussion about the logic and mechanisms of the authoritarian modernization project in post-communist Russia and its effects on Russia's politics, economy, and society.

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Subject: POST-COMMUNISM--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)

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Title: Russian Futures: Horizon 2025 [electronic resource]

Additional Author: Haukkala, Hiski, ed.

Additional Author: Popescu, Nicu, ed.

Institution: European Union Institute for Security Studies (FR)


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Notes: Predicting Russia's future is a perilous exercise. Many, indeed perhaps most, of those who have ventured to make such predictions in the past have erred in one way or another. At the moment the danger of getting things wrong is perhaps particularly high since quite a number of short-term uncertainties with long-term consequences for the European continent - in both Russia and the EU - could make the next few years, let alone the next decade, radically different. From regional wars, refugees and their impact on the EU, to the falling oil price and Russia's infatuation with military power as a quick fix to its foreign or domestic policy problems - the strategic environment is not simply unpredictable, but dangerously volatile. Yet it is precisely in such moments of uncertainty and crisis that planning for the future is more needed than ever. With this in mind, a group of prominent analysts and experts on Russia have sought to predict how Russia is likely to evolve over the next decade. The intellectual groundwork for this publication was thus laid in a series of meetings of an EUISS Task Force on Russia that took place in autumn 2015 and brought together experts and officials from the EU, Russia, the US and Ukraine. They decided to set about this exercise the hard way, choosing to go beyond the relative analytical safety of outlining the usual triptych of good, bad and middle-of-the-road scenarios. Scenarios are a good way to structure thinking and plan potential responses. But
more often than not they allow experts to avoid placing bets and making judgements. In this publication experts are making considered judgements as to where Russia will stand a decade from now.

Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION) --POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT--FORECASTING
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--ECONOMIC CONDITIONS--FORECASTING
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS--FORECASTING
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--MILITARY POLICY--FORECASTING

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Title: The New Russia [electronic resource]
Author: Gorbachev, Mikhail Sergeevich, 1931-
Published: Cambridge, UK : Polity Press, 2016
Physical Description: 1 online resource (xi, 464 pages)
Notes: Includes index.
Notes: After years of rapprochement, the relationship between Russia and the West is more strained now than it has been in the past 25 years. Putin’s motives, his reasons for seeking confrontation with the West, remain for many a mystery. Not for Mikhail Gorbachev. He draws on his wealth of knowledge and experience to reveal the development of Putin’s regime and the intentions behind it. He argues that Putin has significantly diminished the achievements of perestroika and is part of an over-centralized system that presents a precarious future for Russia. Faced with this, Gorbachev advocates a radical reform of politics and a new fostering of pluralism and social democracy. Gorbachev’s insightful analysis moves beyond internal politics to address wider problems in the region, including the Ukraine conflict, as well as the global challenges of poverty and climate change. Above all else, he insists that solutions are to be found by returning to the atmosphere of dialogue and cooperation which was so instrumental in ending the Cold War. This book represents the summation of Gorbachev’s thinking on the course that Russia has taken since 1991 and stands as a testament to one of the greatest and most influential statesmen of the twentieth century.

Subject: GORBACHEV, MIKHAIL SERGEEVICH, 1931-
Subject: PRESIDENTS--USSR--BIOGRAPHY
Subject: USSR--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
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2015

Title: Winter is Coming: Why Vladimir Putin and the Enemies of the Free World Must Be Stopped [electronic record]
Author: Kasparov, Garri Kimovich
Additional Author: Greengard, Mig
Published: New York: PublicAffairs, 2015
Physical Description: 1 online resource (xxviii, 291 pages)
Notes: The ascension of Putin to the presidency of Russia in 1999 was a strong signal that the country was headed away from democracy. Now, with his vast resources and nuclear arsenal, Putin is at the center of a worldwide assault on political liberty and the modern world order. The author shows that the collapse of the Soviet Union was not an endpoint, and reveals Putin as an existential danger hiding in plain sight.
Notes: Includes index.
Subject: PUTIN, VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH, 1952-
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION) -- POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION) -- FOREIGN RELATIONS
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Title: The Invention of Russia: From Gorbachev's Freedom to Putin's War [electronic resource]
Author: Ostrovsky, Arkady, 1971-
Published: New York: Viking, 2015
Physical Description: 1 online resource (374 pages)
Notes: The end of communism and breakup of the Soviet Union was a time of euphoria around the world, but Russia today is violently anti-American and dangerously nationalistic. So how did we go from the promise of those heady days to the autocratic police state of Putin's new Russia? This book reaches back to the darkest days of the Cold War to tell the story of the fight for the soul of a nation. The author introduces us to the propagandists, oligarchs and fixers who have set Russia's course since the collapse of the Soviet Union, inventing a new and more ominous identity for a country where ideas are all too often wielded like a cudgel.
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION) -- POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
Subject: POST-COMMUNISM -- RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: NATIONALISM -- RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION) -- SOCIAL CONDITIONS
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Media: eBook
Title: Authoritarian Russia : Analyzing Post-Soviet Regime Changes [electronic resource]
Author: Gel'man, Vladimir, 1965-
Published: Pittsburgh, PA. : University of Pittsburgh Press, 2015
Physical Description: 1 online resource (225 pages)
Series: Pitt Series in Russian and East European Studies
Notes: Includes index.
Notes: Russia today represents one of the major examples of the phenomenon of 'electoral authoritarianism' which is characterized by adopting the trappings of democratic institutions (such as elections, political parties, and a legislature) and enlisting the service of the country's essentially authoritarian rulers. Why and how has the electoral authoritarian regime been consolidated in Russia ? What are the mechanisms of its maintenance, and what is its likely future course ? This book attempts to answer these basic questions. The author examines regime change in Russia from the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 to the present day, systematically presenting theoretical and comparative perspectives of the factors that affected regime changes and the authoritarian drift of the country. After the fall of the Soviet Union, Russia's national political elites aimed to achieve their goals by creating and enforcing of favorable 'rules of the game' for themselves and maintaining informal winning coalitions of cliques around individual rulers. In the 1990s, these moves were only partially successful given the weakness of the Russian state and troubled post-socialist economy. In the 2000s, however, Vladimir Putin rescued the system thanks to the combination of economic growth and the revival of the state capacity he was able to implement by imposing a series of non-democratic reforms. In the 2010s, changing conditions in the country have presented new risks and challenges for the Putin regime that will play themselves out in the years to come.
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2014

Title: Ruling Russia : Authoritarianism from the Revolution to Putin [electronic resource]
Author: Zimmerman, William, 1936-
Physical Description: 1 online resource (viii, 329 pages)
Notes: Bibliography: p. 311-321. Includes index.
Notes: When the Soviet Union collapsed, many hoped that Russia's centuries-long history of autocratic rule might finally end. Yet today's Russia appears to be retreating from democracy, not progressing toward it. This is the only book of its kind to trace the history of modern Russian politics from the Bolshevik Revolution to the presidency of Vladimir Putin. It examines the complex evolution of communist and post-Soviet leadership in light of the latest research in political science, explaining why the democratization of Russia has all but failed. The author argues that in the 1930s the USSR was totalitarian but gradually evolved into a normal authoritarian system, while the post-Soviet Russian Federation evolved from a competitive authoritarian to a normal authoritarian system in the first decade of the twenty-first century. He traces how the selectorate - those empowered to choose the decision makers - has changed across different regimes since the end of tsarist rule. The selectorate was limited in the period after the revolution, and contracted still further during Joseph Stalin's dictatorship, only to expand somewhat after his death. The author also assesses Russia's political prospects in future elections. He predicts that while a return to totalitarianism in the coming decade is unlikely, so too is democracy. Rich in historical detail, this is the first book to cover the entire period of the regime changes from the Bolsheviks to Putin, and is essential reading for anyone seeking to understand why Russia still struggles to implement lasting democratic reforms.
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Subject: DEMOCRATIZATION--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: AUTHORITARIANISM--USSR
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Media: eBook
Title: Russia after Putin [electronic resource]
Author: Krickus, Richard J.
Institution: US Army War College. Strategic Studies Institute (US)
Published: Carlisle, PA : US Army War College, 2014
Physical Description: 1 online resource (xiii, 114 pages)
Notes: The author addresses a brace of pivotal questions that have a bearing on the future of Vladimir Putin and his Power Vertical. Are Putin's days numbered as many Russian watchers predict and what will Russia look like after he leaves the Kremlin? Toward this end, the author assesses four plausible scenarios. They include first, Status Quo, depicting the major geo-political features of Russia today; second, Stalin Lite that embraces most of the characteristics of a police state; third, the Western Path to Development that reflects pluralistic phenomenon associated with a 'normal' European country; and fourth, Russia in Chaos, an outcome that anticipates the virtual disintegration of Russia as we know it today.
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Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS
Subject: USA--FOREIGN RELATIONS--RUSSIA (FEDERATION)
Subject: RUSSIA (FEDERATION)--FOREIGN RELATIONS--USA
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2013

Title: Politics and Economics in Putin's Russia [electronic resource]
Additional Author: Blank, Stephen J., ed.
Institution: US Army War College. Strategic Studies Institute (US)
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