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Historical Junctures

- Patrimonial state
- Bolshevik Revolution (1917)
 - Party Structure
- The Stalin Revolution (1929 – 1953)



Nicholas II
1868-1918

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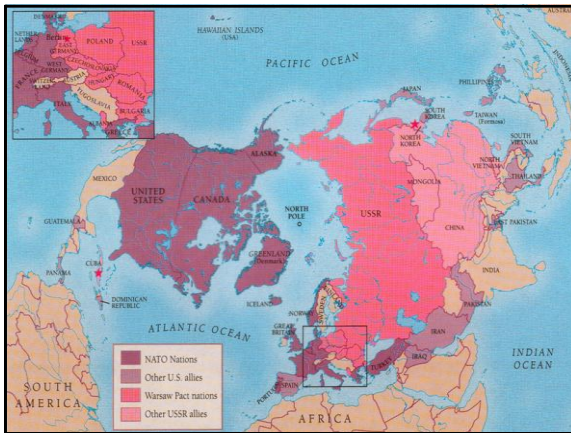


Nikita Khrushchev

- De-Stalinization
- Détente
- Warsaw Pact (1955)



Nikita Khrushchev
1955-1964



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Leonid Brezhnev

- Reversed De-Stalinization
- Tacit social contract
- Brezhnev Doctrine



Leonid Brezhnev
1964-1982

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Mikhail Gorbachev

- Four important concepts:
 1. Perestroika
 2. Glasnost
 3. Demokratizasiia
 4. New Thinking



Mikhail Gorbachev
1985-1991

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- Boris Yeltsin
 - Dual Transition
 - "Shock Therapy"
- Vladimir Putin
 - Centralization of Power
 - Siloviki



Boris Yeltsin
1991-1999

TABLE 9.2 Economic Decline in Russia, 1990–97
(All figures in millions of tons unless otherwise noted.)

PRODUCT	1990	1997
Meat	6.6	1.4
Butter	0.8	0.3
Canned goods (billions of cans)	8.2	2.2
Salt	4.2	2.1
Bread	16.2	8.9
Pasta	1.0	0.5
Footwear (millions of pairs)	385.0	32.0
Silk (millions of square yards)	1,051.0	134.0
Coats (millions; later figure is 1992)	17.2	2.3
Cement	83.0	26.6
Beer (millions of gallons)	874.0	655.0
Watches and clocks (millions of units)	60.1	5.0
Refrigerators (millions of units)	3.8	0.1
Vacuum cleaners (millions of units)	4.5	0.6

Source: Adapted from the *Washington Post*, 14 Nov. 1998, A16.





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The Presidency

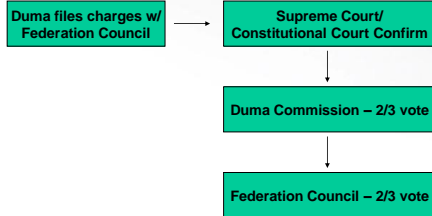
- Superpresidentialism
- Qualifications:
 - 35 years old
 - Citizenship (10 years)
 - 1 Million Signatures
 - 50% election turnout

The Kremlin

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Impeachment

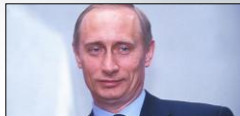


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The Prime Minister

- Domestic and economic policy
- Presidential choice
- Vote of no confidence (2x)
- Dissolution of Duma (3x)



Vladimir Putin
2008 -

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The Legislative Branch

- The State Duma
 - 450 members
 - Directly elected every 4 years
 - Principle law making body
- The Federation Council
 - 178 members
 - Confirms judicial nominees
 - Approves presidential decrees



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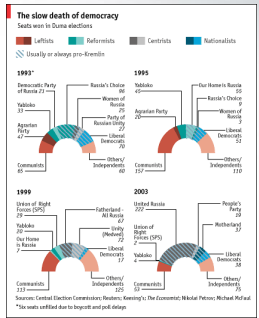


The Political Party System

- Dominant Party System
- Personalist Parties
- United Russia
- Communist Party
- Liberal Democrats



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Russian Foreign Relations

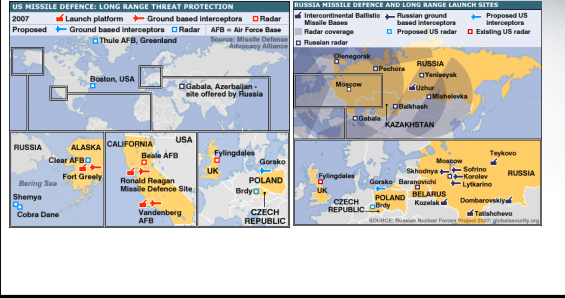
- Five Tenants
 1. International Law
 2. Multipolar World
 3. No Isolation
 4. Protect Citizens
 5. Spheres of Influence



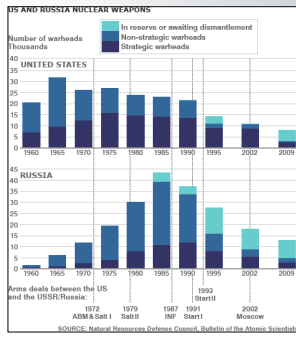
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Missile Shield:



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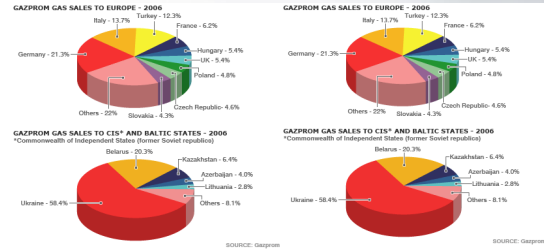
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Gazprom sales abroad:



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Pipelines in Europe:

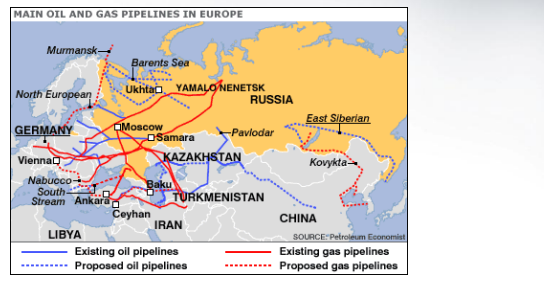


TABLE 9.7 Russian Attitudes about Democracy (percent of respondents agreeing with the following statements)

ISSUE	1995	1997	2000
Democratic procedures are a façade	73.1	74.4	74.5
Democratic procedures are indispensable	56.0	51.0	47.8
Public participation is important	23.4	18.8	23.8
Ordinary citizens have no role to play, only politicians do	66.1	70.3	66.4

Source: Adapted from Michael McFaul, Nikolai Petrov, and Andrei Ryabov, *Between Dictatorship and Democracy: Russian Post-Communist Political Reform*. (Washington: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 2004), 276.

TABLE 10.7 Levels of Trust in Russian Institutions
1998 (as percentage)

INSTITUTION	TRUST	DISTRUST
Army	34	44
Church	30	53
Television	23	53
Police	18	60
President of Russia	14	72
Duma	13	70
Private enterprises	11	72
Political parties	7	81
Private investment funds	5	85
