

A Youtube Collection of Russian Politics and Society

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The Disintegration of the USSR

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plyP7Ji-TWk>
A brief introduction of the fall of the Soviet Union with a focus on Boris Yeltsin and Mikhail Gorbachev. This was obviously a presentation put together by students.
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=714O8V_tCyc&feature=related
Russians gather en masse and celebrate the beginning of their democratic reform and begin the dismemberment of Soviet statues and establishments. This is the 4th video in a series of four, but the 1st and 2nd are missing. Three and four are still very informative.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCFREwQ846o>
Great explanation of the fall of the USSR and Gorbachev's policies of Perestroika and Glasnost and of the 1991 Soviet August Coup.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=595W4JJHa2U>
Gorbachev explains his perestroika and glasnost policies. This video

Phoney Democracy, 1991-1993

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Mye09esHiM>
Part One of the life of Boris Yeltsin and his rise to prominence.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8HQKcn-AMVE&feature=related>
Part Two of the life of Boris Yeltsin. Produced by Al-Jazeera English tv.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6P6uU5rmLT8>
Brief clip showing a tank firing on the Russian White House in 1993.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfleH8vZzPI&NR=1>
A clip showing more of the crowd and people associated with protecting and attacking the White House.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfleH8vZzPI&feature=related>
Boris v. parliament, the title says it all. This clip discusses Boris Yeltsin's standoff with the Russian Parliament and the events that unfolded on both sides.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Su4TpenSnF8&feature=related>
Just a long video by CNN showing the siege of the Russian White House.

Constitutionalism and the law; Crime, corruption, and security

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wA7jkLKPEAk>
This video celebrates the Russian Constitution's fifteenth birthday. It also shows what real every day Russians know about and think of the constitution
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mBWXJpKgG80&feature=related>
A modern look at Russian courts and particularly corrupt judges. Primarily President Medvedev's crackdown on the Judiciary.

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hcKCYBCfpM4>
This is Part 2 of a series about Vladimir Putin's inauguration ceremony. I chose to skip the first one and show this one because it involves the president the most. Part one depicts the Constitution being walked in and other guests entering.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4QqUBtyew3o>
Russia solves the problem of allowing Siberian prisoners to visit with family through Skype, an internet communication tool using video.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1u2PrPqdUc>
History Channel documentary on the Russian Mafia. Great film, and great explanation of post-soviet Russian mafia expansion. This is Part 1 of a series.

Putin and the Executive

- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fMkRq71R_vY
RT: A look at the differences and similarities between the Putin and Medvedev regimes. Also, explanations about the Russian Presidency.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKH-meGbe2w&NR=1>
Medvedev's inaugural speech and his promises to the Russian people. I include this because of the inaugural aspect of the presidency and the forum in which it takes place.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b1F2DqOGG0I>
Putin embraces his Iranian ally and warns the west against any possible attack on Iran. Putin pledges his support in Iran's nuclear energy program.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JkKBnBcQjsg&feature=Playlist&p=C6C9CCF25103F1AE&index=19>
_NBC News: The "New Russia" is discussed as Putin's Russia becomes more similar to old soviet style governance. Is Putin a dictator in democratic guise?
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ed52qim1wT8&feature=Playlist&p=C6C9CCF25103F1AE&index=23>
Putin's oil business and his ability to manipulate politics, relationships with neighbors, and opponents through oil. Gasprom is Kremlin run and answers directly to Putin.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C7yjCaCQPO8>
A lighter video, this clip shows Putin teaching Judo and some of his moves.
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=knL_DPSiDYU
Newscasters discuss thoughts on Putin becoming Prime Minister or possibly a MP.

Party Development, Electoral Politics, The Legislature-Key Players

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XVacmUR1CUY>
Part one of a three part series in which Ygor Gaidar explains his financial plans to rescue Russia. Interviewed by Stephen Sackur.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTioViD74-o>
Yavlinsky and the YABLOKO party speak and lay out their plans and concerns.

- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7oM1wG3fMP0&feature=Playlist&p=4FEFD06960838BD5&playnext=1&playnext_from=PL&index=2
Parliament leaders rally opposition to Yeltsin while Pavel Grachev threatens military intervention on September 23 1993.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QP9QhNQHj1U>
Vice speaker of the Russian State Duma Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, LDPR discusses Ukraine's NATO bid.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iAwioqbvuis>
During TV debates the leader of Liberal Democratic Party (LDPR) Vladimir Jirinovskiy organized a "fruit fight" over Boris Nemzov
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=latof2H-pnQ>
Despite attempts to erase vestiges of the Soviet past, the Communist Party in Russia still has support. On the anniversary of the birth of its founder, Vladimir Lenin, RT talks to its current leader, Gennady Zyuganov.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n0LCfVAIKVI>
One of Russia's longest-serving leaders, Moscow's Mayor Yury Luzhkov, was reappointed for a fifth term in office on Wednesday. He has been at the centre of Moscow's political life for over a decade.
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bxxifJEqDQ&feature=Playlist&p=DA89E41C014B6BDC&playnext=1&playnext_from=PL&index=39
Early results of the Russian parliamentary elections show United Russia, Communists, two other parties make it to the new State Duma.
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zePG4la6fvs&feature=Playlist&p=90BF4EC1F0BA94FF&index=5&playnext=2&playnext_from=PL
Boris Berezovsky's name is again in the news. Is he somehow connected to the Politkovskaya and Litvinenko affairs? There are those who speculate. In Context examines how Berezovsky became one of Russia's kingpin "oligarchs" during the turbulent 1990s to a strident Kremlin critic.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u6dHGbWPfni>
Eric Margolis comments on the Duma elections and Putin's decision to run for MP and eventually become Prime Minister.
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4kBW_Nshq8U
Alexander Lebed's political video. All the great Russian Alexanders.

Russian Nationalism and the New State

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ODpp--Agx84>
Russian Neo-Nazis, Nationalist, etc: Showing their military training, fighting style, assemblies, etc.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZMdvxKmlpY&feature=related>
Russian Neo-Nazi propaganda film.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VrQ0RX2UTuo&feature=related>
Stormfront.org, Russian Neo-Nazi propaganda film. Marching, guns, bands, funerals, women, men, tattoos.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fRScPVDS6k&feature=related>
British documentary on racism and Neo-Nazis in Russia today.

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cA52Yvl5We4>
Indian student killed by Russian racists. Youtube has plenty of Neo-Nazi and racists propaganda and documentaries, feel free to take a look!
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fj_B0Yp3B-c
Andrei Piontkovsky, spoke on December 4, 2008 about his new book, "Russian Identity" at the Hudson Institute. This event took place only a day before Piontkovsky had to return to Russia to face charges of extremism.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7acVdSrxpK0>
This time its weapons are not the Red Army or its nuclear arsenal, but the huge energy resources lying under the Siberian tundra. Vladimir Putin is the man responsible for the reemergence of Russia as a global power, but how much is really known about him and his ascendance? This film explores his journey to the highest echelons of the Kremlin and contextualizes his rise against a newly belligerent Russia nostalgic for the past glories of the Soviet empire.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKvDmSV4z6g>
CNBC interviews Mr. David Zaikin, Founder and CEO of Siberian Energy Group on Street Signs, one of the top experts on Russian Oil and Gas
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QkHroj1GxU&feature=related>
As the Primorsk port in the Gulf of Finland grows to become a global oil terminal, companies like Stena Bulk look to invest additional tankers routed to this area. Since the new port was built in 2.

Russian Capitalism

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rp4PbH2T0-A>
Since the fall of the Soviet Union, Russia has embraced a capitalist system. Within 17 years, the Russian capital boasted more billionaires than any other city in the world.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TbwS8N3LGV8&feature=related>
Author, scholar and commentator Dimitri Trenin discusses issues in democracy and capitalism in today's Russia.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVjYO9FKL7o>
A very anti capitalist film depicting young Muscovite children sleeping in alleys, on the streets, and without parents.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHbRxOhJv8M>
For newly privatized businesses in 1990's Russia, raider attacks were an occupational hazard. However, such incidents remain topical nowadays - almost 900 charges linked to illegal takeovers were brought in Russia last year.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tDL0djW4LsQ>
Serguei Vorojtsov interview: discuss Russia's economic collapse and his observations of how people coped or failed to cope with it.
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kUD_w83OD8g
Russia's economic stimulus is the biggest in the world, according to the International Monetary Fund. But experts say the Governments generosity is boosting the country's double digit inflation.

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUspDd2Ecuo>
First part of a ten part documentary on the rise and fall of the Russian Oligarchs. Very detailed, great videos!
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=thy3C_rlUGc
Broadcast a year before the Litvinenko murder, this fascinating BBC series lifts the lid on the struggle that still continues between Putin, and his adversaries, the Russian Oligarchs.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=65fsp-jwvNg>
Russia's most famous prisoner, former oil tycoon Mikhail Khodorkovsky, who's serving an eight-year term for tax evasion and fraud, faces a new trial in Moscow
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBVL4MPDTew&feature=channel>
Mikhail Khodorkovsky, the former oil tycoon accused of fraud and tax evasion, is in Moscow now for legal proceedings. Preliminary hearings will be held on March 3, behind closed doors.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xcpPOTkmUzU&feature=channel>
A Moscow court will announce on Tuesday its ruling over the appeals filed on behalf of former Yukos owner Mikhail Khodorkovsky and his business partner, Platon Lebedev.

Society and Social Movements

- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADF2HNW_zes
The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the Russian Federation presents the 2008 National Human Development Report Russia Facing Demographic Challenges.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XbxwI7-NiGk>
The Russian government has implemented a series of initiatives to try and cut the falling birth rate. However some of the women who are supposed to benefit from the measures say they don't go far enough.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnOzSB1s4I4>
Far more Russians are dying at a relatively young age than babies are being born to replace them. The result is a precipitous population decline that threatens Russia's economic well-being and perhaps even the ability to safeguard its huge territory. VOA Moscow Correspondent Peter Fedynsky examines some of the reasons and consequences of the Russian demographic crisis
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nvz-g74LR5Y>
Worlds largest country is in deep demographic crisis, with suicide among the leading causes of death. What makes Russians want to call it quit, Anastasia Haydulina discovers.

Cultural Transformation

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v8Tc3uVOaag>
Putin's censorship of the media has led to the re-emergence of Soviet style propaganda in Russia. Journalists telling the truth are literally risking their lives.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Es655Oxodil>
Journalists murdered in Russia and Mexico - and the responses are very different.

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xTtBauw9hFU>
Novaya Gazeta, the crusading Moscow newspaper that has paid a deadly price for its reporting during a period when the Kremlin has sought to rein in independent media, has been named winner of the International Press Institutes 2009 Free Media Pioneer Award.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hm1n-8tGitk&feature=channel>
The Muslim community in Russia's Nizhny Novgorod region is opposing plans to include church bells in a proposed new regional anthem. Local authorities had earlier set a competition to compose an anthem for the region.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7esUOmVB8U8&feature=related>
Vladimir Putin has worked hard to create an image of an open, forward-thinking Russia. But the policy of religious discrimination currently being pursued by his government is more akin with the Tsarist regime of old than a new, modern Russian state.

Foreign Policy

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FlcTK2nZarM>
Kathryn Stoner-Weiss, Associate Director for Research and Senior Research Scholar at CDDRL, discusses Russian President-elect Dmitry Medvedev's approach to foreign policy, and speculates on the course of Russia's government over the next four years.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=01X4wwfTUo4>
Russia will always put diplomacy first as a way of protecting its interests, though it will not exclude other means if necessary, said President Medvedev when awarding state honours to Russian troops for the bravery they displayed during the recent conflict in South Ossetia.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7ZL9NzWbsA>
Talks on nuclear arms reductions could trigger a breakthrough in Russian-American relations in the near future, says Joseph Ciricione, a U.S. arms control expert.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zFupJ6uYYpM>
A planned meeting between Russian and NATO top military officials in early May will not happen unless the alliance cancels its scheduled war games in Georgia, says Russia's envoy to NATO.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfPYiwpUJ2E>
Russia's envoy to the military alliance on Georgian and Ukrainian NATO membership, the former Georgian republics of South Ossetia and Abkhazia, and the future of Russia-NATO relations
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fALqFwbhi30>
The shock waves of Russia's recent war with Georgia are still reverberating around the region. In neighbouring Ukraine, some are calling for a big rise in military funding. They fear the country could be Russia's next target, despite the two country's signing a military treaty more than a decade ago. Stephen Cole reports from Sebastopol.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9RMwQYoVh6I>
Putin threatens to review relations with EU. 23 March, 2009, 22:05. Moscow will start reviewing its relations with the EU if its interests are ignored, Russian PM Vladimir Putin said after an international conference in Brussels on the modernization of Ukraine's gas transit system.

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-z0zFVjAhl>
Today we will talk about relations between Russia and the EU, and particularly France, which holds the EU presidency until the end of the year.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D5otOC4D-Wg>
There's a lot to discuss apart from the financial crisis that's rocked the world as the EU leaders hold a summit in Brussels. The 27 nations will be considering when to resume negotiations over the EU-Russia Partnership agreement.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0FVOsVgN6ug>
Press TV's Will Yong interviews former Russian State Duma official Alexander Pikayev. Covers Europe-Russia relations on the day of an EU summit in Brussels.

Defense and Security Policy

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2hvObzZt0g>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWn3T5Xlbnk&feature=related>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VAmj2VY0t9M&feature=related>
Simple montages of Russian military might.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jpd6-KM832Y&feature=fvsr>
Russian military spending has increased almost every year since 2000. Inside Story asks if Moscow is preparing for an arms race with the West or if it is just renovating its aging arsenal.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3g2BEUJxpnc>
Author David Satter discusses the U.S.-Russian relationship in terms of security, including the missile defense shield in Poland and the Czech Republic, Russia's opposition to NATO's relations with Georgia and Ukraine, and what the Kremlin should really be worrying about in Afghanistan and Iran.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpj0tdlSiE>
United Nations, 3 April 2009 - Daily Briefing by the Office of the Spokesperson for the Secretary General. The Secretary-General welcomes the Joint Statement by President Medvedev and President Obama.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WxndmKWRqLo>
Russian troops are leaving Georgia and will arrive in the peacekeepers' zone of responsibility by tomorrow evening. The statement came during a regular briefing from Defence Ministry in Moscow.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQRDVKjsdHY>
Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov says Moscow cannot accept demands from the Organisation for Security and Cooperation's election watchdog to come to Russia more than two weeks before the Presidential elections in March. * NATO related films are in a previous section.

Commonwealth, community and fragmentation

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8w7G17G3L-0>
The heads of the CIS countries are due to meet in Minsk, as doubts remain about the organisation's relevance. Eleven former Soviet republics make up the Commonwealth of Independent States. Economic co-operation, migration and crime control are the key issues for the meeting.

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kaj-r0Dgtbw>
UNICEF's Regional Director for Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States, Maria Calivis, recently visited UNICEF projects in Russia's North Caucasus region
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YW90Y_lci4A
From a CBC broadcast of "Correspondent," this clip highlights the ease with which WMDs could be accessed in Kazakhstan.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uoEgkGNO-sQ>
Part 1 from Discovery Channel documentary. Russian subs, English off-voice, Russian dialogues.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aXqsyX3cQzo>
Chernobyl's effects today
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_C9fdT_Ay0
Eleven silver balls not far from Afghanistan's border. They are the key to Russia's space shield, an optical-electronic unit called "The Window". Each one is a powerful telescope. They see every object up to 40,000 kilometres from the surface of Earth. "The Window" is run by Russians, but is located much further to the south of Russia's border, in Tajikistan.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-tZodkQuIVl>
The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is an intergovernmental international organization founded in Shanghai on 15 June 2001 by six countries: China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.