Putin’s Russia

**Acronyms and abbreviations**

**NATO**- North Atlantic Treaty Organization

**GDP**- Gross Domestic Product


**NGO**- Non-Governmental Organization

**GRU**- Main Intelligence Directorate of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation

**CIA**- Central Intelligence Agency

**WTO**- World Trade Organization

**Glossary**

**Gorbachev**- Russian politician, served as last leader of the Soviet Union from 1990-1991

**Al-Qaeda**- Militant Sunni Islamist multinational network of Islamic extremists

**Taliban**- Islamic political movement and military organization in Afghanistan

**Crimea**- Peninsula along northern coast of the Black sea, governed by the Russian Federation but internationally recognized as part of Ukraine

**Yeltsin**- Russian politician, served as the first president of the Russian Federation from 1991-1999

**Chechnya**- Constituent Republic of Russia

**International Monetary Fund**- International financial institution working to foster global monetary cooperation

**DarkSide**- Cybercriminal hacking group based in Eastern Europe

**Kremlin**- Official residence of the President of the Russian Federation

**Navalny**- Russian opposition leader advocating reforms against corruption and President Putin

**Medvedev**- Russian politician, served as president of the Russian Federation from 2008-2012

**Pussy Riot**- Russian, feminist, protest, punk rock, art group with lyrics displaying opposition to President Putin

**Central Electoral Commission**- Superior power body responsible for conducting federal elections and overseeing local elections in the Russian Federation

**Duma**- Lower legislative house of the Russian Federation

**United Russia Party**- Ruling political party of Russia

**Saakashvili**- Georgian politician, served as the third President of Georgia from 2004-2013

**Qaddafi**- Libyan politician captured and killed during the 2011 Arab Spring movement

**Magnitsky Act**- Bipartisan bill passed by the U.S. Congress intended to punish Russian officials responsible for the death of tax lawyer Sergei Magnitsky

**Yanukovich**- Ukrainian politician, served as the fourth president of Ukraine from 2010 until he was removed by the Ukrainian revolution in 2014
Orban- Prime Minister of Hungary since 2010. Leader of the Fidesz, the national conservative political party

Lukashenko- Belarussian politician serving as the President of Belarus since 1994