

Putin's Russia

Acronyms and abbreviations

NATO- North Atlantic Treaty Organization

GDP- Gross Domestic Product

KGB- Committee for State Security, main security agency for the Soviet Union from 1954-1991

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