CHARLES MAYNES, IA2018 Speaker: Reporting from Moscow

Putin's Russia Overview

https://www.thisamericanlife.org/614/the-other-mr-president (all worth listening to but my contribution is "Act II: Mr. Popular")

US-Russian Relations

https://www.pri.org/programs/america-abroad/us-russia-relations-trump-era. (Full hour on US-Russian relations. My contribution starts @ 29 min.)

Russian post-Soviet Worldview

https://www.pri.org/stories/2016-12-27/25-years-ago-soviet-union-fell-and-russians-are-still-re-inventing-themselves

SOME RECENT REPORTING:

Ghost Empire series for PRI. Covers topics such as empire loss, ghost armies, disinformation, and Putin's election.

https://www.pri.org/categories/ghost-empire

Some follow-on pieces:

Election Results: https://www.pri.org/stories/2018-03-20/putin-wins-surprising-no-one-voter-turnout-rose Inauguration/new term look ahead: https://www.pri.org/stories/2018-03-20/putin-wins-surprising-no-one-voter-turnout-rose Inauguration/new term look ahead: https://www.pri.org/stories/2018-05-07/putins-fourth-inauguration-was-russia-first-extravaganza

A short related disinformation piece in this America Abroad hour on the topic: https://www.pri.org/programs/america-abroad/sowing-chaos-russias-disinformation-wars

Also, this "analisys" on Moscow's reaction to Trump and Iran Nuclear Deal reversal: https://www.voanews.com/a/russia-in-flurry-of-diplomatic-activity-over-iran-deal/4392131.html

On Belarussian Bernie Bros

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ADDITIONAL ARTICLES:

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https://www.voanews.com/a/russia-kompromat-remains-alive-and-well/3677094.html

https://www.npr.org/2017/09/04/548415509/whats-next-in-the-diplomatic-spat-between-the-u-s-and-russia

https://www.npr.org/2017/12/26/573628745/the-role-opposition-parties-play-in-russian-politics

https://www.pri.org/stories/2018-01-30/russia-reacts-oligarch-list

Cyber Warfare / Surveillance / Snowden:

https://www.pri.org/stories/2013-12-04/russia-uses-snowden-excuse-step-spying-its-own-people https://www.pri.org/stories/2014-08-05/snowden-looks-russia-cracks-down-internet-freedom

https://www.pri.org/stories/2017-05-15/new-cyber-cold-war-unfolds

War in Ukraine / Annexation of Crimea

https://www.pri.org/stories/2014-03-18/vladimir-putin-redraws-russias-map-annexing-crimea https://www.pri.org/stories/2015-02-23/demonstrators-moscow-seem-be-living-parallel-universe https://www.pri.org/stories/2014-04-02/putin-popular-russia-so-american-culture

Western Sanctions

https://www.pri.org/stories/2014-09-16/meet-russias-unlikely-poster-boy-and-cheesemaker-its-embargo-western-goods

Russia, Growing Influence in the Middle East:

https://www.pri.org/stories/2015-10-19/us-may-not-russias-involvement-syria-russians-are-good-it

https://www.pri.org/stories/2015-11-18/paris-attacks-echoes-past-russian-tragedies

https://www.voanews.com/a/putin-heads-to-un-with-serious-syrian-agenda/2979029.html

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https://www.voanews.com/a/what-motivated-moscow-announced-syria-withdrawal/3239647.html

LGBT: East-West Culture Wars:

https://www.pri.org/stories/2015-10-20/how-award-winning-photo-made-couple-public-face-lgbt-rights-russia

Russian Elections / Transfer of Power

Looping Swans (BBC) http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b07nrxdb. (Audio documentary, BBC, 28 min)

https://www.pri.org/stories/2017-03-15/kremlin-rival-says-hes-ready-be-russias-president

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