

# ***Russia and the Near Abroad***



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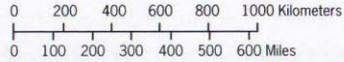


# THE RUSSIAN REALM

## POPULATION

- Under 50,000
  - 50,000-250,000
  - 250,000-1,000,000
  - 1,000,000-5,000,000
  - Over 5,000,000
- National capitals are underlined

- Railroad built before 1917
- Railroad built 1917-1991
- Road

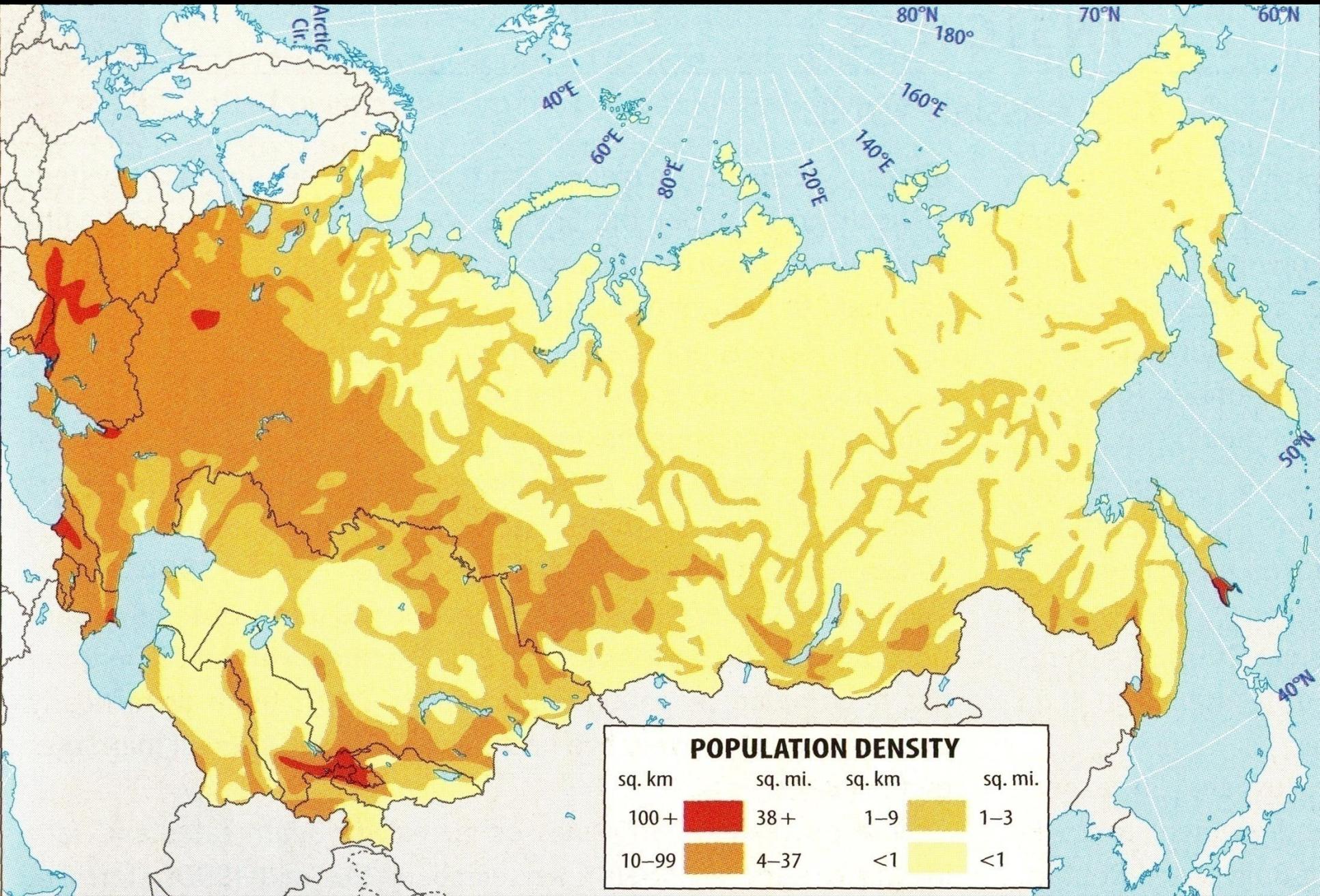




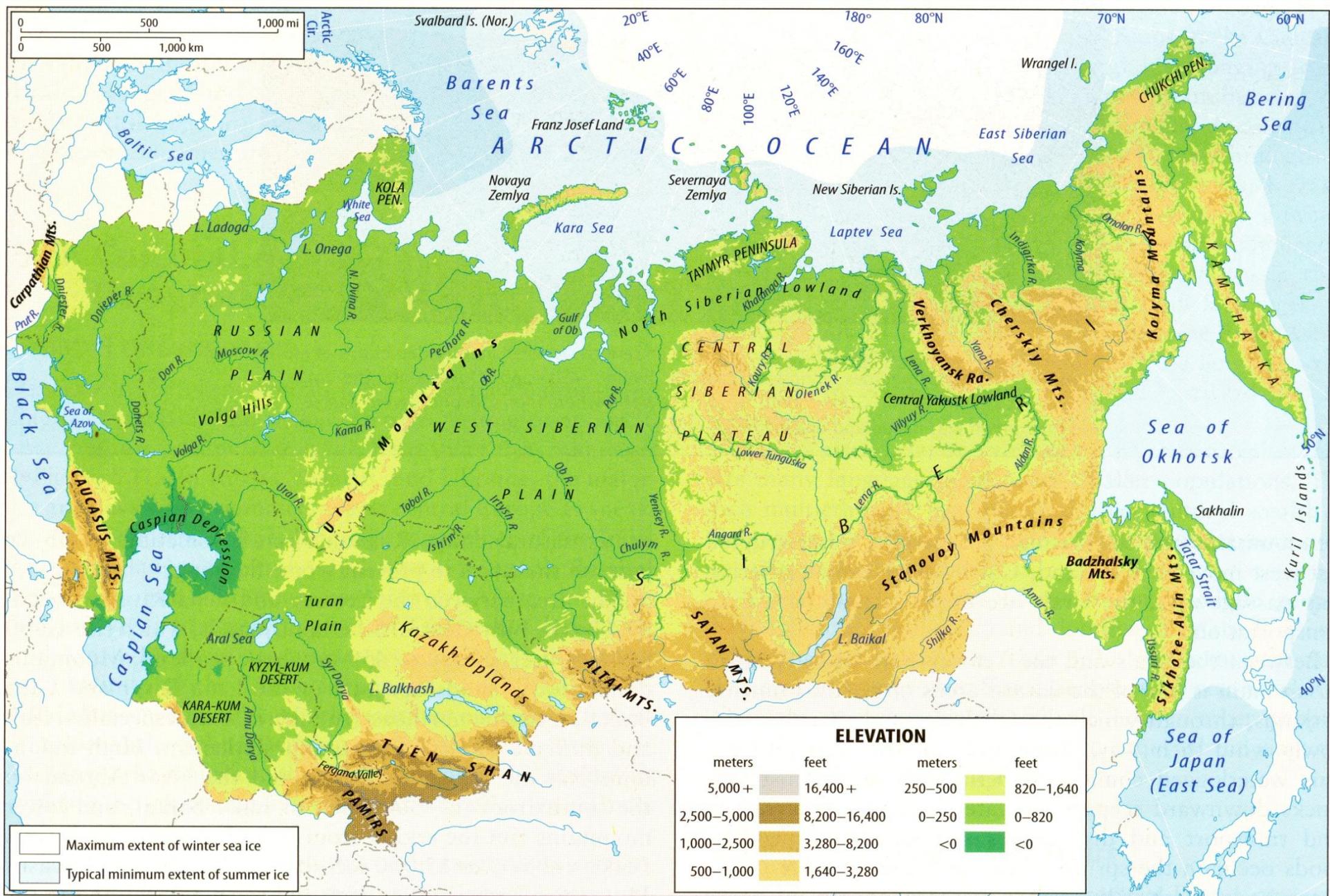


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# Physiographic Regions



**The frozen Ob River in March.**



***Taiga*** – northern coniferous forest.



***Steppe*** – treeless, short-grass plains.



***Tundra*** – wet Arctic plains north of the treeline.



***Permafrost*** – permanently frozen ground.



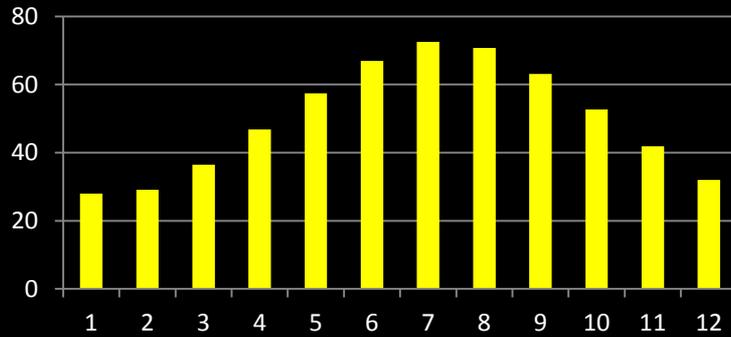


# Terms and Concepts

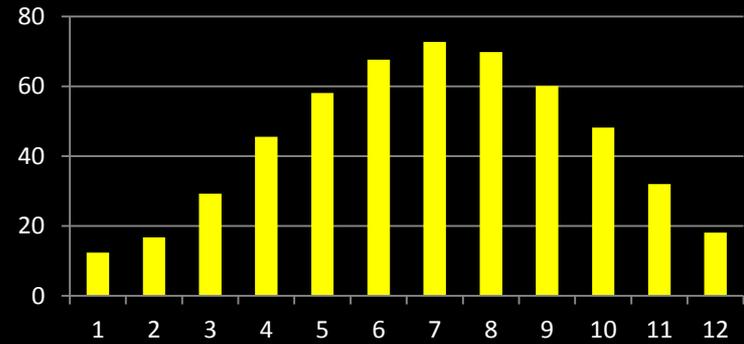
**Continentality** - temperature extremes due to distance from the moderating influences of water.

Approx 42°N latitude.

**Boston**

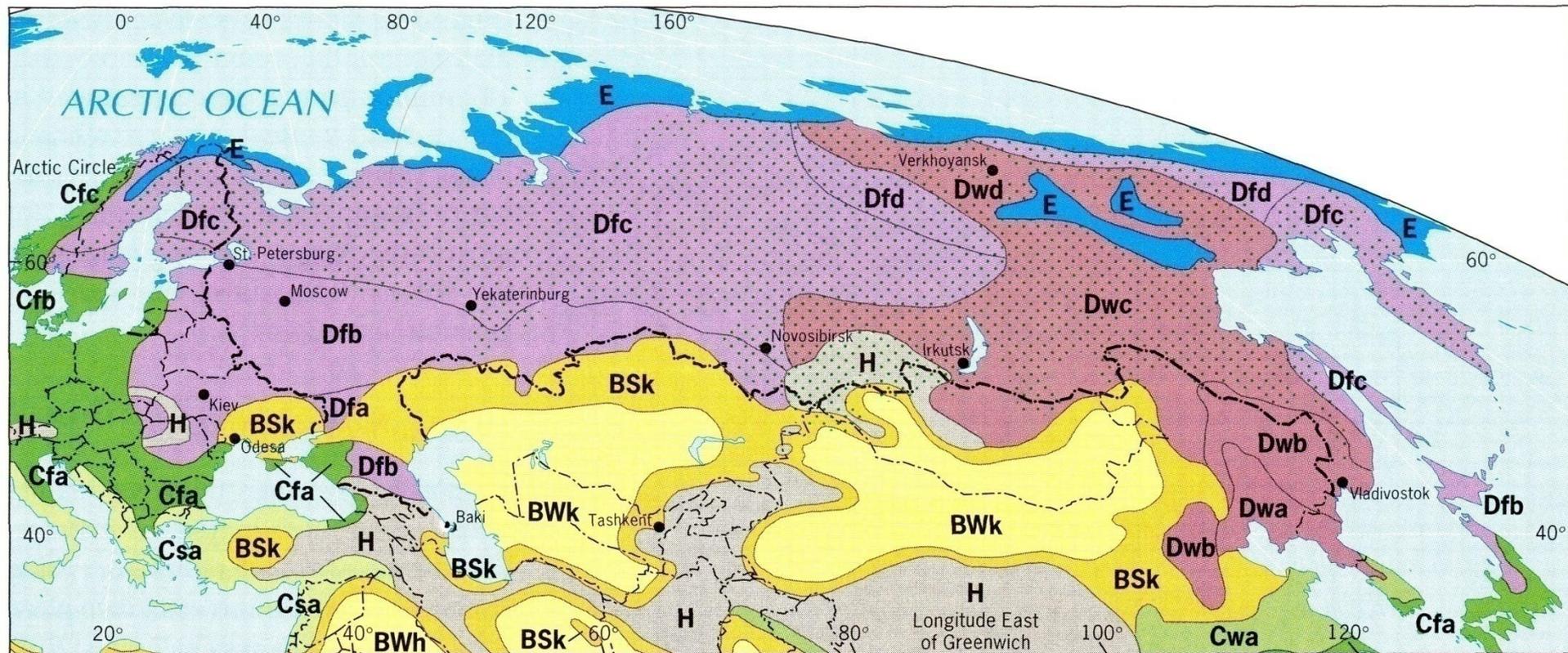


**Minneapolis**



*Note that Minneapolis is just as warm in the summer, but colder in the winter. Continental climates can also be drier.*

# Climate Patterns



## CLIMATES OF RUSSIA AND NEIGHBORING STATES

### B DRY CLIMATE

BS Semiarid

BW Arid

h=hot  
k=cold

### C HUMID TEMPERATE CLIMATE

Cf No dry season

Cw Dry winter

Cs Dry summer

### D HUMID COLD CLIMATE

Df No dry season

Dw Dry winter

a=hot summer  
b=cool summer

c=short, cool summer  
d=very cold winter

### E COLD POLAR CLIMATE

E Tundra and ice

Taiga (snowforest)

### H HIGHLAND CLIMATE

H Unclassified highlands

0 500 1000 1500 Kilometers

0 500 1000 Miles

***Imperialism*** – the expansion of a nation's authority by territorial conquest establishing economic and political powers in other territories or nations.

***Federalism*** – a system in which the power to govern is shared between the national government and sub-national entities.

# Russian Territorial Expansion



**Command Economy** – tightly controlled, planned economy where production was assigned to specific locations. Very inefficient.

**Russification** – resettlement policy encouraging the spread of ethnic Russians into non-Russian areas.



*Soviet era industrial town.*



Major ethnic groups in Kazakhstan  
(late XIX - mid XX century)



**Enclave:** a piece of territory that is surrounded by another political unit (state) of which it is not a part.

Note that the difference between enclave and exclave is in the point of view of the user.

An *enclave* of one country is the *exclave* of another.



# **Imperialism and Irredentism**

# Russian Territorial Expansion: 1500 - 1900



# Soviet Union Areas of Influence: 1945 - 1990



In 1991 the USSR (Soviet Union) devolved into 15 separate states.



## **Factors Leading to the Annexation of Crimea and Expansion into Ukraine**

1. Devolution of the U.S.S.R.
2. Russification during the Soviet era.
3. NATO membership expansion eastward.
4. European dependence on Russian energy and raw materials.

# Russians in the Near Abroad



# NATO and Warsaw Pact Countries, 1990

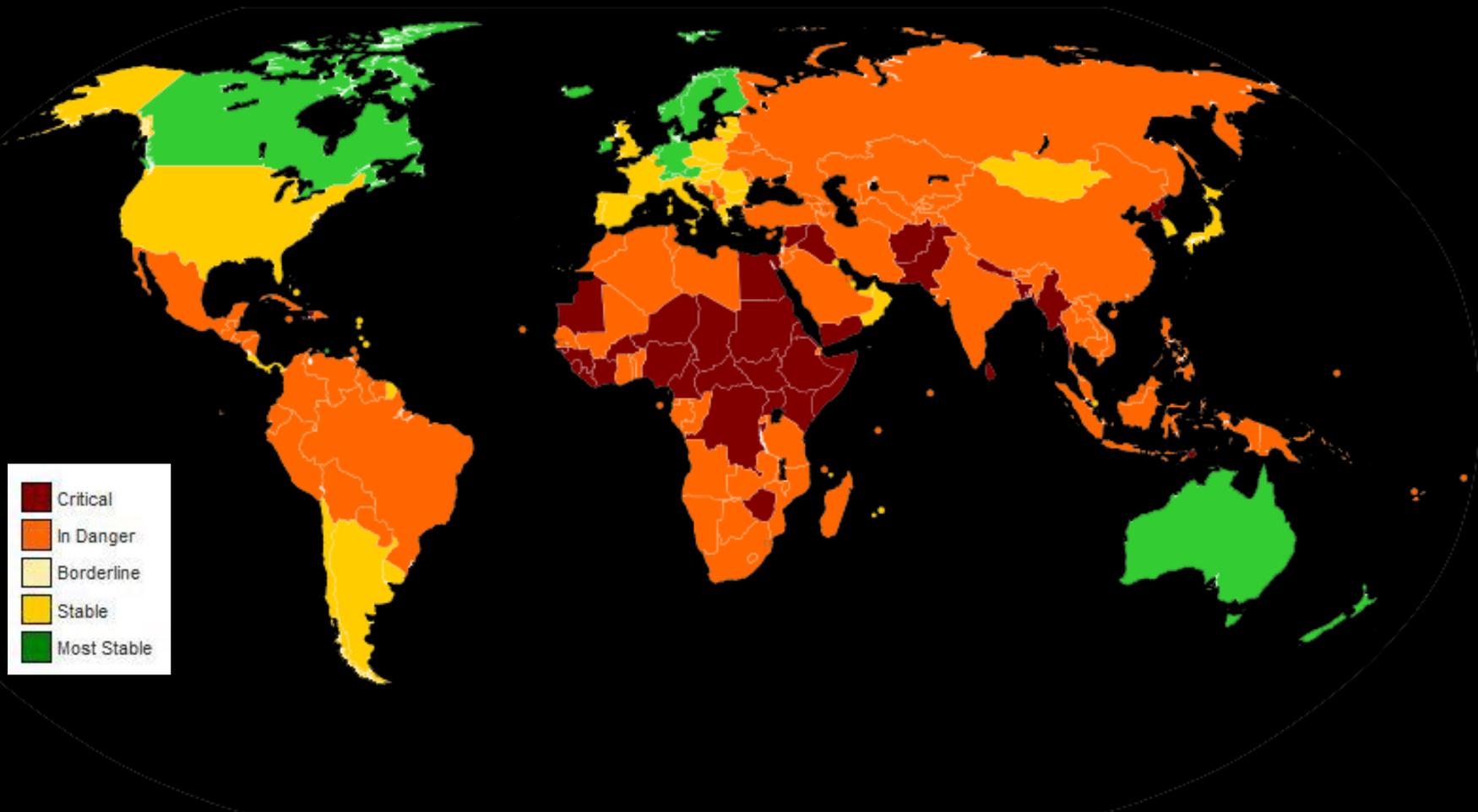


***Warsaw Pact*** - collective defense treaty among eight communist states of Central and Eastern Europe. The treaty was dissolved in 1991.

# NATO Countries, 2014



# Failed State Index





## ***Oilfields in Baku, Azerbaijan***

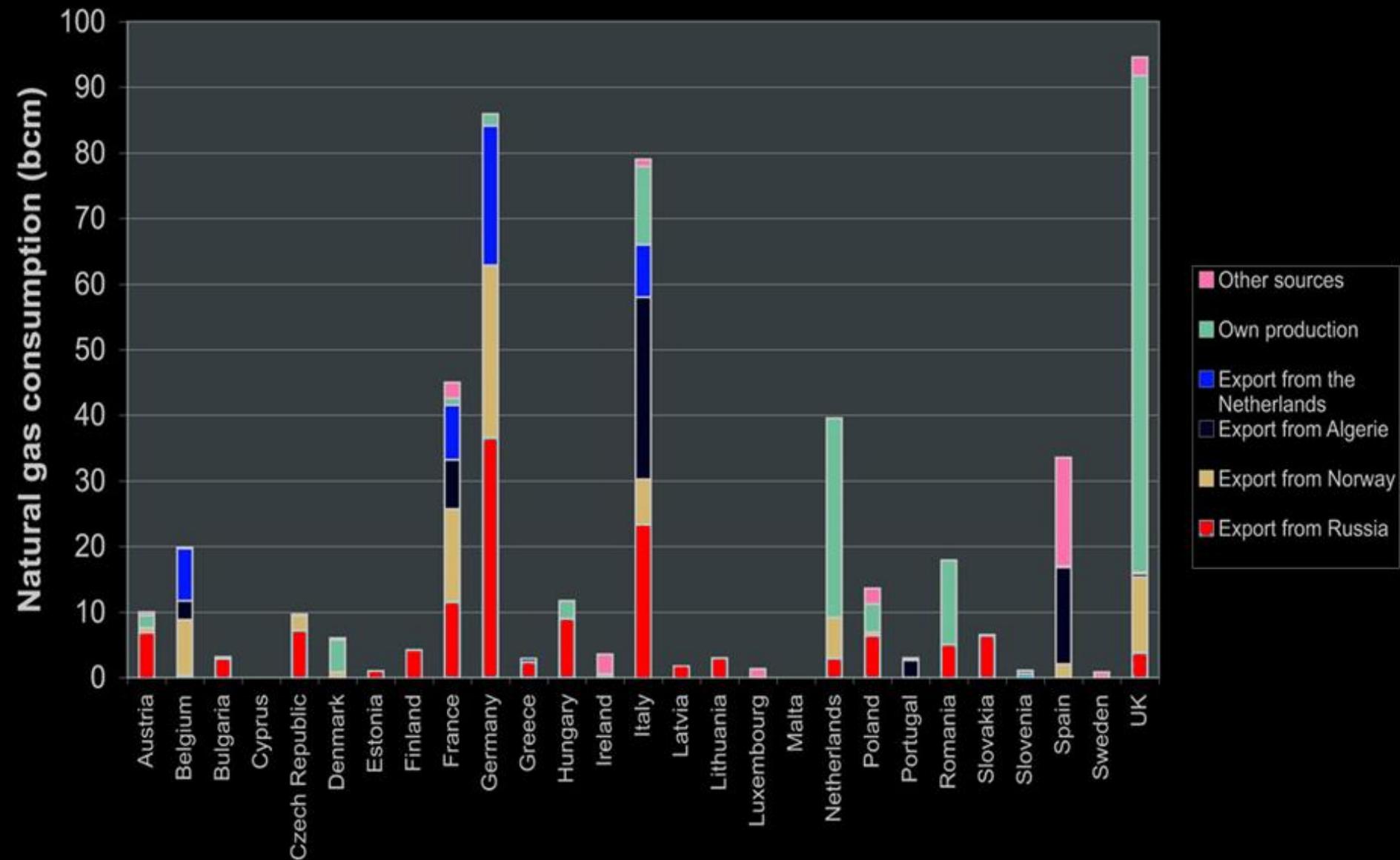


<u>Country</u>	<u>Oil Reserves*</u>
Venezuela	297
Saudi Arabia	267
Canada	173
Iran	154
Iraq	141
Kuwait	104
UAE	97
<b>Russia</b>	<b>80</b>
Libya	48
Nigeria	37
United States	30
China	23
World	1646

\*Billion barrels

Source: *US Energy Information Admin., 2013*

# EU natural gas consumption by supplying sources

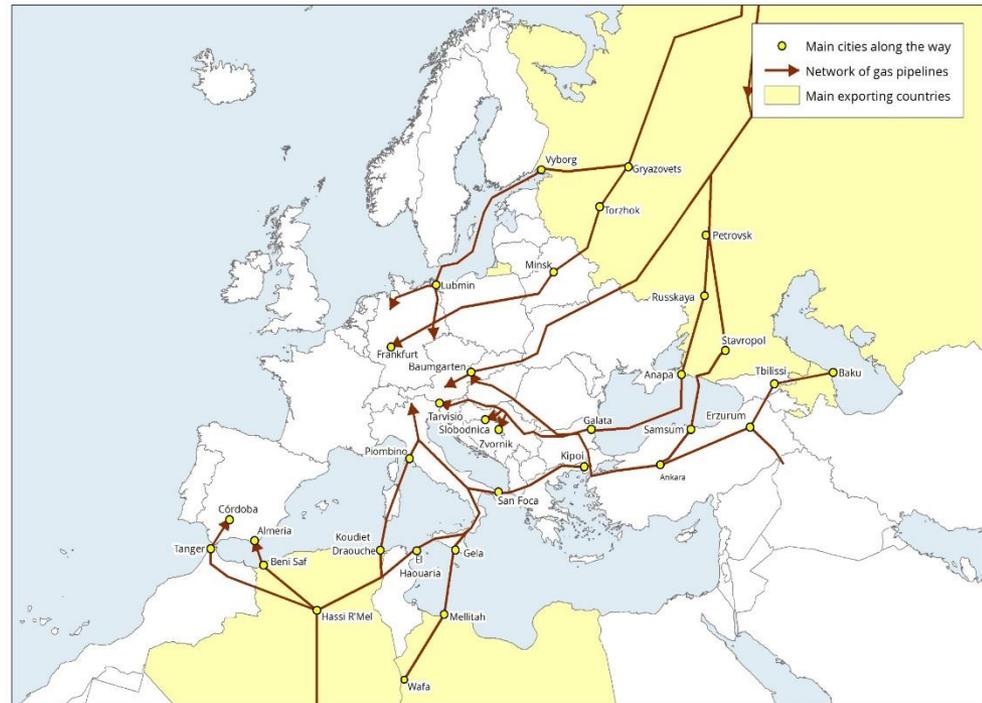


**Complimentarity** - one area has a surplus, while another has a need for a specific commodity.

**Transferability** - the ease with which a commodity can be moved.

**Intervening opportunity** - a closer source for a commodity.

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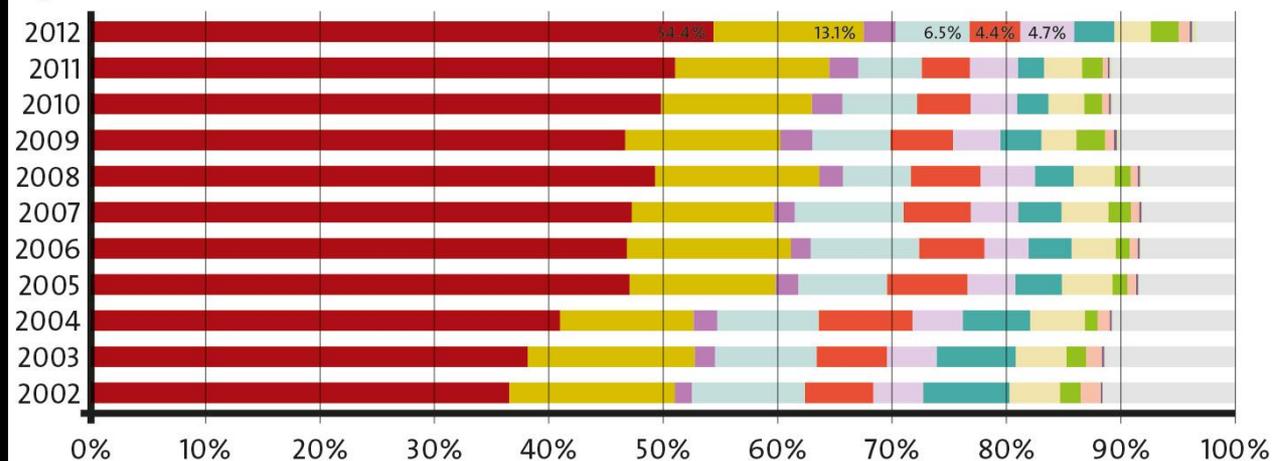
# Raw Materials vs Finished Goods

What type of goods is Russia *exporting*?

What type of goods is Russia *importing*?

## Russia's trade structure

### Export

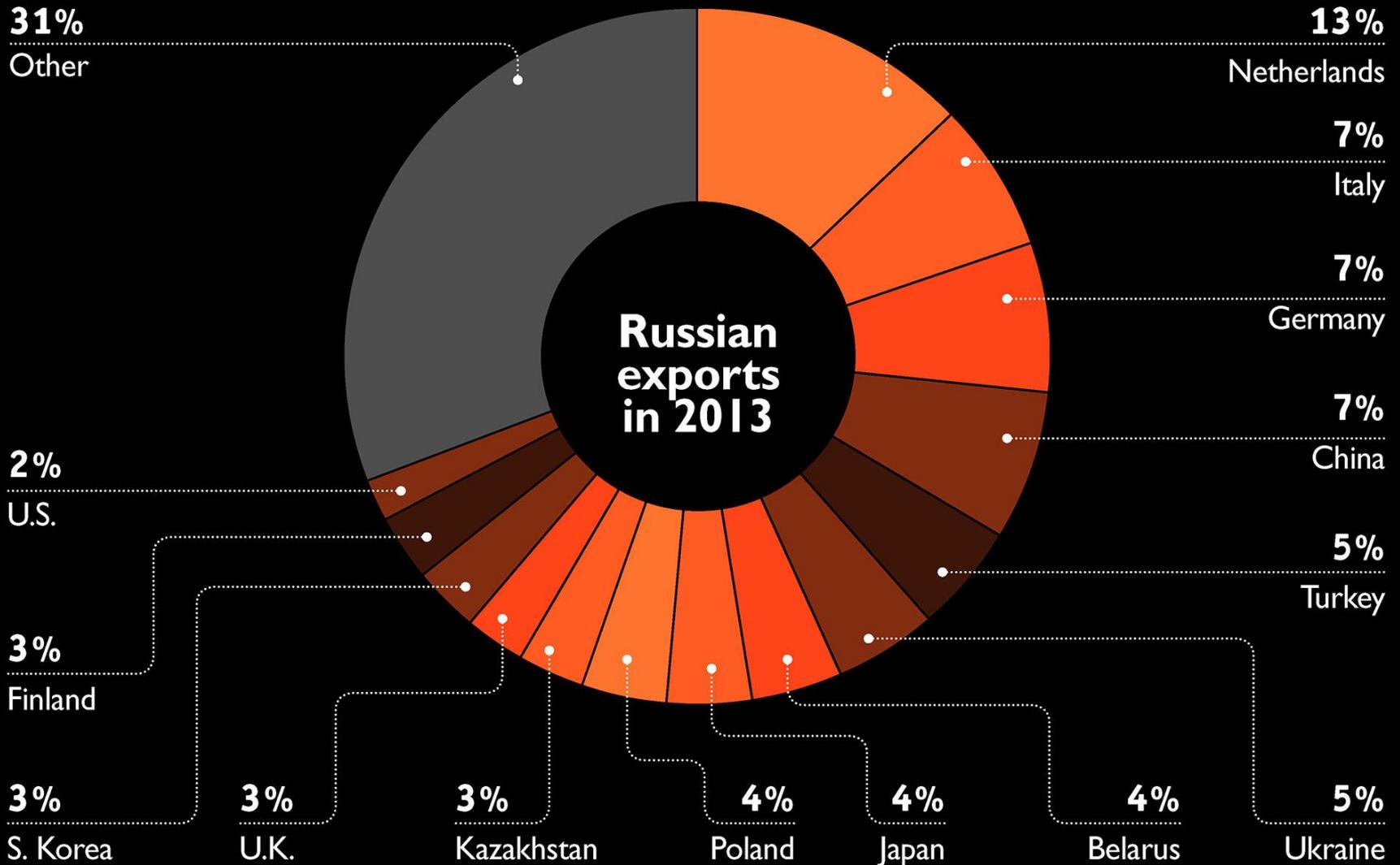


### Import

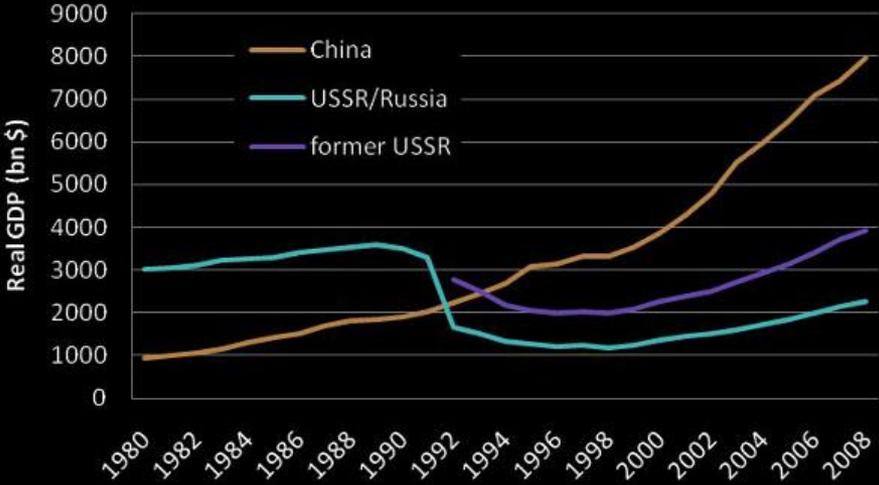


- Crude oil, oil products
- Iron, steel
- Misc. manufact. goods
- Gas
- Chemicals
- Beverages, tobacco
- Coal, electricity
- Machinery
- Animal/vegetable oils
- Low-value added manufactured goods
- Crude materials
- Fuels
- Food, animals
- Not else specified

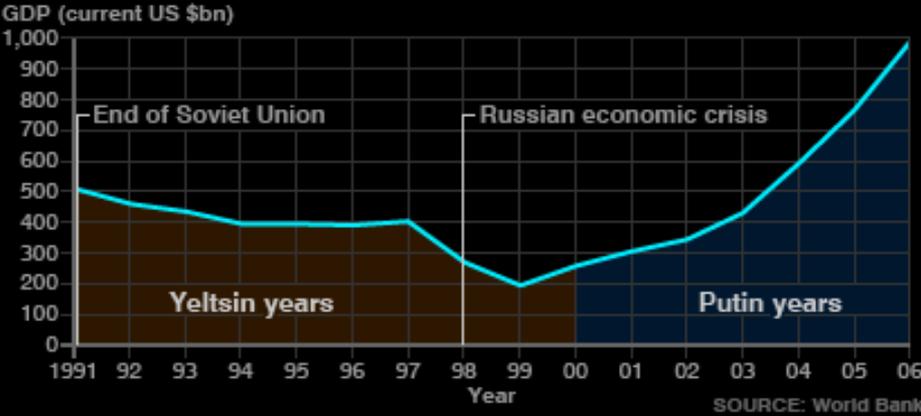
# Russia's diversified trade partners



# Russia Economy by Various Measures



## RUSSIAN ECONOMY SINCE FALL OF SOVIET UNION



SOURCE: World Bank



**Ukraine**

- International boundary
- National capital
- Railroad
- Road

0 100 200 Kilometers  
 0 100 200 Miles

Lambert Conformal Conic Projection, SP 47N/62N

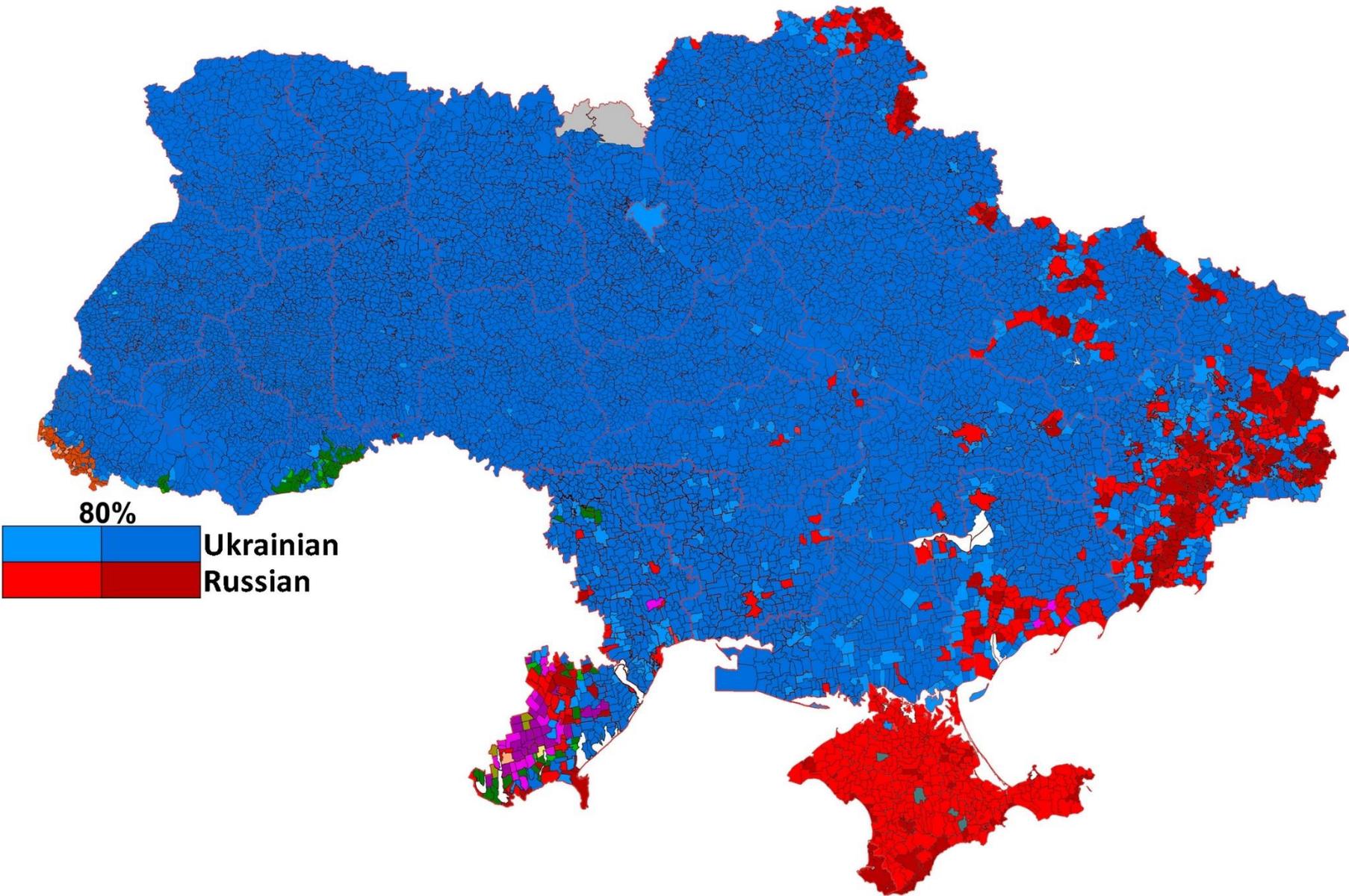
Boundary representation is not necessarily authoritative.

# 2014 Pro-Russian Unrest in Ukraine

- Controlled by Russia
- Armed insurgency
- Occupation of RSA
- Pro-Russian protests



The majority language by city, town, and village councils



*Situation  
on March 2*



**UKRAINE**



130,000

Donetsk



**RUSSIA**



845,000

MOLDOVA

Odessa

SEA  
OF AZOV



Russia alleged to have  
sent **6,000** troops

15,000



20,000



**CRIMEA**

**SIMFEROPOL**

Frontier  
troops HQ invaded



**Feodosia**

400 marines

**Kerch**

Marine infantry base

**Novorossiysk**

BLACK SEA

**Sevastopol**

• Air force missile  
launchers

• Headquarters of  
naval forces

**Perevalne**

Border guards

60 km

- Russian naval bases
- Ukrainian bases blocked or encircled by pro-Russian forces

**Irredentism** - nationalist agitation in other countries, based on historical, ethnic, and geographical reasons, for the incorporation of territories under foreign rule.

Ex: Russia incursion into the Crimea.



## Russia's Annexation of Crimea Video

**Uti possidetis** – (*Latin; as you possess*) the principle that territory remains with its possessor at the end of a conflict, unless altered by treaty.

**Annexation** – (*Latin; ad, to, and nexus, joining*) is the forcible acquisition of a state's territory by another state.

Russian anti-aircraft missile launcher



# Malaysia Air Flight 17

