**Materials for the website Chapter 9**

**Practice Questions.** Check your knowledge on some important individuals, dates, institutions and events.

What is ‘gatekeeping’ in political communications?

What is ‘agenda-setting’ in political communications?

Define ‘censorship’ in the media.

Explain ‘self-censorship’. Give an example

What institutions were in charge of the Soviet media?

Who owns the most powerful Russian TV networks?

Does the Russian government own newspapers?

Explain the Kremlin’s main strategies of political mobilization.

Does the government allow muckraking in the Russian media?

Who is Alexei Navalny?

Who was Anna Politkovskaya?

What types of information does the Russian government oppose to be published?

What was the aftermath of the Bolotnaya Square events?

What is ‘creative authoritarianism’ in relation to the media in Russia?

**Additional study resources:**

**Radio Liberty** (in Russian)**:**

<http://www.svobodanews.ru/> .

**See also Voice of America’s Russian service** (in Russian**):**

<https://www.golos-ameriki.ru/>

**General Information Sites (generally pro-government)**

**Russian news (in English and Russian). Russian Information Agency Novosti (RIA Novosti) is a Russian state-owned news agency based in Moscow:**

<http://en.rian.ru/>

**Rossijskaja Gazeta (an official government paper):**

<https://rg.ru/>

**Political websites in opposition to (or not openly supporting) the current government of the Russian Federation:**

**An independent news and opinion website dedicated to presenting information from and about the political situation in Russia** (in English):

<http://www.theotherrussia.org/>

**Russian news** (in English and Russian)**. Site supporting Russia’s political opposition (center-left):**

<http://forum-msk.info/>

**Nezavisimaya Gazeta** (in Russian)**:**

<http://www.ng.ru/gazeta/>

**An opposition online newspaper** (in Russian; blocked in Russia)**:**

<http://www.kasparov.ru/>

**Pravda, a leading communist oppositional newspaper** (in Russian)**:**

<http://english.pravda.ru/>

**A Blog on US-Russia relations and news analysis:**

<https://www.russiamatters.org/blog>

**Opinion Polls:**

**The non-governmental organization “Levada Analytical Center”/ “Levada-Center” was established in 2002. Today it is one of the largest full-service agencies carrying out public opinion and market research** (In English):

<https://www.levada.ru/en/>

**Since the launch of the Russian Federation in January 1992, the** [**CSPP**](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/cspp) **has been conducting Barometer surveys monitoring mass response to transformation across Central and East Europe and the former Soviet Union:**

<http://www.russiavotes.org/>

**Russian Public Opinion Research Center (VCIOM) is the oldest leading marketing and opinion research company in the post-Soviet space:**

<http://wciom.com/>

**The Public Opinion Foundation (in Russian):**

<http://www.fom.ru/>