**Materials for the website Chapter 9**

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

1. What is gatekeeping in political communications?
2. What is agenda-setting in political communications?
3. Define censorship in the media.
4. Explain self-censorship. Give an example.
5. What institutions were in charge of the Soviet media?
6. Who owns the most powerful Russian TV networks today?
7. Does the Russian government own newspapers?
8. Explain the Kremlin’s main strategies of political mobilization.
9. Does the government allow muckraking in the Russian media?
10. Who is Alexei Navalny?
11. Who was Anna Politkovskaya?
12. What type of information does the Russian government restrict or oppose being published?
13. What was the aftermath of the Bolotnaya Square protests?
14. What is creative authoritarianism as it relates to the media in Russia?

**Radio Liberty has its own site in Russian:**

<https://about.rferl.org/service/russian-service/>

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

[**https://www.golosameriki.com/**](https://www.golosameriki.com/)

**General Information Sites (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 Critical of or Independent from the Current Government of the Russian Federation**

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 Harvard Blog on US-Russia relations and news analysis:

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

**Opinion Polls:**

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 and the leading marketing and opinion research company in the post-Soviet space.

<http://wciom.com/>

The Public Opinion Foundation (in Russian)

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