

Here are my notes for next week's class. The PDF documents will be available on DocStore soon. Read as many of these articles as you feel like and be prepared to ask questions or offer comments about the material in class. The goal is increased discussion among the whole class.

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Readings:

Behind Closed Doors:  
[http://www.rferl.org/content/behind\\_closed\\_doors/24177795.html](http://www.rferl.org/content/behind_closed_doors/24177795.html)

Growing Rumbles of Discontent (PDF)

Was It Something I Wrote?

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/05/22/opinion/22panyushkin.html>

Opposition to Putin (PDF)

Putin's State of the Union (PDF)

Islam Inflamed (PDF)

Timeline of Terrorist Attacks in Russia (PDF)

Handout: Russian Alphabet (PDF)

Class Presentations for Discussion:

Putin's All-Russian Popular Front, Jack Underhill

Medvedev's Fight against Corruption, Sandy Driesslein

Khodorkovsky and the Rule of Law in Russia, Herb Bixhorn

Additional Discussion Topics:

Why is Internet access freer in Russia than China?

Is Russia headed toward managed pluralism?

North Caucasus: Freedom Fighters or Terrorists?