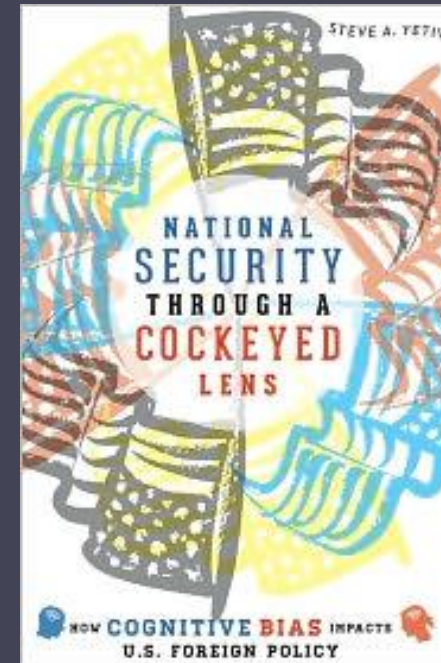


# Lens of Identities



# National security cases teaching

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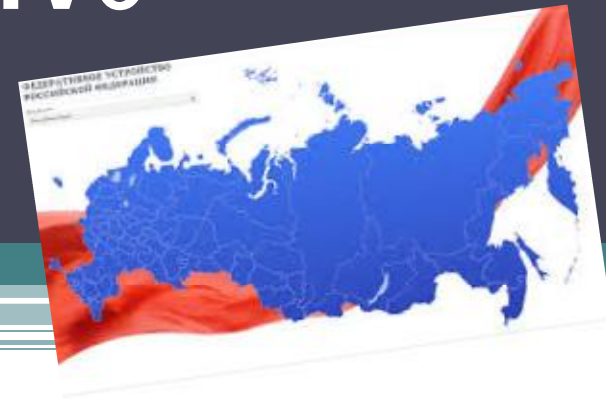
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# NATIONAL SECURITY in regional perspective



Case study of RUSSIA



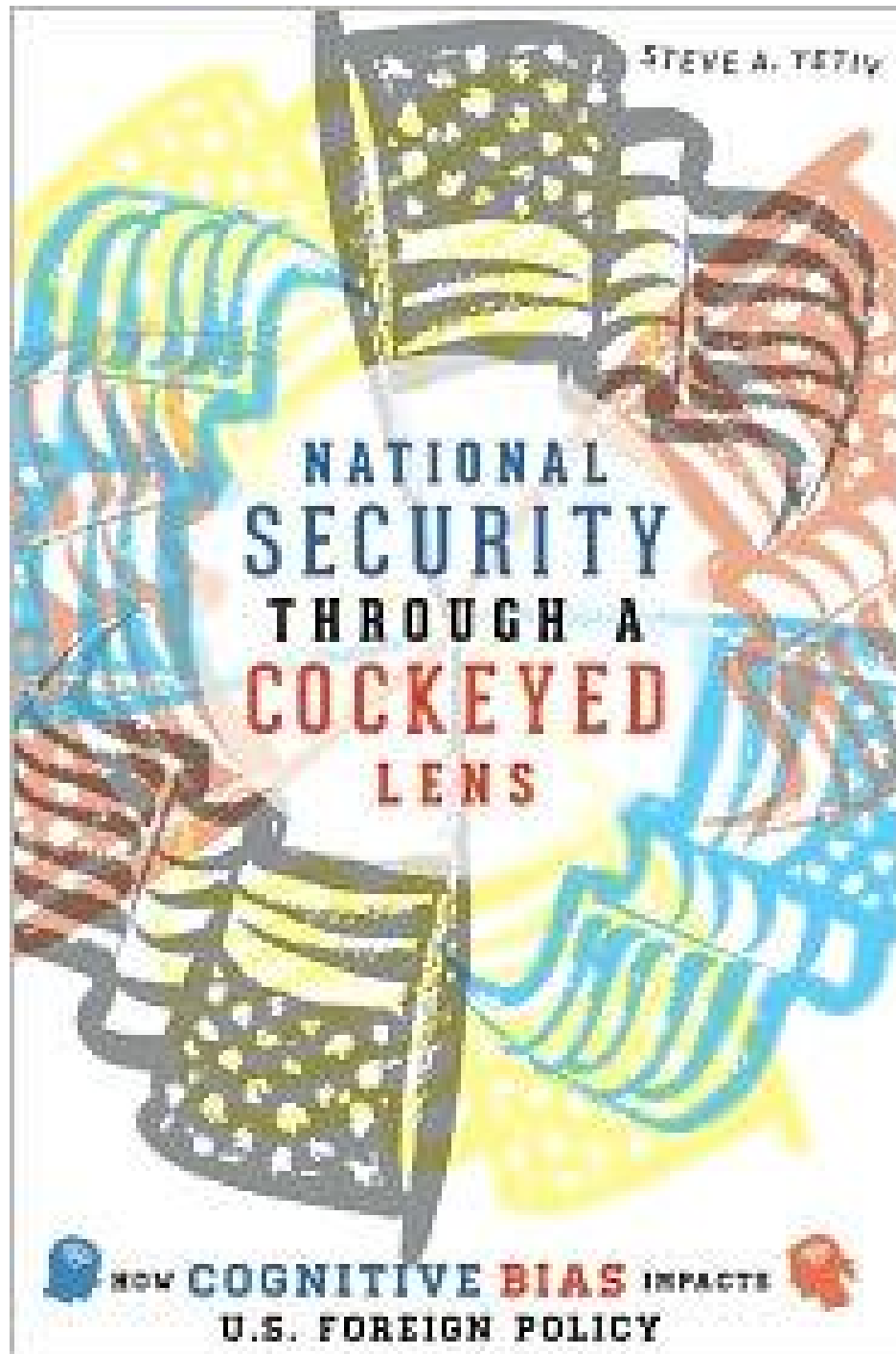
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# Theoretical bases

- **foreign consciousness (Kosolapov 2002)**
- **foreign mentality (Chugrov 2007)**



**Steve A. Yetiv**  
**National Security through  
a Cockeyed Lens:**

**How Cognitive Bias Impacts  
U.S. Foreign Policy**

**(Johns Hopkins University  
Press, November 2013).**



## NS decision making PROCESS

- **RATIONAL or QUASI-RATIONAL**
- **Epistemology – Gnosiology**
- **Bias – logical mistakes**
- **Human being?**



## five US national security episodes

- **the 1979 Soviet invasion and occupation of Afghanistan**
- **the Iran-Contra affair during the Reagan administration**
- **the rise of al-Qaeda, leading to the 9/11 attacks**
- **the 2003 U.-S. invasion of Iraq**
- **the development of U.-S. energy policy**



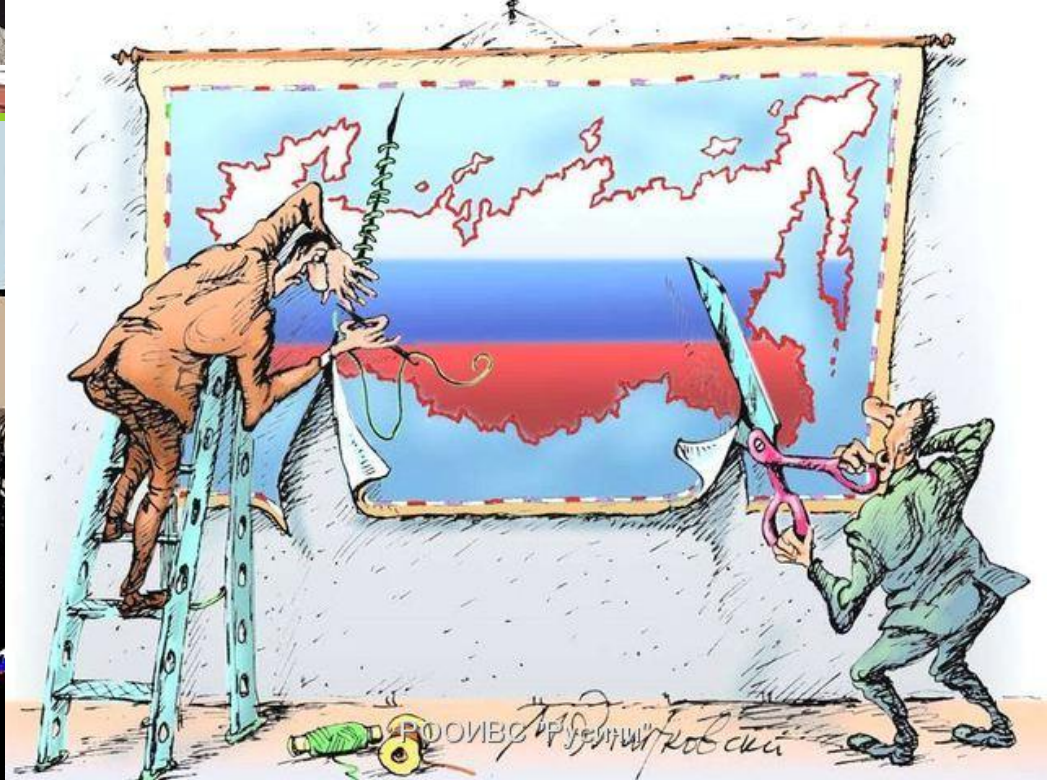
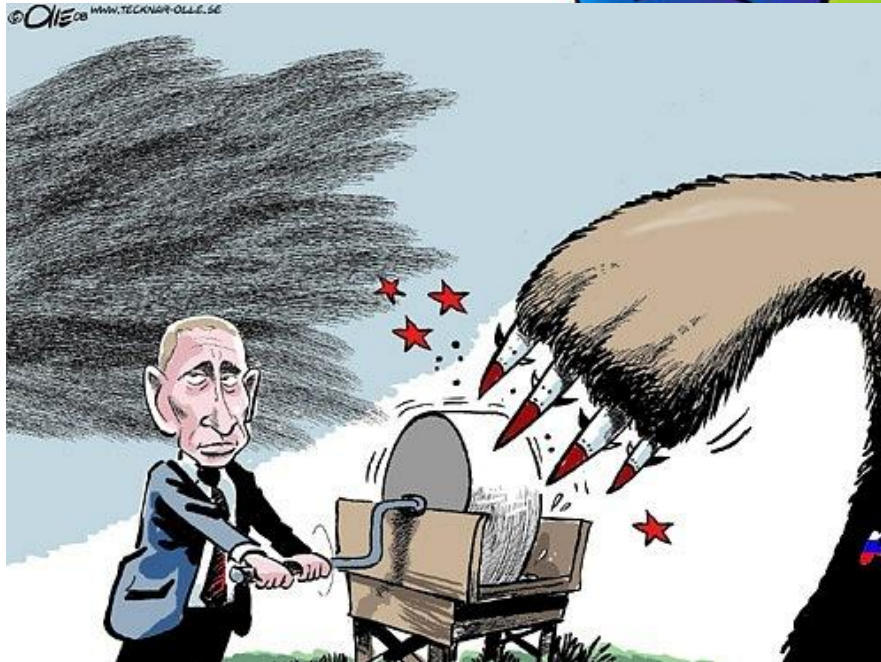
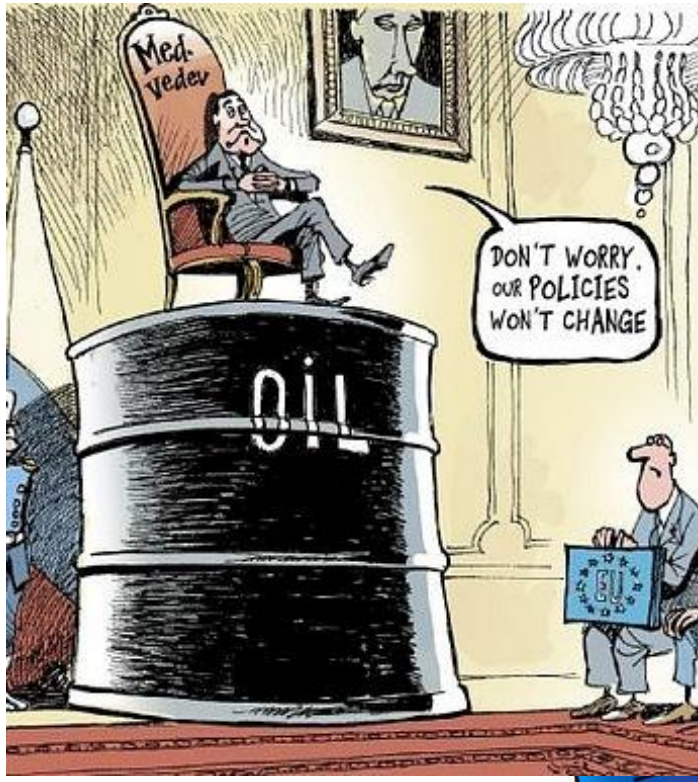
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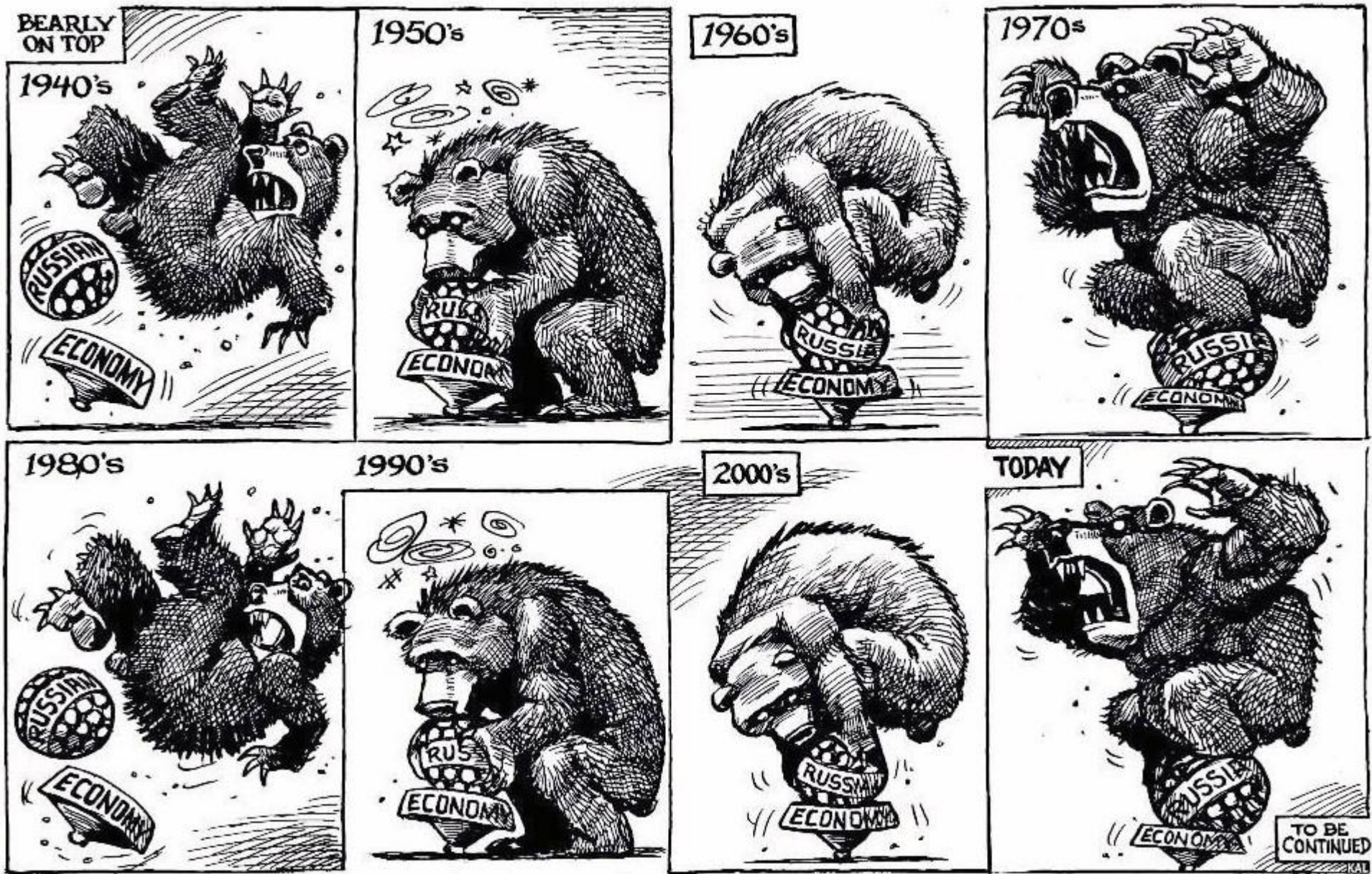
- **disconnect of perception versus reality**
- **tunnel vision ("focus feature")**
- **distorted perception ("cockeyed lens")**
- **overconfidence**
- **short--term thinking**

# ways out - debiasing

- Yetiv's 12 steps:
- For rulers – to give up thought that they are different, that they cannot make the same mistakes made by others
- **RECOGNITION**
- **EXCLUDE FEARS**
- **NO to Cold war era thinking**
- **NO to World as negative balanced system**
- **NO to geopolitical approaches**
- **YES to critical theory**
- **YES to hesitating**



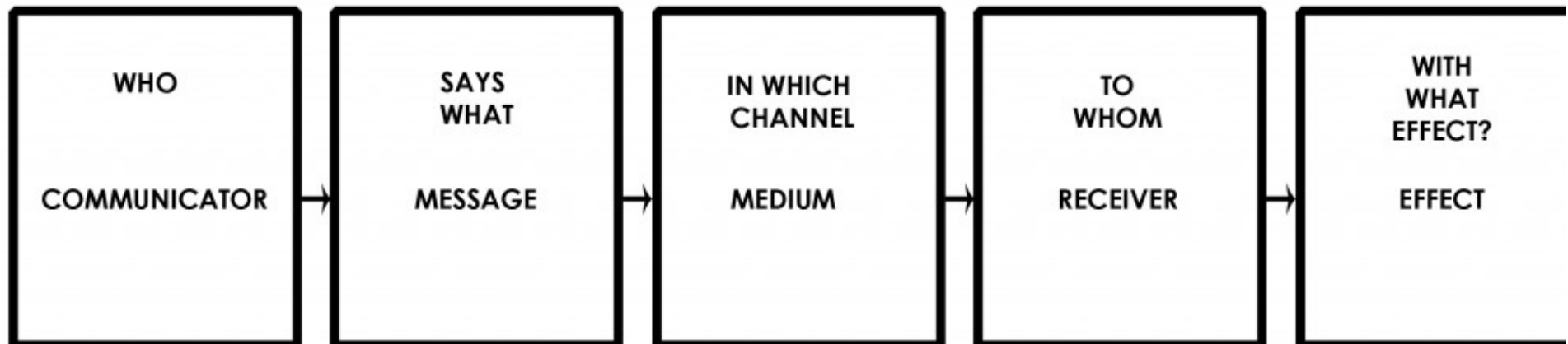




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# NEWS

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# NEWS

- **when happened?**
- **where?**
- **what happened?**
- **Who tells?**
- **Whom tells?**
- **What about?**
- **What channel is used?**
- **With what effects?**
- **+ pre-story**
- **details**
- **evidences**
- **expert's comments**
- **Prognoses**
- **compare the sources**
- **try to weed out the propaganda**
- **formulate ??? for the shortfall of information**

# **Cockeyed lens of Russian political science students**

- **NATO near the border**
- **Terrorism**
- **Reducing oil prices**
- **Dependence from raw energy export**
- **Collaborationists and foreign agents of influence**
- **Illegal migration**
- **uneven distribution of the population across the country**
- **Disproportions in region's development**
- **Conflicts on the border**
- **environmental degradation**
- **Humanitarian expansion**
- **Interethnic tensions**
- **Title nation discrimination**
- **Losing of national identity**
- **Social deceases**
- **Alcoholism**
- **Drug addiction**
- **Corruption**
- **Education and medical service system degradation**
- **Law nihilism**

# Cockeyed lens of political science students from Masaryk Uni

2014

- Dependence of raw energy export
- Terrorism
- Political regime

2016

- Sanctions
- Extensive economical development
- Behavior of political elites

# Conclusions

- **Fears of «interventing» and propaganda «break» in contacts is usefull**
- **National/ subnational interests**
- **Foreign consciousness (structures, features)**

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