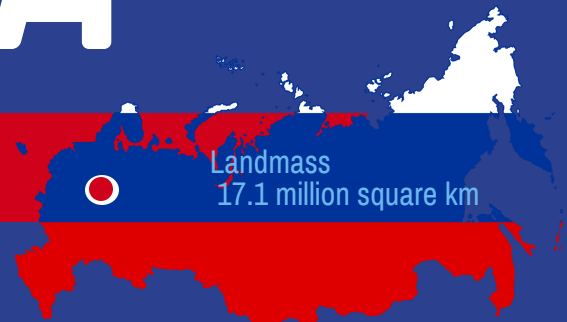




RUSSIA

IN CONTEXT



COUNTRY PROFILE

	Capital	Moscow
	Government	Federal republic Semi-presidential system Constitutional republic
	Currency	Russian Ruble
	Neighbours	Ukraine, China, Kazakhstan, Belarus, Poland, Finland, North Korea, Georgia, Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, Azerbaijan, Mongolia, Norway

POPULATION

143 million ranked 9th in the world
 ♀ 46.24% ♂ 53.76% 👶 16% <15

LIFE EXPECTANCY compared to other countries



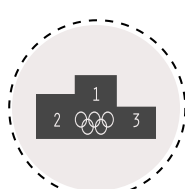
RUSSIA'S ECONOMY

GDP



\$2,097 trillion

GDP RANKING



9th

GDP GROWTH

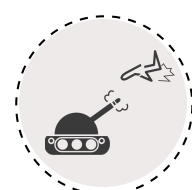


1.5%

compared to



MILITARY BUDGET



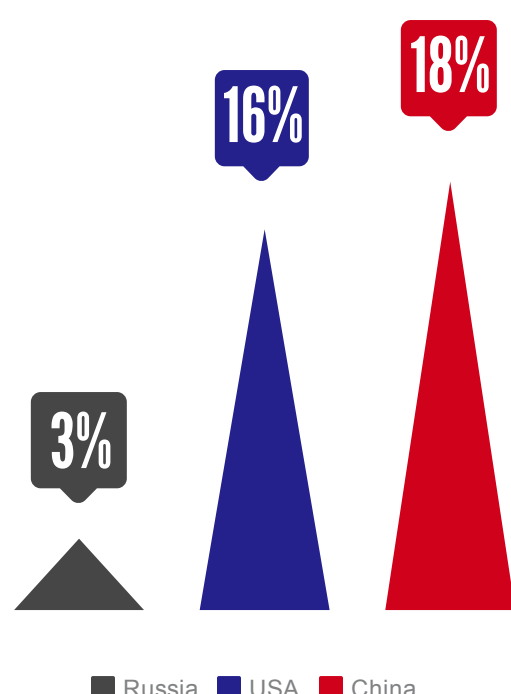
4.2% (% of GDP)

EDUCATION BUDGET



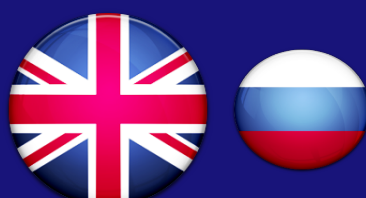
4.1% (% of GDP)

% of global output



■ Russia ■ USA ■ China

UK economy = twice the size of Russia's



DOMESTIC CHALLENGES

ANTI-CORRUPTION PROTESTS

MARCH 2017

95

Russian cities

4

Cities abroad

Protesters in Moscow
8,000 (official) to 25,000

500 - 1,000 arrested (including protest organiser, Alexei Navalny of Anti-corruption Foundation)

London
Prague
Basel
Bonn



TERRORIST ATTACKS

18

Deadly terror attacks since 1995

FIGHTING TERRORISM

High priority under Putin

11

suicide bombings included

LATEST ATTACK

St Petersburg metro (3 April)
14 people killed, dozens wounded

FOREIGN ENGAGEMENT

SYRIA



began September 2015

19,160 combat missions
71,000 strikes

UKRAINE



18 March 2014

Crimea annexed; violation of international law resulting in economic sanctions
Russia support separatist groups in east Ukraine

"Relations between Russia and the West have deteriorated to levels not seen in a generation."
- ALEXEY ARBATOV (Carnegie Moscow Centre)

RUSSIA-NATO STANDOFF

RUSSIA

Moved battleships towards Mediterranean and Baltic Seas
Shifted nuclear-capable missile-launchers into its Kaliningrad enclave neighbouring Poland
Continued flying bombers down western European coast

NATO'S RESPONSE

Agreed to send as many as 4 000 troops and equipment into Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland



Militarisation of the Arctic:
- New airbases, icebreakers, ground forces, missiles

Russia widely seen as a threat to its neighbours

Under Article 5 of the NATO treaty: an attack on one member state is viewed as an attack on all

