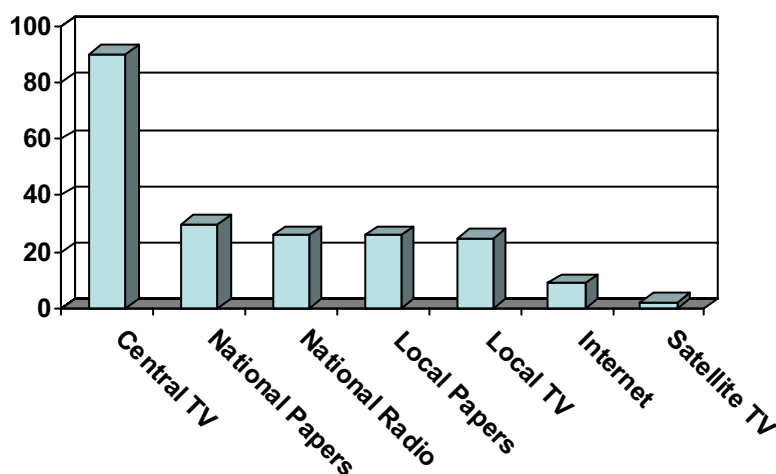

Russia -- Source Descriptors of Key Russian Media

The following are source descriptors of key Russian media, including news agencies (page 1), publications (page 3), radio (page 8), television (page 9), and websites (page 11). Television dominates the media environment in Russia, with most Russians getting their news from the two state-owned channels. There is greater variety of ownership and content in publications and websites, but these have smaller audiences than television.¹

Media Used by Russians for News, in Percentages
(www.fom.ru, 2 Aug 2007)



News Agencies

Ekho Moskvyy News Agency -- News agency associated with the influential Ekho Moskvyy Radio; controlled by Gazprom but largely retaining its independence

Finmarket -- Financial news agency owned by Interfax

Interfax -- Nonofficial information agency known for its extensive and detailed reporting on domestic and international issues

Interfax-AVN -- Internet news service devoted to military news and owned by the independent Interfax news agency; URL: www.militarynews.ru

¹ For more details of the Russian media environment and ownership, see the 26 June OSC Analysis, **Signs of Growing Limits to Opposition Access to Internet, Blogs, Other Media** (CEF20070626517001), and 3 May OSC Analysis, **Russia: Pro-Kremlin Businessmen Building New Media Empires** (CEF20070503317001).

ITAR-TASS -- Main government information agency

Kavkaz-Tsentr News Agency -- Chechen website reportedly close to rebel leader Udugov;
 URL: www.kavkazcenter.com

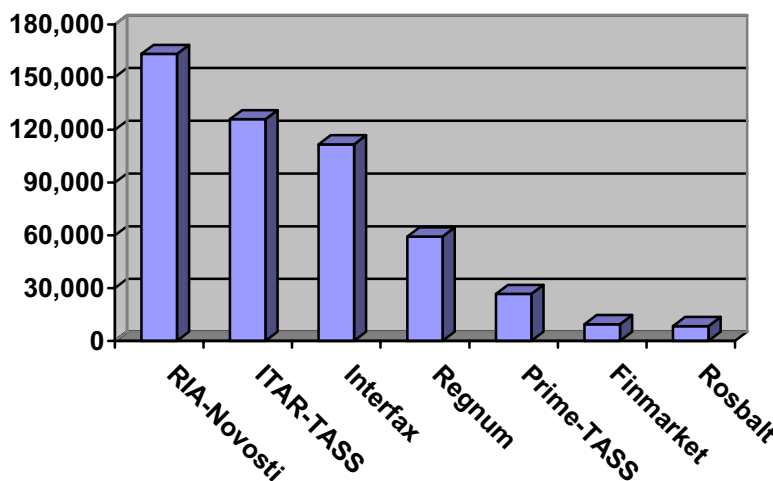
Prime-TASS -- News agency specializing in economic and financial news; owned by the state-owned ITAR-TASS and Kremlin-linked Eurofinance Bank

Regnum Information Agency -- Nonofficial news agency carrying reports from affiliated regional news agencies and its own networks of regional correspondents; sometimes carries anti-Western reports

Rosbalt -- St Petersburg-based news agency owned by Yevtushenkov's Sistema corporation and headed by the wife of top anti-drug official Cherkesov

RIA-Novosti -- Government information agency, part of the state media holding company VGTRK

Citations of News Agencies in 300 Leading Russian Media, 1 January - 1 October 2007
 (Regnum, www.medialogiya.ru, 4 October)



This OSC product is based exclusively on the content and behavior of selected media and has not been coordinated with other US Government components.

Publications

Argumenty i Fakty -- Top-selling weekly paper owned by Promsvyazbank and often taking a nationalist line

Argumenty Nedeli -- Weekly paper founded by disgruntled journalists from *Argumenty i Fakty*

Business & FM -- Daily paper formerly called Biznes now owned by pro-Kremlin businessman Gaydamak and focusing on Russian and international financial markets

BusinessWeek Russia -- Russian version of international BusinessWeek magazine; Russian version is owned by Rodionov publishing house

Delovoy Peterburg -- Daily business paper published in St Petersburg

Ekonomika i Zhizn -- Weekly newspaper providing in-depth coverage of current economic and business issues; owned by the Ekonomicheskaya Gazeta publishing house

Ekspert - Weekly business magazine partially owned by pro-Kremlin businessman Deripaska

Finans -- Weekly financial magazine

Forbes Russia -- Russian version of the international business magazine that sometimes criticizes Moscow city officials and the federal government; published by German Axel Springer company

Gazeta -- Informative, small-circulation daily paper owned by metals magnate Lisin; not affiliated with the *Gazeta.ru* website

Gudok -- Newspaper owned by Russian Railways that focuses on transportation issues, as well as a broader range of news and general interest topics

Itogi -- Glossy weekly news magazine owned by state-owned Gazprom

Izvestiya -- Large-circulation daily paper owned by Gazprom that usually supports the Kremlin

Kommersant -- Informative daily business newspaper owned by pro-Kremlin and Gazprom-linked businessman Usmanov, although it still criticizes the government

Average Issue Readership (AIR) of Select Newspapers, March-July 2007 (www.tns-global.ru)

Newspaper	AIR, in Thousands
<i>Argumenty i Fakty</i>	7,849.8
<i>Zhizn</i>	5,761.6
<i>Komsomolskaya Pravda</i>	1,883.0
<i>Sovershenno Sekretno</i>	1,630.8
<i>Moskovskiy Komsomolets</i>	1,156.5
<i>Argumenty Nedeli</i>	755.4
<i>Mir Novostey*</i>	533.7
<i>Rossiyskaya Gazeta</i>	453.1
<i>Sobesednik</i>	418.3
<i>Izvestiya</i>	369.9
<i>Trud</i>	341.3
<i>Ekonomika i Zhizn</i>	306.4
<i>Kommersant</i>	226.7
<i>Moskovskiy Novosti*</i>	173.5
<i>Tvoy Den</i>	168.4
<i>Gudok</i>	149.3
<i>Vedomosti*</i>	100.3
<i>RBK Daily*</i>	97.1
<i>Nezavisimaya Gazeta*</i>	70.1
<i>Vremya Novostey*</i>	45.0
<i>Novyye Izvestiya*</i>	39.0
<i>Moscow Times*</i>	35.8
<i>Business & FM*</i>	29.4

* Figures for Moscow only, but these publications do not have significant audiences outside of Moscow

Kommersant-Dengi -- Weekly magazine devoted to economic and business issues; published by Kommersant publishing house owned by pro-Kremlin and Gazprom-linked businessman Usmanov

Kommersant-Vlast -- Prominent weekly news magazine published by Kommersant publishing house owned by pro-Kremlin and Gazprom-linked businessman Usmanov

Kompaniya -- Weekly business magazine owned by the Rodionov publishing house

Komsomolskaya Pravda -- Mass-circulation daily owned by the YeSN company of Grigoriy Berezkin, who has links to energy projects and the Russian Railways; it sometimes serves as vehicle for Kremlin officials, security services, and prominent nationalists

Krasnaya Zvezda -- Official daily newspaper of the Russian Ministry of Defense

Literaturnaya Gazeta -- Weekly paper owned by Yevtushenkov's Sistema corporation and devoted to literary, cultural, and political issues

Mir Novostey -- Large-circulation weekly tabloid on entertainment and human-interest stories with some reports on political and economic news

Moscow News Weekly -- English-language paper owned by Gaydamak's *Moskovskiy Novosti* and state-owned news agency RIA-Novosti

Moscow Times -- Daily English-language paper owned by the Finnish company International Media and often critical of the government

Moskovskaya Pravda -- Moscow city daily that supports Moscow Mayor Luzhkov

Moskovskiy Komsomolets -- Mass-circulation daily featuring political exposes and criticism of the government but support for Moscow Mayor Luzhkov

Moskovskiy Korrespondent -- Moscow daily newspaper owned by businessman and Duma Deputy Aleksandr Lebedev, a long-time foe of Moscow Mayor Luzhkov

Moskovskiy Novosti -- Weekly paper owned by pro-Kremlin businessman Gaydamak and edited by pro-Kremlin journalist Vitaliy Tretyakov

The New Times -- Outspoken Russian-language weekly news magazine owned by the Lesnevskiy family and featuring prominent anti-Kremlin journalists

Citations of Newspapers on 50 TV News Programs, October 2007 (www.medialogiya.ru, www.mediaguide.ru, 13 November)

Newspaper	Number of Citations
<i>Kommersant</i>	122
<i>RBK Daily</i>	89
<i>Izvestiya</i>	87
<i>Rossiyskaya Gazeta</i>	77
<i>Komsomolskaya Pravda</i>	40
<i>Moskovskiy Komsomolets</i>	31
<i>Vremya Novostey</i>	26
<i>Gazeta</i>	26
<i>Novaya Gazeta</i>	23
<i>Trud</i>	17

Nezavisimaya Gazeta -- Daily Moscow paper featuring varied independent political viewpoints and criticism of the government; owned and edited by businessman Remchukov

Nezavisimoye Voyennoye Obozreniye - Weekly military newspaper published by Remchukov's *Nezavisimaya Gazeta*

Novaya Gazeta -- Independent semi-weekly paper that specializes in exposes and often criticizes the Kremlin; Mikhail Gorbachev and Aleksandr Lebedev are minority owners

Novoye Russkoye Slovo -- Russian language paper published in the US and other countries by Rabyonovych's Media International Group

Novyye Izvestiya -- Daily paper owned by Bazhayev's Alyans group; it is sometimes critical of the government

Ogonek -- Glossy general-interest magazine owned by St Petersburg company Telekominvest, which is linked to Kremlin allies

Parlamentskaya Gazeta -- Official newspaper of the Russian Federal Assembly

Politicheskij Klass -- Monthly magazine devoted to political analysis and run by prominent pro-Kremlin journalist Tretyakov

Politicheskij Zhurnal -- Leftist, nationalist magazine on current affairs owned by Patriots of Russia leader Semigin

Pravda -- Leftist daily newspaper funded by the Communist Party

Profil -- Weekly business magazine owned by the Rodionov publishing house and edited by pro-Kremlin nationalist Leontyev

RBK - Monthly business magazine published by the independent RosBiznesKonsalting

RBK Daily -- Daily paper on Russian and international business published by the independent RosBiznesKonsalting

Rodnaya Gazeta -- Leftist, nationalist weekly owned by Patriots of Russia leader Semigin

Rossiya -- Weekly newspaper owned by Yevtushenkov's Sistema corporation and having links to several government officials

Rossiyskaya Gazeta -- Government daily newspaper

Rossiyskiye Vesti -- Weekly paper connected to the Presidential Administration and other government bodies

Russia Profile -- Monthly English-language journal published by state-owned news agency RIA-Novosti and Finnish-owned Independent Media

Russkaya Mysl -- Pro-Kremlin weekly paper published in Europe for Russian speakers

Russkiy Kuryer -- Weekly paper featuring news, analysis, and political rumors

Russkiy Newsweek -- Weekly news magazine published by the German Axel Springer company and edited by prominent journalist Parfenov

Russkiy Reporter -- Weekly news magazine describing itself as "patriotic and positive" and published by the Ekspert group, which is partially owned by pro-Kremlin businessman Deripaska

Sekret Firmy -- Weekly business magazine owned by Usmanov's Kommersant Publishing house

SmartMoney -- Weekly business magazine published by Independent Media's *Vedomosti* newspaper

Sobesednik -- Weekly tabloid featuring profiles and interviews of celebrities, politicians, and other public figures

Sovershenno Sekretno -- Monthly tabloid featuring political exposes and investigative reporting; reportedly has ties with Moscow city government

Sovetskaya Rossiya -- Pro-communist and nationalist daily

St Petersburg Times -- Daily English-language paper owned by the Finnish company International Media and often critical of the government

Tribuna -- Daily newspaper owned by Gazprom and focusing largely on industry and the energy sector

Trud -- Mass-circulation, centrist daily owned by Promsvyazbank

Tvoy Den -- Daily tabloid carrying political rumors and owned by Nyus Media company, whose shareholders include former Finance Minister Fedorov's UFG fund

Vechernyaya Moskva -- Daily Moscow paper supporting Moscow Mayor Luzhkov

Vedomosti -- Respected daily business paper owned by the Finnish Independent Media Company; published jointly with The Wall Street Journal and Financial Times

Voyennaya Mysl -- Bi-monthly theoretical journal of the Russian General Staff

Voyenno-Promyshlenny Kuryer -- Weekly newspaper on military and defense industry issues published by Almaz Media, a subsidiary of the Almaz Scientific Production Association, headed by Igor Ashurbeyli

Average Issue Readership (AIR) of Select Magazines, March-July 2007 (www.tns-global.ru)

Magazine	AIR, in Thousands
<i>Itogi</i>	442.6
<i>Forbes</i>	361.2
<i>Kommersant-Vlast</i>	327.4
<i>Ogonek</i>	301.1
<i>Kommersant-Dengi</i>	286.6
<i>Ekspert</i>	282.0
<i>RBK*</i>	193.7
<i>Russkiy Newsweek</i>	169.9
<i>Finans</i>	141.1
<i>Profil</i>	129.9
<i>Sekret Firmy</i>	83.8
<i>Business Week*</i>	47.1
<i>SmartMoney*</i>	42.6
<i>Kompaniya*</i>	39.1

* Figures for Moscow only, but these publications do not have significant audiences outside of Moscow

Vremya Novostey -- Liberal, small-circulation paper that sometimes criticizes the government

Vzglyad -- Paper on economic and political news owned by Kremlin ally Konstantin Rykov

Yadernyy Kontrol -- Bi-monthly journal of the PIR Center for Political Research, devoted to issues of international security, nonproliferation, and arms control

Yuzhnyy Reporter -- Weekly Rostov newspaper that supports officials of the Southern Federal District

Zavtra -- Leftist-nationalist weekly paper edited by influential journalist Aleksandr Prokhanov

Zhizn za Vsyu Nedelyu -- Mass-circulation weekly focusing on entertainment news; owned by Nyus Media company, whose shareholders include former Finance Minister Fedorov's UFG fund

Zhurnalist -- Monthly journal devoted to media issues published by the Ekonomicheskaya Gazeta publishing house.

Radio

Ekho Moskvyy Radio -- Influential talk radio station owned by Gazprom but known for its independent and often anti-Kremlin news coverage and commentary

Mayak Radio -- State-owned radio station providing music and news programming

Radio Rossii -- State-owned radio station, part of the state media holding company VGTRK

Russkaya Sluzhba Novostey -- Pro-Kremlin news station that provides news updates to other radio stations; owned by the Russian Media Group, which controls several radio stations and some other media

Russkoye Radio -- Popular music-oriented radio station

Voice of Russia -- State-owned radio station broadcasting news, commentary, and cultural information to foreign countries

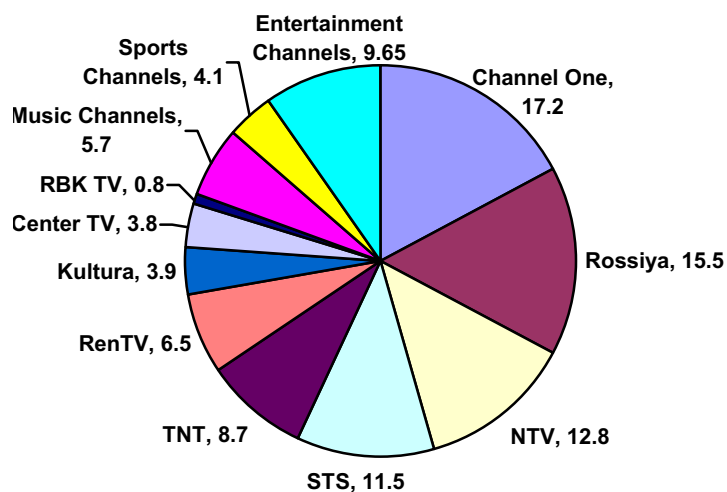
Yevropa Plyus -- Popular music-oriented radio station

Daily Reach of Selected Radio Stations, February-July 2007 (www.tns-global.ru)

Radio Station	Daily Reach, in Thousands
Russkoye Radio	7,165.8
Yevropa Plyus	6,990.4
Radio Rossii	6,423.8
Mayak Radio	4,222.8
Ekho Moskvyy	1,213.8
Russkaya Sluzhba Novostey	273.9

Television

Weekly Audience Share of TV Channels, April-June 2007 (www.comcon-2.ru)



Center TV: TV network owned by Moscow city government that broadcasts to Moscow and some regions; it supports Moscow Mayor Luzhkov and often promotes nationalist views

Center TV International: International service of Center TV network owned by Moscow city government; it supports Moscow Mayor Luzhkov and often promotes nationalist views

Channel 3 TV: Small Moscow TV station promoting the Orthodox Church and nationalist views; it has been linked to businessman and Senator Pugachev

Channel One: Largest state-owned TV network covering most of Russia; usually the most popular channel in Russia

Channel 5: St Petersburg-based TV network owned by Yuriy Kovalchuk and other Kremlin allies; supports Kremlin and local St Petersburg officials

Don-TR TV: Local affiliate of the Russian state media conglomerate VGTRK broadcasting to southern Russia's Rostov Oblast

GTRK Kabardino-Balkariya: Local affiliate of the Russian state media conglomerate VGTRK in southern Russia's Kabarda-Balkar Republic.

GTRK Vaynakh: Local affiliate of the Russian state media conglomerate VGTRK broadcasting to Chechnya in Chechen and Russian; channel supports Chechen President Kadyrov

Kultura TV: State-owned TV channel oriented toward cultural and educational programs.

NTV: Gazprom-owned TV network broadcasting to most of Russia; more independent than state-owned channels but still supports Kremlin and is restrained in covering controversial topics; usually the third most popular channel in Russia

NTV Mir: Broadcasts programs from Gazprom's NTV network, as well as original shows, via satellite to the US, Israel, and elsewhere

Russians Watching Selected Channels at Least Once a Week, April-June 2007 (viewers 10 years or older in cities with populations over 100,000 (www.comcon-2.ru))

RBK TV: Small business channel launched by independent and respected RosBiznesKonsalting company; it sometimes criticizes the government's economic policies

RenTV: Small TV network owned by Yuriy Kovalchuk and other Kremlin allies but whose news programs remain the most independent and critical of the government in Russia

RGVK Dagestan: Regional television channel controlled by Dagestan government

Rossiya: Large state-owned TV network broadcasting to most of Russia; usually the second most popular channel in Russia

TV Channel	Number of Viewers, in Thousands	Percentage
Channel One	51,633	82.7
Rossiya	46,784	74.9
NTV	38,489	61.6
STS	34,611	55.4
TNT	26,076	41.7
RenTV	19,616	31.4
Kultura	11,720	18.8
Center TV	11,321	18.1
RBK TV	2,355	3.8

RTR Planeta: International service of state-owned Rossiya TV

RTV International: International satellite channel owned by exiled Kremlin foe Gusinskiy; broadcasts Russian-language programs to the US, Israel, and Europe

Russia Today: State-owned, English-language news channel broadcasting to the US and other countries

Spas: Religious channel founded by a group of Russian Orthodox businessmen led by Vladivostok magnate Lysak

STO TV: St Petersburg channel owned by Kremlin ally Rudnov's Baltic Media Group

Stolitsa: Local Moscow channel owned by city government

STS: Popular entertainment channel owned by Sweden's Modern Times Group and Russia's Alfa Group

TNT: Popular entertainment channel owned by Gazprom

Vesti TV: State-owned, 24-hour news channel launched in 2006 by the All-Russian State Television and Radio Broadcasting Company (VGTRK), which also owns Rossiya TV

Zvezda TV: Channel founded by Russian Defense Ministry and private investors; it offers a mix of news, entertainment, and military-themed programming aimed at promoting patriotic values

Websites

Agentstvo Natsionalnykh Novostey -- News website owned by Patriots of Russia leader Semigin; URL: www.annews.ru

Agentstvo Politicheskikh Novostey -- Website featuring political rumors and analysis; owned by Kremlin critic Belkovskiy's National Strategy Institute; URL: www.apn.ru

Agentura -- Nonofficial Internet site featuring news, articles, and analysis on national security and special services; URL: www.agentura.ru

Anticompromat.ru -- Internet site providing library of compromising material and rumors about politicians and public figures; owned by Vladimir Pribylovskiy, a respected expert on Russian politics who is sometimes critical of the government; URL: www.anticompromat.ru

Chechen Times -- Chechen separatist website that started operations in January 2006 and has a strongly Islamist slant; URL: www.chechentimes.net; probably not connected to the now-defunct, more moderate *Chechen Times* at www.chechentimes.org

Chechenpress -- Official news agency of rebel Chechen government; URL: www.chechenpress.com

CNews.ru -- Website owned by RosBiznesKonsalting that features high tech and computer news; URL: www.cnews.ru

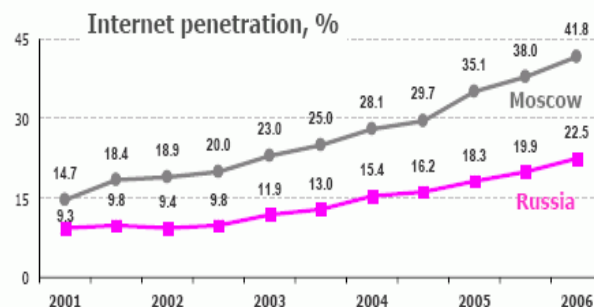
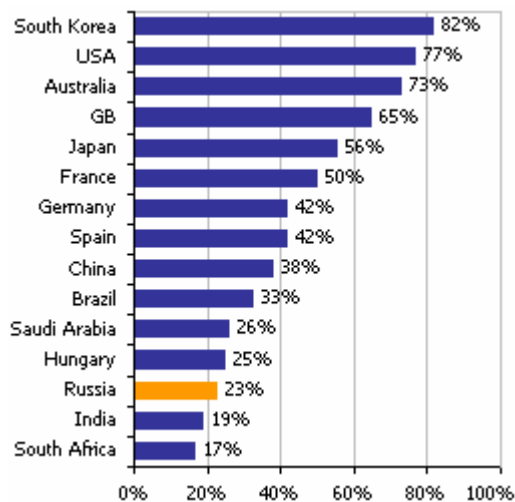
Compromat.ru -- Internet site owned by Sergey Gorshkov and devoted to compromising material on politicians and businessmen; www.compromat.ru

Council on Foreign and Defense Policy -- Website of SVOP think-tank founded by academics, officials, and other prominent public figures; URL: www.svop.ru

Daymohk -- Chechen rebel website that often carries statements and addresses by rebel leaders; URL: www.daymohk.info

Demoskop Weekly -- Website on demographic and social issues supported by the Russian Academy of Sciences; URL: www.demoscope.ru

Percentage of Internet Users in Select Countries (TGI Global, www.comcon-2.ru, 2006)



Source: TNS Gallup Media, June 2006 (www.tns-global.ru)

Dni.ru -- Popular news website owned by pro-Kremlin businessman Rykov; URL: www.dni.ru

Forum.msk.ru -- Leftist, nationalist website featuring political commentary and rumors; URL: www.forum.msk.ru

Gazeta.ru -- Popular website owned by pro-Kremlin and Gazprom-linked businessman Usmanov but still often critical of the government; URL: www.gazeta.ru

GlobalRus.ru -- Political news and analysis website affiliated with the patriotic State Club linked to politicians from the pro-Kremlin United Russia party; URL: www.globalrus.ru

Grani.ru -- Anti-Kremlin website owned by exiled magnate Berezovskiy; URL: www.grani.ru

Ingushetiya.ru -- Independent website critical of the Ingushetian government and President Zyazikov; URL: www.ingushetiya.ru

Islam.ru -- Website on Islamic news and religious practices in Russia and the region; URL: www.islam.ru

Kavkazskiy Uzel -- Website on Russia's North Caucasus region; founded by Russian human rights group Memorial; URL: www.kavkaz.memo.ru

Kreml.org -- Website created by Kremlin ally Pavlovskiy's Effective Policy Foundation and featuring political analysis; URL: www.kreml.org

Lenta.ru -- Popular Internet news service published by Rambler Media Group, which is partially owned by business magnate Potanin; URL: www.lenta.ru

Levaya Rossiya -- Leftist, Marxist website that attacks the US and democratic values but avoids criticism of the Kremlin; URL: www.left.ru

Marketing i Konsalting -- Website of the independent Marketing i Konsalting agency; features commentary and analysis on political and economic issues; URL: www.iamik.ru

MidEast.ru -- Website founded by Russian experts on the Middle East to report and analyze on developments in the region; URL: www.mideast.ru

Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation -- Official website of the Russian Ministry of Defense; URL: www.mil.ru

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation -- Official website of the Russian Foreign Affairs; URL: www.mid.ru

Mir Religiy -- Website providing news, comment, and reference material on religious topics in Russia and elsewhere; URL: www.religio.ru

Na Zlobu -- Website featuring political commentary and kompromat that is owned by Kremlin critic Belkovskiy's National Strategy Institute; URL: www.nazlobu.ru

Newsru.com -- Popular Internet news site associated with exiled media magnate Gusinskiy; URL: www.newsru.com

Nuclear.ru -- Independent news resource on nuclear energy and related topics; URL: www.nuclear.ru

NuclearNo.ru -- Nuclear issues website sponsored by the non-governmental Citizen's Center for Nuclear Nonproliferation, which was founded by the Krasnoyarsk Regional Environmental Movement; URL: www.nuclearno.ru

Obshchaya Gazeta.ru -- News website that sometimes carries criticism of the Kremlin and government; URL: www.og.ru

OPEC.ru -- Internet site devoted to economic analysis and commentary; URL: www.opec.ru

Polit.ru -- Independent Internet site featuring news updates and commentaries across ideological lines; URL: www.polit.ru

Politkom.ru -- Website created by the independent Political Technologies Center featuring insightful political commentary that is sometimes critical of the government; URL: www.politcom.ru

Pravda.ru -- Popular leftist, nationalist website providing news and analysis but not owned by the Communist paper *Pravda*; URL: www.pravda.ru

President of Russia -- Official website of Russian president; URL: www.kremlin.ru

Preymniki.ru -- Website apparently affiliated with anti-Kremlin Stanislav Belkovskiy's National Strategy Institute; provides news and comment on Russian elections; URL: www.preymniki.ru

RB.ru -- Website for business and financial information created by Finnish-owned Independent Media; URL: www.rb.ru

Regions.ru -- Website providing information on political, economic, social, and cultural developments in Russia's regions; URL: www.regions.ru

RosBiznesKonsalting -- Website providing business news and links to other projects of the independent RosBiznesKonsalting company; URL: www.rbc.ru

Russian Federation Government -- Official website of the Russian Government; URL: www.government.ru

Russkiy Zhurnal -- Website on Russian politics, culture, and society founded by Kremlin ally Pavlovskiy; URL: www.russ.ru

SMI.ru -- Government-owned website covering Russian and foreign media developments and news stories; URL: www.smi.ru

Sova -- Website for the independent Sova Center, which researches nationalism, xenophobia, extremism, religion, and human rights; URL: www.sova-center.ru

Strana.ru -- News website owned by the government's TV and radio broadcasting company VGTRK; URL: /www.strana.ru

Stringer Information Agency -- Website devoted to kompromat and exposes of politicians; URL: www.stringer-news.ru

Ura.ru -- Yekaterinburg-based website providing information and rumors on political and economic developments in the Urals region and nationwide; reportedly has links to Kremlin aide Surkov; URL: www.ura.ru

Utro.ru -- News and analysis website owned by independent RosBiznesKonsalting; URL: www.utro.ru

Vokrug Novostey -- Website sometimes featuring political rumors but focusing on scandals, celebrities, and human interest stories; URL: www.vokruginfo.ru

WarWeb.ru -- Nationalist website on military and political affairs; it often features anonymous attacks on prominent politicians and business leaders; URL: www.warweb.ru

Yezhednevnyy Zhurnal -- Daily Internet paper providing news and commentary critical of the government; URL: www.ej.ru

Za Putina -- Website expressing support for President Putin; launched by pro-Kremlin businessman Rykov; URL: www.zaputina.ru