

Analytical Report

The Russian Psychological Society After 2022: Serving the State, Shaping Ideology, Weaponizing Science

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Executive Summary

- 1. The Russian Psychological Society (RPS) demonstrates concerning alignment with the Russian government.** At least 13 members of the RPS Presidium received state awards after February 24, 2022. Two PRS Presidium members (Eduard Galazhinsky; Igor Gaydamashko) have signed a collective appeal in support of conducting a so-called Special Military Operation against Ukraine¹.
- 2. The RPS is in active collaboration with sanctioned organizations.** This includes close ties with the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation and the Znanie Society, both sanctioned by EU². Some RPS members hold positions within these organizations, and others, like The RPS's Vice President, Yulia Shoigu³, are on the sanction lists themselves.
- 3. The RPS's work with combatants primarily focuses on reframing the war as just and necessary.** They consistently downplay the risks of PTSD and other mental health consequences, while distorting scientific knowledge to serve the state's agenda and deny the severity of the war's impact on Russian society.
- 4. Several RPS Presidium members actively promote a pro-war narrative among youth.** They subtly frame the war as a defensive action, infiltrating educational programs and collaborating with organizations like "YunArmia" (Young Army) to indoctrinate children with militaristic ideologies.
- 5. The RPS leverages international academic cooperation to further its own agenda.** While engaging with the international psychological community, the RPS seeks to legitimize its activities and promote its own views and goals within academic discourse.

¹ <https://rsr-online.ru/news/2022/3/4/obrashenie-rossijskogo-soyuza-rektorov/>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20240430015443/https://rsr-online.ru/news/2022/3/4/obrashenie-rossijskogo-soyuza-rektorov/>

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ%3AL_202302871&qid=1702915124272

³ <https://ofac.treasury.gov/recent-actions/20220930>

Introduction. The Russian Psychological Society

The Russian Psychological Society⁴ states to have its origins in the creation of the first Russian Psychological Society at the Moscow Imperial University in 1885. A new period in the history of the RPS in its modern version begins with the collapse of the USSR, when the congress of the RPS was held on November 22, 1994.⁵

The Russian Psychological Society has a long history of cooperation with the state and government. Back in May 2020, RPS President Yury Zinchenko⁶, as the then President of Russian Academy of Education⁷, took part in meetings of the working group⁸ on the preparation of constitutional amendments⁹ that helped to “nullify” Putin's presidential terms and re-elect him.

Commenting on his activities in the working group in a video interview for the Rossiya-24 TV channel, Yury Zinchenko never mentions that these amendments help to “restart the presidential terms”, focusing instead on the supposed “benefits” of these amendments for the scientific community.¹⁰

However, this document mostly focuses on the forms and extent of cooperation between RPS and the Russian state that took place *after* 2022, when Russia launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

To further characterize the RPS and raise questions about whether this organization adheres to professional and ethical standards and whether cooperation with it is appropriate, it is crucial to present some key facts:

- On March 4, 2022, Vice President of the RPS Eduard Galazhinsky¹¹, Rector of Tomsk State University, and RPS Presidium member Igor Gaydamashko¹², Rector of Sochi State University, signed a collective

⁴ <https://psyrus.ru/en/>

⁵ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2020_amendments_to_the_Constitution_of_Russia
<https://psyrus.ru/rpo/about/history/>

⁶ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/972/
https://web.archive.org/web/20241222103127/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/972/

⁷ <https://rusacademedu.ru/>

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<https://rusacademedu.ru/news/prezident-rao-yurij-zinchenko-prinyal-uchastie-v-zasedanii-rabochej-gruppy-po-podgotovke-popravok-v-konstituciyu-rf/>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20240415215853/https://rusacademedu.ru/news/prezident-rao-yurij-zinchenko-prinyal-uchastie-v-zasedanii-rabochej-gruppy-po-podgotovke-popravok-v-konstituciyu-rf/>

⁹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2020_amendments_to_the_Constitution_of_Russia

¹⁰ <https://rusacademedu.ru/presscentre/intervyu-Yurya-zinchenko-telekanalu-rossiya-24/>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20240415215853/https://rusacademedu.ru/news/prezident-rao-yurij-zinchenko-prinyal-uchastie-v-zasedanii-rabochej-gruppy-po-podgotovke-popravok-v-konstituciyu-rf/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fe3tKLtDqL8>

¹¹ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1036/

https://web.archive.org/web/20240809115620/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1036/

¹² https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/13557/

https://web.archive.org/web/20240809100613/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/13557/

appeal of the Russian Union of Rectors in support of President Vladimir Putin in conducting a Special Military Operation against Ukraine:

“We are witnessing events that concern every citizen of Russia. (...)

It is very important these days to support our country, our army, which defends our security, to support our President, who has made perhaps the most difficult but necessary decision in his life.

It is important not to forget about our main duty – to conduct a continuous educational process, to foster patriotism in young people, and their desire to help the Fatherland.”¹³

- On October 20, 2023, RPS President Yury Zinchenko¹⁴ and RPS Vice President Pavel Yermakov¹⁵ decided to establish a RPS branch in the “Donetsk People's Republic”¹⁶, which is internationally recognized Ukrainian territory illegally occupied by Russia in 2014¹⁷.

It should also be noted that back in 2017, a branch of the RPS was established in Sevastopol in Crimea¹⁸, illegally occupied and annexed by Russia in 2014¹⁹.

- At least two members of the RPS Presidium have confirmed connections to the FSB.

Elvira Simanyuk²⁰, a member of the RPS Presidium, professor of psychology and director of the Ural Humanitarian Institute at UrFU, is the wife of former FSB Major General Vasily Semeniuk.

Media reports indicate that Elvira Simanyuk may be involved in direct cooperation with the FSB. Quoted in the article “‘Fatherland is in danger’: the FSB will be in charge of humanitarian education at the Ural Federal University”, she doesn’t seem to explicitly deny this:

“The point of view that the people [from the FSB] are now starting to be present everywhere is, in principle, exaggerated. Although there is probably some kind of social context here, related to the current order of development of society and the world. We are increasingly facing external threats in society. And if we are talking about the Institute of Social and Political Sciences, then we need to

¹³ <https://rsr-online.ru/news/2022/3/4/obraschenie-rossijskogo-soyuza-rektorov/>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20240430015443/https://rsr-online.ru/news/2022/3/4/obraschenie-rossijskogo-soyuza-rektorov/>

¹⁴ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/972/
https://web.archive.org/web/20241222103127/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/972/

¹⁵ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/977/
https://web.archive.org/web/20240415120344/http://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/index.php?psychologist=977

¹⁶ https://psyrus.ru/rpo/documentation/resheniya-prezidiuma-rpo/reshenie-prezidiuma-rpo_10.2023_2.php
https://web.archive.org/web/20240223013534/https://psyrus.ru/rpo/documentation/resheniya-prezidiuma-rpo/reshenie-prezidiuma-rpo_10.2023_2.php

¹⁷ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Donetsk_People%27s_Republic

¹⁸ <https://psyrus.ru/psychologists/section/5756/>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20250107161634/https://psyrus.ru/psychologists/section/5756/>

¹⁹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_occupation_of_Crimea

²⁰ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/13563/
https://web.archive.org/web/20240812122940/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/13563/

consider issues related to extremism, terrorism and the threat to the entire world community,' said the Director of the IIPS [Elvira Simanyuk].²¹

There is another mention of these connections in The Insider's article "FSB 'curators' in Russian universities. How the system inherited from the USSR works".²²

Sergey Kandybovich²³ is the Vice President of the RPS. He was on the list of Putin's trusted advisors during the 2018 elections²⁴ and during the unconstitutional 2024 elections²⁵.

"The head of the Federal National Cultural Autonomy (FNCA) of Belarusians in Russia, Sergey Kandybovich, is also among the trusted advisors of the presidential candidate. "I especially want to emphasize the fact that among the leaders of national and cultural associations of Russia, Belarusians are the only autonomy represented in the format of a trusted person," said Sergey Kandybovich in an interview with a BELTA correspondent. (...)

I will not be surprised that in some time there will be even more countries in the Union State²⁶, because it is characterized by high morality, high ethical principles and norms. And when our enemies impose their values on us, they are digging a hole for themselves. Because human nature is tailored to the moral principles that are preached in Belarus and Russia. These are two multinational states that set an example for everyone," summarized Kandybovich."

According to Meduza, which in April 2024 published a story about the leaked data from the FSB officer's mail, Kandybovich had been sending the FSB officer his working correspondence with his Belarusian acquaintances for many years, and had also coordinated with him the texts of his speeches on relations between Russia and Belarus.²⁷

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https://eanews.ru/news/society/Rodina_v_opasnosti_rulit_gumanitarnym_obrazovaniem_v_UrFU_budet_FSB_24_05_2017

https://web.archive.org/web/20240415030401/https://eanews.ru/news/society/Rodina_v_opasnosti_rulit_gumanitarnym_obrazovaniem_v_UrFU_budet_FSB_24_05_2017

22 <https://theins.ru/news/247308>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20240225080840/https://theins.ru/news/247308>

23 https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1063/

https://web.archive.org/web/20240809123703/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1063/

24 <https://riakalm.ru/news/politics/11398-stali-izvestny-imena-doverennykh-lits-vladimira-putina>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20240416172442/https://riakalm.ru/news/politics/11398-stali-izvestny-imena-doverennykh-lits-vladimira-putina>

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<https://belta.by/world/view/doverie-belorusam-o-predvybornoj-kampanii-v-rossii-i-rol-i-v-nej-beloruskoj-diaspory-612825-2024/>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20240521070801/https://www.belta.by/world/view/doverie-belorusam-o-predvybornoj-kampanii-v-rossii-i-rol-i-v-nej-beloruskoj-diaspory-612825-2024>

26 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Union_State

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<https://meduza.io/feature/2024/04/08/meduza-poluchila-dostup-k-pochte-sotrudnika-fsb-kotoryy-uzhe-10-let-boretsya-s-ne-zavisimoy-rossijskoy-kulturoy-ot-serebrennikova-do-berkovich>

- RPS Vice President Sergey Kandybovich²⁸ and RPS Presidium member Mikhail Reshetnikov²⁹ are mentioned in the Radio Svoboda publication “Sovereign Therapy. Z-psychologists help to send people to war”:

“After the start of full-scale aggression against Ukraine, the phenomenon of “Z-psychology” emerged in Russia, which actually helps the state to achieve the loyalty of citizens and stimulate support for the war.”³⁰

- The RPS's Vice President, Yulia Shoigu³¹ is the daughter of former Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu³², who was responsible for Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Both are on the U.S. Sanctions List (SDN List)³³. Yulia Shoigu is the head of the Emergency Psychological Assistance Center of the Russian Ministry of Emergency Situations³⁴.

Until recently, on the RPS website, Sergei Shoigu was listed as a scientist in the section “National scientists. Honorary members of the RPS”³⁵ despite he has no psychological education nor relation to academic psychology. This page has been available for several years, but is currently a “404 error” and inaccessible³⁶. Nevertheless, the Wikipedia page on the RPS still shows former Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu among the distinguished members of the Russian Psychological Society, along with Wilhelm Wundt, William James, Herbert Spencer, and other undoubtedly historic figures in psychological science.³⁷

²⁸ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1063/
https://web.archive.org/web/20240809123703/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1063/

²⁹ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1044/
https://web.archive.org/web/20240812130336/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1044/

³⁰

<https://www.svoboda.org/a/suverennaya-terapiya-z-psihologi-pomogayut-otpravlyatj-lyudey-na-voynu/32571135.html?withmediaplayer=1>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20240824071512/https://www.svoboda.org/a/suverennaya-terapiya-z-psihologi-pomogayut-otpravlyatj-lyudey-na-voynu/32571135.html?withmediaplayer=1>

³¹ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1050/
https://web.archive.org/web/20240812115231/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1050/

Yulia Shoigu - Wikipedia

³² [Sergei Shoigu - Wikipedia](#)

³³ <https://ofac.treasury.gov/recent-actions/20220930>

³⁴ [Центр экстренной психологической помощи МЧС России — Википедия](#)

³⁵ <https://web.archive.org/web/20230717035227/https://psyrus.ru/psychologists/honorary/otechestvennye-uchenye/>

³⁶ <https://psyrus.ru/psychologists/honorary/otechestvennye-uchenye/>

³⁷ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_Psychological_Society

https://web.archive.org/web/20241125075501/https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_Psychological_Society

- Maria Kiselova³⁸, a member of the RPS Presidium, is the wife³⁹ of Dmitry Kiselyov⁴⁰, a propagandist sanctioned by the United States⁴¹, the European Union⁴², Canada⁴³, and other countries.

On September 28, 2022, six months after the start of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, Dmitry Kiselyov congratulated RPS members on Psychologist's Day at the VII RPS Congress⁴⁴:

[2:20:30] "During the pandemic, where the role of psychological factors was high, you fought anxiety, despair, uncertainty, supported doctors and patients, shared the pain of loss and rejoiced in common successes. Now it is necessary to support refugees, help them adapt to new conditions, mourn their losses, set them up for a positive scenario in the future and raise the morale of our heroic soldiers."

I would like to express my gratitude and honor you for your not always visible, but no less important contribution to the happiness of people.(...)"⁴⁵

- And finally, at least 13 members of the RPS presidium received state awards after Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine began on February 24, 2022.⁴⁶

³⁸ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/13560/

https://web.archive.org/web/20240812124453/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/13560/

³⁹ <https://theins.ru/news/106960>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20220705082344/https://theins.ru/news/106960>

⁴⁰ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dmitry_Kiselyov

⁴¹ <https://ofac.treasury.gov/recent-actions/20240913>

⁴² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32020R0398&from=EN>

⁴³ <https://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2015/2015-03-11/html/sor-dors39-eng.html>

⁴⁴ <https://psy.su/feed/10341/>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20240617135256/https://psy.su/feed/10341/>

⁴⁵ https://vk.com/video/@urfu_ugi?z=video-108928974_456239302%2F%2Fvideo%2F%40urfu_ugi

⁴⁶ <https://psy.su/feed/11792/> <https://web.archive.org/web/20240305014456/https://www.psy.su/feed/11792/>

<https://minobrnauki.gov.ru/press-center/news/novosti-ministerstva/75928/>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20231123122119/https://minobrnauki.gov.ru/press-center/news/novosti-ministerstva/75928/>

<https://belros.org/news/novosti/12771/>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20240827132428/https://belros.org/news/novosti/12771/>

https://m.vk.com/wall-137269494_511

<https://dspu.ru/2023/8577/>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20240813071736/https://dspu.ru/2023/8577/>

<https://psy.su/feed/11792/>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20240305014456/https://www.psy.su/feed/11792/>

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On February 24, 2022, Russia launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

On March 3, 2022, at the request of the National Psychological Association of Ukraine⁴⁷, a full member of IUPsyS (since 2024)⁴⁸, and other member associations, the EFPA published a statement⁴⁹ starting the process of expelling the Russian Psychological Society⁵⁰, also a full member of IUPsyS⁵¹, from EFPA:

“Serious questions are raised about the congruence of the continued membership of the Russian member association with the work of EFPA and that of its member associations. The EFPA member associations have voted with a majority of over 85% to support the Executive Council decision to initiate the process of expelling the Russian Psychological Society from EFPA membership. This will now proceed in accordance with an established process under our statutes to a decision of our General Assembly.”⁵²

It is worth starting with the fact that on June 1, 2022, the EFPA published a statement on the termination of cooperation with the RPS:

“A meeting of EFPA’s General Assembly took place today, June 1, 2022, at which the Member Associations in General Assembly took the unanimous decision to expel the Russian Psychological Society from EFPA.”⁵³

A year later, on June 20, 2023, the EFPA faced numerous questions about the RPS’s conduct. In response, they issued a public statement confirming their continued non-cooperation with the organization:

“EFPA confirms no continued collaboration with the Russian Psychological Society. (...) Any claim or use of the EFPA name or logo by the Russian Psychological Society, or any individuals or entities associated with it, suggesting otherwise are both incorrect and unauthorized.”⁵⁴

Still, even after the EFPA’s statement of June 1, 2022, the RPS continued to use the EFPA’s logos and banners as if it were still a member of this association. For instance, as of May 30, 2023, almost a year after the EFPA announcement, membership in the EFPA was still mentioned in the “International Cooperation” section of the RPS official website in the Russian-language version.⁵⁵ And only later that year it was removed.

⁴⁷ <https://www.npa-ua.org/>

⁴⁸ <https://www.iupsys.net/about/members/national-members/ukraine/>

⁴⁹ www.efpa.eu/statement-efpa-concerning-war-ukraine-and-action-relation-efpa-membership-russian-psychological

⁵⁰ <https://psyrus.ru/en/>

⁵¹ <https://www.iupsys.net/about/members/national-members/russia/>

⁵² www.efpa.eu/statement-efpa-concerning-war-ukraine-and-action-relation-efpa-membership-russian-psychological

⁵³ <https://www.efpa.eu/efpa-member-associations-have-voted-expel-russian-psychological-society-efpa>

⁵⁴ <https://www.efpa.eu/efpa-confirms-no-continued-collaboration-russian-psychological-society>

⁵⁵ https://web.archive.org/web/20230530121754/https://psyrus.ru/international_cooperation/

On November 22, 2023, six months after the EFPA's additional statement on the termination of cooperation with the RPS, at a TASS press conference on the occasion of the "Day of the Psychologist in Russia"⁵⁶, RPS President Yury Zinchenko⁵⁷ commented on these events:

[12:30] RPS President Y. Zinchenko: "And about foreign affairs, the last thing. (...) we occupy a worthy place in the international psychological landscape. We are also a member of the International Union of Psychological Science at UNESCO, and we were a co-founder.

Journalist: What is the situation with these contacts now?

RPS President Y. Zinchenko: As for these contacts, as for the International Union of Psychologists at UNESCO, our contacts are still ongoing. As for the European Federation of Psychological Associations, the situation is somewhat frozen there, because on the initiative, as it happened, of our Ukrainian and Western European colleagues, we began to be asked questions, especially in February 2022: "Who do we help? Whose children are we providing psychological assistance to?" Even though we were told that this was not a political, but a professional organization.

Journalist: Well, sport wasn't political either.

RPS President Y. Zinchenko: We did not stop providing assistance to those who needed it, in this sense we are like doctors. In this sense, some nuances have emerged. However, new platforms have opened up, and cooperation with the People's Republic of China, with the Asian and Pacific region has expanded. (...)

International bilateral contacts remained, at the level of these organizations, UNESCO as well. Nevertheless, I think time heals, everything will recover, and those who made some harsh statements will be embarrassed, to put it mildly, for what happened."⁵⁸

It remains to be added that the personal profiles of the RPS presidium members and the Russian-language version of the RPS website still contain invalid EuroPsy registration numbers, as if these people still belong to the EFPA community.

According to the EFPA official statement from October 13, 2024, "The delegated authority to administer the EuroPsy in Russia is rescinded. All EuroPsy holders in Russia have now been removed from the EuroPsy register."⁵⁹

⁵⁶ <https://tass.ru/press/21435>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20231210211905/https://tass.ru/press/21435>

⁵⁷ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/972/

https://web.archive.org/web/20241222103127/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/972/

⁵⁸ https://vkvideo.ru/playlist/-210951176_-2/video-210951176_456241100?pid=210951176

⁵⁹ <https://www.europsy.eu/news/efpa-member-associations-have-voted-expel-russian-psychological-society-efpa>

EFPA's registration numbers are still present on the profiles of the RPS President Yury Zinchenko⁶⁰, RPS Vice President Pavel Yermakov⁶¹, RPS Vice President Alla Shabolta⁶², Vice President for EFPA Relations and RPS Director Aleksandr Veraksa⁶³. Veraksa's profile still states "Area of responsibility at the RPS: EuroPsy certification".

This behavior by the RPS is not simply negligence, particularly in light of the EFPA's subsequent statements, but rather appears to be deliberate.

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Back in March 2022, the RPS Presidium published an open statement in response to the EFPA's decision:

"(...)We categorically disagree with the absurd, bordering on cynicism, reproaches and accusations of some foreign colleagues against Russian psychologists that they provide assistance to "the wrong refugees" or "the wrong children" and are allegedly directly involved in the preparation and conduct of military operations. (...)

The current circumstances impose on us, as psychologists, additional serious obligations to join forces and strengthen cooperation to fulfill the main mission of the RPS – the development of psychological science, education and activities for the benefit of people in need of professional psychological help and support around the world."⁶⁴

This document aims to examine the veracity of this statement and its alignment with the RPS's values and their actual activities.

The following four chapters will examine the activities of the RPS in terms of cooperation with sanctioned organizations; the involvement of members of the RPS Presidium in propaganda aimed at children; and their politicized academic activities.

⁶⁰ <https://psyrus.ru/psychologists/rpoppsych/psychologist/260/>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20240623055844/http://psyrus.ru/psychologists/rpoppsych/psychologist/260/>

⁶¹ <https://psyrus.ru/psychologists/rpoppsych/psychologist/269/>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20240622165331/https://psyrus.ru/psychologists/rpoppsych/psychologist/269/>

⁶² <https://psyrus.ru/psychologists/rpoppsych/psychologist/729/>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20240415193142/http://psyrus.ru/psychologists/rpoppsych/psychologist/729/>

⁶³ <https://psyrus.ru/psychologists/rpoppsych/psychologist/735/>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20240815064601/https://psyrus.ru/psychologists/rpoppsych/psychologist/735/>

⁶⁴ https://psyrus.ru/news/news_rpo/unit/9843/?sphrase_id=226657

Cooperation with the Sanctioned Organizations

The Russian Psychological Society closely interacts with and is affiliated with at least two other Russian organizations – The Foundation "Zashchitniki Otechestva" ("Defenders of the Fatherland")⁶⁵ and the Russian Society "Znanie" ("Knowledge")⁶⁶.

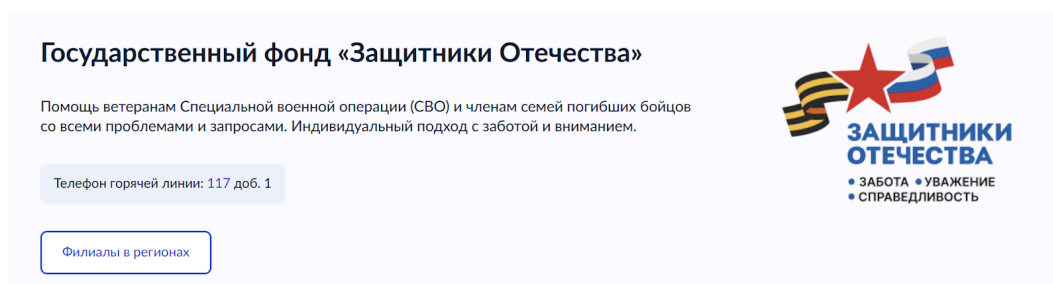
Both organizations interact and coordinate at the highest state level. They create and systematically implement Russia's military propaganda policies, including propaganda among children and youth.

Open-source materials indicate that RPS members actively engage with these organizations, utilizing RPS's professional psychological expertise, academic influence, and organizational resources to support their cause.

The Foundation "Defenders of the Fatherland"

On their official webpage, The Foundation defines support and assistance to "veterans of the special military operation" as the main focus of all their activities:

"State Foundation "Defenders of the Fatherland"
Assistance to veterans of the Special Military Operation (SMO) and family members of fallen soldiers with all problems and requests. Individual approach with care and attention."⁶⁷



On February 21, 2023, Russian President Vladimir Putin proposed in his address to the Federal Assembly to create this special state foundation.⁶⁸

On April 3, 2023, a corresponding state decree on the establishment of the foundation was issued⁶⁹, Anna Tsivileva [also Tsivilyova, depending on transliteration]⁷⁰, who is Vladimir Putin's niece, was appointed the chairperson of the Foundation.

⁶⁵ <https://web.archive.org/web/20240726093718/https://fzo.gov.ru/>

⁶⁶ <https://znanierussia.ru/>

⁶⁷ <https://web.archive.org/web/20240726093718/https://fzo.gov.ru/>

⁶⁸ <http://kremlin.ru/events/president/news/70565>

⁶⁹ <http://static.kremlin.ru/media/events/files/ru/ZT0mLHq1VbyU8tZw0wHmXgCt2mpEURyT.pdf>

⁷⁰ [Anna Tsivilyova - Wikipedia](#)

Since December 2023, Tsivileva has been under European Union sanctions⁷¹ for supporting Russian soldiers in the aggression against Ukraine⁷². The Official Journal of the European Union defines Tsivileva's role in the Foundation's activities as follows:

“Anna Tsivileva is the Chair of the Foundation “Defenders of the Fatherland”. She is the wife of Sergey Evgenievich Tsivilev, who is Governor of the Kemerovo Oblast. She is also a relative of President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin.

The Foundation “Defenders of the Fatherland” plays an important role in the war of aggression against Ukraine as it supports veterans who have taken part in the military actions in Ukraine. The Foundation also operates in the illegally occupied territories of Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts and Crimea. (...)

Therefore, Anna Tsivileva benefits from Russian decision-makers responsible for the annexation of Crimea or the destabilisation of Ukraine. In her role, she is supporting and implementing actions and policies which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine. (...)⁷³

The Foundation's leadership is also actively engaged in supporting state policies and armed aggression:

Deputy Chairman of the State Foundation "Defenders of the Fatherland" Sergey Vylegzhanin at a meeting with the family of a wounded soldier shows the soldier's five-year-old brother how a Kalashnikov rifle works, with teenage girls and boys in military uniforms present in the background.



⁷¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=OJ%3AL_202302875

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<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/nov/16/eu-plans-fresh-russia-sanctions-including-against-son-of-dmitry-medvedev>

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https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=OJ%3AL_202302875

"Deputy Chairman of the State Foundation "Defenders of the Fatherland" Sergey Vylegzhanin visited Veliky Novgorod. He got acquainted with the work of the Novgorod center "Return". (...)

Five-year-old Vova Kuchuryan came to the support center for combatants with his mother and older brother. He says he [his brother] is a real hero, he saved wounded soldiers. Now he is recuperating at home."⁷⁴

An article about the foundation's activities by Radio Svoboda reads: "The Supervisory Board is headed by Deputy Head of the Russian Presidential Administration Sergey Kiriyyenko⁷⁵. TV presenter Vladimir Solovyov is in charge of promoting the foundation's activities.⁷⁶ In fact, the foundation focuses its main efforts on propaganda, not on treating veterans for post-traumatic stress disorder."⁷⁷

Sergey Kiriyyenko⁷⁸ is sanctioned by the European Union⁷⁹ and the United States. Vladimir Solovyov⁸⁰ is also sanctioned by the European Union⁸¹.

On August 17, 2024, Anna Tsivileva was appointed Deputy Minister of Defense.⁸² On October 4, 2024, Russian President Vladimir Putin promoted Deputy Defense Minister Anna Tsyvilova to the rank corresponding with the military rank of Major General.⁸³

Anna Tsivileva reports on the activities of the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation to Putin personally:

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<https://novgorod-tv.ru/news/zamestitel-predsedatelya-gosudarstvennogo-fonda-zashhitniki-otechestva-sergej-vylegzhanin-posetil-novgorodskij-czentr-vozvrashhenie/>

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⁷⁵ https://t.me/fond_ZO/10, https://web.archive.org/web/20240425125446/https://t.me/fond_ZO/10

⁷⁶ https://t.me/fond_ZO/468, https://web.archive.org/web/20241203215353/https://t.me/fond_ZO/468

⁷⁷ <https://www.svoboda.org/a/systema-ptsr/32920010.html>

⁷⁸ [Sergey Kiriyyenko - Wikipedia](#)

⁷⁹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2020.341.01.0001.01.ENG&toc=OJ:L:2020:341:TOC

⁸⁰ [Vladimir Solovyov \(TV presenter\) - Wikipedia](#)

⁸¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L:2022:042I:FULL&from=EN>

⁸² <http://www.kremlin.ru/acts/news/74881>

⁸³ <http://publication.pravo.gov.ru/document/0001202410040004?index=3>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20241004133533/https://www.rbc.ru/politics/04/10/2024/66ffe7139a7947a557282bb8>



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Фонд "Защитники Отечества" за 10 месяцев работы обработал 910 тыс. обращений



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"The Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation has processed 910 thousand appeals in 10 months of work. Meeting between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Anna Tsivileva, head of the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation".⁸⁴

It is known that in 2023, the fund was allocated 5 billion rubles of state funds (≈ \$50 million)⁸⁵, in February 2024, Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin said that the fund would receive a grant of 18 billion rubles (≈ \$174 million)⁸⁶.

The connection and interaction between Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation and the Russian Psychological Society

Vladimir Putin personally emphasizes "psychological support" for the participants of the so-called Special Military Operation as an important focus of the Foundation's work:

"Russian President Vladimir Putin has proposed to make psychological rehabilitation mandatory for those who have returned from the war zone (...) during a meeting with students-combatants in Special military operation."⁸⁷

At the same time, the RPS seems to be the main "contractor" and donor of expertise for the organization of the foundation's psychological service.

The joint activities of the Foundation and the RPS are promoted at the highest official level and have been ongoing since the Foundation was established. Such events are also intended to legitimize the foundation's activities in the area of "psychological work":

1. The team of the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation started classes at the Emergency Psychological Assistance Center of the Russian Ministry of Emergency Situations (June 30, 2023).

⁸⁴ <https://tass.ru/obschestvo/20424643>

⁸⁵ <http://government.ru/docs/49583/>

⁸⁶ <https://www.interfax-russia.ru/main/mishustin-fondu-zashchitniki-otechestva-vydelyat-bolee-18-mlrd-rubley>

⁸⁷ <https://tass.ru/obschestvo/19829183>

"Director of the Center Yulia Shoigu spoke about the rules of psychological safety, ethical principles when interacting with a person in need of help, presented an overview of a series of practical techniques that can be used and developed in various situations of interaction with people who have experienced stressful situations."⁸⁸

Yulia Shoigu⁸⁹, the daughter of former Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu⁹⁰, is also on the US Sanctions List (SDN List)⁹¹, as her father. She runs the Emergency Psychological Assistance Center of the Russian Emergencies Ministry⁹² and is also the Vice President of the RPS⁹³.

2. A press conference at the Russia Today news agency, dedicated to the Day of the Psychologist, was attended by members of the Presidium of the RPS and Sergei Vylegzhanin, Deputy Chairman of the State Fund for Support of Participants of the Special Military Operation "Defenders of the Fatherland" (November 22, 2023).⁹⁴

Members of the RPS Presidium⁹⁵ who participated in the conference: RPS President Yury Zinchenko⁹⁶, First Vice President Pavel Yermakov⁹⁷, Presidium member Maria Kiselova⁹⁸, Presidium member Elvira Simanyuk⁹⁹.

⁸⁸ https://t.me/fond_ZO/538, https://web.archive.org/web/20241204145548/https://t.me/fond_ZO/538

⁸⁹ [Yulia Shoigu - Wikipedia](#)

⁹⁰ [Sergei Shoigu - Wikipedia](#)

⁹¹ <https://ofac.treasury.gov/recent-actions/20220930>

⁹² [Центр экстренной психологической помощи МЧС России — Википедия](#)

⁹³ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1050/

https://web.archive.org/web/20240812115231/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1050/

⁹⁴ <https://psy.su/feed/11787/>, <https://web.archive.org/web/20240809083419/https://psy.su/feed/11787/>

⁹⁵ <https://psyrus.ru/en/structure/presidium.php>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20240809085120/https://psyrus.ru/en/structure/presidium.php>

⁹⁶ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/972/

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⁹⁷ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/977/


https://web.archive.org/web/20240415120344/http://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/index.php?psychologist=977

⁹⁸ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/13560/

https://web.archive.org/web/20240812124453/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/13560/

⁹⁹ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/13563/

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О работе психологов Российского Красного Креста и фонда «Защитники Отечества»



Какова роль психологии в обеспечении социальной стабильности и психологического благополучия? Какие задачи стоят перед психологической наукой и практикой? Какими навыками должны обладать психологи, чтобы оказывать помощь участникам СВО и членам их семей? Эти вопросы обсудили на встрече в пресс-центре МИА «Россия сегодня» в преддверии Дня психолога.

Photo (on the right): President of the RPS Yury Zinchenko¹⁰⁰ and Deputy Chairman of the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation Sergey Vylegzhnin.

"S.V. Vylegzhnin told how psychologists are selected for the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation.

"Psychological assistance to the veterans of the Special military operation and to the families of those killed in action is one of the most important areas of our activity... At the first stage, we decided that the branches of the Foundation, we have 89 of which, located on different territories, would employ certified clinical psychologists. The total team of these psychologists, who were sent to us by medical organizations, is more than 350 people. (...)," noted Mr. Vylegzhnin.

"Working together with the Foundation is both our civic duty and our civic position to cooperate as much as possible. We also develop methodological recommendations of how to involve RPS's psychologists in the regions to cooperate with the branches. From the first days of the Special military operation, psychologists worked in temporary accommodation centers with DPs and refugees...", emphasized Yury Zinchenko.

"E.E. Symaniuk¹⁰¹ identified three areas that are being implemented at the Ural Federal University: "We have become one of the sites for testing the model of a psychological service in the higher education system. Psychological support is provided not only to students, but also to university staff and parents of students. The second line of work is psychological assistance to the families of the participants of the military service."¹⁰²

¹⁰⁰ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/972/

https://web.archive.org/web/20241222103127/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/972/

¹⁰¹ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/13563/

https://web.archive.org/web/20240812122940/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/13563/

¹⁰² <https://psy.su/feed/11787/>, <https://web.archive.org/web/20240809083419/https://psy.su/feed/11787/>

3. A TASS press conference on Psychologist's Day was attended by members of the Presidium of the RPS and Deputy Chairman of the State Foundation "Defenders of the Fatherland" Sergei Vylegzhanin (November 22, 2023)¹⁰³ Members of the RPS Presidium who participated in the conference: Yury Zinchenko, Yulia Shoigu.

Quotes from the conference video:

[06:30] President of the RPS Yury Zinchenko:

"...Of course, we cooperate with our colleagues from the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation. We understand that the practices that were created during the Great Patriotic War have been incorporated. In other words, a new branch of world psychological science was actually formed: neuropsychology, neurorehabilitation and comprehensive rehabilitation with the participation of a psychologist, which was then for the Red Army soldiers. So we have all this experience. Later, psychologists gained experience when working with veterans of the Afghan war and the Chechen campaign. So for adults, this is a fairly well-developed part. But a lot of attention is also paid to family members and children [from families of combatants]."

[28:11] Deputy Chairman of the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation S.V. Vylegzhanin:

"We are now working on, in fact, building a model that did not exist. The model of psychological assistance to participants of the special military operation, family members of the fallen and active military personnel. (...) We have a large block of patriotic work, but, of course, psychological assistance finds the most central place in the presidential decree, and this is the direct responsibility of the foundation."¹⁰⁴

4. The Moscow State University Summer Psychological School was opened by Sergei V. Vylegzhanin, Deputy Chairman of the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation (June 12, 2024)¹⁰⁵ and Yury Zinchenko, President of the RPS, who is also the Dean of the Psychology Department of Moscow State University.¹⁰⁶

"The Moscow State University Summer Psychological School for Students and Young Scientists was held in Krasnovidovo, Moscow Region (...) The theme of this year, which was declared the Year of the Family by a presidential decree, was "Family in the Focus of Psychological and Interdisciplinary Research: Traditions, Culture, Values." Students and young scientists discussed the most pressing issues of family support: psychological technologies for the development of traditional family values, the role of psychologists in the prevention of various forms of deviant manifestations in the family, support for families in difficult life situations, psychological support for families of veterans and participants in the Special military operation, effective and innovative methods of psychological work with families, and much more."

¹⁰³ <https://tass.ru/press/21435> <https://web.archive.org/web/20231210211905/https://tass.ru/press/21435>

¹⁰⁴ https://vkvideo.ru/playlist/-210951176_-2/video-210951176_456241100?pid=210951176

¹⁰⁵ <https://psy-msu.ru/news/unit/5777/> <https://web.archive.org/web/20240718004556/https://psy-msu.ru/news/unit/5777/>

¹⁰⁶ <https://psy-msu.ru/people/psychologist/3617/>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20241001093139/https://psy-msu.ru/people/psychologist/3617/>

"The Dean of the Department of Psychology of Moscow State University, Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Professor Yury Zinchenko said in his welcoming speech: "The family requires theoretical understanding both as a subject of scientific research and as a subject of psychological assistance, which is especially important today, in the framework of the Year of the Family announced by the President of Russia." (...)

"In his speech, Deputy Chairman of the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation S.V. Vylegzhanin drew attention to the fact that the Department [of Psychology] continues the tradition of holding the Schools, established by the founder of the Moscow State University Psychology Department A.M. Leontiev, and supported the School participants, emphasizing that the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation also provides psychological and psychotherapeutic assistance to family members of the participants of the Special military operation."

5. TASS press conference dedicated to Psychologist's Day. The material is available on the RPS website, i.e. it corresponds to the official position of the organization. (November 22, 2024)¹⁰⁷

Members of the RPS Presidium who participated in the conference: Yury Zinchenko, Alexander Veraksa¹⁰⁸.



¹⁰⁷ https://psyrus.ru/news/news_rpo/unit/14076/
https://web.archive.org/web/20241219103423/https://psyrus.ru/news/news_rpo/unit/14076/

¹⁰⁸ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1064/
https://web.archive.org/web/20240809100206/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1064/

Photo: Aleksandr Veraksa¹⁰⁹ and Deputy Chairman of the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation Sergey Vylegzhanin.

"TASS held a press conference dedicated to Psychologist's Day (...) The Dean of the Department of Psychology, President of the RPS, Chief Specialist in Medical Psychology of the Russian Ministry of Health, Yury Zinchenko, spoke about the general situation with psychological science and education in Russia and summarized the results of the year in our science. (...)

The topic of psychological assistance is developing in many ministries, and this is not surprising, because during the period of the special military operation, more and more citizens need support. It will be necessary to increase the number of psychologists to provide more qualified assistance not only to the veterans of the Special Military Operation, but also to their families," emphasized Yury Zinchenko.

He also said that at the upcoming Forum of Young Scientists, a conference is planned with the participation of psychological communities from the BRICS countries to expand cooperation on the basis of this international organization. (...)

Psychological assistance to combatants and their families is one of the main tasks set by the President of the Russian Federation when he established the Foundation," said Deputy Chairman of the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation Sergey Vylegzhanin. According to him, over 400 specially selected psychologists are currently working in 89 branches of the Foundation, who have provided over 50,000 individual consultations. (...)

The Rector of Donetsk State University, S.V. Bespalova¹¹⁰, spoke about the specifics of psychology training at Donetsk State University: "Our teachers, in addition to classical specialties, pay special attention to training specialists in psychological counseling in extreme situations." In addition, the Resource Center for Practical Psychology was opened to support young families and mobilized students of the DPR. In her speech, she emphasized the assistance of the Faculty of Psychology of Lomonosov Moscow State University in providing methodological support to teachers."

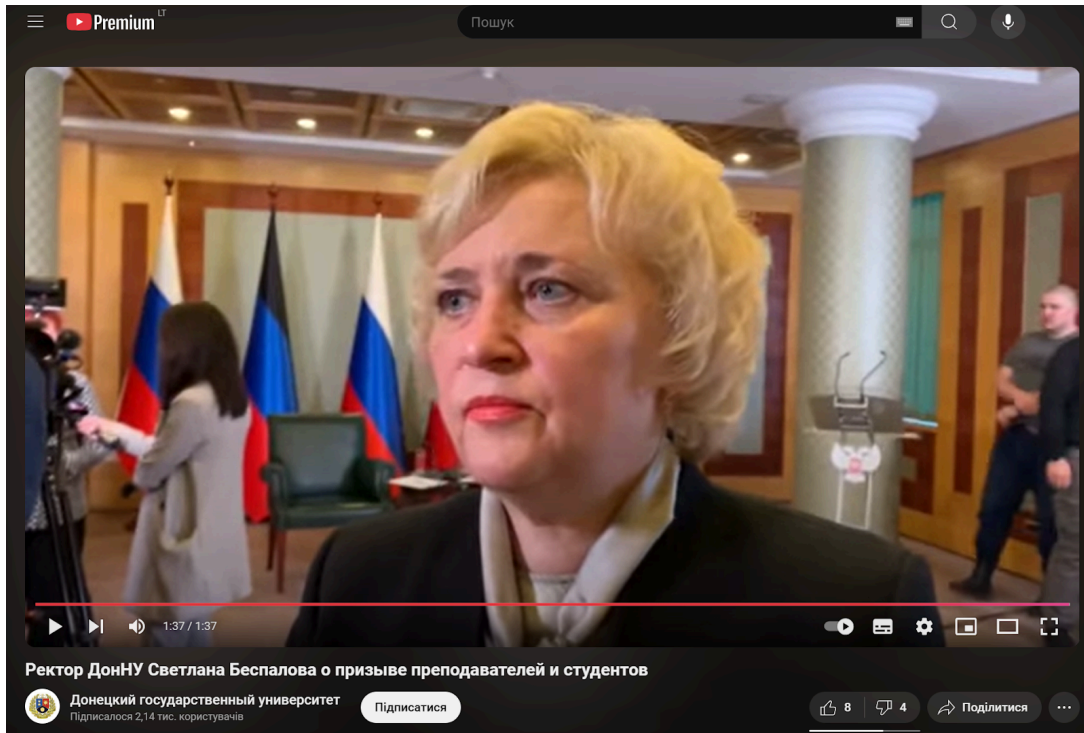
Donetsk¹¹¹ is an occupied and illegally annexed territory of Ukraine. S.V. Bespalova, the rector of Donetsk State University, openly supports the armed aggression against Ukraine:

¹⁰⁹ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1064/

https://web.archive.org/web/20240809100206/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1064/

¹¹⁰ <https://donnu.ru/rector/bio>, <https://web.archive.org/web/20240202020634/https://donnu.ru/rector/bio>

¹¹¹ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Donetsk>



"...Today, students, teachers, and staff, just like in 1941, go to the front to defend their native Donbas, their native land. This is their understanding of honor. A young man should understand that it is an honor to defend his fatherland. That's why young men and employees are going [to the front]. And I think we will win together with our brotherly Russia, which has given us its helping hand in a difficult time."¹¹²

6. Conference on Psychological Assistance to Combatants (November 24, 2024). The publication is available on the RPS website, i.e. it corresponds to the official position of the organization.¹¹³

Members of the RPS Presidium who participated in the conference: Yury Zinchenko, Yulia Shoigu.

¹¹² <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6WEIncAVjDE>

¹¹³ <https://psyrus.ru/news/?news=14075>

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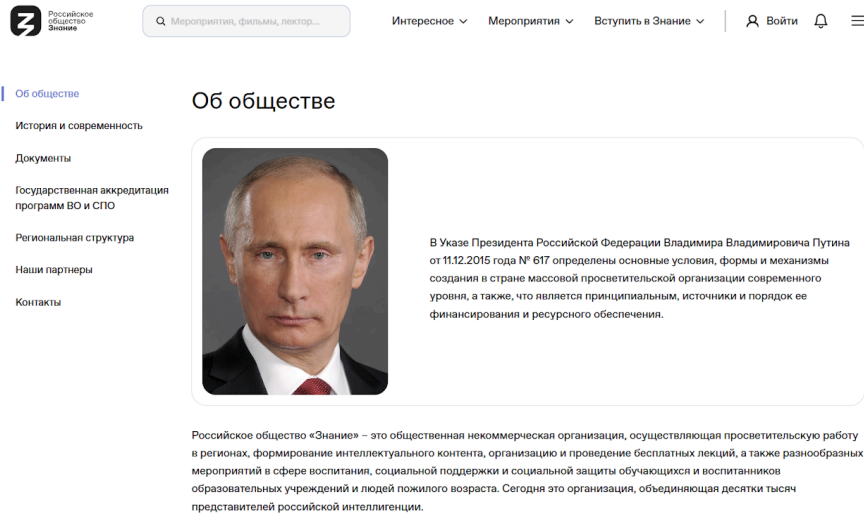


Photo (in the center): Anna Tsivileva, head of the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation (under EU sanctions¹¹⁴), and Yury Zinchenko, president of the RPS.

"From November 19 to 20, the Department of Psychology of Lomonosov Moscow State University hosted an international conference "Scientific and Methodological Foundations of Psychological Assistance and Interdisciplinary Support for Resocialization, Rehabilitation and Readaptation of Veterans and Combatants, Members of Their Families and Other Affected Categories of the Population", organized jointly with the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation, the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation, the Federal Scientific Center for Psychological and Interdisciplinary Research, the Russian Psychological Society, Sevastopol State University, Donetsk State University, and the Scientific and Practical Center for Pediatric Psychoneurology."

¹¹⁴ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=OJ%3AL_202302875

Russian Society "Znanie"



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Об обществе

В Указе Президента Российской Федерации Владимира Владимировича Путина от 11.12.2015 года № 617 определены основные условия, формы и механизмы создания в стране массовой просветительской организации современного уровня, а также, что является принципиальным, источники и порядок ее финансирования и ресурсного обеспечения.

Российское общество «Знание» – это общественная некоммерческая организация, осуществляющая просветительскую работу в регионах, формирование интеллектуального контента, организацию и проведение бесплатных лекций, а также разнообразных мероприятий в сфере воспитания, социальной поддержки и социальной защиты обучающихся и воспитанников образовательных учреждений и людей пожилого возраста. Сегодня это организация, объединяющая десятки тысяч представителей российской интеллигенции.

"The Decree of the President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin of 11.12.2015 No. 617 defines the basic conditions, forms and mechanisms for creating a modern mass educational organization in the country, as well as, most importantly, the sources and procedure for its financing and resource provision."¹¹⁵

Since 18.12.2023, the organization has been under European Union sanctions for spreading propaganda and supporting the war against Ukraine:

"Znanie is a Russian educational and propagandist organisation, which was created by a decree of the President of the Russian Federation.

Znanie organises mass events across the territory of the Russian Federation, during which it endorses Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, and spreads pro-Kremlin disinformation and propaganda about the war. It also held meetings for the personnel of the National Guard (Rosgvardiya) and the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation.

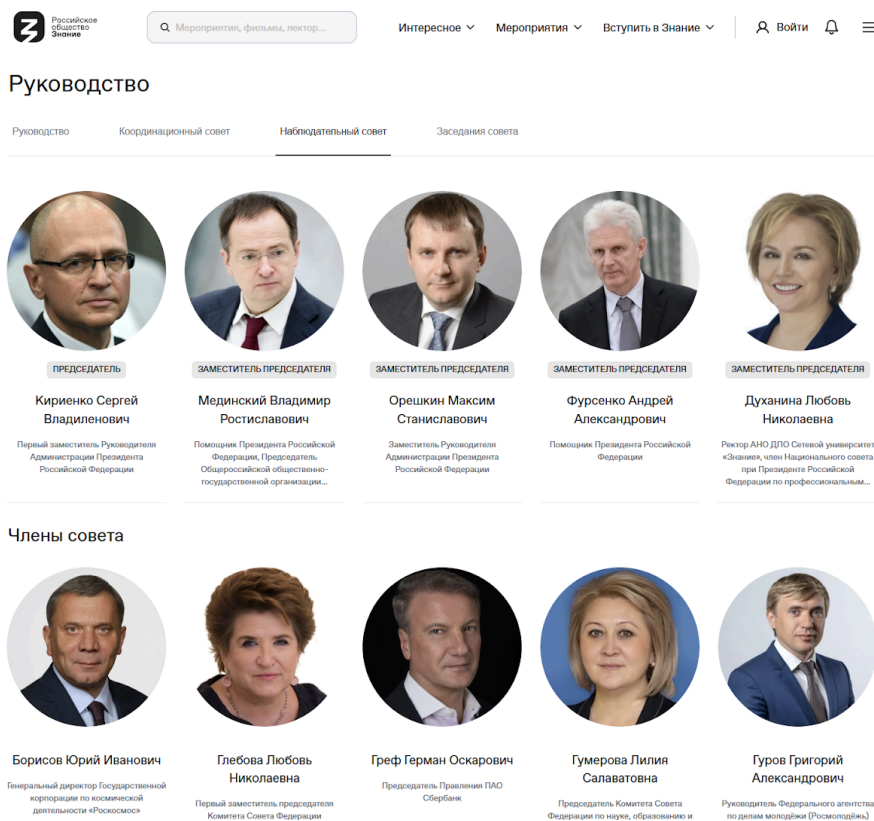
Znanie holds public events in the illegally annexed Ukrainian territories of Donetsk, Luhansk and Zaporizhzhia, promoting the war and false narratives about the purported Russian character of the annexed Ukrainian regions. Furthermore, it is involved in the Russification process of the local Ukrainian population.

Therefore, Znanie is supporting materially actions which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine. Furthermore, it is supporting materially and benefitting from the Government of the Russian Federation, which is responsible for the annexation of Crimea and the destabilisation of Ukraine."¹¹⁶

¹¹⁵ <https://znanierussia.ru/>

¹¹⁶ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ%3AL_202302871&qid=1702915124272

The organization's supervisory board¹¹⁷ consists of 22 people, including high-ranking Russian officials, and 20 of them are under sanctions from various countries, mostly for supporting armed aggression against Ukraine and the illegal annexation of the occupied territories.



The screenshot shows the website 'Российское общество Знание' (Russian Society of Knowledge). The page is titled 'Руководство' (Leadership) and lists the following members:

Руководство

- ПРЕДСЕДАТЕЛЬ:** Кириенко Сергей Владиленович. Первый заместитель Руководителя Администрации Президента Российской Федерации.
- ЗАМЕСТИТЕЛЬ ПРЕДСЕДАТЕЛЯ:** Мединский Владимир Ростиславович. Помощник Президента Российской Федерации, Председатель Общероссийской общественно-государственной организации...
- ЗАМЕСТИТЕЛЬ ПРЕДСЕДАТЕЛЯ:** Орешкин Максим Станиславович. Заместитель Руководителя Администрации Президента Российской Федерации.
- ЗАМЕСТИТЕЛЬ ПРЕДСЕДАТЕЛЯ:** Фурсенко Андрей Александрович. Помощник Президента Российской Федерации.
- ЗАМЕСТИТЕЛЬ ПРЕДСЕДАТЕЛЯ:** Духанина Любовь Николаевна. Ректор АНО ДПО Сетевой университет «Знание», член Национального совета при Президенте Российской Федерации по профессиональным...

Члены совета

- Борисов Юрий Иванович.** Генеральный директор Государственной корпорации по космической деятельности «Роскосмос».
- Глебова Любовь Николаевна.** Первый заместитель председателя Комитета Совета Федерации.
- Греф Герман Оскарович.** Председатель Правления ПАО Сбербанк.
- Гумерова Лилия Салаватовна.** Председатель Комитета Совета Федерации по науке, образованию и...
- Гуров Григорий Александрович.** Руководитель Федерального агентства по делам молодежи (Росмолодежь).

Among them:

1. Sergei Kiriyenko¹¹⁸. First Deputy Chief of Staff of the Presidential Administration of the Russian Federation. Has been under European Union sanctions since October 15, 2020.¹¹⁹
2. Vladimir Medinsky¹²⁰. Assistant to the President of the Russian Federation. On October 14, 2022, added to Canada's sanctions list.¹²¹

¹¹⁷ <https://znanierrussia.ru/management/supervisory-council>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20240913070659/https://znanierrussia.ru/management/supervisory-council>

¹¹⁸ [Sergey Kiriyenko - Wikipedia](#)

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https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2020.341.01.0001.01.ENG&toc=OJ:L:2020:341:TOC

¹²⁰ [Vladimir Medinsky - Wikipedia](#)

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https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2020.341.01.0001.01.ENG&toc=OJ:L:2020:341:TOC

3. Maxim Oreshkin¹²². Deputy Chief of Staff of the Presidential Administration of the Russian Federation. Added to the US sanctions list on September 5, 2022¹²³, and added to the EU sanctions list on December 16, 2022 for "supporting and implementing policies that undermine the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine"¹²⁴.

4. Andrei Fursenko¹²⁵. Assistant to the President of the Russian Federation. Has been on the US sanctions list since March 3, 2014¹²⁶.

5. Olga Lyubimova¹²⁷. Minister of Culture of the Russian Federation. Since July 17, 2023, has been under UK sanctions for "using her position to support the Russian state's damaging anti-Ukrainian policy"¹²⁸.

The organization's logo contains an allusion to the symbol of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the "Z".¹²⁹



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The scale and nature of the organization's activities become clear from the examples of propaganda videos on the Znanie platform that were released after the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine began:

- "Anti-Russia: Why does Ukraine need a partnership with Russia?" (03.11.2022)

"Anti-Russia: Why does Ukraine need a partnership with Russia?"

We will tell you about the creation of the Anti-Russia project in a new video released as part of the "Knowledge about Heroes" marathon. Why is Ukraine's independence possible only in partnership with Russia, and why are European states trying to turn Ukraine into the antipode of Russia? Find the answers in our video!"¹³⁰

- "The heroic deed of the SMO [Special Military Operation]: The Edge of the Impossible" (28.02.2023)

¹²² [Maxim Oreshkin - Wikipedia](#)

¹²³ <https://ofac.treasury.gov/recent-actions/20220915>

¹²⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec/2022/2477/oj/eng>

¹²⁵ [Andrei Fursenko - Wikipedia](#)

¹²⁶ https://ofac.treasury.gov/recent-actions/20140320_33

¹²⁷ [Olga Lyubimova - Wikipedia](#)

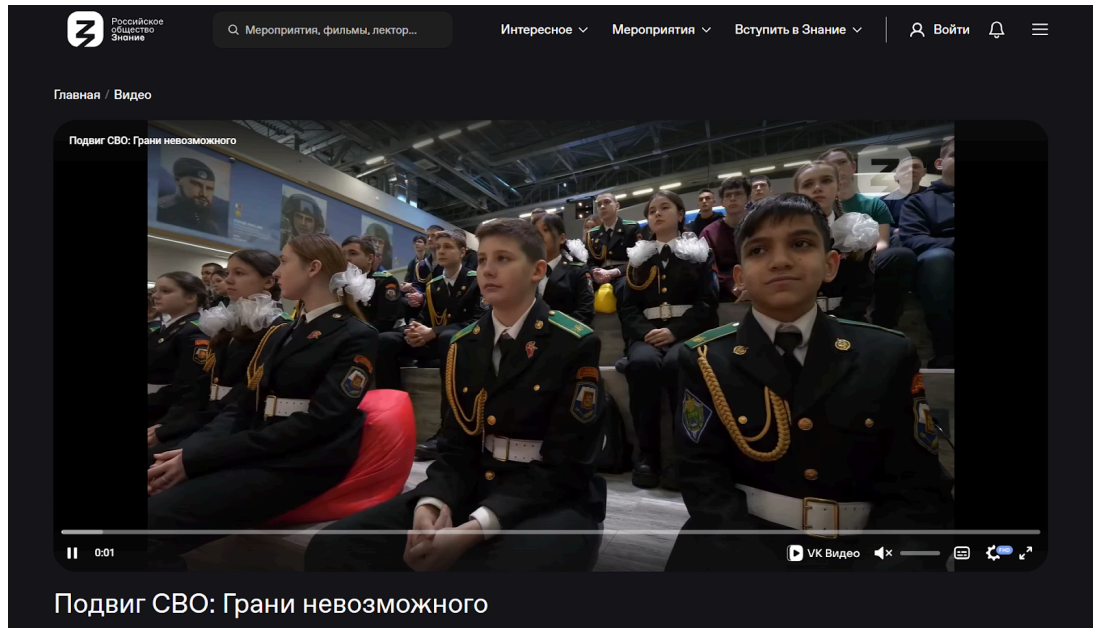
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<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-announces-new-sanctions-in-response-to-russias-forced-deportation-of-ukrainian-children>

¹²⁹ [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Z_\(military_symbol\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Z_(military_symbol))

¹³⁰ <https://znanierussia.ru/library/video/anti-rossiya-1907?from=cinema>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20240829111523/https://znanierussia.ru/library/video/anti-rossiya-1907?from=cinema>



"Erenzen and Alexander, officers of the Russian Guard, spoke about the heroic deeds of the Russian military during an interview as part of the All-Russian educational marathon "Knowledge about Heroes."¹³¹

- "Assistance and support to participants of the Special Military Operation: the State Foundation "Defenders of the Fatherland" and the Russian Military History Society" (25.06.2024)¹³²

"(...) The Znanie.Lectorium studio at the SPIEF-2024 [St. Petersburg International Economic Forum] was attended by: Ilya Ivanovich Fedorov – (moderator) expert of the Russian Military History Society, Nikolai Ovsienko – Deputy Chairman of the Russian Military History Society, Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration for Public Projects, Anna Tsivileva – Head of the State Foundation "Defenders of the Fatherland".

Here are some examples of offline events organized on the platform of the Znanie Society:

- "Heroic deeds of the Russian military:

Heroes are not characters from movies, but real people who are among us!

As part of the project, we will tell about outstanding compatriots whose courage and bravery serve as

¹³¹ <https://znanierussia.ru/library/video/podvig-svo-grani-nevozmozhnogo-2703?from=cinema>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20240829112110/https://znanierussia.ru/library/video/podvig-svo-grani-nevozmozhnogo-2703?from=cinema>

¹³² <https://znanierussia.ru/library/video/pomosh-i-podderzhka-uchastnikov-svo-gosudarstvennyj-fond-zashitn-4524?from=cinema>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20240829112120/https://znanierussia.ru/library/video/pomosh-i-podderzhka-uchastnikov-svo-gosudarstvennyj-fond-zashitn-4524?from=cinema>

inspiration for us. We will discuss what patriotism is and why it is important to preserve the truth about the history of our country.

We are waiting for you:

- Meetings with participants of Special Military Operation and Heroes of Russia
 - You will be able to talk personally with the lecturers
 - Workshops from SMO volunteers
 - Learn how each of us can help the frontline
 - Presentation of graphic novels about the Heroes of Russia. The heroes of the stories will tell about their heroic deeds at the project's forums
- Join the events of the Znanie.Heroes project!"¹³³

- "An open dialog with a participant of the SMO

Heroes are not characters from movies, but real people who are among us.

We invite you to meetings with prominent compatriots:

- Hear the stories of deeds from the participants of the SMO, civilian and military heroes
- Together with the lecturers, discuss what patriotism is and ask other questions

Join the events of the Znanie.Heroes project!"¹³⁴

One of the most important aspects of these examples is that after the full-scale invasion, a large propaganda campaign was launched, aimed specifically at children and youth.

Moreover, on July 10, 2024, the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation, mentioned above, and the Russian Znanie Society launched the federal patriotic campaign "I Serve the Fatherland".

"On July 10, the All-Russian campaign "I Serve the Fatherland" was launched. This is a whole range of events whose main goal is to make sure that veterans of the Special Military Operation tell young people firsthand about their deeds and why they stood up to defend their homeland. Today's heroes will be able to share their personal example of serving the country and preserving its history and traditions. (...) The campaign will be held in various formats across the country.

Anna Tsivileva, Deputy Minister of Defense of Russia, Head of the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation: "An entirely new system of patriotic education is being formed, in which those who stood up to defend Russia play a key role. Veterans of the SMO, like no one else, can convey to young people the truth about heroism, about the Fatherland, and about courage. Young people positively perceive the stories of the heroes, who themselves enthusiastically take on such work.

¹³³ <https://znanierrussia.ru/events/znaniegeroi-105591>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20240829115708/https://znanierrussia.ru/events/znaniegeroi-105591>

¹³⁴ <https://znanierrussia.ru/events/otkrytyj-dialog-s-uchastnikom-svo-105592>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20240829120029/https://znanierrussia.ru/events/otkrytyj-dialog-s-uchastnikom-svo-105592>

(...) As part of the campaign, Znanie created methodological materials and trained speakers. A lesson plan and presentation structure have been developed, answers to frequently asked questions have been collected, and materials have been provided for different age groups, describing the peculiarities of perception of each.

The "I Serve the Fatherland" campaign is a unique opportunity for the younger generation to meet the heroes who are currently writing the great history of our country with their dedication. Such meetings will allow the boys to better understand the importance of patriotism and civic responsibility, to be inspired by the deeds of real people who deserve recognition and eternal memory. And our common task is to make sure that this memory connects all generations of Russians. We plan to hold more than a thousand lectures and master classes with veterans of the Special Military Operation and military journalists as part of the campaign," said Maxim Dreval, CEO of the Russian Society "Znanie".¹³⁵

This is how the joint activities of the State Foundation "Defenders of the Fatherland" and the Russian Society "Znanie" for children and youth look like as part of the "I Serve the Fatherland" campaign:

- "Peaceful life is not for me': Valentin Kucherenko, a veteran of the SMO, spoke to the youth of the Tyumen region" (23.07.2024)



"The event was held as part of the joint campaign "I Serve the Fatherland" organized by the State Foundation "Defenders of the Fatherland" and the Russian Society "Znanie".

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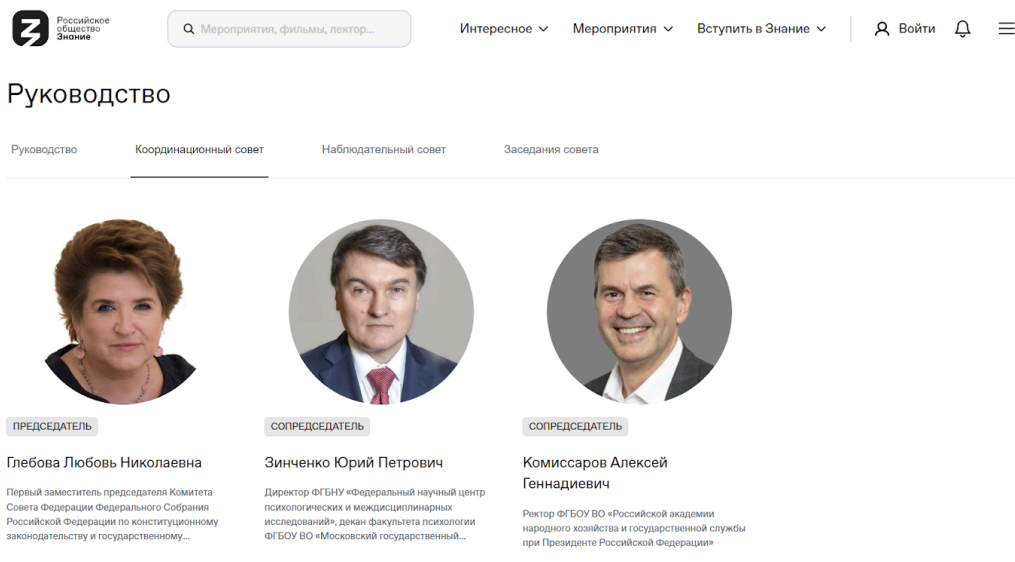
The meeting was held as part of the Znanie.Heroes track. Valentyn Kucherenko, a retired police captain, head of the criminal police department of the GOM-4 of the Nizhnevartovsk police department, a veteran of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and a veteran of the special military operation, spoke to the youth. He signed a contract to join the Special Military Operation in October 2022 and performed combat missions for 8 months. His courage, heroism and dedication to service were recognized with the Medal for Courage, which he received by order of the President of the Russian Federation.

"I saw what was happening outside our country, in the liberated territories, how children were dying, how women and pensioners were suffering. I had a good, well-paid job, but one day I decided that peaceful life was not for me. My brothers are waiting for me there, and I will help my country, my homeland, in any way I can," he said."¹³⁶

The information campaign is being held also in the occupied and illegally annexed territories of Ukraine: "Federal patriotic action "I Serve the Fatherland" started in LPR. The first lecture was held at the Youth House in Luhansk."¹³⁷

The connection and interaction between "Znanie" and the Russian Psychological Society

First of all, it is important that the president of the RPS, Yury Zinchenko, is a Co-chair of the Coordination Council of the sanctioned organization Znanie.¹³⁸



The screenshot shows the website of the Russian Psychological Society (RPS). The header includes the RPS logo, a search bar, and navigation links. The main section is titled "Руководство" (Leadership) and lists the following members:

- ПРЕДСЕДАТЕЛЬ** (Chairman): Глебова Любовь Николаевна (Glebova Lyubov Nikolaevna). First deputy of the Chairman of the Committee of the Federation of the Russian Federation for Constitutional Legislation and State...
- СОПРЕДСЕДАТЕЛЬ** (Vice-Chairman): Зинченко Юрий Петрович (Zinchenko Yuriy Petrovich). Director of the Federal Scientific Center of Psychological and Interdisciplinary Research, Dean of the Faculty of Psychology of the Moscow State University...
- СОПРЕДСЕДАТЕЛЬ** (Vice-Chairman): Комиссаров Алексей Геннадиевич (Komissarov Aleksey Gennadiyevich). Rector of the Federal Scientific Center of Psychological and Interdisciplinary Research, Member of the Presidential Commission for the Russian Federation...

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<https://znanierussia.ru/news/mirnaya-zhizn-ne-dlya-menya-veteran-svo-valentin-kucherenko-vystupil-pered-molodezhyu-tyumenskoj-oblasti>

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¹³⁷ <https://tass.ru/obschestvo/21328453>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20240910221337/https://tass.ru/obschestvo/21328453>

¹³⁸ <https://znanierussia.ru/management/coordination-council>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20240526032332/https://znanierussia.ru/management/coordination-council>

The Head of the Coordination Council is Lyubov Glebova¹³⁹, First Deputy Chairman of the Federation Council Committee of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation on Constitutional Legislation and State Building, who is under sanctions from the European Union¹⁴⁰, the United Kingdom¹⁴¹, the United States¹⁴², Canada¹⁴³ and other countries for ratifying the "Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance between the Russian Federation and the Donetsk People's Republic and between the Russian Federation and the Luhansk People's Republic" and for providing political and economic support to the annexation of Ukrainian territories by Russia.

The other co-chair of the Coordination Council, along with Yury Zinchenko, is Alexey Komissarov¹⁴⁴, Rector of the Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Administration under the President of the Russian Federation, who has been on the sanctions list of the European Union¹⁴⁵, the United Kingdom¹⁴⁶, Canada¹⁴⁷ and other countries since February 25, 2023, amid Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

A publication on the official channel of the Department of Psychology of Lomonosov Moscow State University in VK:

"Department of Psychology, Lomonosov Moscow State University

Yury Zinchenko, Dean of the Department of Psychology at Moscow State University, is re-elected co-chairman of the Coordination Council of the Znanie Society.

This took place at the IV Congress of the Society, which was held on February 15 as part of the Russia Exhibition at VDNKh. The event brought together more than 450 participants, including Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation Vladimir Falkov, First Deputy Chief of Staff of the Presidential Administration of the Russian Federation, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Russian Society "Znanie" Sergey Kiriyyenko, Rector of Moscow University, Academician Vladimir Sadovnichy, members of the Federation Council and Duma deputies, heads of Russian regions, public and state figures, heads of state corporations, lecturers, and partners.

The Znanie Society was relaunched in a new form in 2021 at the initiative of Russian President Vladimir Putin. The main goals of the society are to popularize science, support teachers and students, finance promising educational projects, and foster patriotism.

We congratulate Yury Petrovych and wish him to implement new ambitious projects in this position!"¹⁴⁸

¹³⁹ [Lyubov Glebova - Wikipedia](#)

¹⁴⁰ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022D0397&from=EN>

¹⁴¹ <https://search-uk-sanctions-list.service.gov.uk/designations/RUS0883/Individual>

¹⁴² <https://ofac.treasury.gov/recent-actions/20220930>

¹⁴³ <https://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2022/2022-04-13/html/sor-dors64-eng.html>

¹⁴⁴ [Alexey Komissarov - Wikipedia](#)

¹⁴⁵ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32023D0432&qid=1677402654680>

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https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1157892/Notice_Russia_190523.pdf

¹⁴⁷ <https://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2023/2023-09-13/html/sor-dors185-eng.html>

¹⁴⁸ https://vk.com/msupsy?w=wall-55821382_5438

Alexander Veraksa, Vice President and Director of the RPS, also participates as an expert in the creation of various materials for the Znanie Society platform¹⁴⁹. Another RPS Presidium member, namely Artem Kovalev¹⁵⁰ also participates in the creation of materials for the Russian Society Znanie platform¹⁵¹.

Conclusions

All three organizations are obviously connected by joint projects and activities, and overlap organizationally. The close ties between the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation, the Russian Psychological Society, and state institutions, including individuals and organizations under sanctions, indicate their common goal of promoting Russian state ideologies and policies.

The cooperation of RPS Presidium members with sanctioned organizations and individuals is a deliberate behavior aimed at supporting armed aggression against Ukraine. RPS members provide their professional psychological expertise to achieve these goals.

The activities of the Russian Psychological Society can hardly be called "neutral" or "apolitical"; they are a form of warfare, in this case at the level of creating and developing more influential propaganda.

Members of the RPS bear professional and ethical responsibility for using academic influence and their professional knowledge for aggressive and manipulative propaganda among children and youth, which is clearly contrary to the professional ethics of a psychologist.

Available materials clearly show how various organizations, including the RPS, use psychological influence and expertise in order to prepare the next generations of young Russians for war.

Propaganda Aimed at Children, Students, and Youth

As shown in the previous part, the RPS cooperates with sanctioned organizations represented by high-ranking state officials and is engaged in organized propaganda. One of the key areas of such cooperation is propaganda aimed at children and youth.

The consistency and scale of RPS members' involvement in propaganda activities aimed at children and youth is well illustrated by the examples below. Among them are examples of influence on students, in which RPS members use their academic status, authority and power.

¹⁴⁹ <https://znanierussia.ru/library/video/roditelskij-chat-s-larisoj-pastuhovoj-i-aleksandrom-veraksoj-2640?from=cinema>
<https://znanierussia.ru/search?query=%D0%92%D0%B5%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%BA%D1%81%D0%B0>

¹⁵⁰ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/7093/
https://web.archive.org/web/20240812122134/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/7093/

¹⁵¹ <https://znanierussia.ru/library/video/izmenyaya-realnost-2668>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20240828163948/https://znanierussia.ru/library/video/izmenyaya-realnost-2668>

1. Eduard Galazhinsky¹⁵² is the Vice President of the RPS. He is also the rector of Tomsk State University¹⁵³ and Vice President of the Russian Academy of Education¹⁵⁴.

- a. On 11.11.2024, as Rector of TSU, Eduard Galazhinsky received a letter of gratitude from Putin for the implementation of the "educational and tourist programs "University Changes"", which is actually the use of official academic status to support the illegal seizure of Ukrainian territories and forced propaganda influence on children from the Ukrainian territories occupied by Russia. The news was posted on the official website of Tomsk State University:

"Rector of Tomsk State University Eduard Galazhinsky was awarded a letter of gratitude from Russian President Vladimir Putin for his significant contribution to the implementation of the "University Changes" educational and tourist programs.

"University Changes" is implemented by the Ministry of Education and Science of Russia in cooperation with the Ministry of Education of the Russian Federation. Through the project, teenagers from new regions of Russia participate in thematic educational programs and learn about the culture and history of the country. (...)

In September 2023, about 90 schoolchildren from the Luhansk People's Republic visited Tomsk State University under the University Changes program. (...)

In August 2024, 58 students from Siberian cities and 25 students from Mariupol took part in the University Changes project."¹⁵⁵

- b. On 25.05.2023, as Rector of Tomsk State University, Eduard Galazhinsky took part in the "opening ceremony of the exhibition "Ordinary Nazism"¹⁵⁶, which is in fact an aggressive campaign to support the war of aggression against Ukraine (and NATO countries), aimed at children and youth. The news was posted on the official website of Tomsk State University:

"The Tomsk Regional Local History Museum named after M.B. Shatilov has opened an exhibition "Ordinary Nazism". The exposition is dedicated to the tragic events in Donbas and Malorossia¹⁵⁷ related to the crimes of Ukrainian neo-Nazis. The museum hall contains samples of weapons from NATO countries and national battalions, items confirming the Kyiv regime's deliberate policy of destroying Orthodox churches, and photographs by RIA Novosti correspondents and Tomsk photographer Rubin Gainutdinov from their trips to Donbas. (...)

¹⁵² https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1036/
https://web.archive.org/web/20240809115620/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1036/

¹⁵³ <https://en.tsu.ru/about/rector.php>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20241003182129/https://en.tsu.ru/about/rector.php>

¹⁵⁴ <https://rusacademedu.ru/akademija/rukovodstvo-rao/>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20241008080156/https://rusacademedu.ru/akademija/rukovodstvo-rao/>

¹⁵⁵ <https://news.tsu.ru/news/rektor-tgu-poluchil-blagodarstvennoe-pismo-ot-vladimira-putina/>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20241111223346/https://news.tsu.ru/news/rektor-tgu-poluchil-blagodarstvennoe-pismo-ot-vladimira-putina/>

¹⁵⁶ <https://news.tsu.ru/news/vystavka-obyknoennyy-natsizm-otkrylas-v-tomske-po-initsiative-regotdeleniya-rio/>
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¹⁵⁷ Malorussia, Malorossia (literally "Little Russia") is a term to describe Ukraine, currently used in Russian colonial discourse.

The exhibition opening ceremony was attended by Deputy Governor of Tomsk Region Anatoly Rozhkov, Rector of Tomsk State University Eduard Galazhinsky, and Rector of Tomsk State Pedagogical University Andrey Makarenko. (...)

TSU rector Eduard Galazhinsky, in turn, noted that the exhibition "Ordinary Nazism" demonstrates the ideological confrontation between neo-Nazis and a society that does not accept their actions. (...)

"It is striking how the children and grandchildren of those who helped ensure victory in the Great Patriotic War are now on the other side, giving their lives fighting with the brotherly Russian people. This is an ideological struggle with a minus sign. And the exhibition allows us to touch upon the most complex phenomena and consequences of such conflicts. That is why it is very important for young people, especially for our schoolchildren and students," emphasized Eduard Galazhinsky."¹⁵⁸

- c. On 23.06.2024, the Russian Academy of Education hosted the event "Project and analytical session "Organization and directions of career guidance work with applicants and students who returned from the zone of the Special Military Operation""¹⁵⁹. At the time of the event, Eduard Galazhinsky was acting Vice President of the Russian Academy of Education¹⁶⁰. Additionally, it should be noted that another member of the RPS Presidium, Head of the RPS Ethics Committee Larysa Tsvetkova¹⁶¹, is also currently the Vice President of the Russian Academy of Education¹⁶².

"On April 23, 2024, the Russian Academy of Education hosted a project-analytical session on "Organization and directions of career guidance work with applicants and students who have returned from the zone of the Special Military Operation".

The participants were welcomed by Anna Alexandrovna Brynes, Deputy Director of the Department of State Youth Policy and Educational Activities of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation. In her speech, Anna Alexandrovna emphasized the importance of identifying the main areas of psychological support in the higher education system in terms of career guidance for students and applicants who have returned from the combat zone."¹⁶³

¹⁵⁸ <https://news.tsu.ru/news/vystavka-obyknovenny-natsizm-otkrylas-v-tomske-po-initsiative-regotdeleniya-rio/>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20230921115805/https://news.tsu.ru/news/vystavka-obyknovenny-natsizm-otkrylas-v-tomske-po-initsiative-regotdeleniya-rio/>

¹⁵⁹ <https://rusacademedu.ru/news/06052024-1/>
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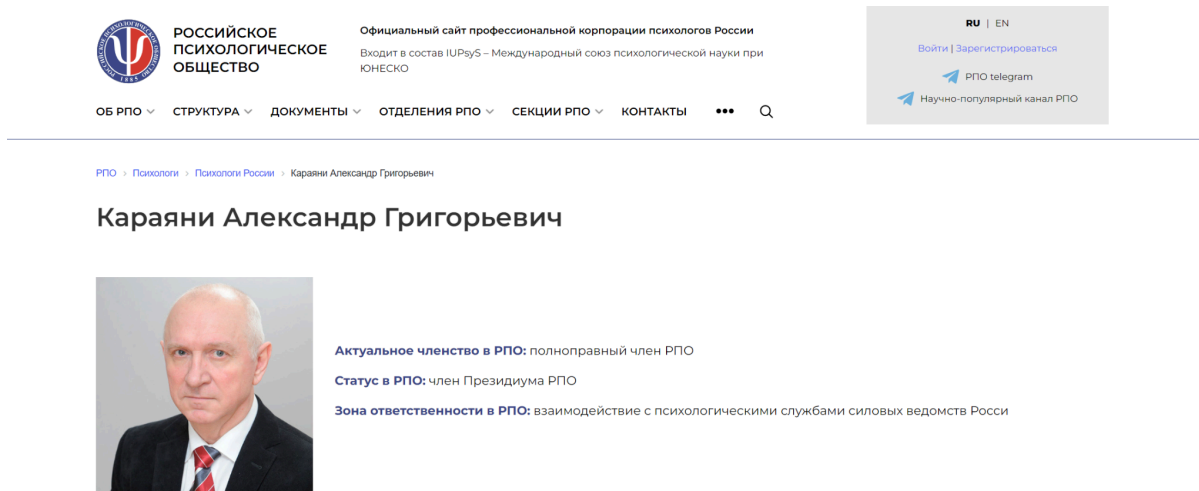
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¹⁶¹ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/973/
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¹⁶² <https://web.archive.org/web/20240521135024/https://rusacademedu.ru/akademiya/rukovodstvo-rao/>

¹⁶³ <https://rusacademedu.ru/news/06052024-1/>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20240506185925/https://rusacademedu.ru/news/06052024-1/>

2. Alexander Karayani¹⁶⁴ is a member of the RPS Presidium. In the Russian version of the website, Alexander Karayani's profile reads: "Area of responsibility in the RPS: interaction with psychological services of the Russian State Security Services"¹⁶⁵. However, the English version of the RPS website does not contain this information.



The screenshot shows the official website of the Russian Psychological Society (RPS). The header includes the RPS logo and name in Russian: "РОССИЙСКОЕ ПСИХОЛОГИЧЕСКОЕ ОБЩЕСТВО". It also states it is the official site of the Russian Psychological Corporation and a member of IUPsyS and UNESCO. Navigation menus include "ОБ РПО", "СТРУКТУРА", "ДОКУМЕНТЫ", "ОТДЕЛЕНИЯ РПО", "СЕКЦИИ РПО", and "КОНТАКТЫ". A language selector shows "RU | EN". Below the header, the breadcrumb trail reads "РПО > Психологи > Психологи России > Караяни Александр Григорьевич". The profile title is "Караяни Александр Григорьевич". A portrait photo of Alexander Karayani is shown. To the right of the photo, his membership details are listed: "Актуальное членство в РПО: полноправный член РПО", "Статус в РПО: член Президиума РПО", and "Зона ответственности в РПО: взаимодействие с психологическими службами силовых ведомств России".

"Area of Responsibility in the RPS: Interaction with Psychological Services of the Russian State Security Services".


Alexander Karayani has several military degrees, and his profile on the RPS website states: "Specialty by diploma: Political officer with higher education; history teacher; research psychologist." At the RPS, Alexander Karayani is the head of the military psychology section¹⁶⁶. The English version of the website does not contain this information.

Alexander Karayani participated in the above-mentioned "analytical session "Organization and directions of career guidance work with applicants and students who returned from the zone the Special Military Operation" at the Russian Academy of Education".

¹⁶⁴ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1038/
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¹⁶⁵ <https://psyrus.ru/psychologists/rpoppsych/psychologist/645/>
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¹⁶⁶ <https://psyrus.ru/rpo/sektsii-rpo/sektsiya-voennoy-psikhologii/>
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"The report "Post-traumatic growth as a resource for students who returned from the zone of the SMO" was presented by Alexander Grigorievich Karayani, Professor of the Department of Service Psychology of the St. Petersburg Military Order of Zhukov Institute of the National Guard of the Russian Federation, Professor of the Department of Legal Psychology and Pedagogy of the St. Petersburg Academy of Investigators of the Russian Federation..."¹⁶⁷

Such events are held to develop a strategy of ideological influence on students, which will later be implemented at the academic level in educational institutions. In particular, it is about how to cover or interpret the war against Ukraine. The focus is changed from the traumatic impact of the war on young people to "Post-traumatic growth as a resource for students who have returned from the zone of SMO". The war is also not referred to as such, the substitute "military operation" is used.

The substitution of concepts takes place at such events at the highest level, under the leadership and with the participation of members of the RPS Presidium.

3. Artem Kovalyov¹⁶⁸ is a member of the RPS presidium mentioned in the previous section. Kovalyov is a member of the Coordination Council for Youth Affairs in Science and Education of the Presidential Council for Science and Education¹⁶⁹. Artem Kovalyov is also the Deputy Dean of the Department of Psychology at Lomonosov Moscow State University for Academic Affairs¹⁷⁰. The Dean of the

¹⁶⁷ <https://rusacademedu.ru/news/06052024-1/>
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¹⁶⁹ <http://youngscience.gov.ru/sovet/personnel/>
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¹⁷⁰ https://psyrus.ru/news/news_rpo/unit/12580/
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Department of Psychology at Lomonosov Moscow State University is Yury Zinchenko, president of the RPS.¹⁷¹

In December 2022, Artem Kovalev participated in a meeting with V. Putin at the Congress of Young Scientists 2022, which he publicly mentions in his profile on the VK social network.¹⁷²

"Almost a year ago, I took part in the meeting of the President with young scientists of our country, which was held as part of the Congress of Young Scientists 2022. I had a unique opportunity to draw the attention of the whole country to the importance and necessity of psychological support, as well as to make a small request. Now we officially have this day. November 22. Professional holiday of Russian psychologists! Colleagues and all those involved in our difficult work - Happy Russian Psychologist's Day!"

Transcript of the video attached to the post:

"A. Kovalev: Vladimir Vladimirovich, good afternoon, my name is Kovalev Artem, I represent the Faculty of Psychology at Moscow University. And perhaps I would like to continue the topic of integration, because this year Moscow State University became a twin university of Donetsk National University. And when we first met...

V. Putin: We have several dozen universities and higher education institutions that have become partners of the respective educational institutions in the new subjects of the Federation.

A. Kovalev: And when we first met with our colleagues from Donetsk, we focused, I think, on two very important points. First, we have a common history. If you look into this history, you can see that psychology, as a science and practice, has always been at the service of state tasks.

For example, during the Great Patriotic War, visual perception specialists were engaged in camouflaging buildings in Leningrad and Moscow, such as the Kremlin and the Bolshoi Theater. Neuropsychologists restored the lost higher mental functions, memory, attention, and thinking of wounded soldiers. In the postwar years, psychologists accompanied manned space flights and organized labor at production facilities. (...)

Now, in the post-pandemic period, during the special military operation, it is very important that professional psychologists deal with such problems as post-traumatic stress disorder in military personnel. We provided qualified psychological assistance to their wives and family members. They worked with refugees, especially children in temporary accommodation centers.

Therefore, I propose to start such systematic work to involve qualified psychologists in solving these problems in all departments, institutions, and agencies."¹⁷³

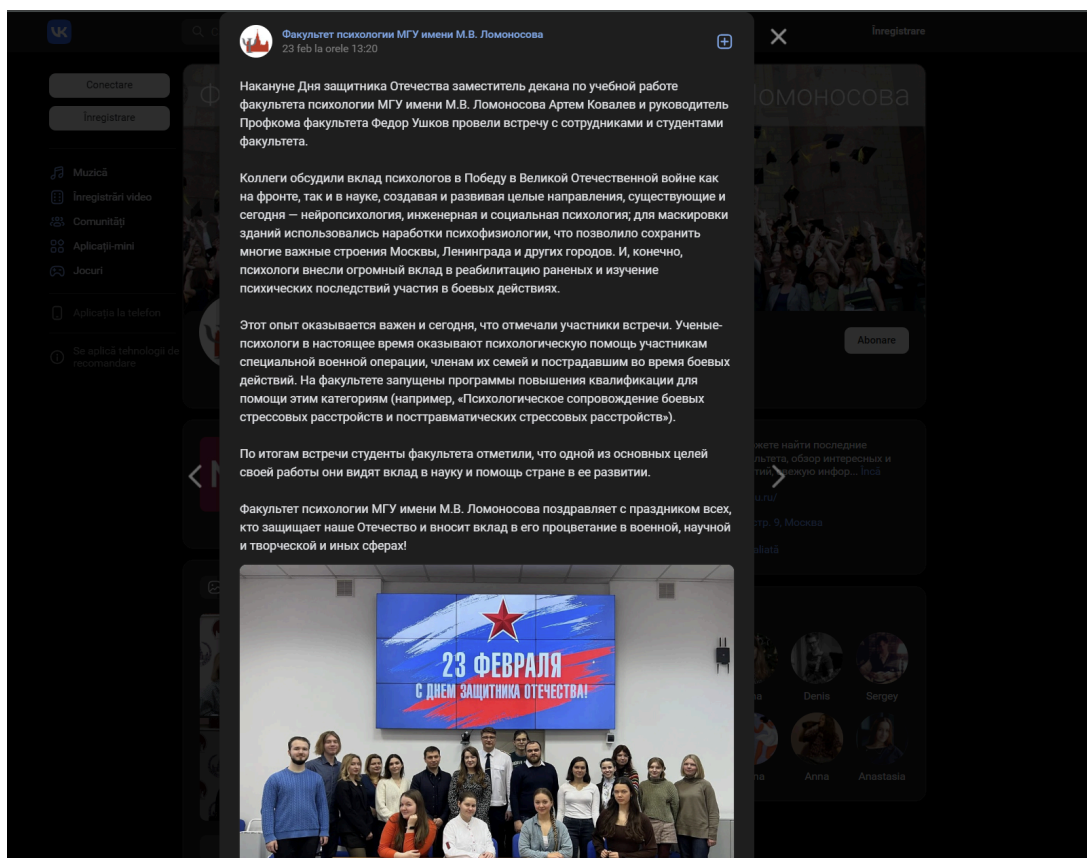
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Such events constitute public support for Russia's armed aggression against Ukraine, as well as propaganda using manipulation and speculation, particularly on historical topics. However, the key is the mechanism for legitimizing and gaining the status of scientists such as Artem Kovalev through such "meetings with the President of the Russian Federation." The price for status is loyalty, which also involves complicity in the implementation of propaganda and ideology using one's academic influence and power.

An example of such influence is the post of 23.02.2024 on the official page of the Department of Psychology of the Lomonosov Moscow State University in the VK social network¹⁷⁴:



"Department of Psychology, Lomonosov Moscow State University

On the eve of the Defender of the Fatherland Day, Artem Kovalev, Deputy Dean for Academic Affairs of the Department of Psychology at Lomonosov Moscow State University, and Fedor Ushkov, Head of the Faculty Trade Union, met with the faculty's staff and students.

Colleagues discussed the contribution of psychologists to the Victory in the Great Patriotic War both at the front and in science (...)

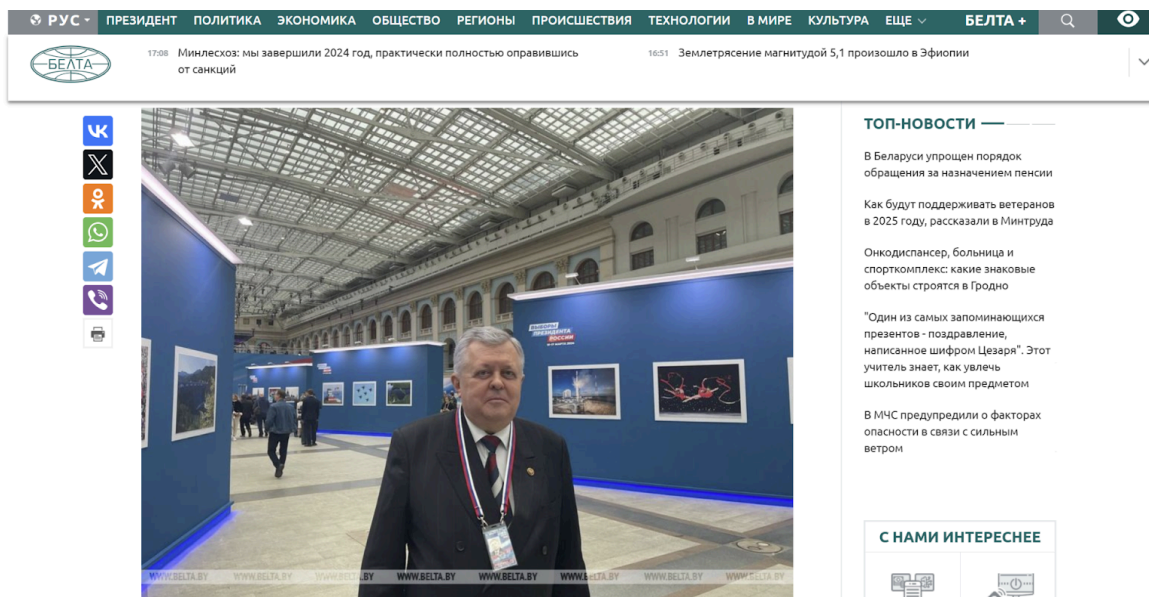
¹⁷⁴ https://vk.com/msupsy?w=wall-55821382_5445

This experience is still important today, as the participants of the meeting noted. Psychologists are now providing psychological assistance to participants of the special military operation, their families and those injured during the fighting. The faculty has launched advanced training programs to help these categories (for example, "Psychological support for combat stress disorders and post-traumatic stress disorders").

Following the meeting, the students emphasized that one of the main goals of their work is to contribute to science and help the country develop.

The Department of Psychology of Lomonosov Moscow State University congratulates everyone who defends our Fatherland and contributes to its prosperity in the military, scientific, creative and other spheres!"

4. Sergey Kandybovich¹⁷⁵ is the Vice President of the RPS. He was on the list of Putin's constituency agents during the 2018 elections¹⁷⁶ and on the list of Putin's constituency agents during the unconstitutional 2024 elections¹⁷⁷.



"The head of the Federal National Cultural Autonomy (FNCA) of Belarusians in Russia, Sergey Kandybovich, is also among the constituency agents of the presidential candidate. "I especially want to emphasize the fact that among the leaders of national and cultural associations of Russia, Belarusians are the only autonomy represented in the format of a trusted person," said Sergey Kandybovich in an interview with a BELTA correspondent. (...)

¹⁷⁵ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1063/

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¹⁷⁶ <https://riakalm.ru/news/politics/11398-stali-izvestny-imena-doverennykh-lits-vladimira-putina>

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¹⁷⁷ <https://belta.by/world/view/doverie-belorusam-o-predvybornoj-kampanii-v-rossii-i-rol-i-nej-belorusskoj-diaspory-612825-2024/>

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I will not be surprised that in some time there will be even more countries in the Union State¹⁷⁸, because it is characterized by high morality, high ethical principles and norms. And when our enemies impose their values on us, they are digging a hole for themselves. Because human nature is tailored to the moral principles that are preached in Belarus and Russia. These are two multinational states that set an example for everyone," summarized Kandybovich."

According to Meduza, which in April 2024 published a story about the leaked data from the FSB officer's mail, Kandybovich had been sending the FSB officer his working correspondence with his Belarusian acquaintances for many years, and had also coordinated with him the texts of his speeches on relations between Russia and Belarus.¹⁷⁹

Sergey Kandybovich is a member of the Commission on Patriotic and Moral Education of Children and Youth¹⁸⁰ under the Commission on Information Support of the State National Policy¹⁸¹, which is chaired by Vladimir Putin himself¹⁸².

In early 2024, Sergey Kandybovich participated¹⁸³ in the YunArmia ["Young Army"] project¹⁸⁴, which has been under European Union sanctions¹⁸⁵ since July 2022 for supporting or implementing actions or policies that undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, or the stability or security of Ukraine.

¹⁷⁸ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Union_State

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<https://meduza.io/feature/2024/04/08/meduza-poluchila-dostup-k-pochte-sotrudnika-fsb-kotoryy-uzhe-10-let-boretsya-s-nezavisimoy-rossiyskoy-kulturoy-ot-serebrennikova-do-berkovich>

¹⁸⁰ <https://sovetnational.ru/sovet/komissii/commission-5/>

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¹⁸¹ <https://sovetnational.ru/>

¹⁸² <https://sovetnational.ru/sovet/sostav-soveta/>

¹⁸³ <https://web.archive.org/web/20240221192407/https://yunarmy.moscow/tpost/2fa6j42r71-nedelya-pamyati-v-lanovogo>

¹⁸⁴ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Young_Army_Cadets_National_Movement

¹⁸⁵ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32022R1270>

НОВОСТИ

Неделя памяти В. Ланового



Московские юнармейцы проводят ежегодную акцию, неделю памяти В. Ланового "Василий Лановой: служение искусству и Отечеству".

"The Moscow Youth Army is holding an annual event, a week in memory of Vasily Lanovoy, 'Vasily Lanovoy: Service to Art and the Motherland.

Sergey Lvovich Kandybovich, Chairman of the Federal National and Cultural Autonomy of Belarusians of Russia, member of the Presidium of the Presidential Council on Interethnic Relations, Trustee of the President of the Russian Federation, came to meet with the boys and delivered a speech expressing gratitude to Vasily Lanovoi for his contribution to the cultural heritage of Russia and patriotic education of young people. (...) 16.01.2024"¹⁸⁶

5. Tatyana Razina¹⁸⁷ is a member of the RPS Presidium.

Tatyana Razina openly supports Russia's war against Ukraine in an interview with Kavkaz Segodnya, and her comments are full of propaganda slogans:

"01.09.2022. Tatyana Razina: "Russia will always stand! We will always win!". Exclusive interview for Kavkaz Segodnya (...)

Interviewer: Tatyana Valeriivna, greetings! Obviously, we live today in difficult times of global change, in the era of forming the foundations of a multipolar world. How can the people of our country maintain their psychological balance in these conditions? Where should we look for points of support? In patriotism, historical roots, knowledge, family values, professional success, national unity?

Tatyana Razina: Hello! In this case, everything you have listed can become the basis for emotional and not only emotional stability. It can become an "island" where every citizen of the Russian Federation

¹⁸⁶ <https://web.archive.org/web/20240221192407/https://yunarmy.moscow/tpost/2fa6j42r71-nedelya-pamyati-v-lanovogo>

¹⁸⁷ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/13562/ https://web.archive.org/web/20240812132155/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/13562/

can draw strength and confidence. All of this can be part of the important and close to us concept of "homeland" – something that gives strength, something worth living for, and something worth defending. And everyone chooses the most important thing for themselves, and they cannot contradict each other. (...)

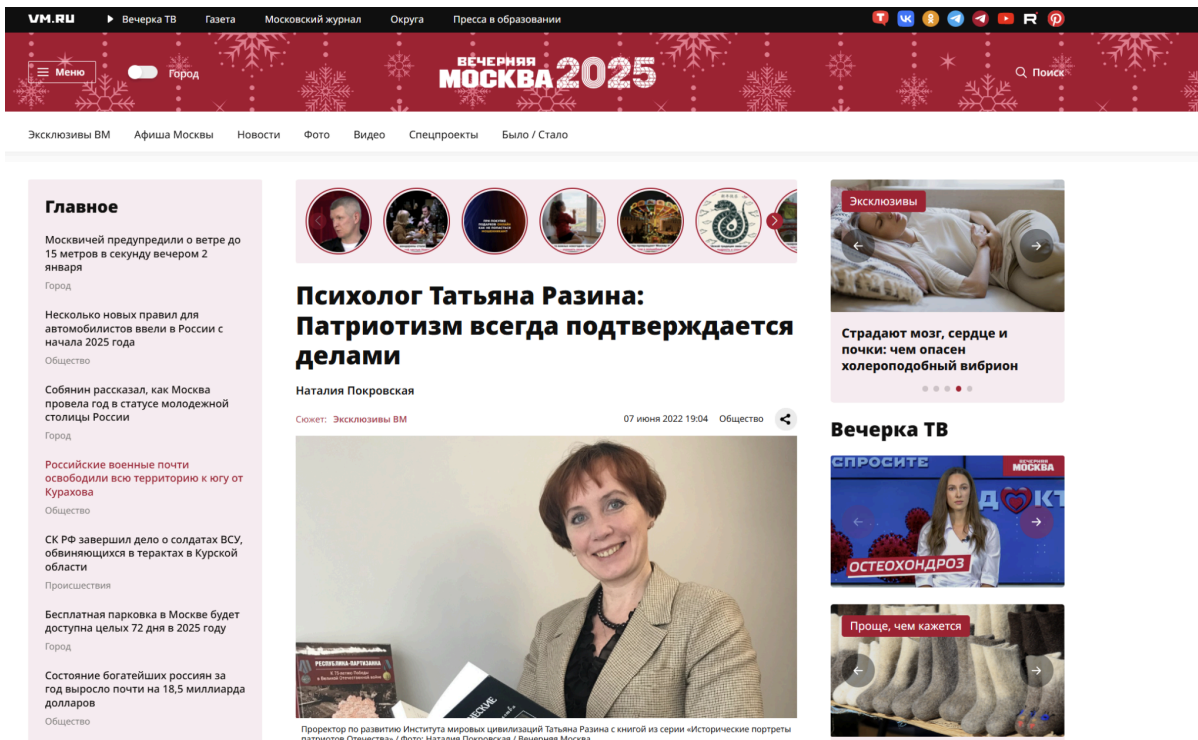
Interviewer: In the course of the Special Military Operation in Ukraine, Russian soldiers of different nationalities not only risk their lives to fight Nazism, but also demonstrate ethno-religious mutual respect in the defense of common values. A popular example: there is a video on the Internet in which two Russian soldiers pray in a dilapidated church in Donbas: one makes a gesture of a christian cross, the other makes namaz. And the third one is guarding them. How could you comment on this?

Tatyana Razina: Here I can remind you of the history of the Great Patriotic War, when representatives of various nationalities and confessions fought side by side against a common enemy. They fought to defend a common homeland, common values, which, by the way, are not very different among representatives of different faiths. Because honor, patriotism, goodness, justice, and truth are unshakable values. It is these values that are currently under attack from the Western world. Therefore, even today, such examples are a vivid testament to the unity of our people."¹⁸⁸

In an interview of June 7, 2022, for the influential media outlet Vechernyaya Moskva [Evening Moscow]¹⁸⁹, Tatyana Razina is listed as a member of the Commission on Patriotic and Moral Education of Children and Youth of the Presidential Council on Interethnic Relations (the same commission of which the aforementioned Sergey Kandybovich is a member), as she herself mentions in her answers to the journalist's questions. In particular, in this interview as a psychologist, she comments on the topic of patriotic education of young people:

¹⁸⁸ <https://kavtoday.ru/article/7130> <https://web.archive.org/web/20220926230110/https://kavtoday.ru/article/7130>

¹⁸⁹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vechernyaya_Moskva



Главное

- Москвичей предупредили о ветре до 15 метров в секунду вечером 2 января
- Несколько новых правил для автомобилистов ввели в России с начала 2025 года
- Собянин рассказал, как Москва провела год в статусе молодежной столицы России
- Российские военные почти освободили всю территорию к югу от Курхова
- СК РФ завершил дело о солдатах ВСУ, обвиняющихся в терактах в Курской области
- Бесплатная парковка в Москве будет доступна целых 72 дня в 2025 году
- Состояние богатейших россиян за год выросло почти на 18,5 миллиарда долларов

Психолог Татьяна Разина: Патриотизм всегда подтверждается делами

Наталья Покровская

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Проще, чем кажется

"Psychologist Tatyana Razina: "Patriotism is always confirmed by deeds"

Interviewer: The overwhelming majority of Russians today support the government's policies. At the same time, statistics show that the younger generation has the most difficulty adapting to the current conditions. Why?

Tatyana Razina: Young people, especially those born at the beginning of the new century, grew up in relatively stable and comfortable conditions in the new Russia: no wars, no social crises, and a period of general growth in prosperity. The older generation has experience in adapting to difficult times. A special military operation and economic sanctions do not frighten us too much, because we know that worse things can happen. And we have been through this "worse": default, perestroika, the war in Afghanistan, the military conflict in Chechnya... And the younger generation has no experience of any global historical cataclysms, so they perceive the lack of some things painfully. But I am sure that this is only the first reaction. Psychologically, when you are young, any problems are perceived more easily. Youth is the peak of physical and mental abilities, an almost limitless time perspective, a person lives with the feeling that a long and interesting life lies ahead. And this, of course, helps to cope with the challenges of time. (...)

Interviewer: The President called patriotism the key foundation of statehood. But understanding the meaning of the word and experiencing feelings are different things. How do you explain this to children?

Tatiana Razina: This is one of the most pressing issues, and it is discussed at all meetings of the Commission on Patriotic Education. As a psychologist, I understand that the formation of patriotic consciousness is based on psychological mechanisms. You quite rightly noted that patriotism is an

emotion, an experience. But this concept contains at least two more components. One of them is cognitive. Children should understand what the Fatherland is and why they should be proud of it. An important message is that not only do we love the Fatherland, but it loves us. (...)¹⁹⁰

Conclusions

Publicly available materials demonstrate the extent to which RPS members use their academic resources and authority to promote the state Kremlin ideology and support Russia's armed aggression against Ukraine. A huge amount of this activity takes place in the form of propaganda aimed at children, students, and young people in general.

This propaganda activity takes many forms, from putting pressure on students and children using academic power and status to shaping the media agenda using authority and appealing to psychological knowledge.

The task of propaganda aimed at children and youth is to normalize war as a way of life, to prepare future generations as a future mobilization resource.

Politicization and Militarization of Scientific Research

This section presents examples of academic works published by members of the RPS Presidium based on materials collected during Russia's full-scale war against Ukraine. Many of such works demonstrate explicit support for Russia's war against Ukraine and directly promote the narratives of the Russian authorities.

The purpose of this section is to show that the academic activities of the members of the RPS Presidium are a continuation of the policy of the Russian leadership and their objectives. Such activities are politically biased and contradict the norms of scientific ethics, as they distort facts to achieve propaganda goals.

It will also demonstrate the extent of scientific works by members of the RPS Presidium on military topics.

Scientific works by members of the RPS Presidium published during Russia's full-scale war against Ukraine on the topic of Ukraine or the so-called Special Military operation:

1. Kandybovich S.L., Razina T.V. Psychological origins of Ukrainian nationalism. World civilizations, 2(7): 09PSMZ222.

Sergey Kandybovich¹⁹¹, Vice President of the RPS; Tatyana Razina¹⁹², member of the RPS Presidium.

¹⁹⁰ <https://vm.ru/society/972548-psiolog-tatyana-razina-patriotizm-vsegda-podtverzhdaetsya-delami>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20240812135118/https://vm.ru/society/972548-psiolog-tatyana-razina-patriotizm-vsegda-podtverzhdaetsya-delami>

¹⁹¹ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1063/
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Abstract. The surge of nationalist sentiment poses a significant threat to the national security of any country. The purpose of the work is to determine the psychological reasons for the active growth of Ukrainian nationalism in recent years. The authors give a brief overview of the history of the development of nationalist movements and views in Ukraine and carry out a theoretical analysis of the problem from the point of view of leading psychological approaches and theories. Within the framework of the psychoanalytic approach, namely the depth psychology of C. Jung, Ukrainian nationalism is considered as a form of manifestation of ancient national archetypes, one of which can be represented in the behavior models of Princess Olga. From the point of view of A. Adler's individual psychology, Ukrainian nationalism is a manifestation of the inferiority complex of the Ukrainian people and attempts to overcome it. This complex was formed in contrast to the bygone greatness of Kievan Rus and the gradual rise of Muscovite Rus. Within the framework of the social psychology of peoples (A. Kardiner, R. Benedict, M. Mead, R. Lipton), manifestations of nationalism are considered as features of the national mentality of Ukrainians, among which one can mention conservatism, paternalism, socio-political conformism, archaic individualism, lack of a clear national idea, lack of a national model of success. From the standpoint of the psychology of motivation, the futility of Ukrainian nationalism as a "motivation against" is shown. From the standpoint of the information-psychological approach, the surge of Ukrainian nationalism is explained by the massive ideological indoctrination of the country's population by representatives of forces trying to revive fascism. On the basis of the analysis done, a forecast is given for the development of nationalist sentiments in Ukraine. The optimal ways of responding to these manifestations are indicated in connection with their socio-psychological nature.

Keywords: nationalism; mentality; archetype; inferiority complex; motivation; information consciousness; information consciousness; Ukraine; Russia

2. Mikhail Reshetnikov¹⁹³ is a member of the Presidium of the RPS. He is also the rector of the East European Institute of Psychoanalysis in St. Petersburg¹⁹⁴.

On February 20, 2023, Professor Mikhail Reshetnikov delivered an expert report "External Factors of Ineffective Psychological Rehabilitation of Combatants" at the expanded inter-factional meeting of the State Duma of the Russian Federation "Just Russia–For Truth" on the topic "Rehabilitation of participants of a special military operation (SMO) who were injured, maimed or ill during combat missions: new approaches to the development of measures and programs for rehabilitation and habilitation".

¹⁹³ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1044/
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¹⁹⁴ <https://eeip.ru/informatsiya-ob-institute-psikhoanaliza/reshetnikov-mikhail-mikhaylovich/>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20241008202952/https://eeip.ru/informatsiya-ob-institute-psikhoanaliza/reshetnikov-mikhail-mikhaylovich/>

The full text of the speech¹⁹⁵ is available in the Psychological Newspaper, along with a link to the video of the speech¹⁹⁶. The media based their headlines on the opening words with which Mikhail Reshetnikov began his report: “It is necessary to disavow hysteria with a possible amount of PTSD”¹⁹⁷.

Brief analysis of this speech by Radio Svoboda in the article “Sovereign Therapy. Z-psychologists help send people to war” of August 31, 2023:

“In 2023, Reshetnikov made a report in the State Duma on the topic 'It is necessary to disavow hysteria with a possible amount of PTSD' (PTSD - post-traumatic stress disorder) and stated that only 3.2% of combatants may develop certain psychological traumas. Of these, only 39% will develop PTSD and require medical care. The rest will cope on their own.

At the same time, according to his logic, only Russians are so resistant to war trauma. But veterans of the US Army allegedly experience mental issues much more often, because “the US Army has constantly waged unjust wars on foreign territory,” the psychologist explains. “Russians, on the other hand, do not suffer from PTSD because they fought ‘wars to defend their homeland, their homes, their wives and children’”.¹⁹⁸

The task of this report at the state and public level is an attempt to use scientific language to downplay the scale of the catastrophic consequences of PTSD that any society that wages a war of aggression expects. This report is also aligned with the propaganda slogans of the Russian state apparatus.

Mikhail Reshetnikov publicly supports the policy of the Russian authorities and uses “scientific language” and deeply problematic hypotheses to confirm the rightfulness of the militarized policy of the Russian authorities.

On February 21, 2023, the official YouTube channel of the East European Institute of Psychoanalysis posted a video of Rector Mikhail Reshetnikov's congratulations for the “Defender of the Fatherland Day”¹⁹⁹.

Here is the full transcript of the video:

¹⁹⁵ <https://psy.su/feed/11011/>
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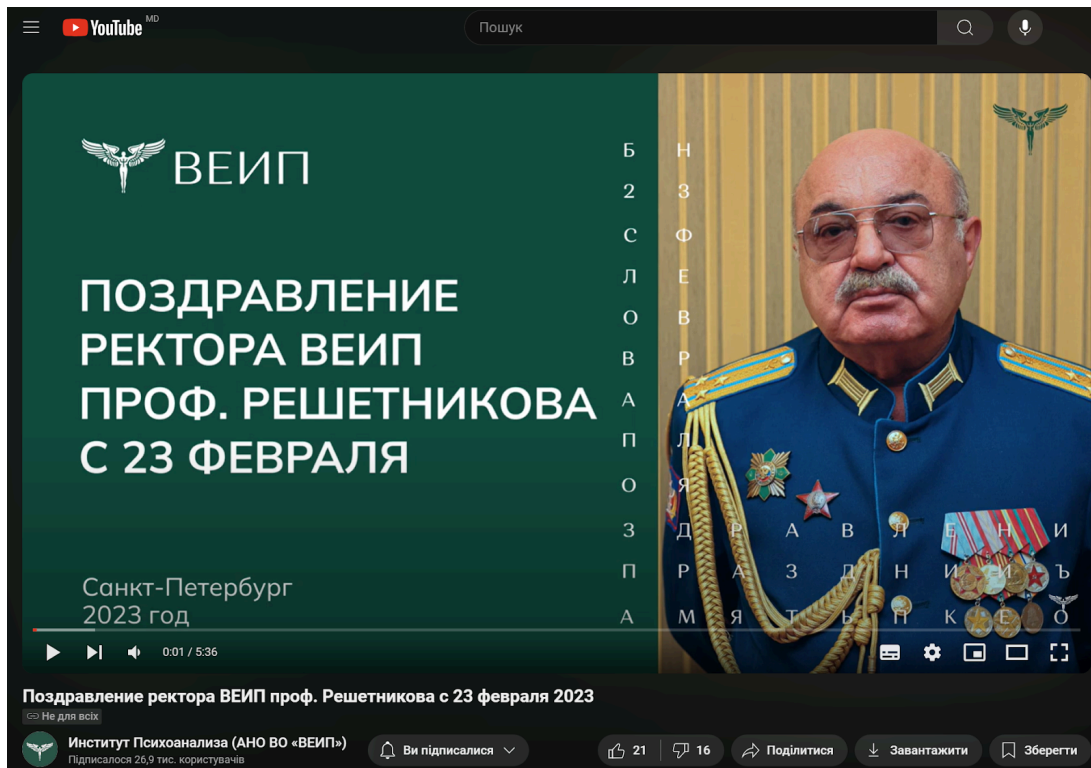
¹⁹⁷ <https://medrussia.org/49830-neobkhodimo-dezavuirovat-isteriku/>

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<https://www.svoboda.org/a/suverennaya-terapiya-z-psihologi-pomogayut-otpravlyatj-lyudey-na-voynu/32571135.html?withmediaplayer=1>

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¹⁹⁹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NaHfDIredmQ>



“Dear colleagues. Most of you know that once a year, on May 9, the day of our Great Victory, I address my colleagues in the military uniform I have worn for over 25 years. Taking into account the current situation, I decided to expand this tradition, and for the same reason, I removed all medals of unfriendly countries from my uniform. We live in a difficult time for our country. Some might say that it has never been particularly easy for us. But now we are witnessing a turning point in history.

A paradigm shift in the development of all mankind. In one of my papers, in 1996, analyzing the situation in the world, I formulated two hypotheses that have been repeatedly developed in my works up to the present time.

The first one is that Western-style democracy has already exhausted its historical resource, its slogans and ideals, for which people once went to the barricades and to their deaths, are no longer verified by everyday life. It does not arouse the enthusiasm of the masses and does not correspond to the moral and psychological state of society. The same can be said about the socio-economic formation called “Western capitalism” or, more precisely, imperialism. This is not our way.

The second hypothesis stated that the whole world is approaching a paradigm shift in development. And this change is likely to be extremely painful and uncivilized. I assumed that this would happen somewhere in the middle of the 21st century, but I was wrong, this time has already come, this change is already underway and it will be long.

The third idea I borrowed from Sigmund Freud is that on closer inspection, the distinction between individual and social psychology is essentially lost, which implies that neurosis or psychosis can affect

not only individuals but also large social structures, including entire countries, as we see many examples of now.

It will take decades to restore the adequate mental state of the “collective west” and a number of neighboring countries. These will be difficult years for the whole world. The priorities proclaimed by the Russian political leadership to restore the self-respect of our people, their unity, traditions and historical values allow us all to look more confidently to the future of all the peoples of Russia, which once again offers the world new models of development.

It is still difficult to say what it will be like. But I am sure that it will be better, nobler, more honest and more humane in both foreign and domestic policy. In these transformations and in the face of a hostile environment, the Russian army, as the guarantor of our independence, plays a special role, as it has for all previous centuries.

I congratulate all my colleagues on the Day of our Army, of course, first of all those who are now on the front lines of what is undoubtedly a historic battle. I know that some of them are experiencing feelings of misunderstanding, anxiety and even fear, and we need to help them overcome these doubts and worries. This is our civic and professional duty as psychologists.

Happy holiday, dear colleagues!”²⁰⁰

3. Alexander Karayani²⁰¹ is a member of the Presidium of the RPS.

The article entitled “Psychological consequences of participation in hostilities: “Not only PTSD”” is published in the Russian Military Psychological Journal. 2023. №2(2)”²⁰². The full text of the article is available in Psychological Newspaper²⁰³.

The article begins:

“A special military operation leaves a deep mark on the psyche of its participants. The omnipresent danger, uncertainty, sudden onset of combat events, death and injury of comrades-in-arms, participation in the physical destruction of the enemy, high responsibility for the results of combat work, long periods of stay in the combat zone, separation from family and friends, a sharp decline in the level of everyday life – these and other circumstances, acting separately and together, accumulating to a “critical mass,” can cause combat distress in servicemen, cause combat-related mental trauma, and then manifest themselves in various adverse psychological consequences of a clinical level.

²⁰⁰ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NaHfDIredmQ>

²⁰¹ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1038/

https://web.archive.org/web/20240812115532/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1038/

²⁰² <https://rusmilps.ru/en/publication/2-2-2023-2/>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20240722210436/https://rusmilps.ru/en/publication/2-2-2023-2/>

²⁰³ <https://psy.su/feed/11946/>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20240525075827/https://psy.su/feed/11946/>

In these conditions, the question of the need, content and technologies of psychological assistance to participants of the Special Military Operation is acute. It should be noted that in recent decades, domestic and foreign psychologists have paid great attention to the development of methods of psychological support for both combatants (...) and veterans of military events returning to civilian life (...). However, these studies were based on different theoretical concepts, relying on different models of psychological consequences, which led them to different practical conclusions.

The purpose of this article is to show the narrowness of existing approaches to the analysis of the psychological consequences of participation in combat operations, to clearly state the wide variety of such consequences and the need to take this into account when organizing psychological assistance to veterans of the combat operations.”

The article concludes:

“Thus, the psychological consequences of participation in hostilities are far from being limited to PTSD and even in combination with other mental disorders constitute a small part of them. The absolute majority of combat veterans (over 90%) are mentally healthy people who have psychological problems of readaptation to peaceful living conditions and entering a peaceful society. Often, these problems are not related to the nature of traumatic situations experienced by servicemen (or employees) in the war and not even to their personal characteristics, but to the nature of society's attitude to soldiers returning from war. In this regard, psychological assistance to combatants should be aimed at both them and the surrounding society, and above all at the family. The immediate (family), close (friends, colleagues), and distant social environment (society, media, state, etc.) should be transformed into a re-adaptive, supportive environment.

Most combatants are people charged with powerful energy, motivated by a positive reorganization of their lives. Psychologists, in collaboration with social workers, teachers, clergy, and volunteers, need to channel this energy into creative ways.

The future well-being and unity of our society depends on how effectively this dual task will be solved.”

The article, titled “Posttraumatic Growth in Combatants: There is a Reason for Optimism,” is published in the journal *Human Capital*, 2024, No. 8(188)²⁰⁴, and is listed as an article authored by Alexander Karayani on ResearchGate²⁰⁵.

This article concludes:

“So, the analysis of scientific research on this topic allows us to state the following.

²⁰⁴ https://humancapital.su/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/%D0%A7%D0%9A-202408_p236-244.pdf
https://web.archive.org/web/20250105124309/https://humancapital.su/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/%D0%A7%D0%9A-202408_p236-244.pdf

²⁰⁵ https://www.researchgate.net/publication/383402508_POST-TRAUMATIC_GROWTH_IN_COMBAT_VETERANS_THERE_IS_REASON_FOR_OPTIMISM

Firstly, a person, including a combatant, is not a blind instrument of circumstances, he actively resists them, possessing a huge, essentially inexhaustible resource of adaptability.

Secondly, the result of psychological trauma is not limited to a set of psychological disorders. It can be at least threefold: 1) a traumatized person may develop post-traumatic stress disorder and other stress, anxiety, psychosomatic, etc. disorders; 2) a person who has been exposed to a traumatic event can overcome it by using the resources of their own psychological resilience, effective coping resources, and return to the previous level of functioning; and 3) a person who has experienced a traumatic event can acquire resources for a more active, productive, rich, and extensive life.

Psychologists should not be guided by expectations/attitudes about the inevitability of mental disorders in combat veterans.

Thirdly, psychological information for servicemen (employees) about the possible psychological consequences of their participation in combat events should reflect the variety of possible psychological consequences and not be limited to PTSD. At the same time, it is necessary to emphasize the adaptive and temporary nature of all psychological consequences of participation in hostilities.

Fourth, it is necessary to conduct representative studies on different samples (military and law enforcement personnel, volunteers, mobilized persons, etc.) aimed at identifying the real place of posttraumatic growth in the structure of psychological consequences of participation in hostilities. Obtaining a real picture of the psychological consequences of participation in hostilities will help the organizers of the system of multifunctional assistance to our veterans to correctly place important accents, build effective work strategies, and allocate available (not infinite) resources.”

We are talking about scientific materials, the conclusions of which, on the one hand, significantly downplay the expectations of catastrophic consequences of war in the form of PTSD in the military, suggesting focusing on “optimism,” and on the other hand, declare the need to create a “supportive environment” for the military who are fighting a war of aggression.

4. Yury Zinchenko²⁰⁶, President of the RPS, Maria Kiselova²⁰⁷, member of the RPS Presidium.

At the end of 2023, together with other authors²⁰⁸, with the assistance of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation, they developed methodological recommendations “Motivating combat veterans who participated in a special military operation and family members of those killed in the combat missions during a special military operation to seek psychological assistance”²⁰⁹.

The first page of the document states that the material was developed “For social coordinators and psychologists working in regional structural units of the State Fund for Support of Participants of the of the

²⁰⁶ https://psyurus.ru/en/psy_en/person/972/

https://web.archive.org/web/20241222103127/https://psyurus.ru/en/psy_en/person/972/

²⁰⁷ https://psyurus.ru/en/psy_en/person/13560/

https://web.archive.org/web/20240812124453/https://psyurus.ru/en/psy_en/person/13560/

²⁰⁸ <https://psy.su/feed/11828/> <https://web.archive.org/web/20240414163927/https://psy.su/feed/11828/>

²⁰⁹ https://psy.su/content/files/2_5425096628937704289.pdf

https://web.archive.org/web/20231215060420/https://www.psy.su/content/files/2_5425096628937704289.pdf

special military operation “Defenders of the Fatherland”. The “Defenders of the Fatherland” Foundation is under sanctions, as described in the second section of this document. This fact demonstrates that such methodological and scientific activities are inseparable from the official Russian state policies.

Members of the RPS Presidium are ready to create recommendations on how to create the “psychological support” system ordered by the Russian government and provide instructions to the foundation, which has been sanctioned for propaganda and support of the war. We are talking about a cycle of using propaganda to create an army that is ready to go to an aggressive war, and controlling the consequences and reactions of the combatants using the same methods.

Recent academic works published by members of the Presidium of the RPS on military and war-related topics

An incomplete list of scientific papers and materials by members of the RPS Presidium to demonstrate the extent of this community's involvement in the topic of armed conflicts, militarization, security forces, etc.

Yury Zinchenko, President of the RPS

- [2007] Modern Terrorism and the Fight Against It: Social and Humanitarian Dimensions²¹⁰.
- [2008] Information and Psychological Security in the Mass Media: In 2 vols. Vol. II: The phenomenon of “broken communication”²¹¹

Yury Zinchenko, President of the RPS, Alexander Karayani, member of the RPS Presidium

- [2007] Information and Psychological Warfare in War: History, Methodology, Practice²¹²

Yury Zinchenko, President of the RPS, Aleksandr Karayani, Member of the RPS Presidium, and other authors.

- [2016] Countering the enemy's information and psychological actions in modern warfare. Study guide²¹³

Yury Zinchenko, President of the RPS, Sergey Kandybovich, Vice President of the RPS, and other authors.

- [2008] Fundamentals of Security Psychology: Functionality and Integrative. Study guide²¹⁴

Sergey Kandybovich, Vice President of the RPS, Tatyana Razina, Member of the RPS Presidium, and other authors

²¹⁰ <https://istina.msu.ru/publications/book/1099680/>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20210426140758/https://istina.msu.ru/publications/book/1099680/>

²¹¹ <https://istina.msu.ru/publications/book/1099683/>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20220316022405/https://istina.msu.ru/publications/book/1099683/>

²¹² <https://istina.msu.ru/publications/book/41932996/>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20210420232245/https://istina.msu.ru/publications/book/41932996/>

²¹³ <https://istina.msu.ru/publications/book/37831526/>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20220314004118/https://istina.msu.ru/publications/book/37831526/>

²¹⁴ <https://istina.msu.ru/publications/book/3022558/>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20221111165506/https://istina.msu.ru/publications/book/3022558/>

- [2020] Scientific works of scientists of the 1st Department. Department of General Problems of War, Peace and Army of the Academy of Military Sciences, Volume 2²¹⁵

Sergey Kandybovich, Vice President of the RPS, Tatyana Razina, Member of the RPS Presidium

- [2020] Psychological prerequisites for falsifying historical events (on the example of the heroic defense of the Brest Fortress at the beginning of the Great Patriotic War)²¹⁶

Sergey Kandybovich, Vice President of the RPS, Aleksandr Karayani, Member of the RPS Presidium, Tatyana Razina, Member of the RPS Presidium

- [2023] Military Psychology. Military psychological glossary book²¹⁷

Irina Abakumova²¹⁸, member of the RPS Presidium.

- [2023] Terrorism and countermeasures²¹⁹

Mikhail Maryin, member of the RPS Presidium

- [2021] Developing the readiness of cadets of the Russian Federal Penitentiary Service for professional activities in special purpose departments²²⁰
- [2024] Factors Influencing the Formation of Optimal Emotional States of the Internal Affairs Officers of the Russian Federation²²¹
- [2010] Ways to improve the effectiveness of psychological support for the activities of law enforcement agencies²²²

Mikhail Reshetnikov, member of the Presidium of the RPS

²¹⁵ <https://nic-pnb.ru/wp-content/uploads/nauchnye-trudy-uchenyh-1-otdeleniya.-tom-2.pdf>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20230810013642/https://nic-pnb.ru/wp-content/uploads/nauchnye-trudy-uchenyh-1-otdeleniya.-tom-2.pdf>

²¹⁶ <https://wcj.world/PDF/03PSMZ120.pdf>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20221126190956/https://wcj.world/PDF/03PSMZ120.pdf>

²¹⁷ <https://www.labirint.ru/books/992940/>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20240812133842/https://www.labirint.ru/books/992940/>

²¹⁸ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/7090/
https://web.archive.org/web/20240812123418/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/7090/

²¹⁹ <https://www.litres.ru/book/a-v-bedrik/terrorizm-i-mery-protivodeystviya-69396475/>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20240814161539/https://www.litres.ru/book/a-v-bedrik/terrorizm-i-mery-protivodeystviya-69396475/>

²²⁰ https://psyjournals.ru/journals/psylaw/archive/2021_n4/ankudinov_zharkikh_kokurin_maryi
https://web.archive.org/web/20240813110709/https://psyjournals.ru/journals/psylaw/archive/2021_n4/ankudinov_zharkikh_kokurin_maryi

²²¹ https://psyjournals.ru/journals/psylaw/archive/2024_n2/Maryin_Teregulova/
https://web.archive.org/web/20240808005124/https://psyjournals.ru/journals/psylaw/archive/2024_n2/Maryin_Teregulova

²²² https://psyjournals.ru/nonserialpublications/kochenovskie_chteniya_2010/contents/41431
https://web.archive.org/web/20240813111924/https://psyjournals.ru/nonserialpublications/kochenovskie_chteniya_2010/contents/41431

- [2024] Psychology of war. Forecasting the state, behavior and activities of people²²³
- [2024] Psychology and psychopathology of terrorism. Humanitarian strategies of anti-terrorism²²⁴

Vitaliy Rubtsov²²⁵, member of the RPS Presidium, and other authors.

- [2003] Psychological consequences of military personnel's participation in hostilities in the Chechen Republic and their medical, psychological and social correction²²⁶

Conclusion

Many members of the Presidium of the RPS have expertise in military psychological knowledge, and this expertise has been accumulated over decades of work. There is every reason to believe that this expertise is now being used in the war against Ukraine in the form of supporting and developing propaganda work, preparing the military for further war, information and psychological operations, etc.

For members of the RPS, scientific status on international platforms is obviously important. It helps them maintain their own legitimacy within the country and have channels for spreading ideologically biased science.

A quote from the speech of Pavel Yermakov, First Vice President of the RPS, at the VII RPS Congress on September 28, 2022, six months after the full-scale invasion of Ukraine has started:

“And in conclusion, I will focus once again on the RPS scientific journals Psychology In Russia and Russian Psychological Journal. Scopus continues to work with these journals. They are being indexed this year, and the indexing is quite good. We signed a new agreement with Scopus just a week ago.”²²⁷

Members of the RPS Presidium use science to justify chauvinism and waging wars of aggression, while using the language of science and dubious statistics to downplay the possible traumatic consequences of war.

The focus on developing methodological recommendations to support the military to seek psychological help seems to be a humanistic scientific work, but it is only a mimicry if we see it as a system of sending people to a war of aggression and then “polishing” the consequences with social and psychological help.

²²³ <https://urait.ru/book/psihologiya-vovny-prognozirovanie-sostoyaniya-povedeniya-i-deyatelnosti-lyudey-540208>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20240828154457/https://urait.ru/book/psihologiya-vovny-prognozirovanie-sostoyaniya-povedeniya-i-deyatelnosti-lyudey-540208>

²²⁴ <https://urait.ru/book/psihologiya-i-psihopatologiya-terrorizma-gumanitarnye-strategii-antiterrora-540206>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20240828154706/https://urait.ru/book/psihologiya-i-psihopatologiya-terrorizma-gumanitarnye-strategii-antiterrora-540206>

²²⁵ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1045/
https://web.archive.org/web/20240812130912/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1045/

²²⁶ https://psyjournals.ru/journals/cpp/archive/2003_n4/Ivanov?ysclid=lo1pi0riib808413666
https://web.archive.org/web/20240813124137/https://psyjournals.ru/journals/cpp/archive/2003_n4/Ivanov?ysclid=lo1pi0riib808413666

²²⁷ https://vk.com/video/@urfu_uqi?z=video-108928974_456239302%2F%2Fvideo%2F%40urfu_uqi

The Russian government relies on psychologists who, using their professional knowledge and skills, will be responsible for controlling the reaction of the military who will return from the war of aggression traumatized. The control over this system of “psychological support” is currently divided and entrusted to the RPS and the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation.

Legislative Activities

During Russia's full-scale war against Ukraine, members of the Presidium of the RPS, chaired by Yuri Zinchenko, began working on a new law on psychological assistance in the Russian Federation. The key motive for the creation of the law is communicated in the media as the protection of citizens and the elimination of the risk of receiving low-quality psychological services from pseudo-specialists or specialists with low qualifications.

Given the involvement of RPS members in the propaganda activities of the Russian state apparatus, it is worth demonstrating the extent of involvement of RPS presidium members in the development of the law and highlighting the responsibility of members of this community for the final result when it is available for analysis.

Among the risks is the creation of a law and legislations that will eventually lead to the centralization of power and control over the field of psychological services in the Russian Federation in the hands of the RPS or in the hands of specially created bodies or commissions headed by members of the RPS presidium.

An example would be the creation of a register of psychologists, the conditions of admission to which could be controlled by the RPS or a commission headed by members of the RPS. Such centralization of power in the hands of people who often neglect the ethical principles of the profession, as demonstrated in the previous sections, carries a direct risk of strengthening the propaganda and support for the aggressive military policy against neighboring states which is being conducted in the Russian Federation.

Timeline and examples of media coverage of the RPS Presidium members work on the new law

On September 26, 2022, a meeting of the expert council of the Committee on Family, Women and Children was held²²⁸ (the meeting coincided with the shooting in Izhevsk²²⁹). During the meeting, the head of this committee and State Duma deputy Nina Ostanina²³⁰, who has been under sanctions from the EU²³¹, the US²³² and other countries since February 2022, voiced the need for a law on psychological assistance, proposing its discussion:

²²⁸ <http://duma.gov.ru/multimedia/video/events/77354/>

²²⁹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Izhevsk_school_shooting

²³⁰

https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9E%D1%81%D1%82%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B8%D0%BD%D0%B0.%D0%9D%D0%B8%D0%BD%D0%B0_%D0%90%D0%BB%D0%B5%D0%BA%D1%81%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B4%D1%80%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%BD%D0%B0

²³¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L:2022:042I:FULL&from=EN>

²³² <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy0677>

"...The most important thing, perhaps, is to help those who are now facing the situation that is developing both abroad and in the country. We understand that the decision on partial mobilization is perceived differently, and in this, of course, the emotionality typical for our people, it really outbursts in completely different ways. But our task is to anticipate this kind of mood in society, our task is to help those people who look healthy, but we do not know what is going... what is going on in their minds..."

She is quoted in the BBC article "A Familiar Name. Who in Russia is promoting the law on psychological assistance in the midst of war"²³³ (02.11.2022). The article describes in detail the process of creating a new law after several years of failed attempts, in particular, it tells about the new beneficiaries and lobbyists of this law – primarily the RPS leaders.

On October 4, 2022, a roundtable discussion "Prospects for the Legislative Regulation of Psychological Activities in the Russian Federation" was held²³⁴ at the Public Chamber of the Russian Federation with the participation of 11 members²³⁵ of the RPS Presidium, including RPS President Yury Zinchenko, to whom the BBC attributes the main ambitions to create a new law by organizing a working group of influential members of the RPS Presidium.

During the roundtable discussion, RPS Vice President Sergey Kandybovich²³⁶ suggests that the new law should include the following clause:

[Video at 1:20:10] "The law should include a clause stating that psychologists act not only in the interests of the client, but also in the interests of the national security of the Russian Federation. And that the activities of a psychologist should not be aimed at forming or encouraging protest sentiments of citizens against the current government, the president and the government of the Russian Federation. On the contrary, in their activities, psychologists should strive to minimize and eliminate any protest moods in society and among its individual members in order to ensure the stable development of the Russian Federation. Consequently, psychologists themselves who are found to be involved in anti-Russian, anti-government actions or statements should be deprived of the right to engage in professional psychological activities. This should be one of the criteria for certification. I believe that in today's situation, this should be a mandatory position."²³⁷

This statement is an attempt to push through propagandistic regulation, possible coercion of professionals to cooperate with the authorities, and an attempt to take control of clients' right to confidentiality during sessions. These concerns have been covered in various media²³⁸, including the BBC article mentioned above.

²³³ <https://www.bbc.com/russian/features-63482465>

²³⁴ https://www.oprf.ru/live_stream/1338

²³⁵ <https://psy.su/feed/10349/>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20240523131700/https://psy.su/feed/10349/>

²³⁶ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1063/

https://web.archive.org/web/20240809123703/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1063/

²³⁷ https://www.oprf.ru/live_stream/1338

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<https://www.svoboda.org/a/suverennaya-terapiya-z-psihologi-pomogayut-otpravlyati-lyudey-na-voynu/32571135.html?withmediaplayer=1>

In the fall of 2022, RPS President Yury Zinchenko widely commented on the creation of the law in media close to the state authorities, such as Parlamentskaya Gazeta²³⁹, TASS²⁴⁰, and Rossiyskaya Gazeta²⁴¹.

On October 20, 2022, the law on psychological assistance was discussed with the Deputy Minister of Health of the Russian Federation as part of a roundtable discussion on "Ensuring the Psychological Well-Being of the Population" on the platform of the Rossiya Segodnya media group.²⁴² The event is attended by 5 members of the RPS Presidium²⁴³, including RPS President Yury Zinchenko and RPS Vice President Pavel Yermakov²⁴⁴.

On September 21, 2023, during the IV Russian Congress of Psychologists of the Security Services of the Russian Federation²⁴⁵, RPS Vice President Yulia Shoigu²⁴⁶ and RPS Presidium member Valentina Barabanshchikova²⁴⁷ also comment on the creation of the new law, in particular, the topic of the register is mentioned:

"The head of the Russian Emergencies Ministry delegation, Director of the Center for Emergency Psychological Assistance Yulia Shoigu, raised an important issue regarding the drafting of a federal law 'On the Basics of Regulating Psychological Assistance in the Russian Federation'."(...)

She also noted that one of the difficult issues being discussed today is the creation of a Federal Register of Psychologists.

At the moment, the draft law is in the active stage of development and discussion of such issues as the certification of psychologists and the powers of federal executive authorities.

"Due to the great interest of all institutions to resolve the issue of psychological assistance, we are confident that the representatives of the parties will soon reach an agreement and the draft law will be submitted to the State Duma for consideration," said Yulia.

Valentina Vladimirovna Barabanshchikova, Head of the Department of Psychological Work of the Russian Ministry of Defense, continued the topic of regulation and the results achieved in this area. She spoke about the implementation of the professional standard "Psychologist in Service", which was

²³⁹ <https://www.pnp.ru/social/rossiyan-khotyat-zashhitit-ot-lipovykh-psikhologov.html>

²⁴⁰ <https://tass.ru/obschestvo/15903591>

²⁴¹ <https://rg.ru/2022/10/05/reg-urfo/zachem-nuzhen-federalnyj-zakon-o-psihologicheskoy-pomoshchi.html>

²⁴² <https://pressria.ru/20221020/953861557.html>

²⁴³ <https://psy.su/feed/10412/>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20230206123522/https://psy.su/feed/10412/>

²⁴⁴ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/977/

https://web.archive.org/web/20240415120344/http://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/index.php?psychologist=977

²⁴⁵ https://dzen.ru/a/ZRQWBqn_o2nGKIXb

²⁴⁶ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1050/

https://web.archive.org/web/20240812115231/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1050/

²⁴⁷ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/13558/

https://web.archive.org/web/20240812133130/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/13558/

https://web.archive.org/web/20231120104151/https://structure.mil.ru/management/details.htm?id=12303669@SD_Employee

approved on April 27, 2023, registered with the Ministry of Justice and adopted by the Ministry of Labor. In practice, this means that civilian specialists hired for psychological positions in the security services must have specialized education that meets this professional standard.”



In November 2023, during a joint press conference at the press center of the Rossiya Segodnya news agency dedicated to the Day of the Psychologist, members of the RPS Presidium, together with the deputy head of the sanctioned Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation, Sergei Vylegzhanin, RPS President Yury Zinchenko mentioned the continuation of work on the draft law:

"Together with the State Duma, the Federation Council, and the Ministry of Health, we are working on a draft law on psychological assistance, because without this federal framework it is still impossible to regulate the field of psychology."²⁴⁸

On November 21, 2023, the State Duma hosted a roundtable discussion on promoting the law on psychological assistance, which was attended by 4 members of the RPS Presidium²⁴⁹, including RPS President Yury Zinchenko and RPS Vice President Yulia Shoigu. As part of this event, in honor of the Russian Day of the Psychologist, Anna Kuznetsova, Deputy Speaker of the State Duma, presented letters of recognition to all the above-mentioned RPS members from the Chairman of the State Duma of the Russian Federation "For a significant contribution to the development of psychological assistance in the Russian Federation".

²⁴⁸ <https://psy.su/feed/11787/>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20240809083419/https://psy.su/feed/11787/>

²⁴⁹ <https://psy.su/feed/11792/>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20240305014456/https://www.psy.su/feed/11792/>



In February 2024, RPS Vice President Yulia Shoigu commented on why the law on psychological assistance has not yet been adopted.²⁵⁰

On July 9, 2024, the State Duma hosted a roundtable discussion on the "Fundamentals of Psychological Activity" regarding the law that is currently being developed.²⁵¹ The roundtable was attended by RPS President Yury Zinchenko and RPS Presidium member Vitaly Rubtsov²⁵². The roundtable was chaired by State Duma deputy Tatiana Larionova²⁵³, who is under sanctions from the EU²⁵⁴, the US²⁵⁵ and other countries.

On November 22, 2024, the already mentioned at the beginning of the section sanctioned State Duma deputy Nina Ostanina noted that the development of the law was in its final stages:

"I would like to inform you that in the near future the Working Group, which, after the roundtable held this summer, processed a huge number of proposals from the professional community and included everything necessary in the draft law, will present its final version. Currently, our lawyers are "polishing" the text. There are just a few days left to complete the work. As soon as it is finalized, we will be able to send the document to the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Government for examination as a slightly delayed gift for today's holiday" (...)

²⁵⁰ <https://news.ru/society/doch-shoigu-obyasnila-pochemu-zakon-o-psiologicheskoy-pomoshi-eshe-ne-prinyat/>

²⁵¹ <https://www.psy.su/feed/12413/> <https://web.archive.org/web/20240725203145/https://www.psy.su/feed/12413/>

²⁵² https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1045/

https://web.archive.org/web/20240812130912/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/1045/

²⁵³ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tatiana_Larionova

²⁵⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L:2023:0591:FULL&from=EN>

²⁵⁵ <https://ofac.treasury.gov/recent-actions/20220930>

"Today, psychologists are successfully working in the education and healthcare systems, the Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of Emergency Situations, as part of public and religious organizations, as well as business structures. I would like to emphasize that their heartfelt work is in great demand among the soldiers of the Special Military Operation and their families. Of course, such important functions for society are directly related to national security. That is why our Committee has long been insisting on the adoption of the law "On Psychological Activity in the Russian Federation". It is necessary both to protect psychologists and determine their status, and to cut off various charlatans from practical psychology," emphasized N.A. Ostanyna in her greeting."²⁵⁶

Conclusions

The references in the Russian state media demonstrate that members of the Presidium of the RPS, headed by RPS President Yury Zinchenko, play a key role in the development of the law on psychological assistance in Russia.

The previous sections demonstrate how this organization disregards ethical principles, participating in the building and promoting of the state ideology of Russia. It is important to monitor the results of the creation of a new regulatory law on psychological aid for hidden mechanisms of control and influence, including increased propaganda and violation of the ethics of the psychological profession.

The lawmaking activities of the RPS should get special attention, given the reliance of the state apparatus, including V. Putin personally, on psychological activities as a tool for propaganda and implementation of ideology, including the work of psychologists with participants of the so-called SMO. The interest in psychological disciplines and tools expressed by the representatives of the presidential apparatus is noted in the above-mentioned BBC article:

"At the same time, two BBC interlocutors from the psychological field and a specialized institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences tell us about the interest of Sergey Kiriyenko, the first deputy of the Presidential Administration (PA), in the field of psychology in general. According to the latter, since the beginning of the war, the AP and other government agencies have repeatedly commissioned psychology-related research. Officials were interested in the mood in society."²⁵⁷

As another disturbing example, on October 15, 2024, the State Duma of the Russian Federation adopted in the first reading a draft law on youth policy initiated by Edinaya Rossiya. This bill was commented on by Artem Metelev²⁵⁸, chairman of the State Duma Committee on Youth Policy, who is under sanctions from the EU²⁵⁹, the US²⁶⁰, and a number of other countries:

"In 2020, the State Duma adopted the federal law On Youth Policy. This was an important step for the development of the sector, as it formed a number of basic concepts, directions, architecture and powers

²⁵⁶ <https://psy.su/feed/12718/>

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²⁵⁷ <https://www.bbc.com/russian/features-63482465>

²⁵⁸ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Artem_Metelev

²⁵⁹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32022D0331>

²⁶⁰ <https://ofac.treasury.gov/recent-actions/20220930>

of the authorities. The most important task was to fill it with content and support measures," the parliamentarian said at the plenary session.

According to him, over the course of four years, a request to update the document has been formed.

Another reason is the special military operation, which makes adjustments to approaches to working with young people. (...)

"We are updating the conceptual apparatus for new tasks. We propose to expand the areas of youth policy – they are formulated at the request of the time. The new ones will be: protection of rights and legal education, assistance in providing social and psychological aid, increasing motivation for self-education, social sports, youth initiative budgeting" (...)

Another set of changes ensures the introduction of a separate article on "Patriotic Education of Youth."

"The adoption of the law this year will ensure unified approaches to patriotic education. Firstly, the focus of the work will be on a new area – the formation of readiness to fulfill the duty of defense of the Fatherland. Secondly, we will develop unified sets of measures to foster civic consciousness, patriotism, respect for history, and readiness to serve the country. At the federal level, we will propose that the package of measures be approved by the government, which will allow us to coordinate the work of various agencies. Third, patriotic organizations of all types will receive priority support from the state."²⁶¹

Conclusions

Since 2022, the Russian Psychological Society has engaged in a range of concerning activities. Numerous open sources confirm close cooperation between the RPS and sanctioned organizations like the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation and the Znanie Society. Some RPS members hold positions on the boards of these sanctioned entities, occupy high-ranking academic or government positions, and receive state awards.

While the RPS claims to merely "help people," their work with participants of the so-called "Special Military Operation" primarily aims to reframe and cover the true impact of the war.

They consistently attempt to portray the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine as a just war defending "Russian values" and state interests, while downplaying the potential risks for PTSD and other post-combat disorders.

The RPS develops a new, more subtle language to describe the war as just and inevitable. This language infiltrates their work with children and youth, either directly or through collaborations with organizations like the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation and "YunArmia" ("Young Army"). This approach

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<https://moscow.er.ru/activity/news/gosduma-prinyala-v-pervom-chtenii-iniciirovannyj-edinoj-rossii-zakonoproekt-o-molodyo-zhnoj-politike>

poses a long-term risk to European security and the mental health of the children themselves, as it exposes them to militaristic narratives and prepares them for participation in current or future conflicts.

The RPS actively seeks international cooperation within the psychological community. However, this cooperation is primarily instrumentalized for two purposes. First, for domestic legitimization to enhance their influence and legitimacy inside Russia. Second, for ideology dissemination, to promote Russian state narratives, their own distorted view of history, justice, and the desired world order within international scientific discourse. While these messages may not always be explicitly “pro-war”, their goals are evident in the politicized academic work of many RPS members.

These activities require immediate attention and assessment from the international scientific and professional community.

List of Key Figures and Organizations

1. Yury Zinchenko²⁶²

President of the RPS, professor, member of the Russian Academy of Education, Ph.D., Chair of Department of Methodology of Psychology at Moscow State University²⁶³. Co-chair of the Coordination Council of the sanctioned organization Znanie.²⁶⁴ Participated in establishing a RPS branch in the “Donetsk People's Republic”²⁶⁵, which is internationally recognized Ukrainian territory illegally occupied by Russia in 2014²⁶⁶.

2. Pavel Yermakov²⁶⁷

First Vice President of the RPS, professor, member of the Russian Academy of Education, Ph.D. Participated in establishing a RPS branch in the “Donetsk People's Republic”²⁶⁸.

3. Yulia Shoigu²⁶⁹

Vice President of the RPS, Ph.D., head of the Emergency Psychological Assistance Center of the Russian Ministry of Emergency Situations²⁷⁰. Yulia Shoigu is the daughter of former Russian Defense

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²⁶³ <https://msupedj.ru/en/authors/10607/>

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²⁶⁹ [Yulia Shoigu - Wikipedia](#)

²⁷⁰ [Центр экстренной психологической помощи МЧС России — Википедия](#)

Minister Sergei Shoigu²⁷¹, who was responsible for Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Both are on the U.S. Sanctions List (SDN List)²⁷².

4. Sergey Kandybovich²⁷³

Vice President of the RPS, corresponding member of the Russian Academy of Education, Ph.D.. Putin's trusted advisor during the 2018²⁷⁴ and 2024 elections²⁷⁵.

5. Eduard Galazhinsky²⁷⁶

Vice President of the RPS, Ph.D., Rector of Tomsk State University²⁷⁷.

Signed a collective appeal of the Russian Union of Rectors in support of President Vladimir Putin in conducting a Special Military Operation against Ukraine On March 4, 2022²⁷⁸.

6. Alexander Veraksa²⁷⁹

Vice President of the RPS, member of the Russian Academy of Education, Ph.D., Head of the Department at Lomonosov Moscow State University²⁸⁰. In close cooperation with the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation and Znanie Society.

7. Maria Kiselova²⁸¹

RPS Presidium member, Ph.D.. The wife²⁸² of Dmitry Kiselyov²⁸³, a propagandist sanctioned by the United States²⁸⁴, the European Union²⁸⁵, Canada²⁸⁶, and other countries.

8. Igor Gaydamashko²⁸⁷

RPS Presidium member, Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Ph.D., Acting Rector of Sochi State University²⁸⁸. Signed a collective appeal of the Russian Union of Rectors in support of

²⁷¹ [Sergei Shoigu - Wikipedia](#)

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https://web.archive.org/web/20240809100613/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/13557/

²⁸⁸ <https://en.sutr.ru/index.php/about-ssu/about-us>

President Vladimir Putin in conducting a Special Military Operation against Ukraine On March 4, 2022²⁸⁹.

9. Elvira Simanyuk²⁹⁰

RPS Presidium member, professor, director of the Ural Humanitarian Institute at Ural Federal University, the wife of former FSB Major General Vasily Semeniuk²⁹¹.

10. Mikhail Reshetnikov²⁹²

RPS Presidium member, professor, Ph.D., MD, rector of the East European Institute of Psychoanalysis in St. Petersburg²⁹³.

11. Larysa Tsvetkova²⁹⁴

RPS Presidium member, Chairman of the Ethics Committee of RPS, Acting Vice President of the Russian Academy of Education²⁹⁵, Chief Supervisor in Medical Psychology of the Ministry of Health in the Northwestern Federal District²⁹⁶.

12. Alexander Karayani²⁹⁷

RPS Presidium member, professor, corresponding member of the Russian Academy of Education, Ph.D..

13. Artem Kovalyov²⁹⁸

RPS Presidium member, Ph.D., member of the Coordination Council for Youth Affairs in Science and Education of the Presidential Council for Science and Education²⁹⁹, Deputy Dean of the Department of Psychology at Lomonosov Moscow State University for Academic Affairs³⁰⁰.

14. Tatyana Razina³⁰¹

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³⁰¹ https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/13562/ https://web.archive.org/web/20240812132155/https://psyrus.ru/en/psy_en/person/13562/

RPS Presidium member, Ph.D., member of the Commission on Patriotic and Moral Education of Children and Youth.

15. **Valentina Barabanshchikova**³⁰²

RPS Presidium member, member of Russian Academy of Education, Ph.D., Head of the Department of Psychological Work of the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation³⁰³.

16. **"Znanie" Society**

Educational and propagandist organization, which was created by a decree of the President of the Russian Federation. Znanie is under European Union sanctions for spreading propaganda and supporting the war against Ukraine.³⁰⁴

17. **Foundation "Defenders of the Fatherland"**

Was founded by a decree of the President of the Russian Federation to aid Russian veterans of the war of aggression in Ukraine. The Foundation is funded by the Russian Government and the key staff are appointed directly by either the President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin or the Russian Government. Operates in the illegally occupied territories of Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts and Crimea. Foundation "Defenders of the Fatherland" is under European Union sanctions for spreading propaganda and supporting the war against Ukraine.³⁰⁵

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