

Political Propaganda in Russian Schools

In Russia, the government sometimes uses political propaganda to shape the way young people think and feel about their country. Propaganda can be found in various forms, such as school assignments or initiatives, that aim to influence young Russians' views on important issues. One example is the way the Kremlin shapes the narrative surrounding the Ukrainian-Russian war.

Russian schools sometimes include assignments that promote a positive image of the country and its government. These assignments encourage students to express their positive feelings about their country and its culture. Students may highlight achievements, historical events, or natural beauty when writing about their love for Russia.

Initiatives aimed at young Russians may promote the idea that Russia's actions in the Ukrainian conflict are justified or defensive. These initiatives often emphasize Russia's historical ties to Ukraine and downplay any negative consequences of its involvement.

In this "PROPAGANDA" artwork, I created a multi-layered collage from the perspective of a teenage student who completed this homework project. Using the colors of the Russian flag - red, white, blue - to show patriotism. The images of Lenin, Stalin, and Putin represent political strength. Saint Basil's Cathedral reflects religious values. The Matryoshka nesting dolls are representative of crafts so popular they are desired and collected all over the world.

The artwork represents the naivete of Russian youth, who are fed with nationalistic propaganda, and inhibited from seeking information beyond their borders.

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