

RUSSIA RELATED ANALYTICAL DIGEST ON JANUARY 2025

The world needs a proactive strategy on Russia, taking the initiative by developing and communicating a clear strategic vision for Ukraine, along with a plan to contain and counter Russian influence.

The [NGO ANTS](#) conducts monitoring and research work on the state not only of the Ukrainian economy and society, but of the Russian economy and Russian society as well in order to have a true picture of the situation in this country, and not be satisfied with the bluff, hybrid aggression and desinformation that Vladimir Putin loves so much.

Fortunately, in today's world it is difficult to hide anything, and realistic conclusions can be drawn if information is analyzed in a timely and correct manner, having instant access to the Russian and international information field, and an excellent understanding of the context and social processes.

The head of our organization, Dr. Hanna Hopko, former head of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, is making great efforts in the international arena to advocate for the cessation of appeasement of the aggressor, who should not be irrationally feared, because his economy and social processes are far from being in the best shape.



Russian economy — putin's vulnerable spot



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Since the start of the full-scale invasion, Russia has been under extreme pressure from international sanctions, the frozen foreign exchange reserves, Europe and Ukraine's Western partners' refusal to buy Russian energy, restrictions on foreign trade, capital withdrawals and rapid growth in military spending.

But will the Kremlin be able to continue financing the war in 2025?

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Mosaic of Russian economic news for January 2025

- Russia continues to benefit from the sale of its energy resources, despite certain difficulties, but foresees a reduction in profits from their exports in the future.
- The main problems in the economy are felt by business and the population, which are not related to exports or war. The budget has a deficit budget for the third year in a row. The Russian economy is facing a threat of a large-scale jump in corporate bankruptcies.
- Sanctions and the large resource burden of the war create many complex structural problems that will be difficult to overcome in the future: technological backwardness, personnel hunger, dependence on China, which takes the opportunity to benefit from Russia's situation.

- In order to bluff and hide high inflation and other negative trends, the Russians have decided to hide statistical data, which potentially, together with ineffective state management, will create additional problems for economic institutions, enterprises that will build their strategies blindly.



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Mosaic of socio-political news from Russia for January 2025

- The population that does not earn money from the war is becoming poorer, oppressed and depressed not only due to growing poverty, but also due to additional repressions, restrictions on access to sources of information.
- In trying to restore the so-called “sphere of interest”, Russia has achieved the opposite: NATO has become closer, raw material markets have been lost, and influence over former allies has decreased. Experts observe that the Kremlin does not have a clear understanding of the ways to end the war and realistic conditions for negotiations.



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