

## *Sarmatian Review Data*

### **Advantages of having had an empire**

Amount of money the British earn annually by summer hosting of foreign students who want to learn English: 1.2 billion dollars.

Source: Beppe Severgnini, "The Invasion of Britain," *New York Times*, 16 July 2014.

### **Are Belarusians really so close to Russians?**

In 2014, percentage of Belarusians who want to unify into one polity with Russians: 9.8 percent, a decline from 13.0 percent in 2012.

Source: Grigory Ioffe, "Belarus's Independence Day," *Eurasian Daily Monitor*, vol. 11, no. 131 (18 July 2014).

### **AIDS in Russia**

Number of confirmed cases in Russia of HIV virus in 2004: 170,000.

Estimated number of such cases in 2014: 1.2 million.

Percentage of new worldwide HIV infections occurring in Russia in 2014: 55 percent.

Number of people injecting drugs in Russia in 2014: 1.8 million, or 2.3 percent of the country's population.

Other former Soviet republics where HIV infections have risen since 1991: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan. Uzbekistan.

Source: "Why Are HIV Rates So High in Russia?" *International Business Times*, 13 September 2014 <<http://www.ibtimes.com/why-are-hiv-rates-so-high-russia-1687850>>, accessed on the same day.

### **Monuments to Lenin in Ukraine**

Number of monuments to Lenin in Ukraine that have been razed since the Maidan demonstrations: 374.

Groups that defend Lenin monuments and object to the "leninopad" movement: ethnic Russians—carrying Russian Orthodox, White Guard, and Romanov House flags.

Source: Grzegorz Górny in <[wpolityce.pl](http://wpolityce.pl)>, 15 September 2014 <<http://wpolityce.pl/polityka/213921-gorny-w-ciagu-ostatnich-9-miesiecy-zdemonutowano-na-ukrainie-374-pomniki-lenina>>, accessed on the same day.

### **Salaries of U.S. university administrators**

Average compensation for presidents of all public research universities: 544,554 dollars, an increase of 14 percent between 2009 and 2012.

Average compensation for presidents at the 25 highest-paying universities: 974,006 dollars.

Other characteristics of the 25 highest-paying universities: student debt there is worse than at other schools; administrative spending is double the amount spent on student aid; the percentage of poorly paid part-time adjunct faculty increased more than twice as fast as the national average for all universities between 2009–2012.

Similarities between the top officials at American universities and executives in the banking sector: both weathered the fall 2008 financial crisis with minimal or no reductions in total compensation.

Source: Institute for Policy Studies Research, as reported in the *New York Times* editorial, 24 May 2014 <<http://www.nytimes.com/20140524/opinion/fat-cat-administrators>>, accessed on the same day.

### **Increase in the average price of higher education between 1978–2014**

Cost of the college degree in 2014: eleven times more than the cost in 1978.

Source: David Bromwich, "The Hi-Tech Mess of Higher Education," *The New York Review of Books*, 14 August 2014 <<http://www.nybooks.com/articles/archives/2014/aug/14/hi-tech-mess-higher-education/?insrc=toc>>, accessed 14 September 2014.

### **Is America still a heaven for the common man?**

Total household wealth owned by the top 0.1 percent of Americans: 22 percent in 2012, up from 7 percent in the late 1970s.

Who are the top 0.1 percent? 160,000 families, each with total net assets of more than \$20 million in 2012. How this compares to the poorest 145 million citizens: together their wealth equals that of the top 0.1 percent.

Source: Chris Matthews, "Wealth inequality in America: It's worse than you think," *Fortune*, 31 October 2014 <[http://fortune.com/2014/10/31/inequality-wealth-income-us/?xid=yahoo\\_fortune](http://fortune.com/2014/10/31/inequality-wealth-income-us/?xid=yahoo_fortune)>, accessed 31 October 2014.

### Emigration from Russia

The number of Russians emigrating in 2012–2013: five times higher than in the two years before Putin began a new six-year term in May 2012.

Emigration in figures: 186,382 moved abroad in 2013 and 122,751 in 2012, compared to 36,774 in 2011 and 33,578 in 2010.

Source: “Putin’s Ukraine gamble hastens exodus of Russian money and talent,” Reuters, 14 August 2014 <<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/putins-ukraine-gamble-hastens-exodus-053000186.html>>, accessed on the same day.

### Economic sanctions and emigration from Russia

Number of people who emigrated from Russia in the first eight months of 2014: 203,659, more than in any full year under Vladimir Putin’s rule.

Source: Jason Corcoran et al., “Russia Brain Drain Saps Talent as Sanctions Hit Financing,” *Bloomberg News*, 26 October 2014 <<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-10-27/russia-brain-drain-saps-talent-as-sanctions-hit-financing.html>>, accessed 26 October 2014.

### Violence against women: An EU-wide survey

Number of states in which the survey was conducted: 28, or all EU states.

Basis of survey: interviews with 42,000 women across the EU.

Time of survey: March 2014.

Violence experienced from a sexual partner since age 15: EU average 28 percent; Denmark 30–39 percent; Germany, UK, France 20–29 percent; Poland, Italy, Austria 10–19 percent.

Violence experienced from a nonsexual partner (member of the household, random violence): EU average 28 percent; Denmark 30–50 percent; Sweden, Finland, UK, France 30–39 percent; Germany, Austria, Czech Republic 20–29 percent; Poland, Lithuania, Latvia 10–19 percent.

Percentage of women who experienced sexual harassment since the age of 15: Sweden, 81 percent; Denmark, 80 percent; France, 75 percent; UK, 68 percent; Germany, 60 percent; Poland, 32 percent.

Percentage of women who experienced sexual harassment since the age of 15 and who have tertiary education (college): France, 91 percent; Denmark, 83 percent; Germany, 82 percent; UK, 78 percent; Poland, 40 percent.

Source: “Violence against women: an EU-wide survey. Results at a glance,” European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, <<http://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2014/vaw-survey-results-at-a-glance>>, accessed 30 October 2014.

### Russia’s global deception campaign

Principal international media corporations whose alleged central purpose is to distribute news advantageous to Russia’s political purposes: RT (Russia Today), directed by Dmitrii Kisilov; and Babo (including <tjournal.ru> and <Lifenews.com>), a company recently launched in London and owned by Ashot Gabrelyanov, son of Avram Gabrelyanov (both are media moguls and Putin loyalists).

Recent (10 November 2014) RT announcement about new venues for distribution of information: a website <Sputniknews.com> that broadcasts in 30 languages covering over 140 cities in 34 countries.

Percentage increase of RT’s budget in 2015 by comparison to 2014: 41 percent, amounting to 337 million dollars.

First round of Gabrelyanov’s Babo hires: professionals in media environment in the United States, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East.

Source: Fatima Tlis, “The Kremlin Octopus of International Propaganda—Obvious and Hidden Tentacles,” *Eurasia Daily Monitor*, vol. 11, no. 202 (12 November 2014).

### Polish students from Białystok Polytechnic win Japanese award in nanotechnology

Name, place, and time of competition: International Contest of Applications in Nano-Micro Technology in Sendai, Japan, 19–21 July 2014.

Number of participating teams: 23, from countries including Germany, France, Switzerland, New Zealand, China, Japan, and Poland.

What the Polish students constructed: a robot that weighs only 22 lbs. and can work in dangerous conditions (earthquakes, methane accumulation) over a large territory.

Territories where the robot can be used: eastern Japan and Siberia.

Source: “Robot RECON studentów Politechniki Białostockiej nagrodzony w Japonii,” portal <wpolityce.pl>, 21 July 2014 <<http://wpolityce.pl/lifestyle/205951-robot-recon-studentow-politechniki-bialostockiej-nagrodzony-w-japonii>>h accessed 22 July 2014.