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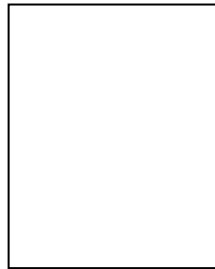
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“I demolish my bridges behind me...then there is no choice but to move forward”

- Fridtjof Nansen-

“The wise are not wise because they make no mistakes. They are wise because they correct their mistakes as soon as they recognize them.”

- Xenocide-

“Frustration is the result of failed expectations.”

-Stuart Kidder-

“Wisdom comes to each of us when realize how little we understand about life ourselves, and the world around us”

-Socrates-

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ACRONYMS

BBC	: <i>British Broadcasting Corporation</i>
CIA	: <i>Central Intelligence Agency</i>
CPJ	: <i>Committee to Protect Journalist</i>
EU	: <i>European Union</i>
ITAR-TASS	: <i>Informatsionnoye telegrafnoye agentstvo Rossii (The Information Telegraph Agency of Russia)</i>
KGB	: <i>Komitet Gosudarstvennoy Bezopasnosti (committee for State Security, Former USSR)</i>
NATO	: <i>North Atlantic Treaty Organization</i>
NGO	: <i>Non-Governmental Organization</i>
NTV	: <i>Russian Television Channel</i>
OSCE	: <i>Organization for Security and Co-Operation in Europe</i>
RAO UES	: <i>Unified Energy System of Russia</i>
RFS	: <i>Reporters Sans Frontieres</i>
RTR	: <i>Form name of Rossiya 1</i>
SPS	: <i>Union or Right Forces</i>
VGTRK	: <i>Vserossiyskaya gosudarstvennaya televizionnaya i radioveshchatelnaya kompaniya (All-Russia State Television and Radio Broadcasting Company)</i>
VTSIOM	: <i>All-Russian Center for the Study of Public Opinion</i>

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ABSTRACT

This undergraduate thesis tries to explore the implementation of Democracy toward freedom of press as the civil liberties in Russia under Putin. During his administration in 2000 until 2008, he succeeded to solve the economical problem in Russia. Many reforms he made to increase the welfare of society after Yeltsin cannot give in his administration. He succeeded to raise the per capita income and erased the debt. He tried to bring Russia back into the power of world, except the economical factor he also reset the federation system and strengthening the military system. Unfortunately, the increasing of economic was not followed by the freedom of press. Democracy of Russia to be down and suffer because the decreasing value of freedom of the press. The power of government and elite group forced the media to do what they want. He got benefit such as increasing his popularity with controlled in media mass. Moreover, the violence, murder and arrests also often obtained by journalist in his administration. Since first and second term of Putin, 24 journalists were killed and many of those cases were unsolved. Russian government under Putin became skeptics to determine the essential of democracy and focus only on civil liberties which look like only name.

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