



Scholar's Secret Success-Finder

Topic: "The Spirit of Transparency": Early Impacts of Glasnost on Russian Society

As You Begin... Glasnost (from the Russian word for "publicity") was a policy of openness, first introduced to the former Soviet Union by Mikhail Gorbachev in 1985. The policy enabled public debate and gave voice to previously silenced entities. This all-new freedom of speech made a massive impact on Russian society – in ways both anticipated *and* surprising.

Start by Getting an Overview of Your Topic:

Eisen, Jonathan. *The Glasnost reader*. New York : New American Library, 1990.

Encyclopedia of Russian History. New York : Macmillan Reference USA, 2004.

Laqueur, Walter. *The long road to freedom: Russia and Glasnost*. New York : C. Scribners, 1989.

Dig Deeper into Books – find them using the Library Catalog... try browsing these subjects in the catalog (or scanning ~947.085 on the shelf):

Glasnost.
Soviet Union – Politics and Government – 1982-
Soviet Union – Intellectual Life – 20th century.

Soviet Union – Economic conditions – 1976-
Soviet Union – Social conditions – 1970-

Try these Keywords... (especially in combination) when searching the internet or library catalog:

Glasnost
Freedom of speech (or expression or
information)
Russia
Soviet Union (or USSR)

Journalism (or mass media)
Communications policy
Intellectual freedom
Impact (or effects or consequences)

Read what Experts Say in Published Articles (search inspire.IN.gov indexes to find them)...

try limiting your search by *keywords in the title, descriptors*, and "Scholarly Journals." For contemporary views and reports from the time of Glasnost, limit publication year to 1985-1991.

Academic Search Premier (EBSCOhost)
History Resource Center: World (Gale Group)

Newspaper Source

Save Time by Exploring these Vetted Websites first...

Library of Congress / Soviet Archives Exhibit <http://www.ibiblio.org/expo/soviet.exhibit/perest.html>
Democratization and Glasnost in the USSR (Dec 4, 1987), C-SPAN Video Library
<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/834-1>

Locate Experts, Find Statistics, or Review Research from Professional Organizations...

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies
<http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~aaass/index.html>

Russian and East European Institute (Indiana University) <http://www.indiana.edu/~reeiweb/>