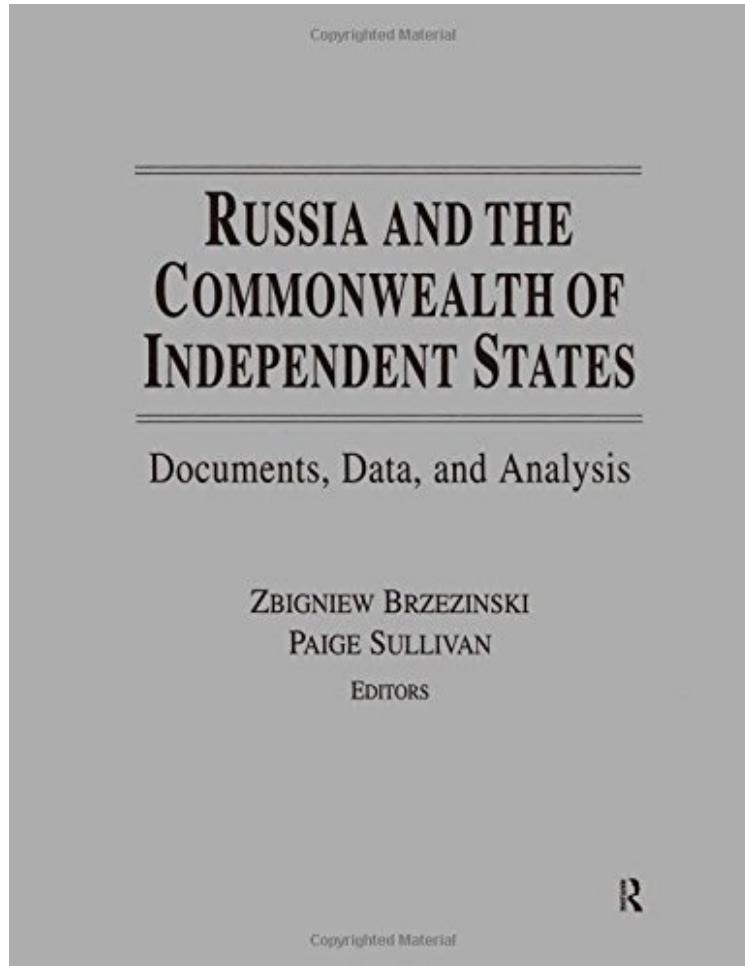


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This work brings together major accords and protocols that form the institutional framework of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS); a selection of policy statements by the leaders of CIS countries; a chronological record of political, economic and military security developments and major crises in CIS "hot spots"; and statistics and country profiles.

From Library Journal Culled chiefly from the Foreign Broadcast Information Service, the documents and data on the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) collected here illustrate key events in the Soviet Union's breakup and the

reformation of its republics into the CIS. Following an introductory overview by Brzezinski, former President Carter's assistant for national security affairs, the documents are arranged in three thematic groups—Reorganization, Great Debates, and Formal Structure—then chronologically within each section. Coverage is through the end of 1995. Appendixes give extra information on five "Hot Spots" of violent civil conflict (Chechnya, Georgia/Abkhazia, Nagorno-Karabakh, Moldova/Trans-Dniestr, and Tajikistan); a chronology of key CIS developments; CIS data; country profiles with maps, charts, and graphs; and useful addresses and phone numbers. Detailed indexes by personal name, subject, and geographic location facilitate the use and retrieval of information. While this reference is rich in documents and data, it is weak in analysis; brief introductory notes to each chapter only sketch the context in which the documents first appeared. Still, specialized collections will appreciate the convenience of having so much good data gathered into one volume.

—Marcia L. Sprules, Council on Foreign Relations Lib., New York

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In creating this record of the dissolution of the Soviet Union with Russia at its center, and the efforts to restore Russia as the central element in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), the editors have adopted the framework of a complete reference book. The volume includes an introduction placing the contents in historical, geographic, and political perspective; a very detailed table of contents; an acronym expander; introductory notes to the numerous primary sources; a subject index; a name index; detailed chronologies of key events; maps; appendixes with economic and demographic charts; graphs; profiles; and a directory of addresses along with footnotes and a bibliography.

The main text, divided into three sections, is a compilation of documents. "The Reorganization of an Empire" contains documents relating to the dissolution of the Soviet Union. "The Grand Debates: Whither, Whether, and What?" presents attempts to redefine the role of Russia and its relationships with the other nations of the former Soviet Union. Much of this section is subdivided by region and nation, so that the reader is provided with a snapshot of, for example, the growing independence of the Ukraine. "The Formal Structure of the CIS" documents the structures, agreements, and protocols that evolved from the debates. Introductory notes at the beginning of each chapter provide background information. Documents include a wide range of sources from print and broadcast media, as well as official publications and releases. The source and translator of each document are cited.

There are many books being published on the concepts of Eurasianism, postcommunism, and the CIS and its component parts. These seek to explain and interpret the politics, economics, and cultures involved in the breakup of the Soviet Union and reformulation of relationships. This reference book presents the documents produced by the players in the drama for the reader's own interpretation and understanding of events and their repercussions. Although expensive for a single volume, it is truly a valuable collection of primary documents. Compiling and organizing these documents into one volume helps put them in perspective, in addition to saving countless hours for the researcher. Recommended for academic and large public libraries with Russian history and international affairs collections.

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