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# DOES HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF?



Though Orwell wrote *Animal Farm* in 1945 to serve as an allegory for the Russian Revolution, his political warnings can also apply to today and decades to come.

[Read "Czar Putin?" by Patricia Smith from \*Upfront Magazine\*](#)



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Use examples from *Animal Farm* to think critically about modern-day Russia.

## FROM "CZAR PUTIN?" ARTICLE

## FROM *ANIMAL FARM*

"Increasingly authoritarian rule"	
"To many Russians, however, Putin is a hero—a strongman...world power"	
"he cultivates his macho image"	
"...tensions stem from Russia's slide back toward authoritarianism..."	
"Putin began gradually consolidating political power, tightening controls over the press...[cracking] down on anti-government ...demonstrations"	
"Russia's economy boomed...[due to their biggest export, oil]"	
"Russians seemed willing to give up some freedoms in exchange for prosperity"	