

RUSSIA: THE NEW REVOLUTION

Russia used to be known as the world's first Communist country that also shaped the 20th century history. Since 1989, it has been a young democracy and people are asking themselves how powerful will the country become in the following years.

There is a huge **gap** between the rich and poor in Russia. If you want **to get into a university** for example, you need money and connections. Moscow, the capital of Russia has become a city **of such contrast** since **the fall of communism**. People of other nationalities **get harassment from the police as well as from young nationalists**. Nowadays, the city streets are full of **trendy bars** and restaurants as well as **affluent youths**, wearing **designer clothes**.

Russia has experienced a **dramatic transformation** since Putin became **President**. **GP, the profits from massive oil and gas exports and people salaries** have **increased**, so that's why people are quite satisfied with Russia now. On the other hand, **the standard of living** is quite low, comparing to the Czech republic and there is a total contrast- **a small elite group of people**, leading the country on the other side.

MY OPINION

The fact that Russia has an enormous gap between the rich and poor surprised me a lot. I would say that the most memorable sentence is »The new Moscow-a city of such contrast-would have been unthinkable under Communism«. I didn't know that people of other nationalities actually get harassment from the police. The article shows how Russia has changed through the history and my comment on that is that the country really changed on better, whereas there should be more opportunities for people that don't earn so much.

a **GAP(n)** a difference that separates people or their opinions, situation, etc.

an **HARASSMENT(n)** persistent, unwanted annoyance of a person

AFFLUENT(adj) having a lot of money and a good standard of living

CONSUMPTION(n) the act of using energy, food or materials

HEREDITARY(adj) inheriting a position from someone else

to **FLOURISH(v)** to develop quickly and be successful or common

GLITZY(adj) appearing very attractive and impressive

a **FOOD RATION CARD(n)** cards issued by a government that allow a person to receive a fixed amount of food when stocks are limited

to **CLOUCH(v)** hold something tightly

CORRUPT(adj) willing to do dishonest or illegal things for money or power