

Russian Propaganda – Then and Now

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Background



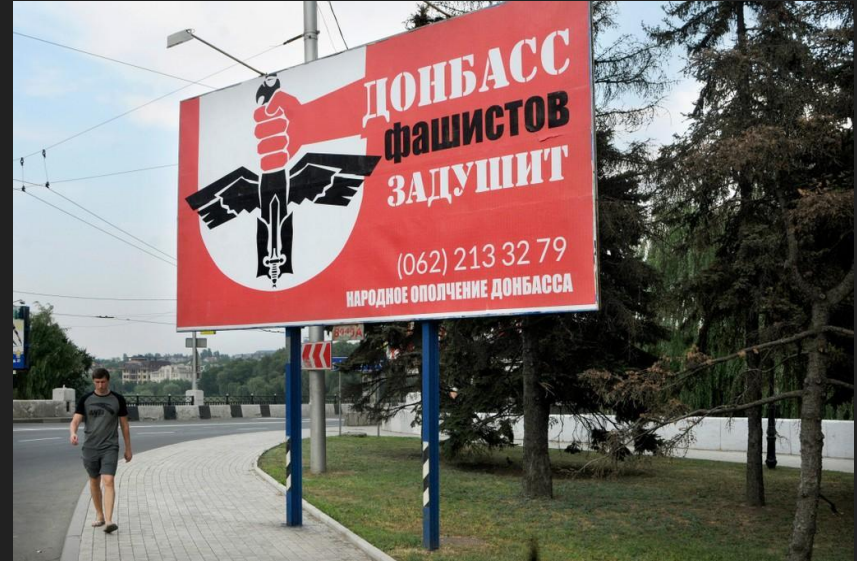
Reality in Kharkiv 40 Years Ago



- Little Octobrist Badge (left)
- Strong Anti-Fascist sentiment
- Grandfather Lenin
- “They” were the people in the west
- Despite children’s optimism, parents were disillusioned
- Two choices on television, state-sponsored news in Russian or state-sponsored news in Ukrainian.

Russian Propaganda Today

- Fueling Donbas separatism (callback to anti-fascism)
- New law criminalizing reporting that contradicts Russia's account of events.
- Widespread misinformation online
 - Syrian and Iraqi footage labeled as Ukrainian
 - False attacks reported to throw off military
- “What (the Russian populous is) supporting is not the war that exists on the ground in Ukraine,” (NPR)



Symbols and Association

- The Red Army
 - Strong nationalist and anti-fascist sentiment
 - Playing 'war' against German nazis

- Готовьтесь к борьбе за дело
Коммунистической партии
 - "Prepare to fight for the cause of the
communist party"

- Donetsk Peoples' Republic
 - Strong nationalist and anti-fascist
sentiment
 - Demonizing fascism beyond its
immediate existence

- за победу - za pobedu
 - "To victory"

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CHECKING

Ukraine fakes



Even Then...

- It's important to consider what propaganda is state-driven and what is independent, while being skeptical of both.



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