**Post-Cold War: Life in an Age of Globalization**

**(1990 to the present)**

Objectives

1. Post-Soviet Russia: Describe how life changed in post-Soviet Russia - describe the features of the economic transition, the nature of the new political system, and the impact of these changes on the lives of different groups of Russians.
2. Post-Soviet East Bloc:
   1. Describe how life changed in the former East Bloc after 1989.
   2. Compare and contrast how various East Bloc countries handled the economic and political transition, and the impact of these changes on the lives of ordinary people.
3. Balkan wars: Explain the causes, key events, and consequences of the Yugoslav civil wars of the 1990s.
4. European unity: Trace the continuation of the movement toward European unity (which began in the post-WWII era) and the challenges it has faced.
5. Globalization:
   1. Analyze how globalization has affected European life in the 1990s and 21st c. - for better and for worse.
   2. Explain how Americanization is tied up with globalization.
   3. Identify some examples of Europeans protesting the impact of globalization.
   4. Identify supranational organizations that formed after World War II, and describe the role that they have played (and continue to play) in the world.
6. Increasing multiculturalism: Analyze the causes and effects of growing ethnic diversity in contemporary Europe.
7. 21st c. challenges: Identify the challenges facing Europe as it proceeds through the 21st century - particularly population decline, growth of immigration, the rise of militant Islam, the future of the European project (i.e. European unity), and climate change/environmental issues.

Terms and People

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| *Post-Soviet Russia*  Boris Yeltsin (r. 1991-1999)  Vladimir Putin (r. 1999-2008, 2012-present)  Dmitry Medvedev (r. 2008-2012)  Caucasus  Chechnya  Georgia - South Ossetia  *East Bloc after 1989*  shock therapy  Ostalgie  *Yugoslavia (Balkan wars)*  Slobodan Milosevic  Bosnia-Herzegovina  Bosniaks  ethnic cleansing  Srebenica  Kosovo | *European Unity*  European Union (1993-present)  Maastricht Treaty (1991)  euro / Eurozone  2008 global recession → euro crisis  Brexit  *Globalization*  United Nations  World Bank + IMF  World Trade Organization (WTO)  non-governmental organizations (NGOs)  *Terrorism / Radical Islam*  terror attacks in Europe - ex. 2004 Madrid  bombings, 2005 London bombings  war on terror - including wars in Afghanistan  (2001-2014) + Iraq (2003-2011)  Arab Spring (2011) |