

# WHO OWNS WHAT IN RUSSIAN MEDIA?

## STATE-OWNED MEDIA

### NEWS AGENCIES

**RIA NOVOSTI.** Founded in 1941, RIA Novosti operates over 70 online information services in 14 languages. In addition to its own multimedia news agency, it owns the economic information agency Prime.  
**ITAR-TASS.** Founded in 1904, ITAR-TASS operates over 200 information products, covering political, economic, social, cultural and sporting themes in six languages.

### PRINT MEDIA

**ROSSIYSKAYA GAZETA.** A daily newspaper, which is the official publisher of state documents.  
**PARLAMENTSKAYA GAZETA.** Paper founded by the Federation Council and the State Duma in 1998.  
**KRASNAYA ZVEZDA.** The main source of information about the Russian Defense Ministry.  
**MOSKOVSKIYE NOVOSTI.** A daily newspaper published by RIA Novosti. The news agency also produces English and Arabic papers under the same name.

### RADIO AND TV

**VGTRK HOLDING.** The Russian State Television and Radio Company (VGTRK) was founded in 1990 and united in its current form in 1998. The group operates: Three national television channels: Rossiya 1, Rossiya 2 and Rossiya K. Youth channel Bibigon.  
**89 REGIONAL TELEVISION AND RADIO STATIONS**  
**ROSSIYA 24.** RTR Planeta. Russian version of Euronews. Five radio stations: Radio Mayak, Radio Rossii, Kultura, Vesti FM and Yunost.  
**ZVEZDA MEDIA GROUP.** Owned by the Russian Defense Ministry, Zvezda operates a television and radio channel, both called Zvezda.

## MEDIA INDIRECTLY CONTROLLED BY THE STATE

**TVERSKAYA 13.** The Moscow government newspaper. The Joint Moscow Mayor and Government Publishing House, which prints Moskovskiy Torgi, Pervoklassniki i roditeli and Shastlivaya Svadba.  
**VECHERNYAYA MOSKVA.** Daily evening paper.

**TV CENTER.** A television station founded in 1997, it operates a Moscow channel, which can also be viewed across the rest of Russia.  
**MOSCOW 24.** 24-hour news channel.  
**RADIO CENTER.** Founded in 1997 by mayoral decree, Radio Center operates Radio Sport and Govorit Moskva stations in the capital, as well as a regional network.

## MEDIA OWNED BY THE MOSCOW CITY GOVERNMENT

**GAZPROM MEDIA.** Founded in 1998, Gazprom Media owns some of the biggest names in Russian media.

**SEVEN DAYS PUBLISHING HOUSE.** Including magazines such as Itogi, Seven Days, Karavan Istoriy, and Tribuna.

**CHANNEL 1.** Leading Moscow-based channel with the largest coverage in Russia.

## MEDIA IN WHICH THE STATE HAS A CONTROLLING STAKE

**TELEVISION CHANNELS NTV, TNT AND NTV PLUS RADIO STATIONS ECHO OF MOSCOW, FIRST POPULAR RADIO, CITY FM, RELAX FM AND DETSKOYE RADIO.**

## MEDIA INDIRECTLY CONTROLLED BY THE STATE

**INTERFAX.** An independent news agency founded in 1989, Interfax operates over 30 subsidiaries throughout Russia, the CIS and China, including Finmarket.

**ONEXIM GROUP.** Owned by Mikhail Prokhorov, Onexim controls the RBK Media Holding, which operates a number of business-focused news web sites, as well as RBK TV, and publishes the daily newspaper RBK Daily and a monthly news magazine called RBK. Onexim also owns magazines F5, Snob and Russian Pioneer.

**EXPERT MEDIA HOLDING.** Founded in 1995, Expert publishes the business magazine Expert as well as specialist regional versions of Expert and Russian Reporter.

**MEDIA-3.** Founded in 2007 to run PromSvyazCapital's media assets, which include the Argumenty i Fakty, Trud, Extra M Media and Center Plus publishing houses.

**KOMMERSANT PUBLISHING HOUSE.** Founded in 1989, Kommersant publishes a daily newspaper of the same name, as well as a number of weekly magazines: Vlast (politics), Dengi (Business), Socio-political issues Ogonyok, lifestyle magazine Kommersant Weekend, automotive magazine Avtopilot, monthly shopping magazine Kommersant Katalog, monthly business magazine Secret Firmy and the European magazine Citizen K. Kommersant also operates Kommersant Radio and Kommersant TV.

**RODIONOVA PUBLISHING HOUSE.** Founded in 1996 and fully owned by Sergei Rodionov. It publishes weeklies Profile and Company, glossy men's magazines XXL and FHM, Krestyanka and parenting magazine Moy Malenky.

**KOMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDA PUBLISHING HOUSE.** Founded in 1992, it is owned by Media Partner, owned by ESN Group's Grigory Berezkina. It produces: Daily newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda, weekly KP-Tolstushka, KP-Avia for flight passengers, daily Teleprogramma, tabloid Express Gazeta, daily sports paper Soviet Sport and the magazine Soviet Sport-Football. It also operates Komsomolskaya Pravda radio and television broadcasts.

**VEDOMOSTI.** Daily business paper founded in 1999, Vedomosti is owned by Business News Media, which in turn is owned by Pearson Group, Dow Jones and Sanoma Independent Media.

**NOVAYA GAZETA.** Socio-political paper founded in 1993, a majority stake of Novaya Gazeta is owned by its employees, with Mikhail Gorbachev and Alexander Lebedev also holding significant stakes.

**NEWS MEDIA.** Owned by Aram Gabrelyanov operates Russia's leading tabloid Zhizn. It also publishes Izvestiya, Tvoy Dyen and Heat and operates the Life News Internet portal and Life TV.

**MOSKOVSKY KOMSOMOLETS.** Daily owned by Pavel Gusev  
**NEZAVISIMAYA GAZETA.** Formerly part of Boris Berezovsky's media empire, daily Nezavisimaya Gazeta is now owned by Konstantin Remchukov.

**NATIONAL MEDIA GROUP.** Founded in 2008, National Media Group was established to combine the media assets of AB Russia, Alexei Mordashov, Surgutneftegaz and the insurance group Sogaz. In June 2011 the Luxembourg Media Holding RTL Group bought a stake in the group. It operates television channels Petersburg-Channel 5, REN TV and the news agency Russian News Service. It also holds minority stakes in National Media Group and STS Media.

**PROF MEDIA.** Founded in 1997, Prof Media is part of the Interros group owned by Vladimir Potanin. It owns: Television channels TV-3, 2x2 and MTV Russia; Radio stations: Avtoradio, Energy, Humor FM and Radio Romantika; Print media: the Afisha brand of lifestyle magazines.

**YUTV HOLDING.** YuTV was created to combine the media assets of Ivan Tavrin and Alisher Usmanov's in 2009. The holding's key assets are music channel MUZ-TV and 7TV.

**STS MEDIA.** Majority owned by Swedish Modern Times Group. Gas firm Itera and National Media Group also have stakes in the broadcaster, which runs three television channels: STS, Peretz and Domashny