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Russophobia details the U.S.-Russia post-9/11 commitment to a new level of cooperation with Moscow in addressing issues of terrorism, energy security, political instability and weapons proliferation and sheds light on its subsequent deterioration. Tsygankov makes a cohesive argument that much of America's policy is shaped by an ambition to remain the only world's superpower and by activities of interest groups with the agenda of isolating Russia from the Western world. He analyzes the negative role played by "Russophobia" and suggests a different and prescriptive approach to Russia in the post-Cold War world.

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