



Russia as a Donor and Its Aid to Other Countries

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Plan of our Paper:

Introduction:

- Russian Transformation From Recipient to Donor

Main part:

- Case of Venezuela
- Case of Syria
- Case of Ukraine

Conclusion



Russian Transition From Recipient to Donor

- What were the factors for the Russian Federation to be a recipient in the early 1990s and 2000s?
- When did Russia decide to emerge as a new donor?
- Which countries are the recipients of the Russian aid?

Case of Venezuela:





Case of Venezuela:

- Warm relations' prequel (XIX cent., 1945, 2001)
- Russia's influence on Venezuelan political structure (socialists)
- Reasons for it during Chavez's and Maduro's reigns (debt burden relief, socio-political instability)
- Russian-Venezuelan arms trade (Top Customer)
- Russia's share on Venezuelan market = 0,39% (UNCTAD)
- Mutual commodity turnover = \$2 billion

Russian investment and loans to Venezuela are numerous

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Interest in decision-making strategy affection (Ciccarillo, 2016)



Case of Syria:

- Why does Russia provide military and humanitarian aid to Syria? (reasons) and what are the purposes?
- Why not other countries in that region?
- To what extent had Russia interfered into domestic affairs of Syria?
- How had Russian aid to Syria affected IR?



Reasons

- 1) **Political reasons (show its role on the global stage and to undermine American Influence in ME region.)**
- 2) **to test out the capabilities of its newly-expanded military.**
- 3) **Russian economic interests (to ensure that European reliance on Russian gas would not be undermined)**



Case of Ukraine:

- Why did Russia provide humanitarian and gas aid to Ukraine?
- What were the main purposes?
- Why Ukraine and not another country?
- Was there any influence on institutional development and policy making?
- The events in Crimea (2014) and its influence on diplomatic relations.
- Was it successful or not?
- Consequences of aid:
- Independence of Ukraine



Conclusion

- **Political reasons**
- **To test out the capabilities**
- **Russian economic interests**
- **Cases are most illustrative & demonstrative**



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