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Equal parts thrilling and disorienting, the late Soviet and early post-Soviet period was one of the most tumultuous times in modern Russian history. Defined by the failures of central planning and political upheavals that gripped the Soviet Union from the Baltics to the Caucasus to Central Asia, it was a period marked by uncertainty, but also full of new opportunities.

The rapid economic and political liberalization that followed the collapse of the vast Soviet empire opened new frontiers for economic entrepreneurship that had been stifled during the seven decades of central planning. However, the emerging reality was more akin to the wild west than to anything resembling the democratic transformation that Russian reformers had hoped for. The emergence of a new oligarchic class that successfully gained control over vast industries with little to no benefit to the general population became perhaps the most distinctive feature of post-Soviet Russia – in a way determining the trajectory of the country's political culture for the next three decades. It also paved the way for the emergence of the rule of Vladimir Putin and the securocrats.

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