



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

# Putin and Russian Nationalism

1. What is Vladimir Putin's ultimate aim—a new Russian empire, public support at home, the destruction of NATO and the EU—all and more?
2. Why does Putin's Russia seem to harbor such contempt for the Obama administration that has done so much to appease it?
3. What was the thinking behind the 2009 efforts at "reset" with Russia?
4. Is there any chance that Eastern Europe will fall back into a Russian orbit?
5. What is the ultimate purpose of Putin's new alliance with Iran, Syria, and Hezbollah?

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