



## Rethinking the Reset Button: Understanding Contemporary Russian Foreign Policy

A former official of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU), Dr. Evgueni Novikov defected to the United States in 1988 and has utilized his extensive background and experience, to share insights in “Rethinking the Reset Button” that enable a more comprehensive understanding of Russia’s political culture and their not so well known International Department (ID) of CPSU’s central committee. ❌ As the power behind the throne, the CPSU was responsible for maintaining relations with foreign communist parties throughout the world. Gaining a glimpse behind the scenes of this once secretive bureaucracy, reveals the aggressive nature of Russia’s contemporary foreign policy that builds alliances with anti-American nations and has long-standing relationships with Islamic terrorist organizations and communist movements around the world. This book “Rethinking the Reset Button” examines Russia’s contemporary foreign policy through the lens of history, reviewing how the major principles of Russia’s foreign policy came to be and how the policymaking process is guided in the former Soviet Republic. As former KGB officer, Vladimir Putin, embarks upon an unprecedented third term as Russia’s President, it’s time to rethink the idea to “reset” our relationship with the former Soviet Republic. Born in Kyrgyzstan of Russian parents and fluent in Arabic, Dr. Novikov is an elite Soviet expert on Islam and Russian geopolitics, and is the author of several other books on Russia and is currently the Senior Fellow for Russia and Central Asia at the Center for a Secure Free Society (SFS).

