

## The development of political education offered by NGO's in Russia

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### ABSTRACT

From the early 1990 on a large number of Russian NGO's and foreign foundations started activities in political education (civic education, grajdanskoje prosweschenije) in Russia. Today the number of NGO's is estimated to be 70.000 – 100.000 and many of them provide political education for adults, students and children in the fields of political participation, cultural heritage, protection of environment or human rights. Financed by political organizations, private companies, foreign foundations and international organizations, the legal conditions for NGO's have changed recently: The NGO-law from April 2006 obliges all national and foreign organizations to follow a registration procedure in a state office and it should be observed in the future if and in which way this control will have an influence on the topics of political education offered by NGO's.

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### Examples of Russian NGO's providing political education

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