

Vladimir Sorokin

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Nothing has changed in Russia since Ivan the Terrible when it comes to the divide between the people and the state. The state demands a sacred willingness to make sacrifices from the people.

~Vladimir Sorokin

The West should be even more vocal in insisting that the Russians respect human rights.

~Vladimir Sorokin

The Khodorkovsky case is typical of the "oprichnina" - the system of oppression.

~Vladimir Sorokin

I'm not a prophet or a teacher, I just ask questions. I don't think a writer should be a teacher, but should know how to pose the questions and explain the problems.

~Vladimir Sorokin

I have Mikhail Gorbachev and Boris Yeltsin to thank that a Russian writer can not only write anything he wants, but also publish it.

~Vladimir Sorokin

As a child I perceived violence as a sort of natural law. In the totalitarian Soviet Union, oppression held everything together. It was the sinister energy of our country.

~Vladimir Sorokin

The worst thing that can happen to Russia is indifference in the West - that is, if it were interested in nothing but oil and gas.

~Vladimir Sorokin

The Russian writer Vladimir Nabokov once said: In a Democracy, portraits of a nation's leader should never exceed the size of a postage stamp. That won't happen so quickly in Russia.

~Vladimir Sorokin

In Russia one can be as pure as can be and still lose everything in a flash and end up in prison.

~Vladimir Sorokin

Everyone in Russia must awaken the citizen within himself.

~Vladimir Sorokin

In Russia only those who are loyal to the people in power can become wealthy.

~Vladimir Sorokin

In Russia there are special people who are permitted to do anything. They are the sacrificial priests of power. Anyone who is not a member of this group has no clout with the state.

~Vladimir Sorokin

I ask myself whether Russia is moving in the direction of democracy. I don't believe it is! Bit by bit, Russia is slipping back into an authoritarian empire.

~Vladimir Sorokin

The bureaucracy has grown such powerful roots in Russia, and corruption is so widespread, that people from opposition have no interest in changing anything.

~Vladimir Sorokin

As a storyteller I was influenced by the Moscow underground, where it was common to be apolitical.

~Vladimir Sorokin

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