



# The SOVIET STORY



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**In English with subtitles in 30 languages**



**Economist.com**

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## SYNOPSIS

This is a story of an Allied power, which helped the Nazis to fight Jews and which slaughtered its own people on an industrial scale. Assisted by the West, this power triumphed on May 9th, 1945. Its crimes were made taboo, and the complete story of Europe’s most murderous regime has never been told. Until now...

## F I L M I N F O R M A T I O N

**Type:** Documentary film  
**Genre:** History  
**Duration:** 85 min (TV version 55 min)  
**Language:** English (DVD edition with 30 language subtitles)  
**Original format:** DV  
**Screen ratio:** 4:3  
**Sound:** stereo  
**Date of production:** 2008 (film); DVD editions released in 2009 and 2010  
**Country of production:** Latvia  
**Premiere:** April, 2008 at the European Parliament

**Script:** Edvins Snore  
**Director:** Edvins Snore  
**Camera:** Edgars Daugavvanags  
**Narrator:** Jon Strickland  
**Editing:** Edvins Snore  
**Music:** Extreme Music ([www.extrememusic.se](http://www.extrememusic.se))  
**Sound:** Janis Zaneribs  
**Producer:** Kristaps Valdnieks  
**Production company:** SIA „Labvakar”, Riga, Latvia

**Distribution company:** Perry Street Advisors LLC, New York  
[www.perrystreetadvisors.com](http://www.perrystreetadvisors.com)

## F I L M   D E S C R I P T I O N

The film tells the story of the Soviet regime and how the Soviet Union helped Nazi Germany instigate the Holocaust.

The film shows recently uncovered archive documents revealing this. Interviews with former Soviet Military intelligence officials reveal shocking details.

- The Great Famine in Ukraine (1932/33)
- The Katyn massacre (1940)
- The SS-KGB partnership
- Soviet mass deportations
- Medical experiments in the GULAG.

These are just a few of the subjects covered in the film.



Soviet and Nazi officers, December 1939.

'*The Soviet Story*' also discusses the impact of the Soviet legacy on modern day Europe. Listen to experts and European MPs discussing the implications of a selective attitude towards mass murder; and meet a woman describing the burial of her new born son in a GULAG concentration camp.

The Soviet Story is a story of pain, injustice and *realpolitik*.



Shoes of murdered victims:

Auschwitz [image left, taken 1945];

Magadan, Siberia [image right, taken 1990].

More images from the film: [www.sovietstory.com/about-the-film/photos](http://www.sovietstory.com/about-the-film/photos)

## F I L M   D I R E C T O R



Edvins Snore is both the author of *'The Soviet Story'* script and the director of the film.

*'The Soviet Story'* is his debut feature documentary.

As a Master of Political Science, Edvins Snore studied the subject and collected materials for the film over 10 years.

*'The Soviet Story'* was filmed over 2 years in Russia, Ukraine, Latvia, Germany, France, UK and Belgium. As a result, *'The Soviet Story'* presents a truly unique insight into recent Soviet history, told by people, once Soviet citizens, who have first hand knowledge of it.



The author of the film, Edvins Snore, in the Political Archive of the German Foreign Ministry.

## FILM DIRECTOR BURNED!



**Economist.com**

“BEING burnt in effigy on the streets of Moscow by nationalist hoodlums must count as a kind of Oscar if you are a Latvian filmmaker whose aim is to expose modern Russia's blindness to the criminal history of the Soviet Union.

The ire of Young Russia's protest outside the Latvian embassy this week was directed at Edvins Shore, whose film “Soviet Story” is the most powerful antidote yet to the sanitisation of the past. ” [full text >](#)

[video >](#)

[more photos >](#)



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"THE SOVIET STORY" WORLD PREMIERE  
IN THE USA



Jury Prize Winner, "Mass Impact Award", 2008 Boston Film Festival



*The Hollywood Reporter:*  
"Edvins Snores' 'A Soviet Story' received the Mass Impact Award".

[Full article >](#)

Boston. Sept 13th, 2008. Daris Delins of PSA and Edvins Snore before the screening of 'The Soviet Story' at the Boston Film Festival.

Pro-Kremlin youth organization "NASHI" protests against the film



Russia. St.Petersburg, March. 23rd, 2009. „NASHI“-youth chained themselves to the Consulate of Estonia demanding „to stop spreading lies“ by screening „The Soviet Story“. More information in Russian and images: <http://www.nashi.su/news/26659>



Finland. Helsinki, March. 23rd, 2009. „NASI“-youth appeal to Western governments not to believe „*The Soviet Story*“ film. VIDEO (in Finnish, Russian): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5iFh7eJuZ1k>

### Premiere screening in Washington D.C. - September 18, 2008



Washington. Sept. 18th, 2008. Dr. Lee Edwards, Chairman of the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation opens the screening of '*The Soviet Story*' at the Heritage Foundation. VIDEO: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=qX52EGtYd\\_o](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qX52EGtYd_o)



Washington. Sept. 18th, 2008. Edvins Snore interviewed by the Voice of America.

### Sweden's Foreign Minister about "The Soviet Story"



Carl Bildt, Foreign Minister of Sweden

**Carl Bildt** [June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008]: "*The Soviet Story*" is a film, which will certainly be talked about in the coming months. This film is perhaps a beginning of understanding of what the Soviet regime meant for a half of Europe."

Full article:

<http://carlbildt.wordpress.com/2008/06/27/the-soviet-story/>



**Public hanging of Edvins Snore's effigy** in Moscow was accompanied by inflammatory speeches by Russian politicians and historians, such as Alexander Dyukov.

Historian Alexander Dyukov: *„After watching two thirds of the film, I had only one wish: to kill its director and to burn down the Latvian Embassy“.*

### Premiere screening in New York – September 21, 2008



New York. Sept. 21st, 2008. Edvins Snore answering questions after the screening.



New York. Sept. 21st, 2008. The screening of 'The Soviet Story' in New York was attended by the President of Latvia, Valdis Zatlers. Image: Valdis Zatlers and Edvins Snore.



New York. Sept. 2008. 'The Soviet Story' was also screened in Harvard [Boston] and Columbia [New York] Universities. Image: Edvins Snore answers questions of student viewers at Columbia University.



## REACTION

'The Soviet Story' sparked an international row immediately after its premiere to the European Parliament in April 2008. The state-controlled Russian media immediately launched a massive propaganda campaign to denounce the film and its director. Russia's leading newspapers, such as *Pravda*, *Izvestia*, *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, *Nezavisimaya Gazeta*, etc., all simultaneously published articles criticizing the contents of the film, even though 'The Soviet Story' had not yet been commercially released:

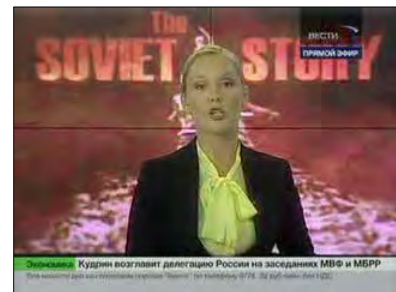
[www.pravda.ru/world/262871-latish-0](http://www.pravda.ru/world/262871-latish-0)  
[www.kp.ru/daily/24080/314727](http://www.kp.ru/daily/24080/314727)  
[www.izvestia.ru/politic/article3115028](http://www.izvestia.ru/politic/article3115028)  
[www.ng.ru/world/2008-04-10/1\\_riga.html](http://www.ng.ru/world/2008-04-10/1_riga.html)  
<http://novchronic.ru/1205.htm>

This resulted in absurd accusations and hysteria, during which the Russian historians who took part in the film (e.g. Lebedeva, Slutch, etc.), were persecuted and demanded either to publicly deplore their participation in the documentary or face the prospect of losing their positions in the Russian Academy of Sciences.



Protests against the film 'The Soviet Story' in Moscow.

The Orwellian-style witch-hunt reached its peak when the Russian historian Roginsky (Memorial association) was forced to publicly regret his participation in the film, even though he could not recall taking part in it. No wonder - because he did not even take part in the film!



'The Soviet Story' has been denounced by the state-run Russian TV Channels.

**YouTube** Watch these TV programmes on YouTube, enter „soviet story” in the search field.

## "THE SOVIET STORY" CAUSES INTERNATIONAL ROW

The pro-Kremlin Youth organization 'Young Russia' also organized furious protests against 'The Soviet Story' outside the Latvian Embassy in Moscow. 'Young Russia's leader Russian MP Maxim Miscenko (image to the right) explained that his organization was protesting against a **book** [!] 'The Soviet Story'. The fact is 'The Soviet Story' is a film, and not a book.



Moscow. May, 2008. Russian MP Miscenko protests against 'The Soviet Story', without seeing the film. Video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=WtYsOOI7vWY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WtYsOOI7vWY)



Riga. May 7, 2008. President of Latvia, Valdis Zatlers, visits a theater to watch 'The Soviet Story'.



Brussels. April, 2008. Activists of pro-Kremlin youth organization 'Nashi' stage protest against 'The Soviet Story' outside the European Parliament. <http://tashkent.nashi.su/news/23864>



Riga. May 22, 2008. President of Latvia, Valdis Zatlers presents 'The Soviet Story' film DVDs to the presidents of Poland, Estonia and Lithuania.



Brussels. May, 2008. UEN Group in the European Parliament condemn the uncivilized protests against 'The Soviet Story' in Moscow, May 17, 2008.

## IN THE MEDIA

### LE FIGARO

„Documentary created by the Latvian Edvins Snore is an impressive recapitulation of the Communist mass crimes.”

[Full text >](#)

### Economist.com

„Mr Snore and his sponsors in the European Parliament have produced a sharply provocative work. [...] But those who want to ban it should try refuting it first.” [Full text >](#)

### Filmkommentaren.dk

Tue Steen Müller (ex-director of European Documentary Network):

„It’s a film you can not escape from [...] It’s a film that is for public and global TV channels.” [Full text >](#)

### THE PARLIAMENT .COM

„‘The Soviet Story’ brings us closer to the truth about the tragic events of the 20th century.” [Full text >](#)

### EuropeanVoice

„Russians are infuriated by a Latvian film which reveals the extent of Nazi and Soviet collaboration.” [Full text >](#)

### HOSPODÁŘSKÉ NOVINY

„Snore's film is sharp and polemic. The film proves the Soviet and Nazi collaboration at the outbreak of the Second World War.” [Full text >](#)

### NEATKARĪGĀ

„The young Latvian filmmaker E. Snore had gathered together renowned experts from all over Europe. It is convincing.” [Full text >](#)



EDVINS SNORE IN THE U.S. & CANADA: January/February 2010

On January 25, 2010 the director Edvins Snore presented '*The Soviet Story*' at the **National Press Club** in Washington D.C.



On January 22, 2010 the director and excerpts from the film were featured on a special edition of the **Fox News Channel's** highly rated **Glenn Beck Show** that focused on Communism and its legacy today.

View the video of this show at:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQue1EMRCac>

On January 28, 2010 '*The Soviet Story*' was screened to members of the **U.S. Congress** in Washington D.C.

After *The Soviet Story* presentation in the U.S. Congress, director Edvins Snore (left) with Congressman John (Jimmy) Duncan (centre) and Congressman Bob McEwan . (right).





In Los Angeles, on January 23, 2010, the **Baltic American Freedom League** (BAFL) awarded the director Edvins Snore its 2009 Baltic Freedom Award.

The director also took part in screenings of the film at John Hopkins University, the National Defense University as well as in Philadelphia and New York.



The screening of *'The Soviet Story'* on January 31, 2010 in Toronto at the Ukrainian Cultural Centre was attended by almost 500 people. The film was also screened to members of the Toronto's Chinese community and extensively covered by the local Chinese media.

#### **Edvins Snore comes to Washington**

[http://www.usukraine.org/edvins\\_snore\\_holodomor\\_ukraine.html](http://www.usukraine.org/edvins_snore_holodomor_ukraine.html)

#### **No refuting the hard truths in the Soviet Story – Toronto Sun**

[http://www.torontosun.com/news/columnists/peter\\_worthington/2010/02/03/12730236.html](http://www.torontosun.com/news/columnists/peter_worthington/2010/02/03/12730236.html)

#### **Canadian Chinese TV report - NDTV**

<http://www.ndtv.com/xtr/gb/2010/02/02/a389865.html#video>

#### **The Soviet Story: A must see documentary**

<http://politicom.moldova.org/news/the-soviet-story-a-must-see-documentary-205704-eng.html>

# The SOVIET STORY

## SEEN ON TV AROUND THE WORLD:

Since its premiere in May 2008, *'The Soviet Story'* has been screened on national TV in 10 countries around the world.

The film has been seen by audiences in Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Ukraine. Screenings are pending for Australia, Asia, Greece, Italy, and Poland.

In the United States, public broadcasting stations began screening the film in October 2009. To date (February 2010), the film has been screened by 15 TV stations, many of who are members of the PBS network. A further 25 stations have already indicated their intention to screen the film during early 2010.



## FILM TRAILER:



<http://www.sovietstory.com/about-the-film/flash-trailer/>

## Buy the DVD:

The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition multi-language official DVD of **'The Soviet Story'** is now on sale.

The new DVD also contains bonus interviews not yet screened, a director's statement and a color film booklet.



The film is in English with subtitles in **30 languages** including: Belarusian, Bulgarian, Chinese (Traditional - Taiwan), Chinese (Simplified - PRC), Czech, Danish, Dutch, Estonian, Finnish, French, Georgian, German, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Latvian, Lithuanian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Portuguese (Portugal), Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese. This 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 2 DVD box set, released February 2010, contains all 30 languages.

Available in NTSC (North American) and PAL (Europe) DVD formats.

The DVD can be purchased at [www.sovietstory.com/buy-dvd](http://www.sovietstory.com/buy-dvd) and in the United States also at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

## Where to see the film?

Visit [www.sovietstory.com](http://www.sovietstory.com) to see dates and locations of all upcoming film screenings.

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