

# **Inequality and Violence in Russia today**

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1. What do we mean speaking about equal opportunities?
2. Which documents contain the right for equal opportunities?
3. Who and how represent them?
4. Who can take advantage of them and to which extent?
5. Which conditions are needed for their implementation?

# State Social Policy

- The main objective of the social policy is to secure normal conditions for reproduction of human and social capital
- Social policy provides not only economic, but social and political stability in the society

# Economics

- It was “voucherization” that should have turned into the practical or economic basis for every citizen to take advantage of the offered equal opportunities
- The “voucherization” as a direct way to democracy led, on the contrary, to deep social disintegration of the society, in which money and wealth started to determine whole life of a human

# Access to equal rights and opportunities in Russia

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Driving force in the society - <b>ideology</b>	Driving force in the society – <b>wealth and power</b>
Social policy was mainly aimed at <b>working people</b> to increase their potential and to motivate them working	Social policy is mostly to motivate <b>people</b> search for ways of their survival
Who was given the widest excess to opportunities – <b>highly qualified workers, intellectual, cultural, Communist Party and Trade Union elite</b>	Who takes most opportunities – <b>great owners and top managers, bureaucrats, State functionaries, members of Parliament and leaders of criminal structures</b>
Wide opportunities were offered freely for the multiply development of working people to strengthen their productive capacity (education, art and sport clubs, etc.)	All the quality services for human development of an individual are offered on a commercial basis
Main slogans – all the opportunities for those who work hard	Main slogan – if you are clever why aren't you rich? Money settles all the problems and it is the key to wide opportunities

# Incomes

- **Minimal salary =  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a subsistence minimum.**
- 1/3 labor force' (20 million workers) salary is less than subsistence minimum.
- The salary of low waged people is in 30 times less than that of well-paid.
- In 2006 real wages are two times less than it was 1990.

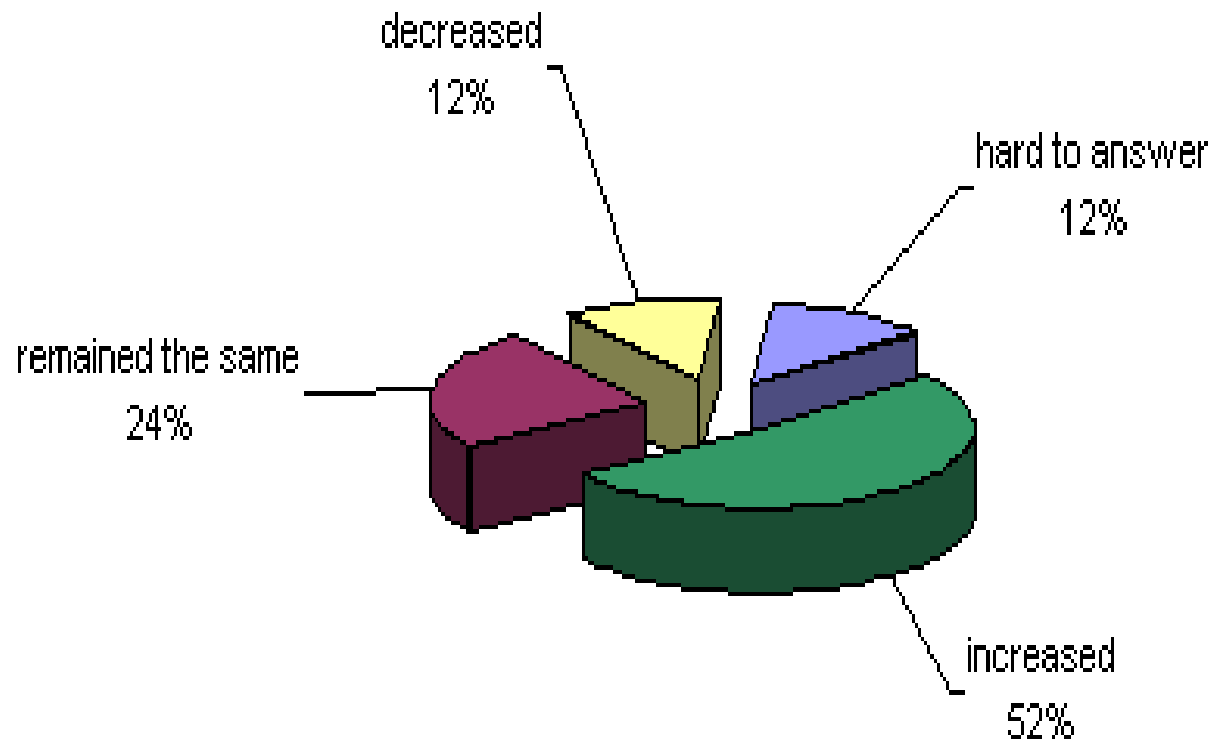
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- “Shadow” salaries corresponded to 27,7% of the whole volume of the salary fund (2006, according to the State Statistic evaluation)

# Mechanism of self reproducing poverty

- Low income group – 2 times **less**
  - Second 20% - 1,5 times **less**
  - Third 20% - 30 percent **less**
  - Forth 20% - the same
  - Fifth 20% - 1,5 times more
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- **mechanism of self reproducing poverty**

# Poverty in Russia: HAS POVERTY IN RUSSIA HAS INCREASED, DECREASED, OR STAYED ON THE SAME LEVEL?



# Social-psychological condition

Social apathy

Social aggression

# Murders

- 45 times more than in France
- 70 times more than in Great Britain
- 16 times more than in USA,
- 7 times more than in Pakistan.

# Violence

- 1,5 million children suffer from violence at home;
- almost 60 000 are victims of sexual harassment;
- 50 000 leave their home;
- above 2 000 commit suicide;
- others perish.
- The country has about 4 000000 of homeless children

# Suicides

- During 15 years Russia has lost more than 800 000 people
- Every year - 55 000
- Average - 38-42 people for 100000

# Reproductive health

- Every one out of six women is unable to take children.
- Every ten or nine years the number of babies which are genetically abnormal doubles.
- 80% of pregnant women are not capable to have healthy babies.
- 70% of new-born children have different forms of pathologies

# Life expectancy

- for men - 51,5 years
- for women - 61,9
- 10 years decrease

# Disability

- escalation - 1 million people per year
- Total number of disabled people in 2006 was about 17 million people.
- It would grow up to 20 million in 2015, while the population will be 131 millions.

# Reforms of Armed Forces

- About 76% of the respondents confessed that they are constantly invited to work with criminal groups and to take part in criminal structures
- Index of social adaptability of ex-officers is 0,27.
- 11% are inadapted;
- 58% low level of adaptability;
- 22% medium level.
- 9% acceptable level.
- ***no one*** at the level of full adaptability.

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