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# Russia-former French colonies relations

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# SUMMARY

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# INTRODUCTION

## Presentation



Research based:

- on policy discourses.
- The specialists of politics in France, Africa and Russia.
- Analysis made on concrete cases.
- Timeline: 2019-2022



# CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Russia on the ashes of Operation Sangaris ?

## The beginning of Anti-French rhetoric ?

- "It's not really the army of deputies who act under the authority of a Gentleman called Mr. Prigojine"
- "If he hears me there (implied pointing to the businessman Yevgeny Prigojine), beyond this room, let him know that we know him well!"
- "There is an active presence of Russia, recent, significant, anti-French in the comments, in social networks"

Jean-Yves Le Drian, French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs

Context: Hearing of the Minister of Foreign Affairs by the Senate inquiry committee on the presence of Russian mercenaries in the Central African Republic





# MALI

The collapse of France in Africa ?

**Troubles facilitated by coups**



“The Government of the Republic of Mali informs national and international opinion that this day [...] the French ambassador in Bamako, his excellency Joël Meyer, has been summoned by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and international cooperation, that he has been notified of the government's decision that invites him to leave the national territory within 72 hours”

Statement of the Malian Presidency

# NIGERIA

An old French ally

## A strong partnership despite the Russia

"We also give priority to the joint search for opportunities to expand trade, economic and investment cooperation. Even though this is a small volume in absolute terms and, in our opinion, it falls short of our potential, it continues to grow significantly, last year the growth was 93%."

Vladimir Putin

"Mr. President, there are many similarities between Russia under your leadership and Nigeria's aspirations for the future."

Muhammadu Buhari





# THE OTHERS CASES

Niger, Sudan and Burkina Faso

## The “France-Afrique” in the increase of the Russian presence in Africa



“Back in an article on January 15, The Economist predicted that the next country that Russia wants to place in its orbit of influence will be Burkina Faso. By the time the military coup took place in the country, the magazine writes, local social networks were already filled with pro-Russian propaganda, and in November a French military convoy was repeatedly blocked by protesters flying Russian flags.”

Ilya Barabanov



# RESULTS

Keeping relationships alive despite tensions. France's new challenges in Africa

## A future in Africa with Russia?

Main questions and ideas:

What will Africa do in these clashes?

Are we really dealing with neo-colonialism?





# CONCLUSION

## New era in Africa



- Not to expand on the topic and focus on the main goals
- Know how to use differing opinions in order to develop a better study
- Enrich your research by interviews with current or past actors related to the subject

**Thank you for your  
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**Any remarks or questions ?**