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Subject: Re: Im sick this (the next cold war)

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Russia already collaborates with Iran. Many of Iran's weaponry is Russian sourced, and some of the nuclear facilities Iran runs are of Russian design. Russia has had ties with Iran since the late 19th century when they, along with the British, sliced up the country because Iran's monarchy was ineffectual.

Canada supplies over 2/3's of America's oil. Good luck trying to extract oil from Iraq, because as soon as a pipeline is repaired, another one gets blown apart by some other asshole.

Truth be told, Russia, despite having enormous resource potential, still has shit-TASTIC infrastructure. You'll be amazed to know that because of the corruption and idiocy that go hand in hand with Russian business, their state-owned pipeline company loses the same amount of oil as Azerbaijan pumps out of the ground, each year, due to leaks in the pipelines. Sad, eh?

Plus, Russia hasn't won itself many friends in the Middle East, mainly due to the fact that they are still in Chechnya, battling a fundamentalist mujahadeen.

Much of the money that the country is earning is being mis-spent, and has not contributed positively to the country. Organised crime is rampant, HIV/AIDS cases are skyrocketing, the discrepancy between classes is astronomical, and as I mentioned before, the infrastructure sucks. It doesn't help either that Russia's belligerency scares off Western Investment. But running a company in Russia, especially a Western one sucks major ass, because of all the kickbacks, grafts and bribes required to run that business... and maybe keep your life too.

So let Russia have their fun and games. It's only a distraction from the real issues, and sooner or later, they'll have their 'Orange Revolution'. It's only a matter of time, IMO.

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