Serov Facelift Ideas v0.1

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"We are with you, but we are not yours. Do not think we have changed by acknowledging your red banner; we recognized it only because it blends with national colors."

- Nikolay Ustryalov

"Some aspects of our national policy and especially practice require revision... The main thing, in my opinion, is that the Russian people, having produced the lion's share of national wealth, found themselves, due to living conditions, on average lower than the peoples of most union republics."

- Konstantin Badygin

Why?

Currently, Serov is one of many paths for Komi (or Ust-Sysolsk, as the right-wing unifiers' tag is called). Serov's path is fascist - previously national socialist - ideologically, and follows a weird blend of communism and ultra-nationalism referred to in-game as "Ordosocialism".

There is nothing inherently wrong with Serov's path. However, as with all current Komi paths, Serov is....lacking in certain aspects. When I first played him. Furthermore, ordosocialism as an ideology is not explored enough IMO.

This doc is just a worksheet for my ideas on how his content could be made more interesting, based on both research into the real-life KGB which Serov headed, and the intellectual group known as the "Russian Party".

Emerging in the late 1960s under Brezhnev, the "Russian Party" were an informal group of largely intellectuals within the CPSU, who advocated for the USSR to profess a more strong form of Russian nationalism. They were encouraged by high-ranking bureaucrats and officers such as Semichastny and Shelepin.

The "Russian Party" members ranged. Some of them were Russian nationalists with an admiration for the USSR's size, but a dislike for communist ideology, and others were "neo-Stalinists" or "Soviet patriots" who took a Russian nationalist approach to communism. These figures are the ones I wish to highlight when discussing the potential improvements to Serov's content.

This is not (yet) a proposal. It's just a bunch of figures, names and notes on the ideas of these underexplored groups.

Factions

Serovites (National Communism): "above party politics" and factionalism, Serov's personal intelligence associates

Opportunists (Marxism-Leninism/National Communism): racist apparatchiks
Soviet-Patriots (National Communism): sincere national-communist soviet patriots
Russian Nationalists (no clue): right-wing nationalists who were rehabilitated and were cool with soviet stuff

Cabinet (at start)

Head of State: Ivan Serov (National Communism)

Head of Government: Mikhail Sholokhov (National Communism) Economic Minister: Alexander Shelepin (Marxism-Leninism)

Foreign Minister: Sergei Pavlov (Marxism-Leninism)

Security Minister: Aleksandr Korotkov (National Communism)

Major Figures

Name Serovites (National Communism) Ivan Alexandrovich Serov/Ива́н Алекса́ндрович Серо́в (b. 1905)



Alexander Nikolayevich Shelepin/Алекса́ндр Никола́евич Шеле́пин (b. 1918)





Serovites (National Communism)

Alexander Mikhailovich Korotkov/Алекса́ндр Миха́йлович Коротко́в

(b. 1909)



Alexander Innokentievich Baygushev/Александр Иннокентьевич Байгушев (b. 1933)

Russian Nationalists

(National Syndicalism? Revolutionary Nationalism?)

- Claimed to be Suslov's secretary
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Mikhail Alexandrovich

Soviet-Patriots

(National Communism)

- The writer of 'And Quiet Flows the Don', one of the most famous pieces of Soviet literature
- Strongly nationalist, pro-Soviet, and anti-Western
- Informal head of the 'Russian Party' of OTL

Sholokhov/Михаи́л Алекса́ндрович Шо́лохов (b. 1905)



Sergei Pavlovich Pavlov/Серге́й Па́влович Па́влов (b. 1929)

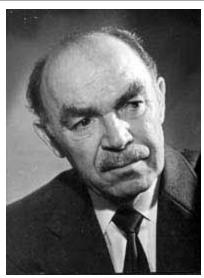
Opportunists

(Marxism-Leninism/National Communism)



Gennady Mikhailovich Gusev/Геннадий Михайлович Гусев (b. 1933)

Opportunists (Marxism-Leninism/National Communism)



Ivan Mikhailovich Shevtsov/Ива́н Миха́йлович Шевцо́в (b. 1920)

Soviet-Patriots (National Communism)



Anatoly Vladimirovich Sofronov/Анатолий Владимирович Софронов (b. 1911)

Soviet-Patriots (National Communism)



Konstantin Sergeyevich Badygin/Константин Сергеевич Бадигин (b. 1910)

Soviet-Patriots (National Communism)



Sergei Nikolaevich Semanov/Сергей

Russian Nationalists (National Syndicalism? Revolutionary Nationalism?)

Никола́евич Сема́нов (b. 1934)



Sergei Georgievich Lapin/Серге́й Гео́ргиевич Ла́пин (b. 1912)



(Marxism-Leninism/National Communism)



Evgeny Mikhailovich Tyazhelnikov/Евге́ний Миха́йлович Тяже́льников (b. 1928)

Opportunists (Marxism-Leninism/National Communism)



Evgeny Semyonovich Evseev/Евгений Семёнович Евсеев (b. 1932)

Soviet-Patriots (National Communism)

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