

A letter to Mr. Putin, President of Russia

Mr. Putin I know you are a smart man so I wonder why you ally with China rather than the United States? It must be an emotional decision rather than a rational one. Let's examine the pros and cons of your decision.

Russia is a large country with about a fifth of all the land on earth a small population. With a population of less than two hundred million it certainly doesn't need more land. It is a land rich in natural resources. So I think we rule out most geographical reasons.

What about fear? After all history tends to justify a fear of European countries as the French and German have invaded Russia in the past. But times have changed and so has Europe. Today European countries fear Russia so they fear each other. Another fear Russia has is the United States. But is it realist? Here are some questions to ask and answer. Is Russia likely to invade the United States or the United States invading Russia? I don't think so. They both would have much to lose but little to gain. They both have plenty of land and resources so that isn't a problem or need. There is still Europe but how strong would Europe be without the USA support? I think you can rule out the fear factor at least with USA and Europe.

You may ask what the reasons for the past wars were. It was probably ideology and power as each side wanted to expand their philosophy and power. Russia certainly wasn't successful in expanding Communism or power. The USA has had little success in expanding its concept of a democratic government. For the most part the people of USA and Russia are rational individuals. They have their concepts of religion and government but aren't fanatics.

The USA and Russia have all the natural resources they need and little fear of each other if they were they were allies. Then how would it benefit Russia? Russia and the USA would gain much from trade and the threat of China. China has indicated that it wants to be the dominate country in economics and military power country in the next decade. In order to achieve these goals will require many natural resources, like oil, which they don't have. They also have about one billion and four hundred people in an area about the size of the USA. They need more land and resources to take care of their growing population. Their expansion to the south is being blocked by other Asian countries and the USA. Russia has lots of land and a small population. It also has about a twenty-six hundred border with China. If China decides to expand its territory which way do you think they will go?