

Image of Russia in the West: before and after the elections



Denmark, November 2012



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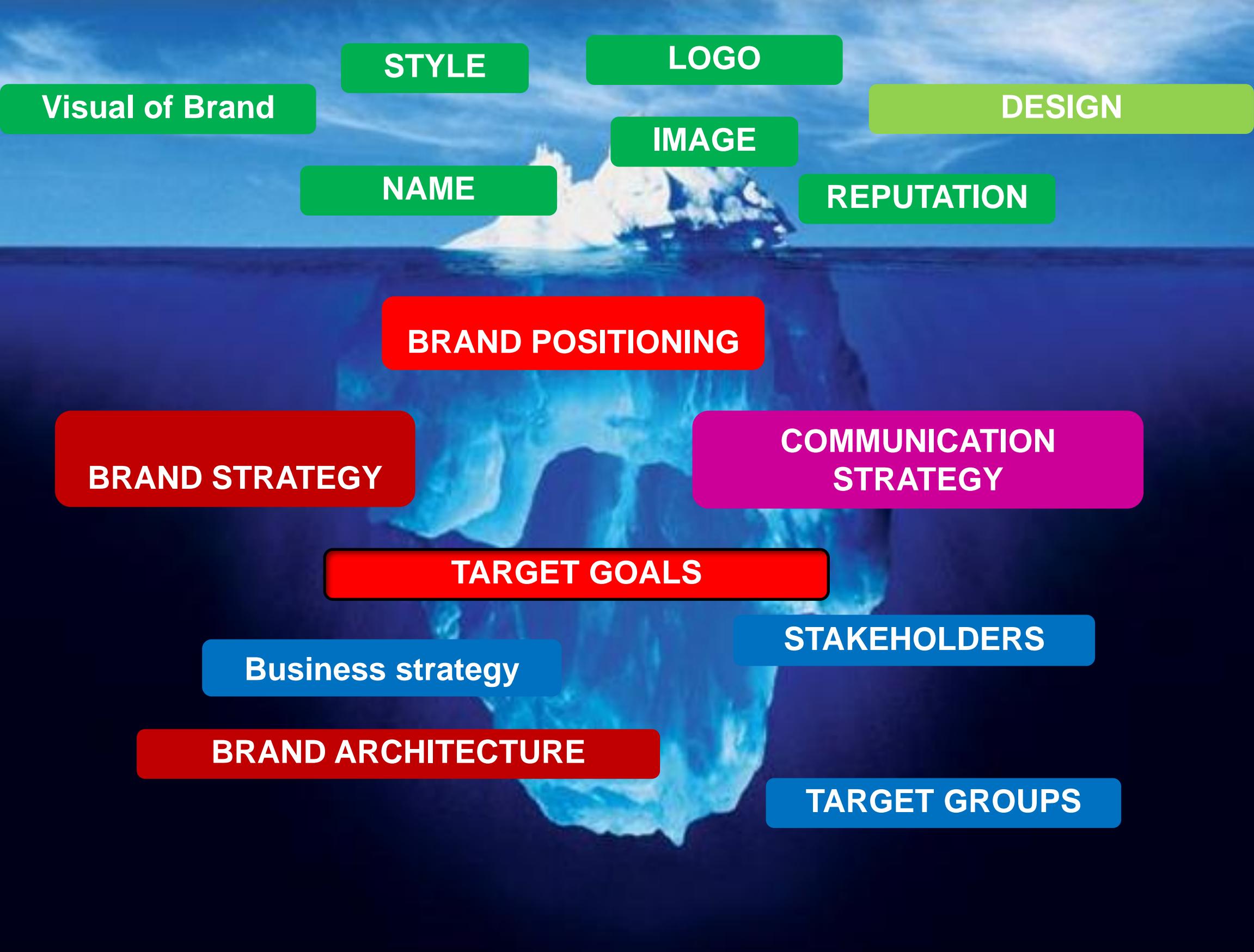
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The background of the diagram features a large, partially submerged iceberg in a dark blue sea under a cloudy sky, representing the concept of brand perception.

STYLE

LOGO

Visual of Brand

DESIGN

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NAME

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BRAND POSITIONING

BRAND STRATEGY

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STRATEGY

TARGET GOALS

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TARGET GROUPS

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WINNING IN THE
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Kevin Roberts, CEO Worldwide, SAATCHI & SAATCHI

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Brand loyalty

The Brand shares the values of the Target Audience



The brand differs from its competitive

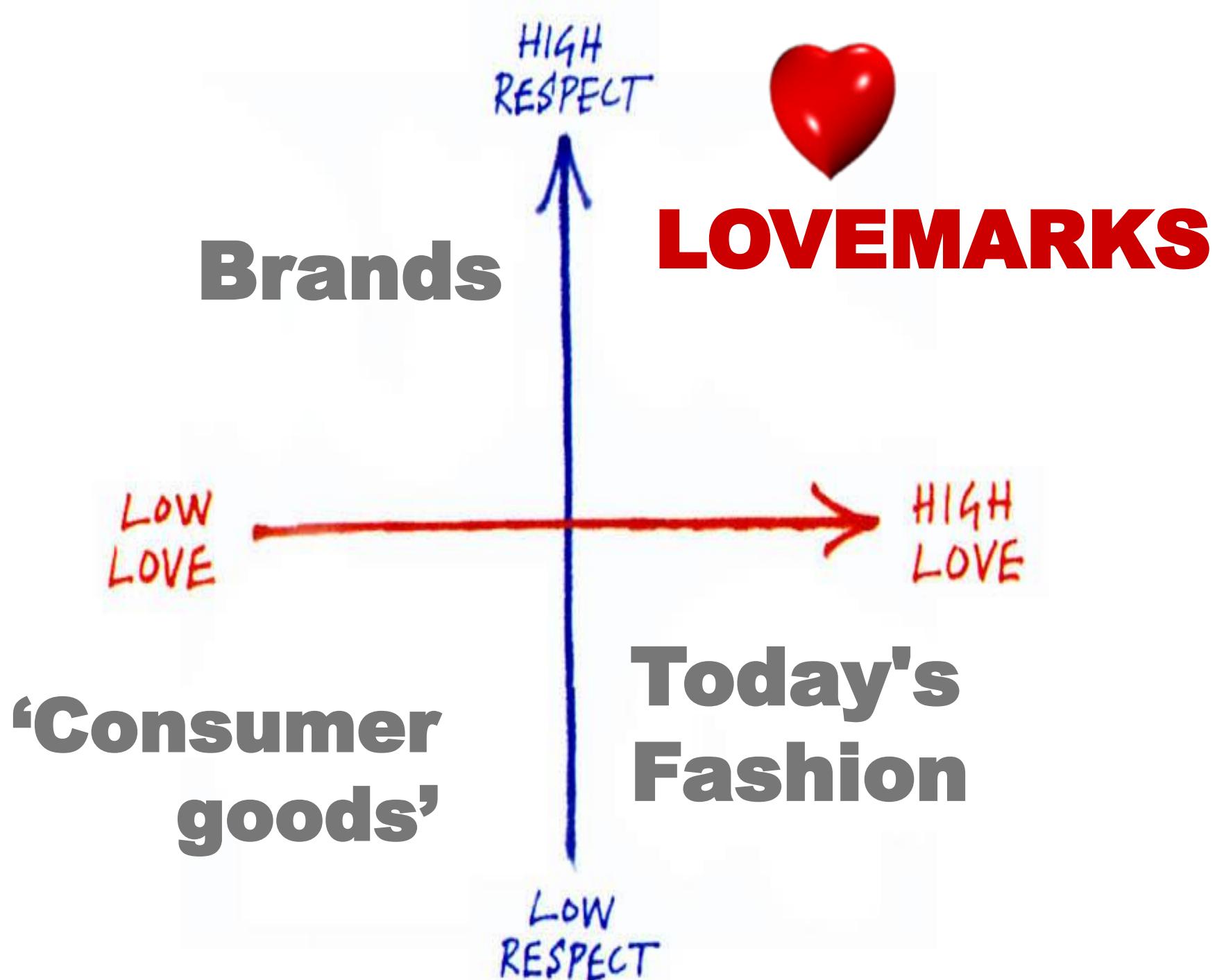
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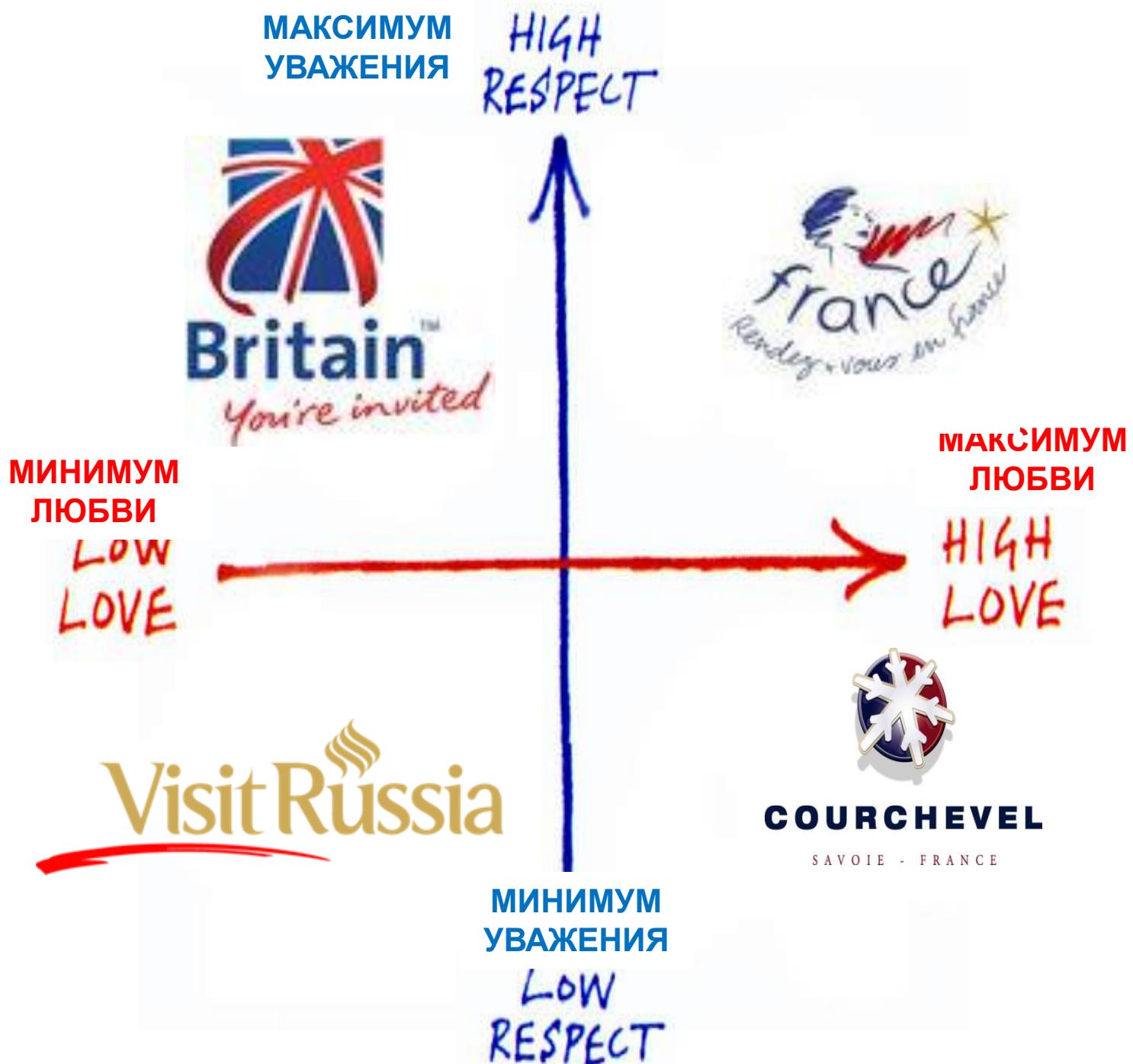
There's something special about this brand

Brand is familiar

Terra Incognita









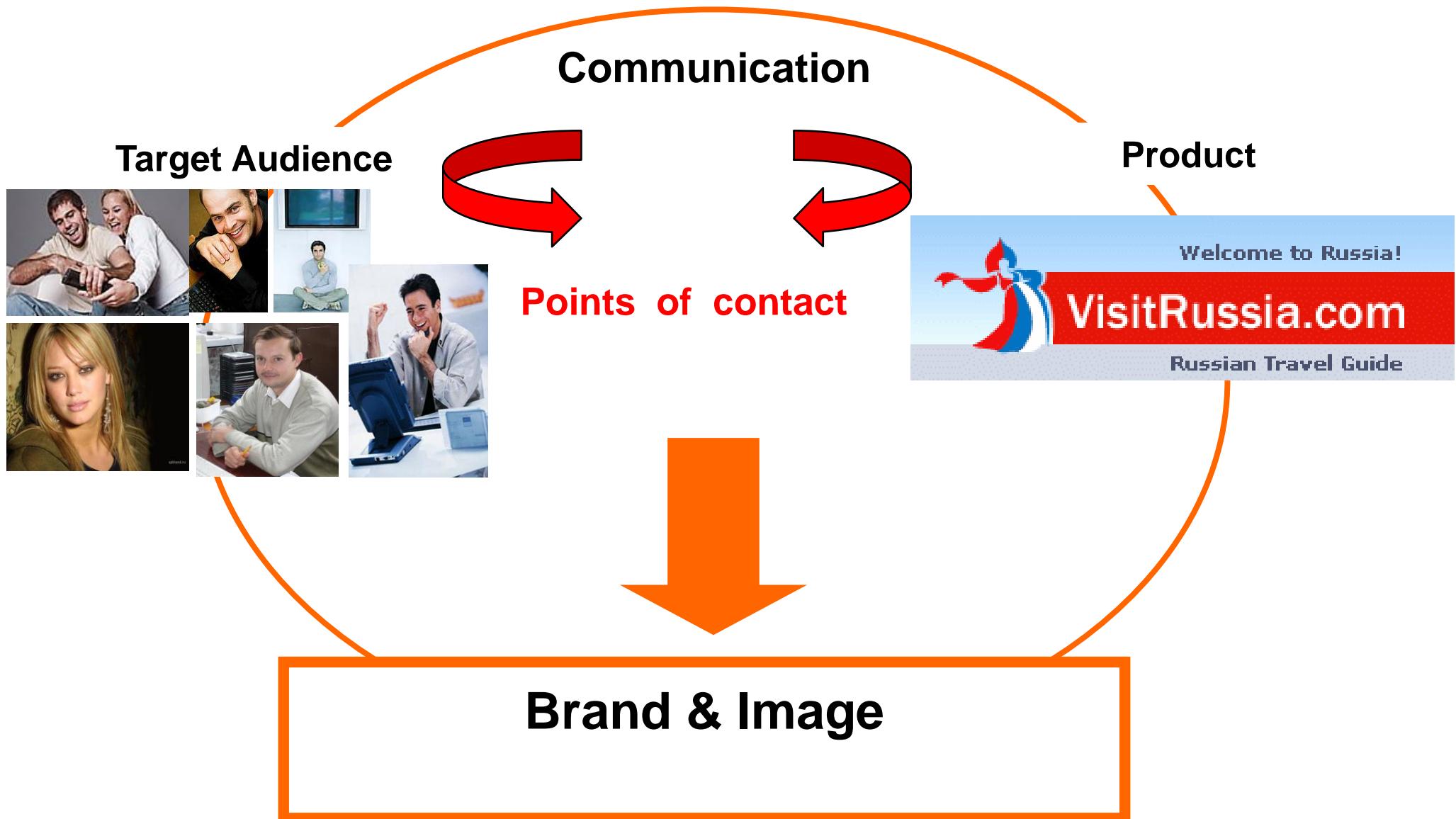
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Country Brand Index

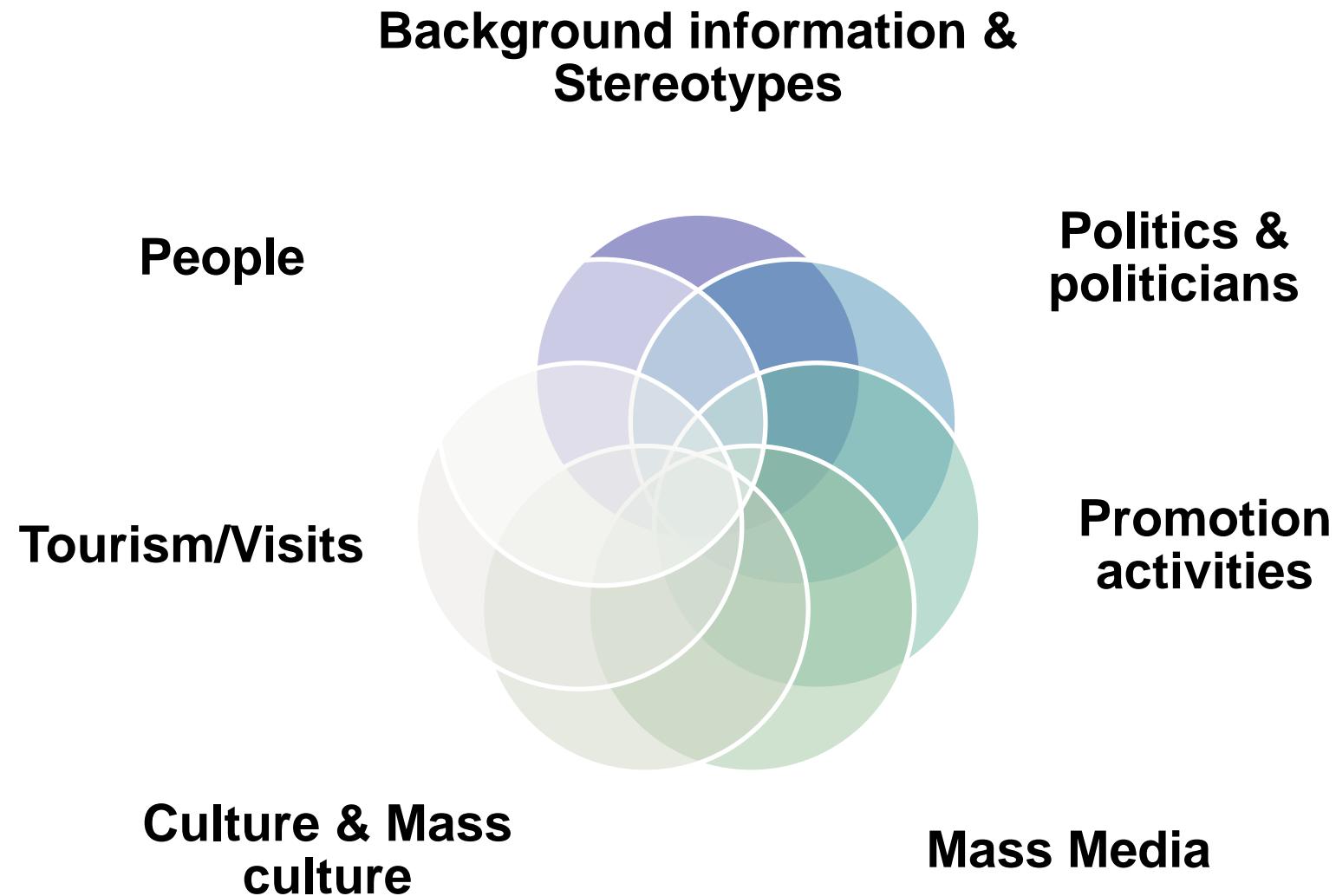
1. Canada
2. Australia
3. New Zealand
- :
80. Bahrain
81. Russia
82. Poland
- :
110. Zimbabwe

2010 Country Brand Index

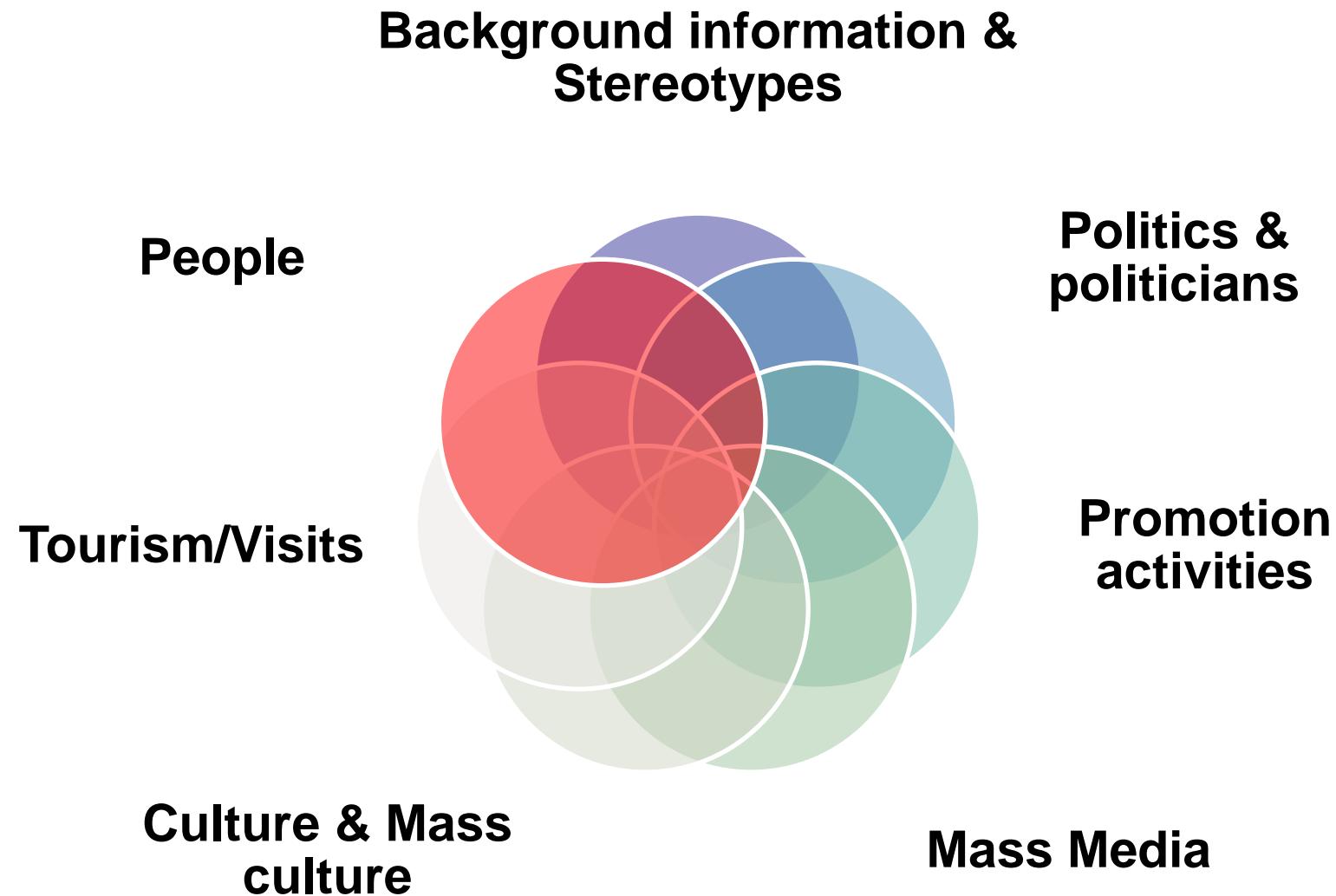




Nation Brand: points of contact



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Russia and its brand attributes

The Young Profy Day Forum , April 2011

- ▶ 200 participants, aged 20– 45
- ▶ Target: reveal key attributes & associations of Russia as a brand
- ▶ Form: Complete the phrase « Russia – is ...»



Results 2011

1. Родина - Motherland
2. The biggest country in the world
3. Широкая душа – Russian soul
4. Дураки, дороги – Fools and bad roads
5. Бабы - women
6. Водка - vodka
7. Медведи - bears
8. Снежная тайга – snowy taiga
9. Сибирь - Siberia
10. Коррупция - corruption
11. Авось -
12. Женская красота – women's beauty
13. Хамство - rudeness
14. Гостеприимность - hospitality
15. Холод - cold
16. Матрешка - matreshka



Survey , March-May 2012, Moscow State University

TA – aged 25-40

Key 25 attributes

- | | |
|---------------------------|--|
| 1. холод/мороз | 13. бесправность |
| 2. медведь | 14. просторы |
| 3. снег | 15. красивая природа |
| 4. Путин | 16. злые/хмурые люди |
| 5. береза | 17. грязь |
| 6. Кремль/Красная Площадь | 18. детские дома/беспрizорники |
| 7. широкая душа | 19. Калашников |
| 8. ум/интеллигентность | 20. авторитарность/деспотия |
| 9. нищета | 21. перекрытый кислород |
| 10. водка | 22. неразвитость |
| 11. коррупция | 23. безысходность |
| 12. огромная территория | 24. необычайное прошлое при
печальном настоящем |
| | 25. Беззаконие |



Statistics

100 key associations/images:

- ▶ Positive – 13
- ▶ Negative – 49
- ▶ Neutral – 38

- ▶ **People - more politically sensitive and conscious:**
- ▶ **More negative**



Nation Brand: x-factors /channels

**Background information &
Stereotypes**

People

Tourism/Visits

**Culture & Mass
culture**

**Politics &
politicians**

**Promotion
activities**

Mass Media



Madagascar 3, Tiger Vitally

1. Former star & super hero but frustrated by his failure, can't recover
 2. Hidden drama
 3. Reserved & unsmiling
 4. Conservative & suspicious about everything new
- ▶ Past: magnificent
 - ▶ Present: dramatic
 - ▶ Future: vague & uncertain
 - ▶ Perspectives: great, but one needs to believe in itself to start doing something



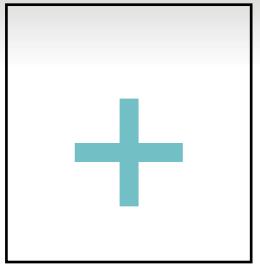
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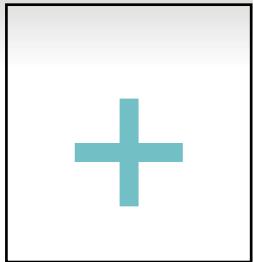
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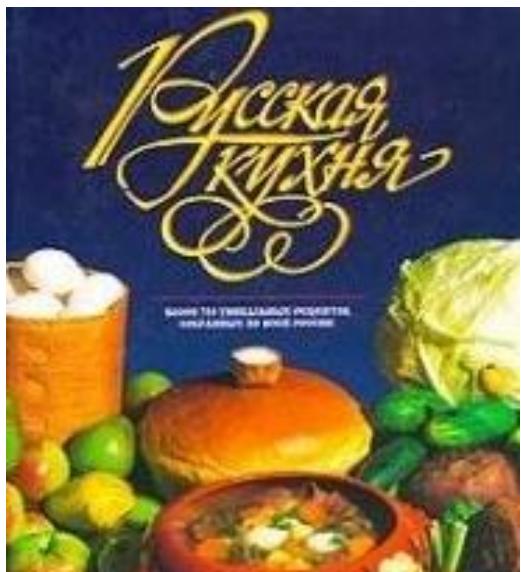
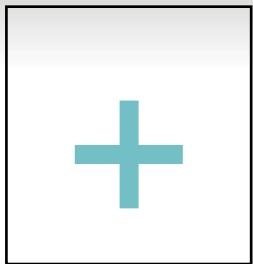
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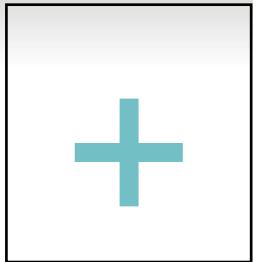
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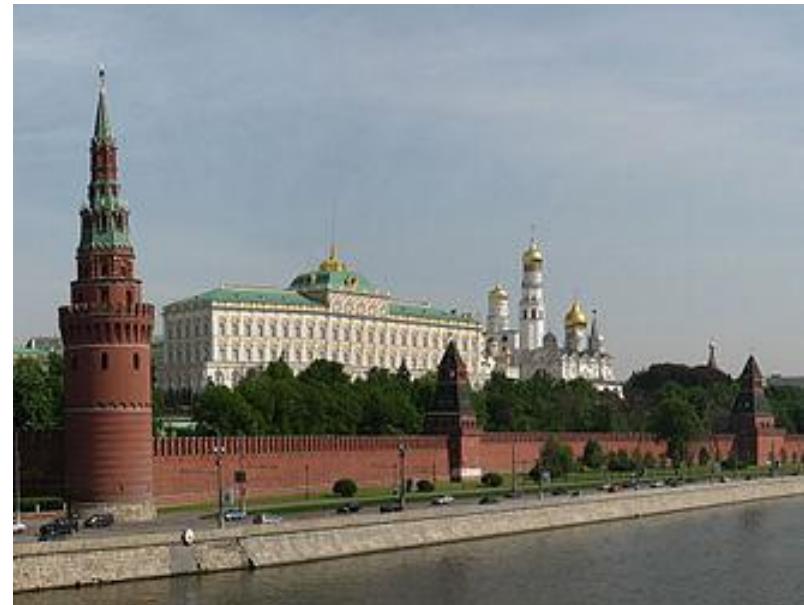
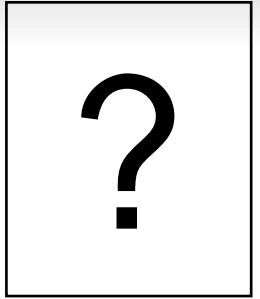


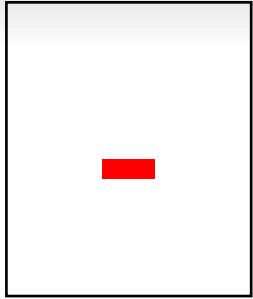


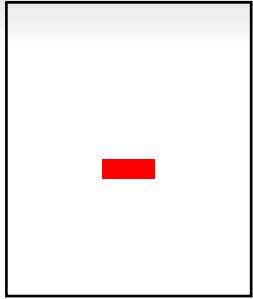


Not so positive stereotypes

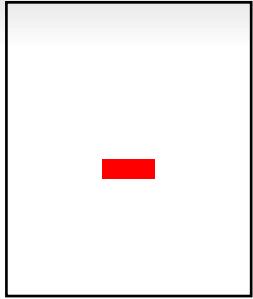




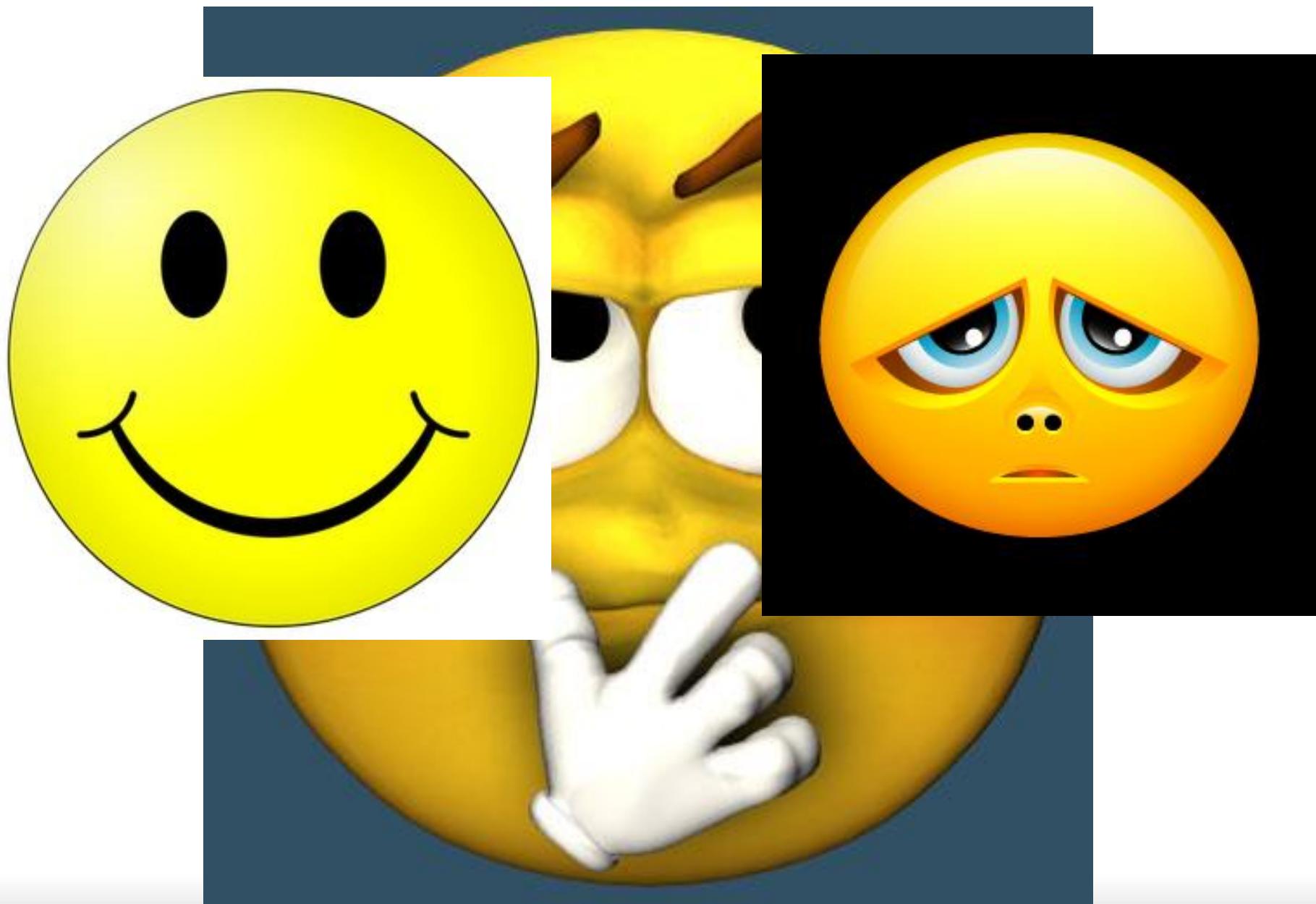




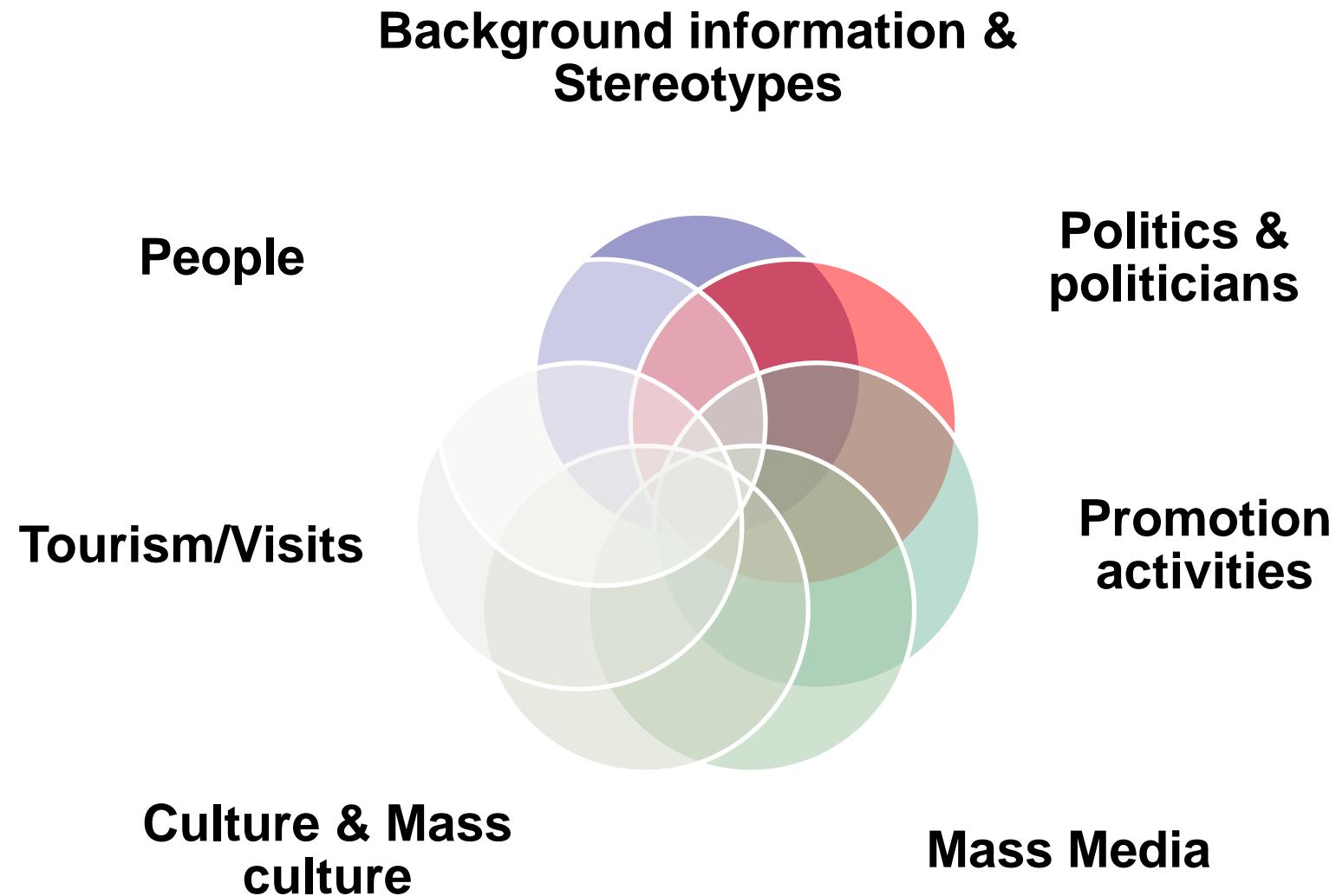




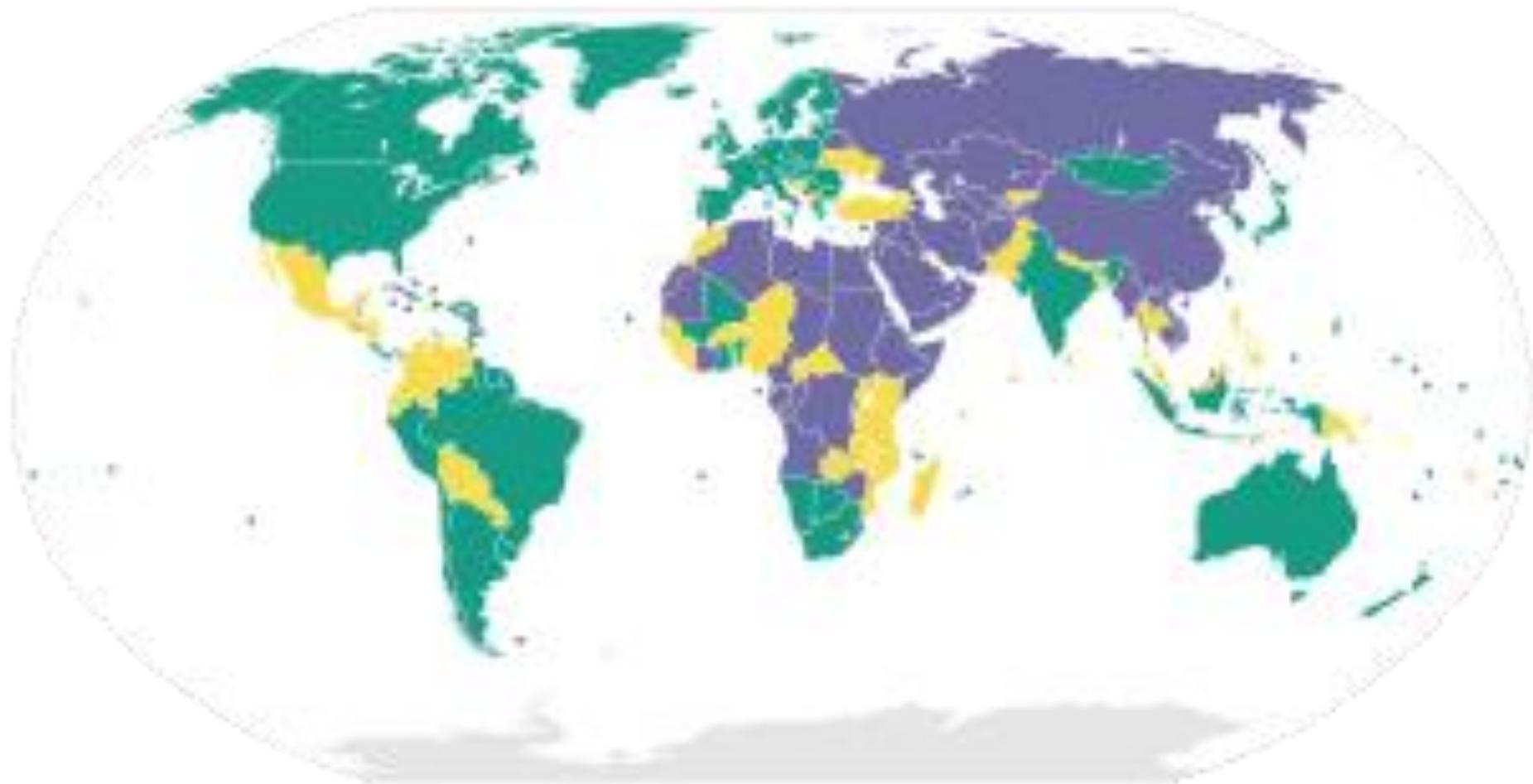
Final Result?



Nation Brand: points of contact



Freedom in the World Survey (US-bases) 2011



Country ratings from Freedom House's *Freedom in the World* 2011 survey, concerning the state of world freedom in 2010.

Free (87)



Partly Free (60)



Not Free (47)



GlobeScan 2011

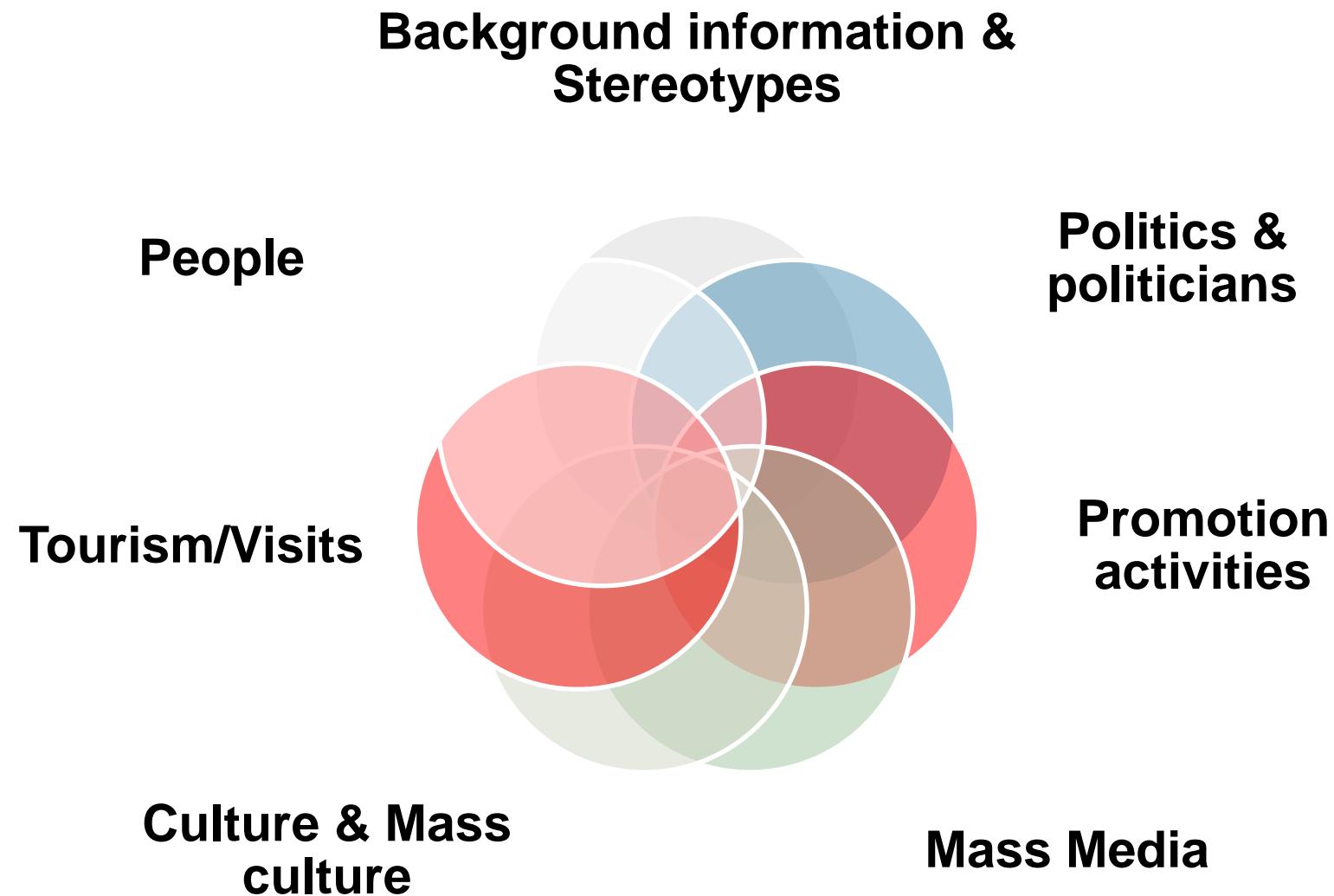
- ▶ 17 countries that effect positively/ negatively
- ▶ Russia – 13th, closer to the evil-country pole

Russia-fans

- ▶ India – 58% positive
- ▶ China & South Korea – 48% positive
- ▶ The most evil country - Iran (59%)



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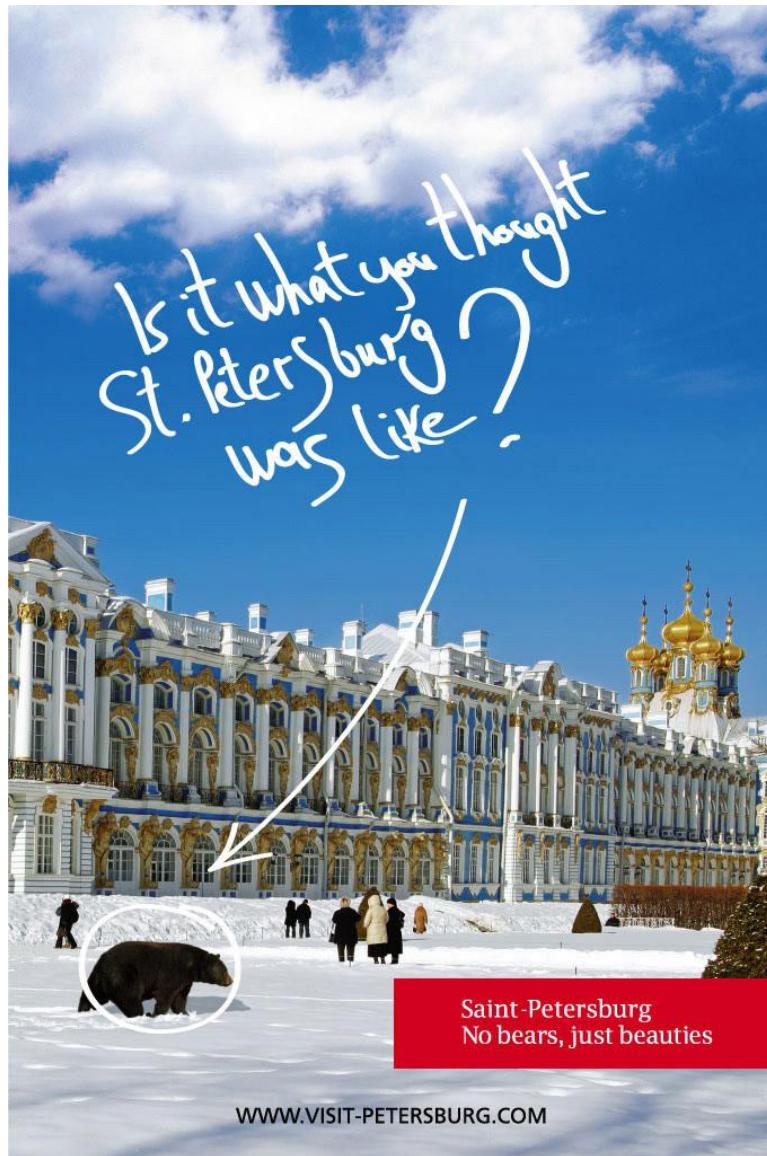
Tourism

World Tourist Organization data

- ▶ Paris – 14 Million tourists
- ▶ Moscow – 4,5 Million tourist arrivals 2011, Russia - 23,676,000 tourist arrivals
- ▶ Russia has the capacity to welcome 70 Min tourists per year.



2006 Saint –Petersburg Promotion 2006 London, Amsterdam, Paris Budget – 1Mio EURO



WWW.VISIT-PETERSBURG.COM

<http://www.wintube.ru/video/p1PsL7Fcyzg/saint-petersburg-no-bears-just-beauty/>

Branding & Promotion Activities

- ▶ «Брендинг только тогда приносит деньги, когда им занимаются осознанно. Если им заниматься неосознанно, то он их съедает. В России брендинг территории присутствует как некое неформальное течение, но он не продуманный и не системный», - выразился на этот счёт участник круглого стола директор по развитию ВЦИОМ Максим Муссель, «Corporate imageology» «Брендинг территорий в России пока не системный» от 07.09.2010 г.



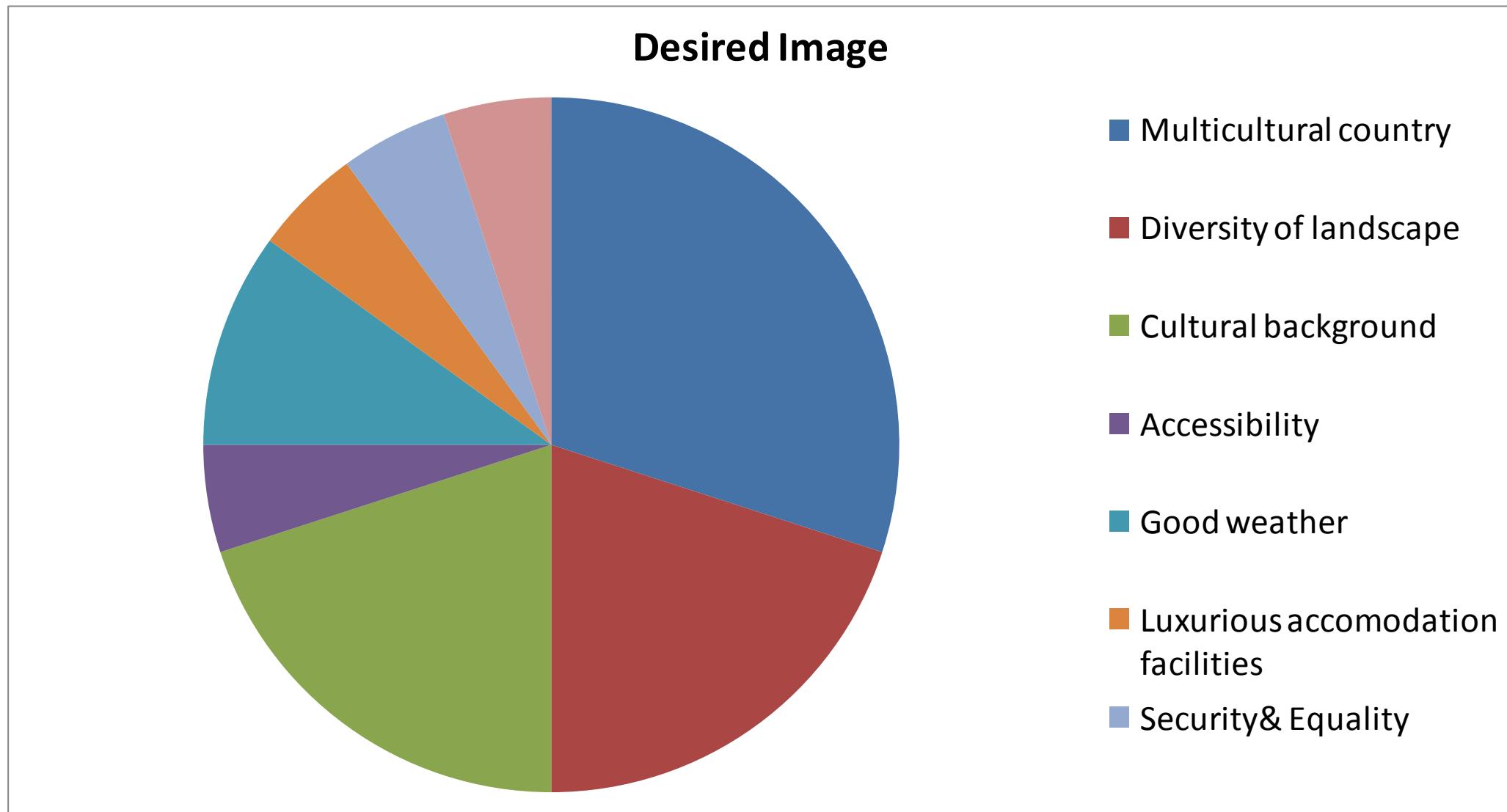
Key Events: Sochi 2014 & FIFA CUP 2018

- ▶ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WdcRbaXH2kA>



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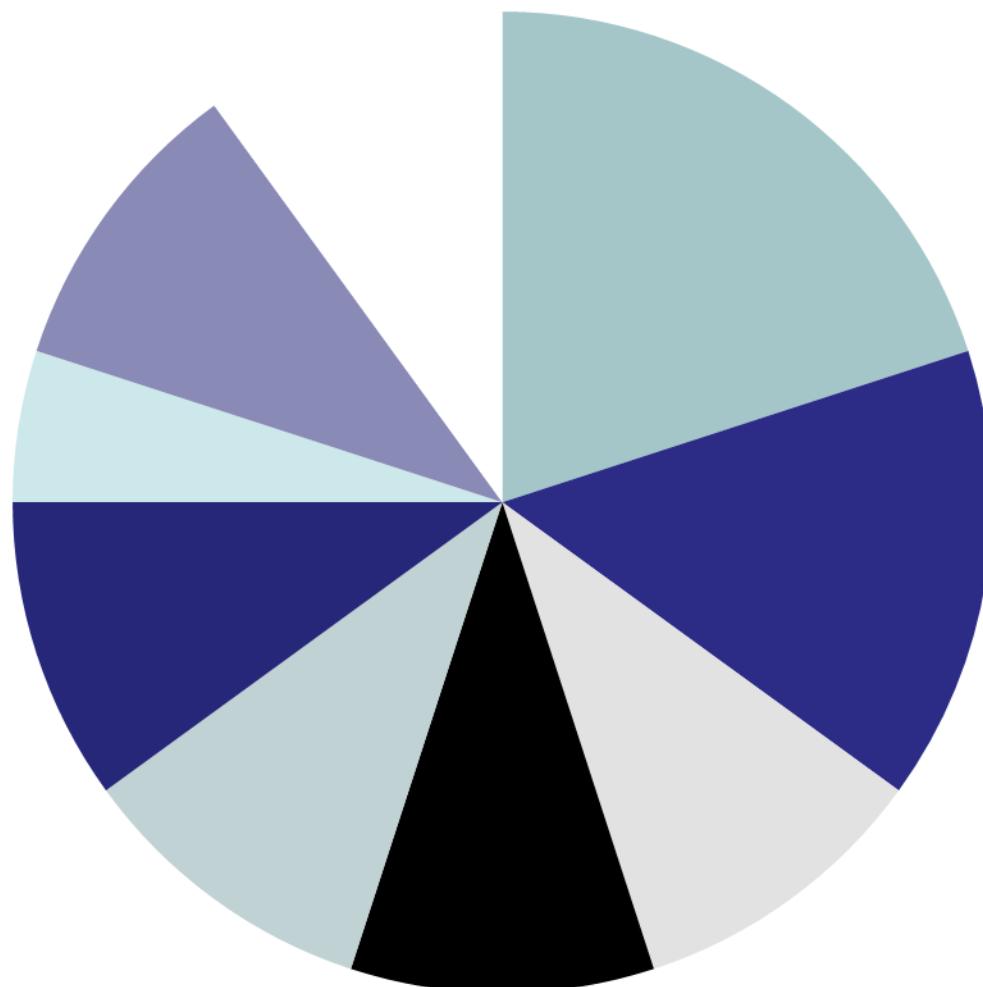
30 students, aged 20-25



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Actual Image: Assets



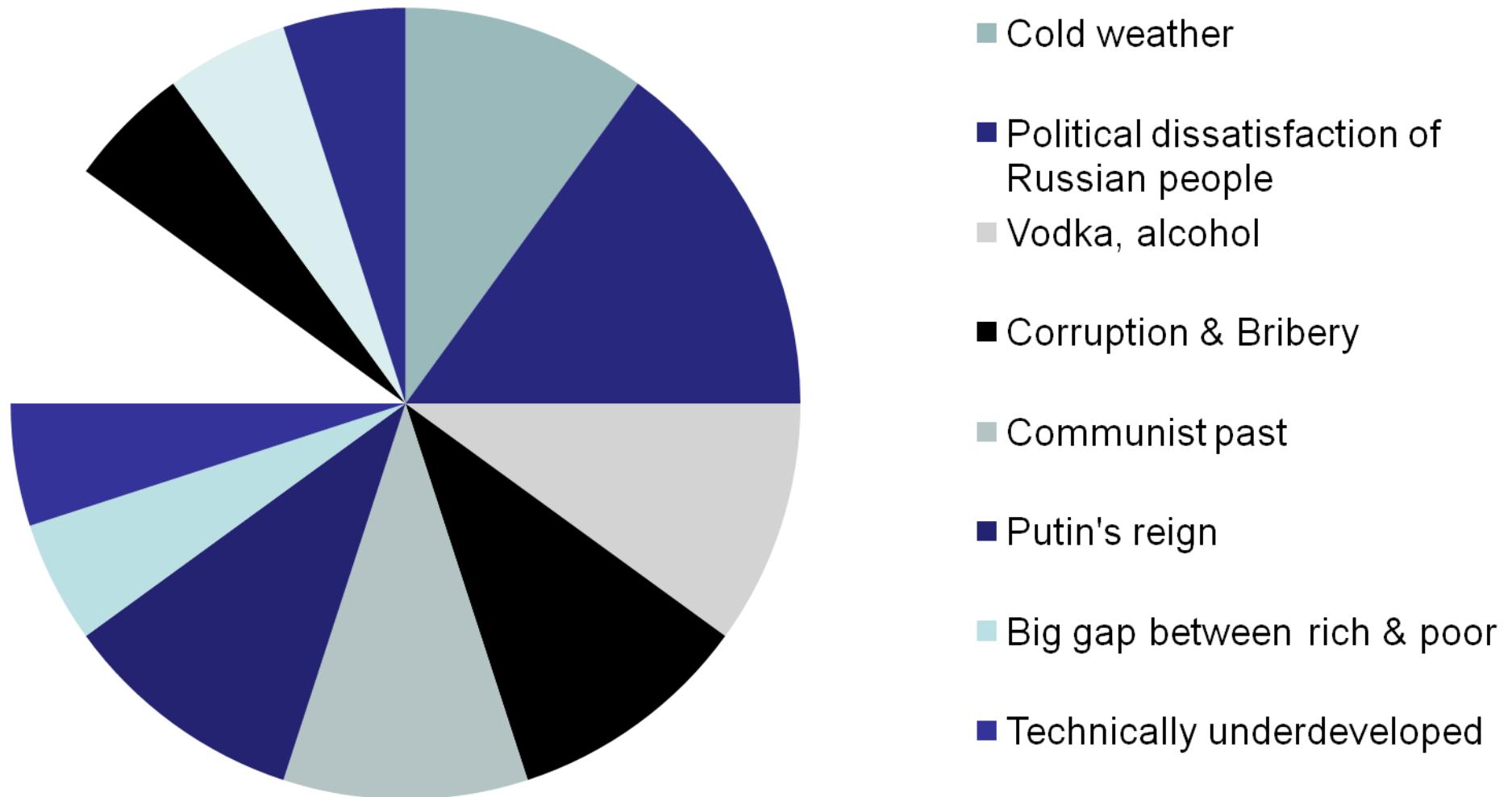
- Huge country with every climate & natural attractions
- Enormous diversity of people, culture, religions & languages
- Vibrant social live - compared with New York
- Saint-Petersburg – center of culture
- Culture: classic literature, ballet, architecture



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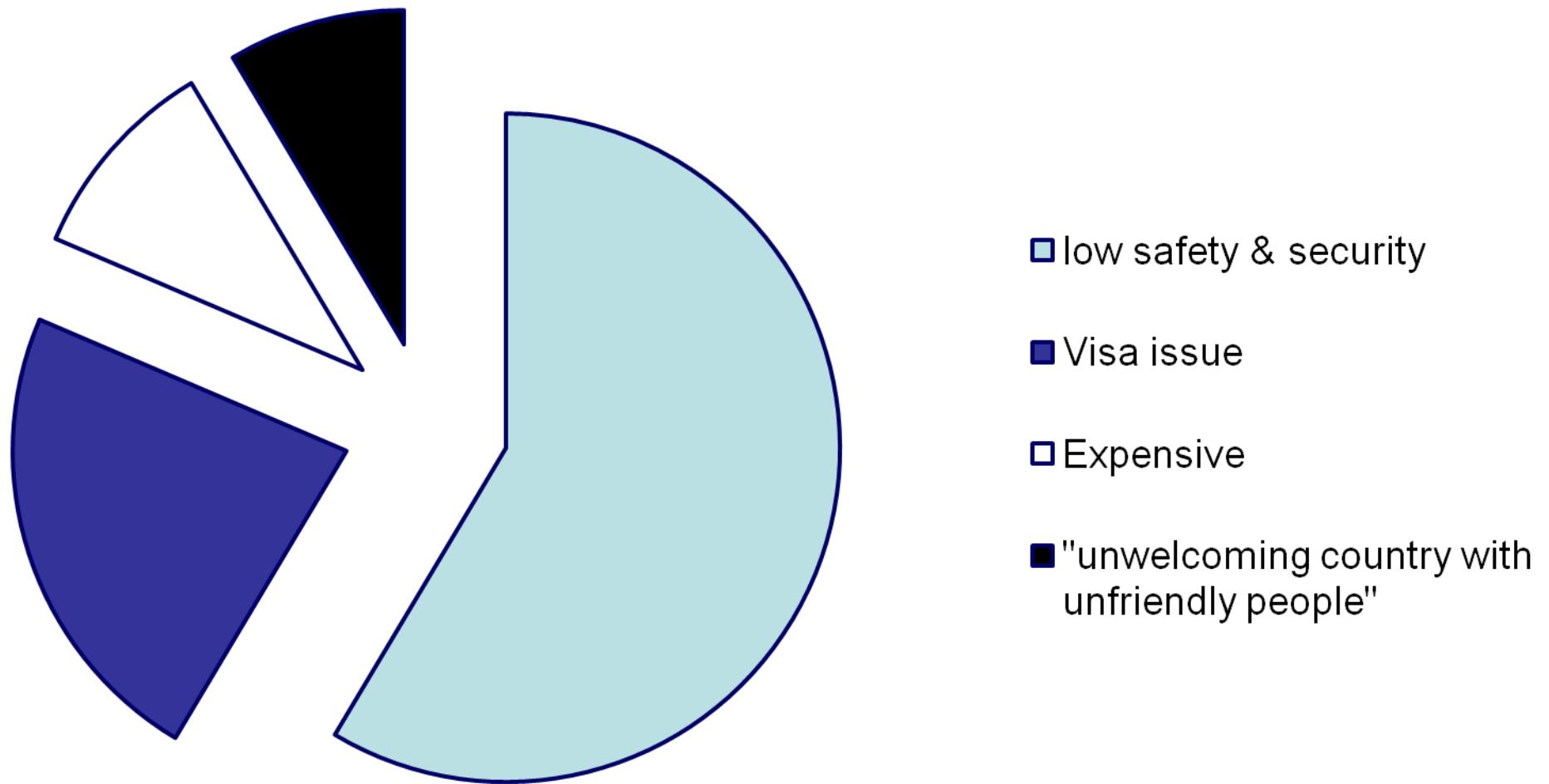
Actual Image: Negative factors



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Barriers to go to Russia



Interviews with Professionals

- ▶ **Target Audience:** Communications, Destination Marketing Professionals
- ▶ **Number:** 10
- ▶ **Country:** Switzerland
- ▶ **Period:** October, November 2012

Questions:

- ▶ Have you been to Russia?
- ▶ What is an image of Russia?
- ▶ Have the last elections affected the image of Russia?
- ▶ Key obstacles to go to Russia?



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IMAGE EVALUATION

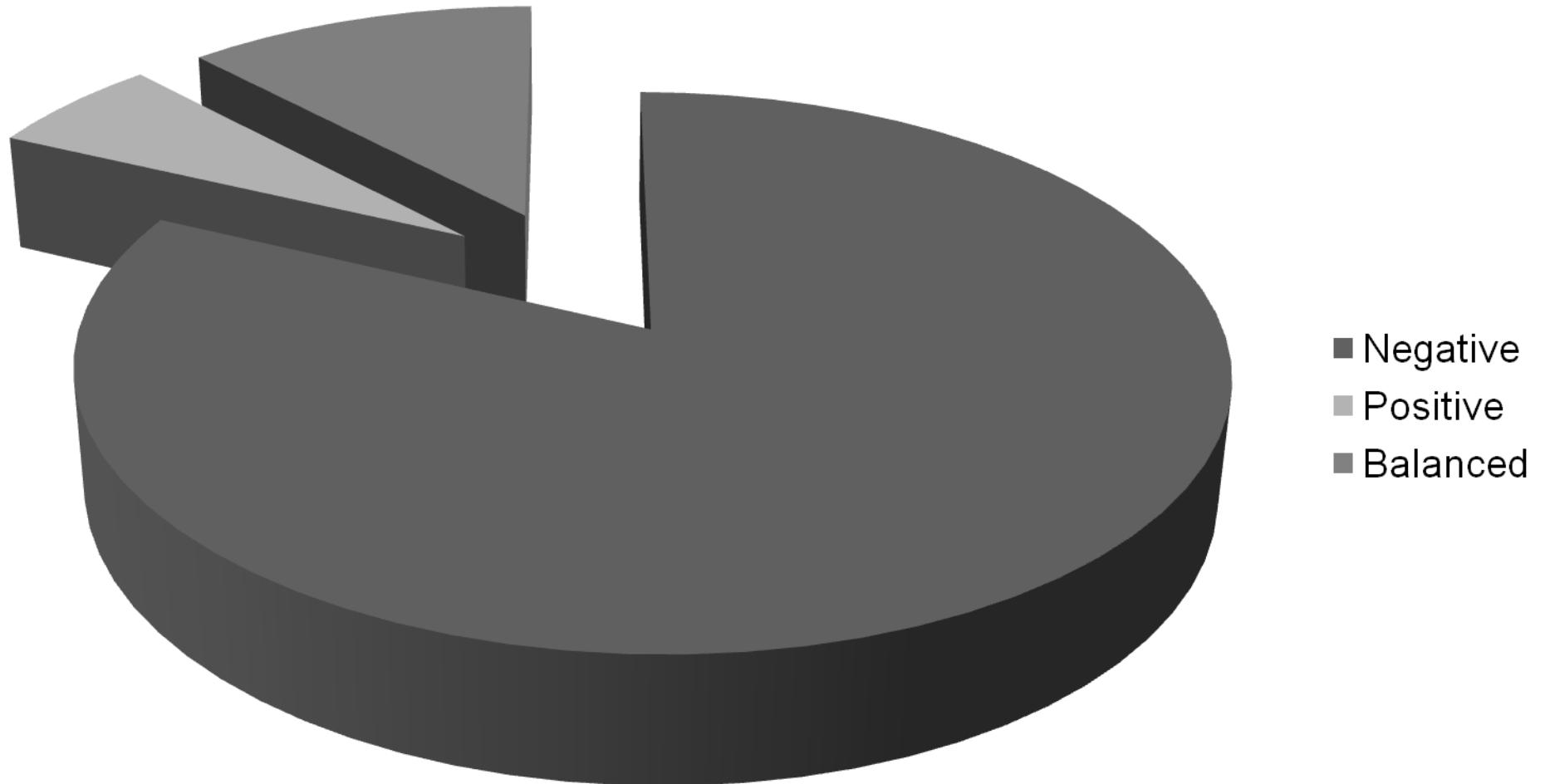


Image of Russia

Emilie Joeffrey, Communications professional from France:

Image – is not good because of politicians who give it, what we hear is mafia, Putin.

Russia is a big country somewhere far away, a big power and great culture in the past. Communistic period is something big and dark but we love the architecture, Yury Gagarin. Nowadays - we see very rich Russian people, the richest people in the world. When you come to Russia you see that people are nice and culture still present, people move forward. I reopened Russia in a good sense.

You don't have to be afraid of Russia.

Urs Wagenseill, Lucerne University, HSLU(Switzerland), head of tourism department

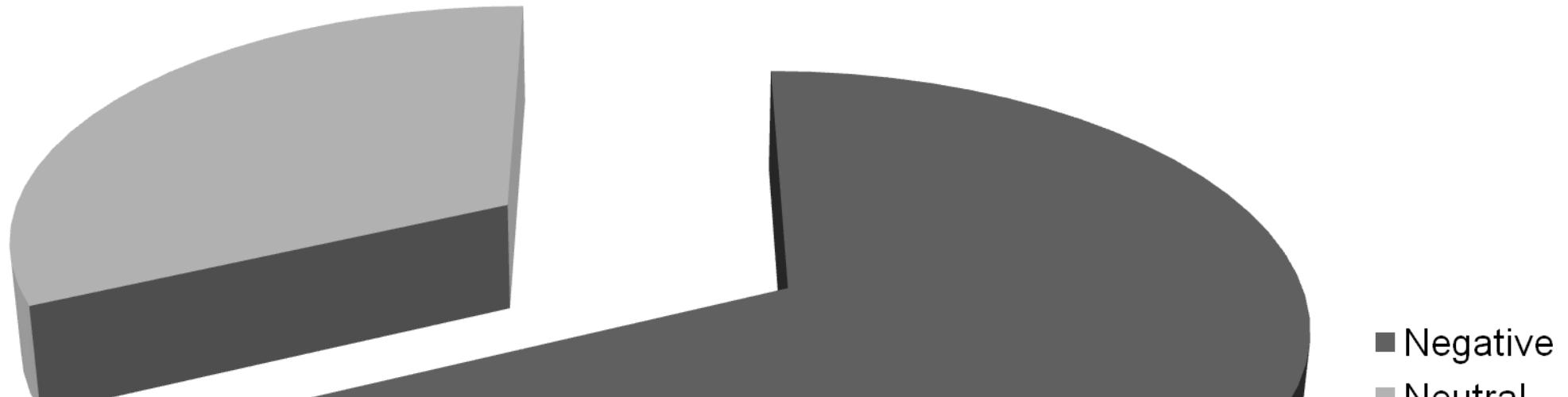
► **Image of Russia** - it's something gray. Of course we learn more and more about Russia, we are meeting more and more people and the image 's getting better. It's always influenced by the politics. It's mysterious, a lot of question marks. We need more positive news from the country and we need more people from Russia visiting us – to feel the spirit of Russia.

Emanuel Femminis, Special Events & Guest Management, FIFA

Very interesting country, people are very nice. The country is developing, a lot of thing going through the changes. It's a huge country. I used to be in an airline business. Flying from Vladivostok from Zurich, it needs quit a lot of time to fly over Russia and then cover Europe in a couple of hours.



Effect of the Elections on the Image of Russia



Russia as a tourist destination

Claus Schreier, Lucerne University, HSLU (Switzerland), lecture of cross-cultural management

There are not so many possibilities to visit Russia. I went to Russia once, it was Rostov on Don, Customs Academy. I really had a difficulty to get a visa being a German living in Switzerland. There was a problem to get information about travelling. The problem is we don't have many ideas about Russia.

Rene Zeier, Lucerne University, HSLU (Switzerland), lecture of applied branding

There are two big cities – St Petersburg and Moscow, some relicts from the cold war, and a lot of curiosity to discover Russia .

Emanuel Femminis, Special Events & Guest Management, FIFA

Russia as a tourist destination. Is it interesting for the Swiss?

Absolutely, I think everybody should visit Moscow, other Russian cities to get a better understanding and idea of Russia. I would love to go by train from Moscow to Vladivostok.



City trips from Switzerland – the main tour operator's offer

<https://www.tui.com/staedtereisen/>

<http://www.hotelplan.ch/>

<http://www.travelhouse.ch/europa/>

<http://www.kuoni.ch/DE/book/city/Pages/hotel-and-flight.aspx>

Nation Brand: channels

**Background information &
Stereotypes**

People

Tourism/Visits

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Mass Media



Mass Media

Комментатора газеты Independent и преподаватель журналистики Мэри Деевски: "Образ России в британских СМИ невероятно отрицательный, несправедливо отрицательный и во многих отношениях искаженный".



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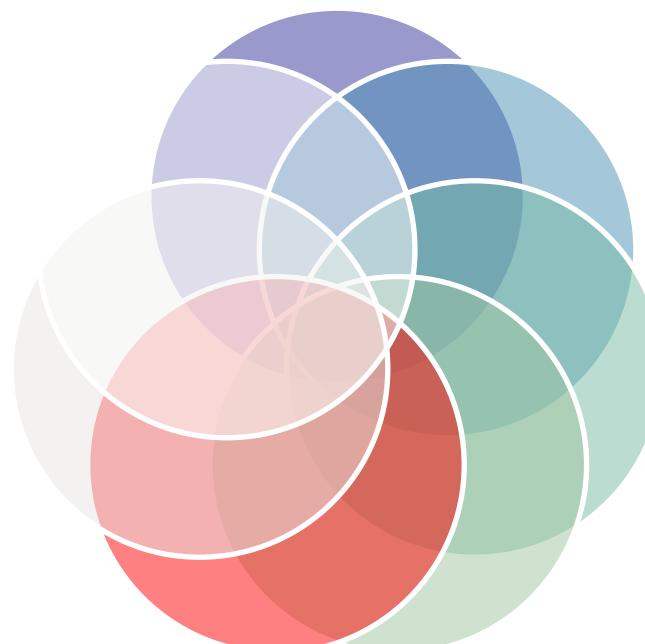
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Country Brand Index: Culture

1. France
2. Italy
3. UK
4. Germany
5. USA
6. Spain
- 7. Russia**
8. Japan
9. China
10. Brazil

2008 Country Brand Index



Russian Cinema Festival, Honfleur (France)



Nation Brand: election-tentative factors

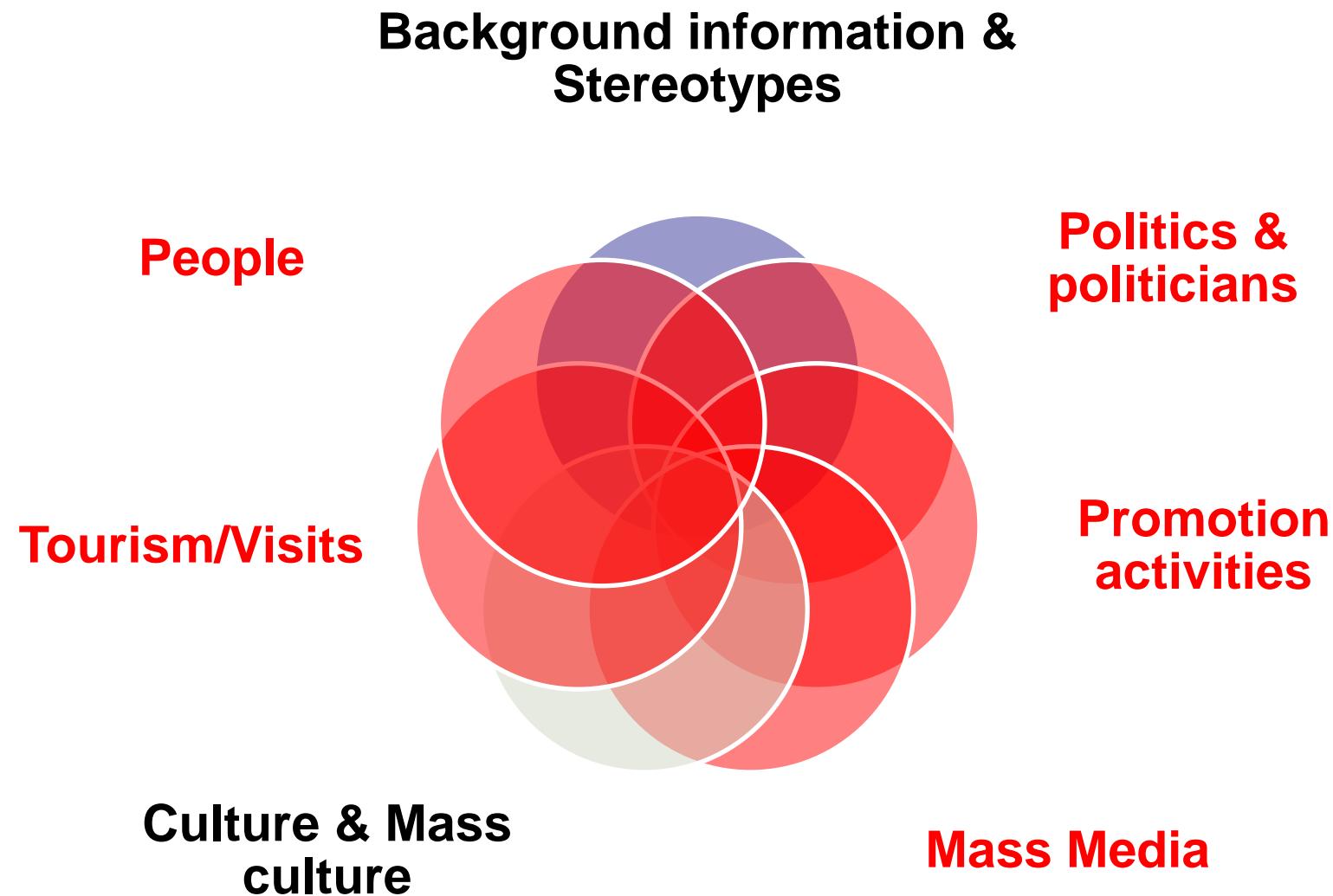


Image of Russia

Посол Швейцарии в России Вальтер Фечерин : "Я еще никогда не был в стране, имидж которой расходился бы в такой степени с действительностью. Репутация России значительно хуже, чем она есть на самом деле". Газета «Известия» статья «Имидж как ресурс» 29.11.2010г.



A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together. The hands belong to people with dark skin, and their fingers are interlocked. They are resting on a light-colored, textured surface, possibly a piece of clothing or a soft material. The background is blurred, showing more of the same light-colored fabric.

Russia Brand Formation

Strategic Positioning Process.



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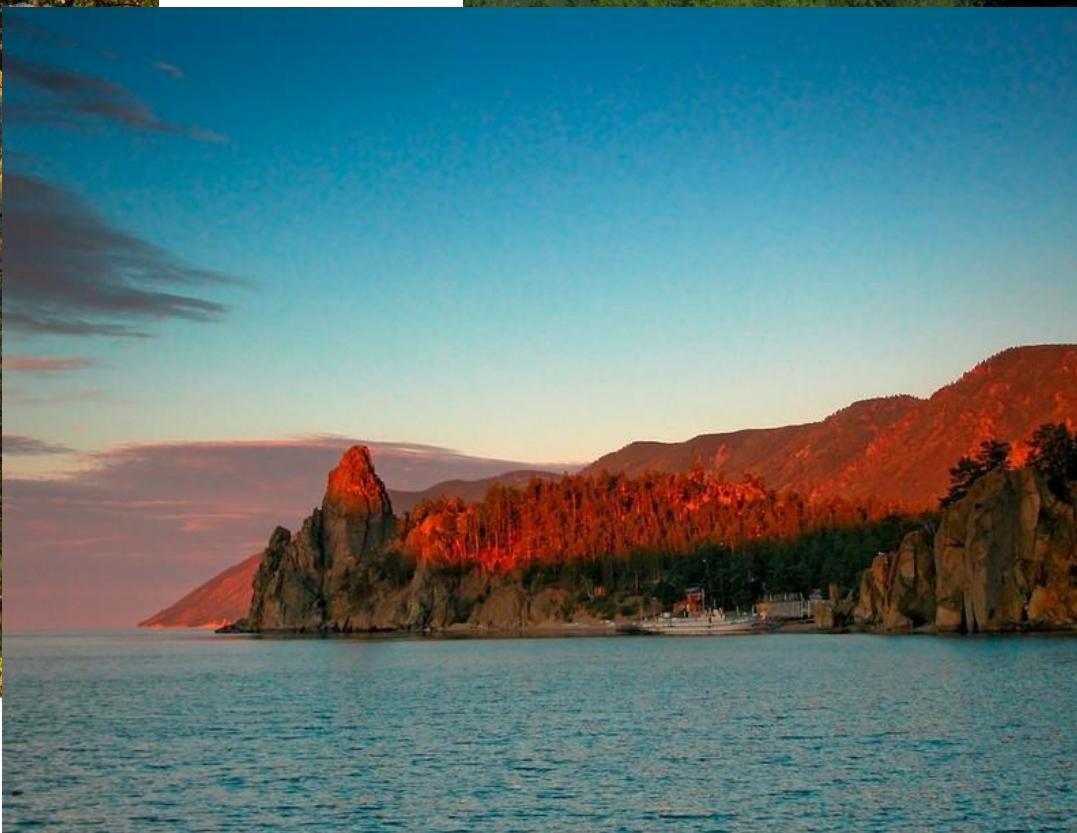
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Russia as a brand: Brand identity?



Diversity: nature

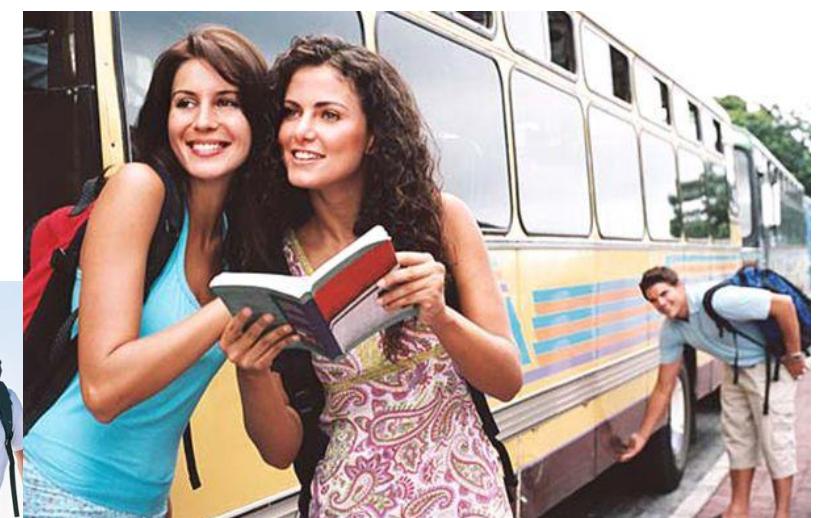


Diversity: Culture



Russia

1. Who are our Target Groups
2. Key stakeholders
- 3. Key message**

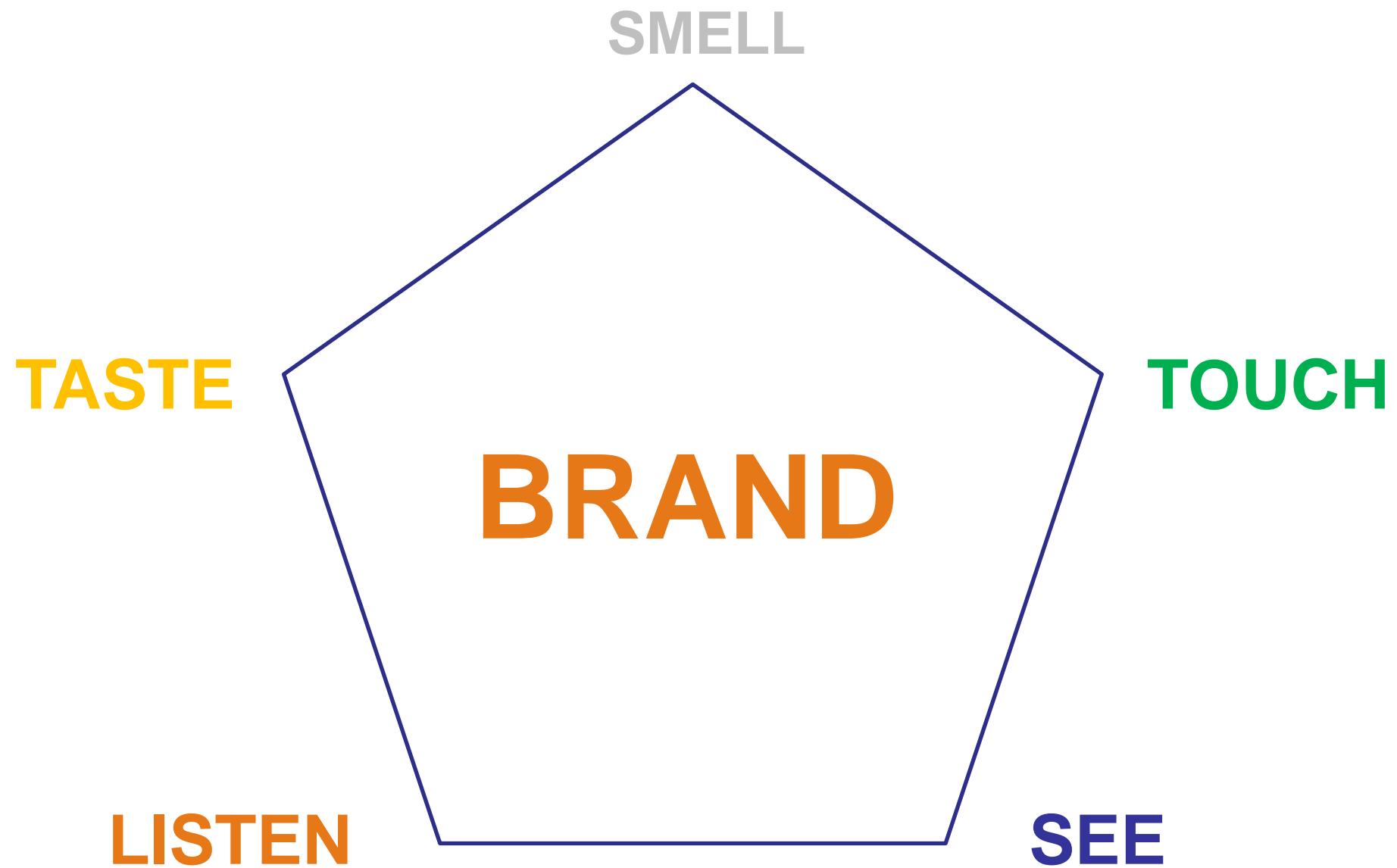


To do List:

- Big Idea formed & clearly communicated
- Target groups found, focus on the young as well
- Diversity instead of 1-D culture
- Integrated promotion strategy & long-term planned campaign,
- Integrated marketing communications, New Media are included, cohesion of channels and messages
- Russian Tourist boards opened
- Interactive on-line maps with city attractions
- Media relations



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Welcome to Russia!
Thank you for your kind attention!



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