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Context

Finding

Despite the changing character of war, the state still maintains a monopoly on violence. First hypothesis to test was 'state's monopoly on violence to restore order and justice has not undergone any transformations in the post-Cold War period.' This hypothesis was tested by studying history and proved to be true. Second hypothesis 'Interventions by the Western Powers and NATO determined the approach of post-Soviet Russia' have been proven true by studying Russia's war with Chechnya and Georgia. Third hypothesis 'Ukrainian national identity is marked by hostility towards Russians' is partly true as Ukrainian national identity itself has various perspectives. Final hypothesis 'Russian policy is to ensure the allegiance of the post-Soviet states and deter influence of Western forces' has proven to be true. It is possible that without Euromaidan protest, Russia would not have invaded Crimea. The tension would have escalated into war one day or another due to the Western alliance's constant push to expand their influence towards the Eastern Europe. Ukrainians are permanently pulled in different directions and have been unable to develop a consensus of the idea of Ukraine. Moreover, the capture of Crimea region and prolonged conflict has intensified the process of making large parts of Ukraine more ethno-national, more Ukrainian and more anti-Russian.