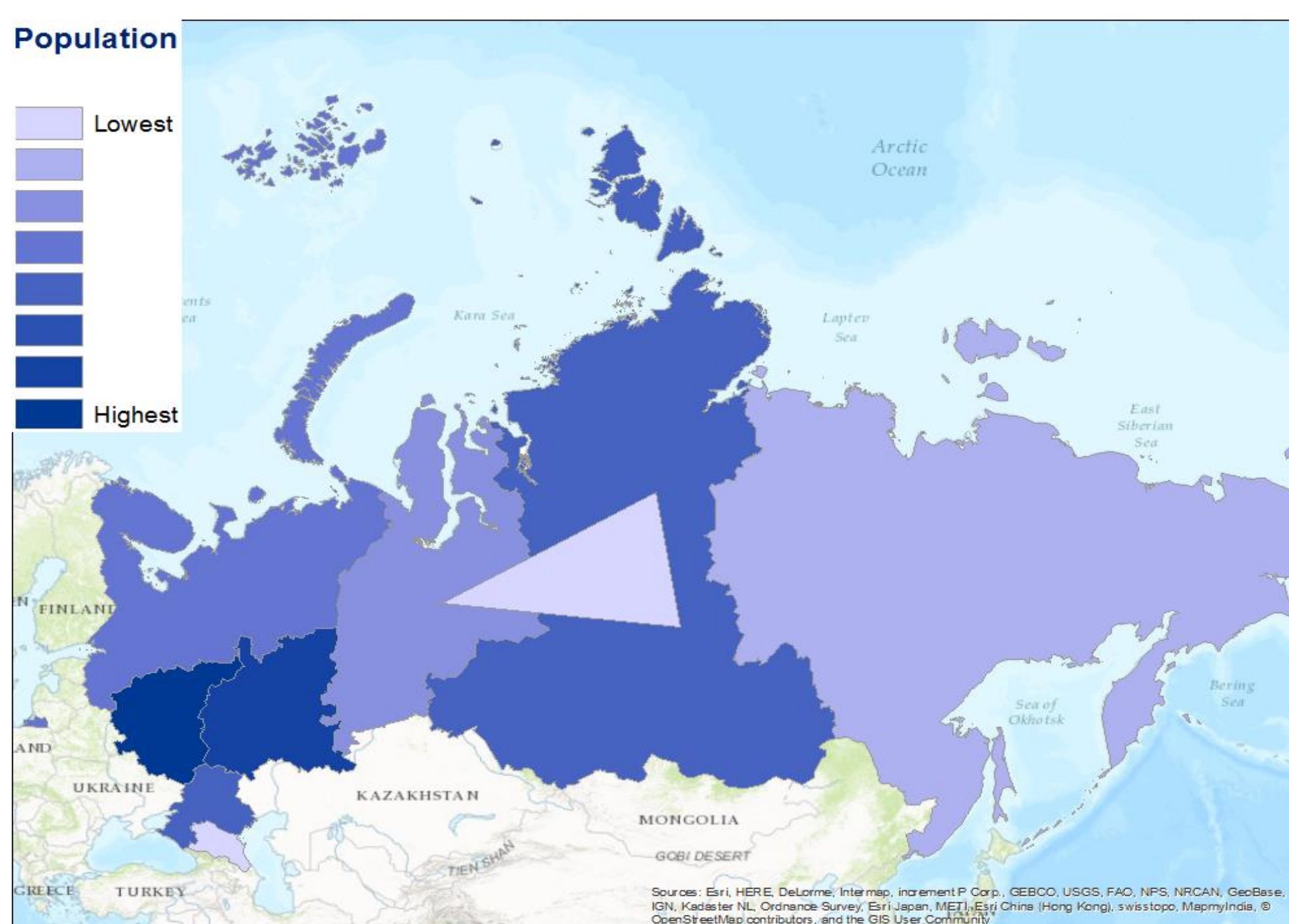


## Insights into Russian Energy Policy

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### Introduction

This research project seeks to explore the motivations and trends behind the Russian Federation's energy policy, particularly concerning renewable forms of energy or a decreasing reliance on fossil fuels. It examines previous literature on the subject, analyzes data collected in recent years, and finally aims to add to the knowledge base on Russian energy policy through interviews with experts.



**Figure 1.** Population Distribution of Russia

### Research Questions

The project is focused on answering 3 research questions:

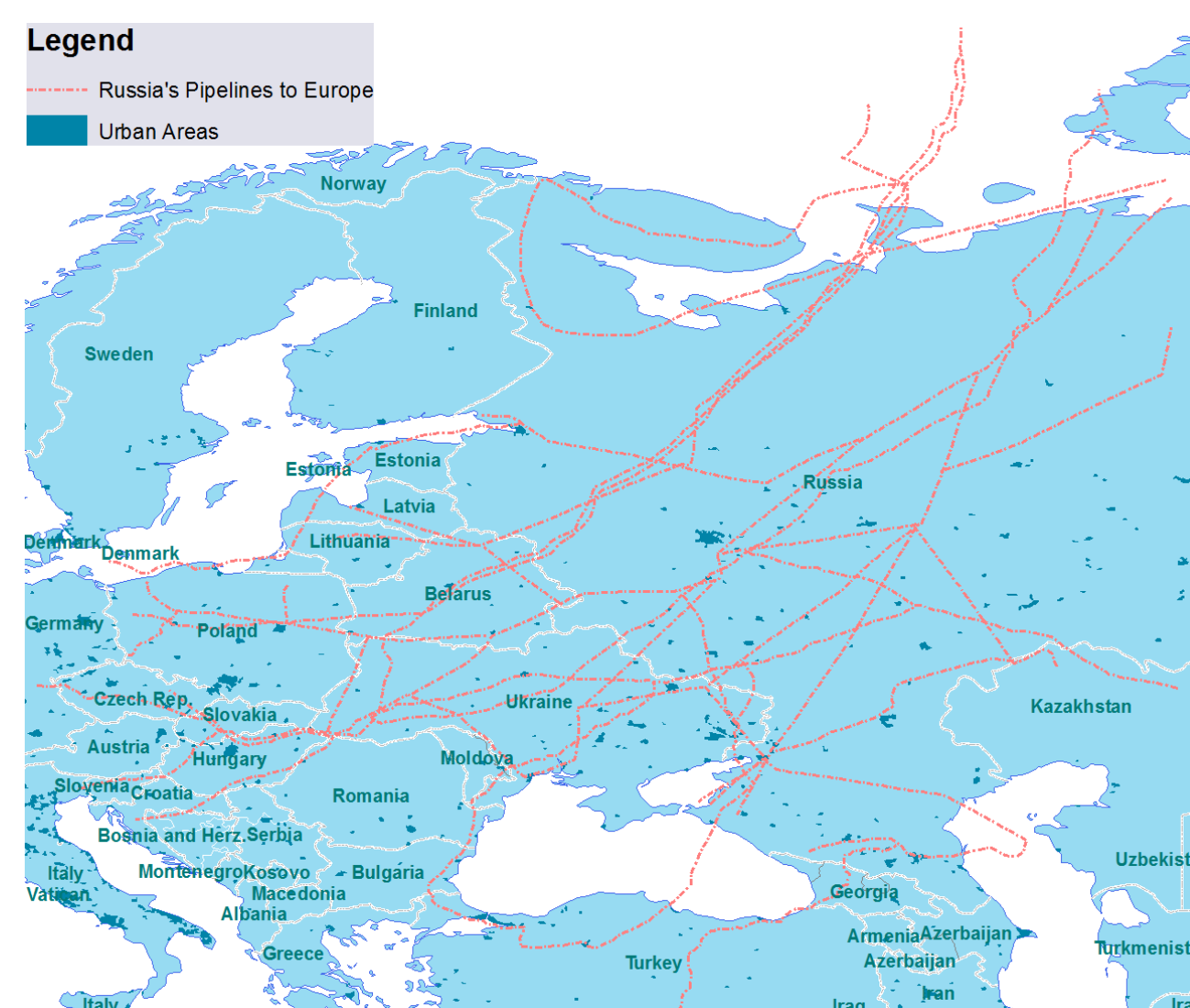
- Does Russia really have an interest in developing renewable energies?
- What is Russia's true political agenda?
- Who controls or influences Russia's policy-making process?

### Previous Findings

- Russia has an interest in developing renewable energy because of resources and energy trade ties
- The Russian political agenda emphasizes traditional fuels rather than renewable energy.
- Politicians, oil and natural gas companies – especially Gazprom – and in some ways even organized crime all influence Russian policy.

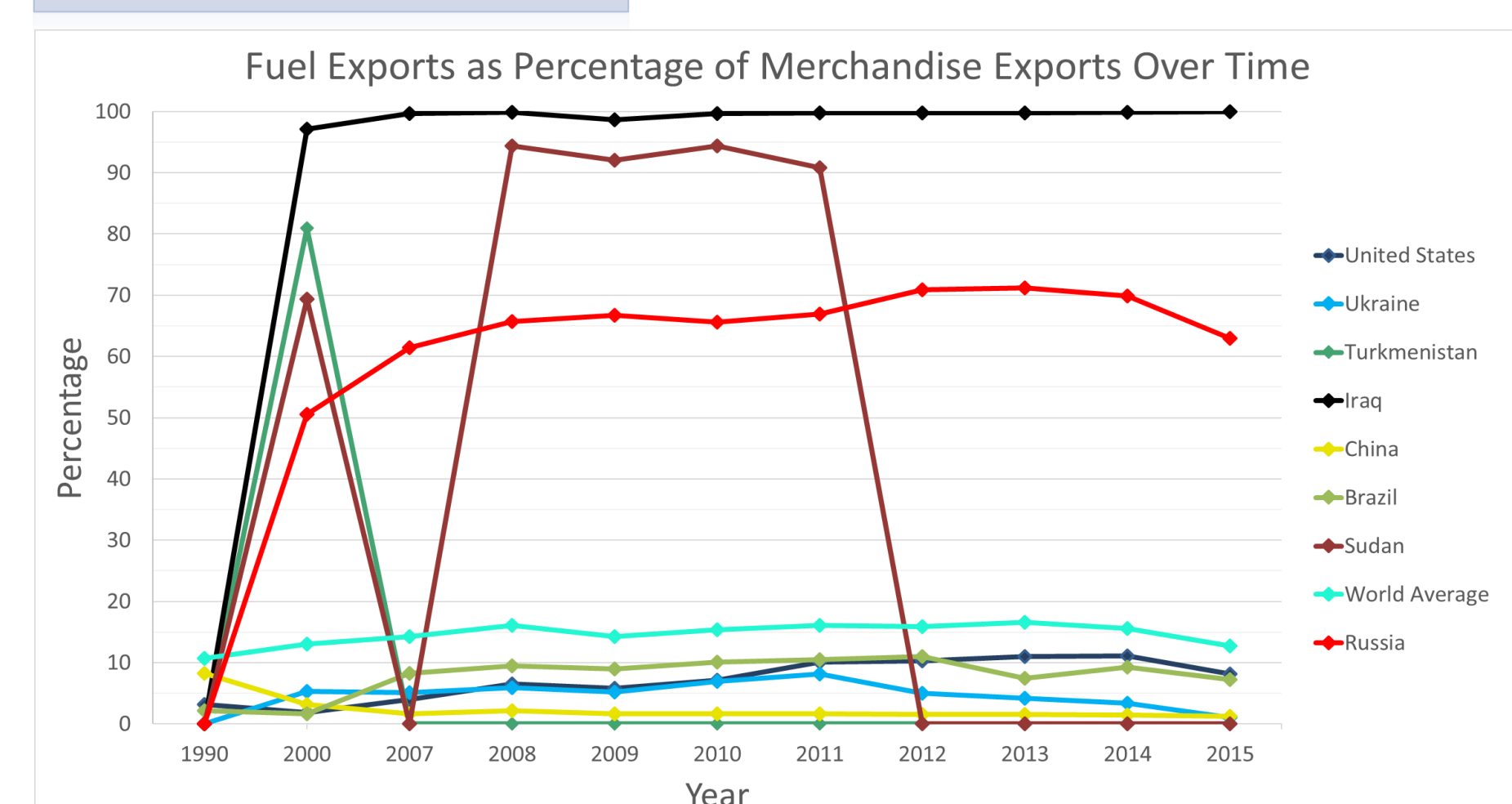
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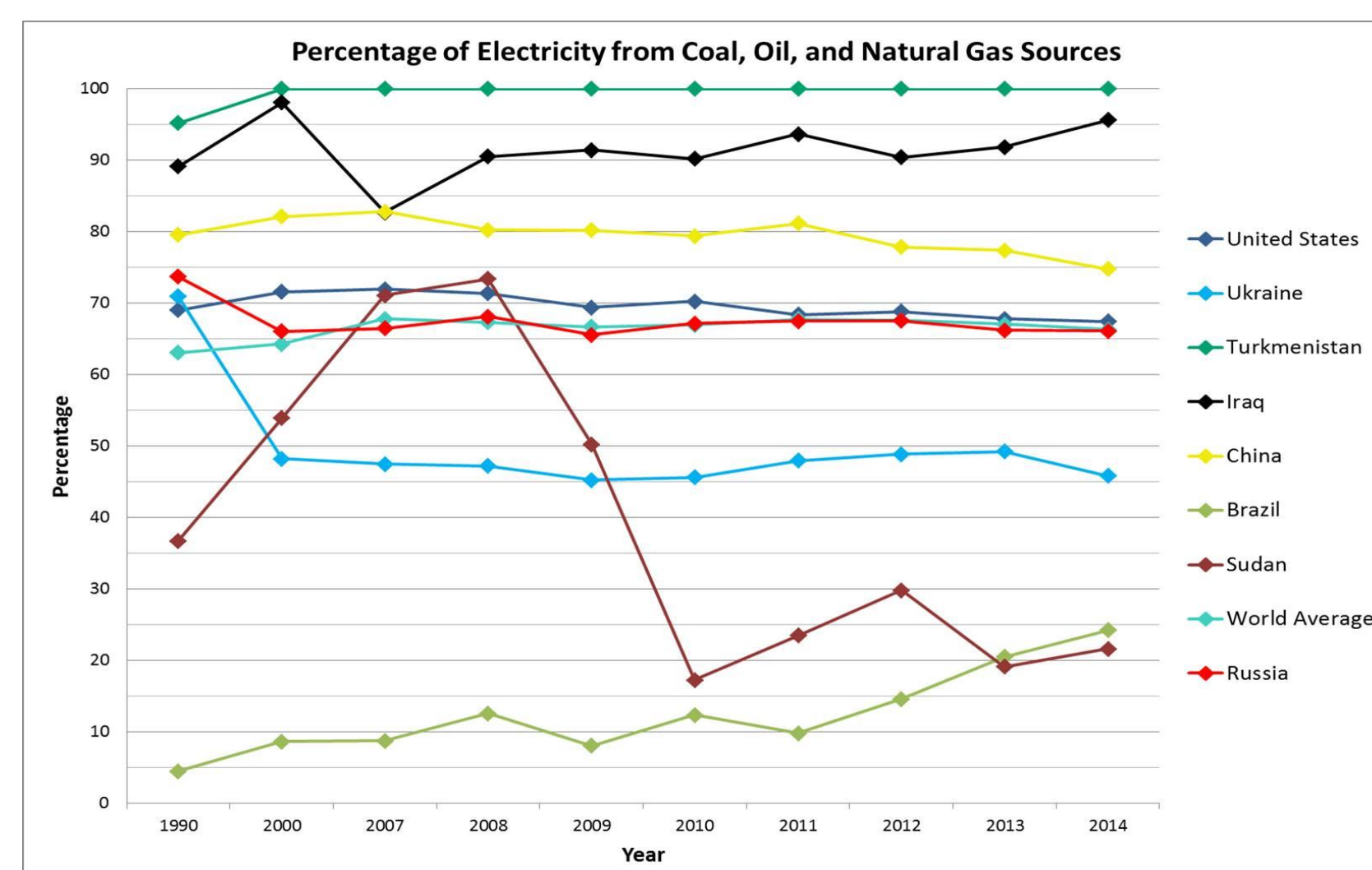


**Figure 2.** Russia's European pipelines and their proximity to urban areas.

### Data Results



**Figure 3.** The percentage of fuel in Russia's annual merchandise since 1990, compared to other countries and the world average.



**Figure 4.** This is the percentage of electricity produced through fossil fuels, comparing the same selection of countries and range of years as in Figure 3.

### Conclusion

The interview portion of this project has not yet been conducted. However, the currently available literature and data indicate that Russia is unlikely to make great strides in renewable energy policy without some change. However, such policy could be extremely beneficial economically long-term.

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