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Engagement in Central Asia, the Russian Far East, and the Arctic has tested Russia's and China's abilities to manage their differences and translate the rhetoric of partnership into tangible gains. The name Russia is derived from Rus', a medieval state populated mostly by the East Slavs. However, this proper name became more prominent in the later history, and the country typically was called by its inhabitants "ruskaja zemlja" (ruskaja zemlja), which can be translated as "Russian Land" or "Land of Rus". Still, none of that explain why the leaders of the Empire have decided to engage in a desperate game of "nuclear chicken" to try to, yet again, force Russia to comply with its demands to "go away and shut up". European Russia, the western part of the Russian Federation, is a part of Eastern Europe. With a population of 110 million people, European Russia has about 77% of Russia's population, but covers less than 25% of Russia's territory.