Subject of the thesis: information warfare in Russian-American relations.

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Relevance of the research issue: findings of the study provide a theoretical basis for further study of the relations between Russia and the U.S. and offers to look at them from a different perspective. Some of them are the author's conclusions about the mechanisms of influence of "soft" power in the modern conflicts that may be interesting to Russian government agencies engaged in foreign policy. The research materials could also be used in the educational process - the preparation and reading courses "Geopolitics", "World Politics", "The process of making foreign policy decisions."

The purpose: study of concept and essence of information warfare, the analysis of their structure and process of development, and also study of non-military factors of strength and limits of the use of "soft power" in contemporary international conflicts on the example of US-Russian confrontation.

Research objectives:
1) define the concept of information warfare and its main species;
2) identify the main methods of information warfare;
3) identify key prerequisites of information confrontation between the United States and Russia;
4) determine the features of the Russian and the American approach to information warfare, based on analysis of the Syrian and Georgian-Ossetian conflicts.

Scientific novelty: The author's definition of the concept of "information warfare" is given. Considering tradition of information influence during the "cold war" by the example of the Syrian and the Georgian conflict, identified key channels and mechanisms of information confrontation between Russia and the United States.

Structure: the two chapters, containing four paragraphs, the conclusion and a 95-reference bibliography (15 of which are in foreign languages). The total volume is 89 pages.

Summary:
Social systems evolve with the changing role of the individual components. The information in our time is gaining weight becoming a priority parameters affecting other parameters in social system. And it must be so, because we live in the technological order information order. Producing information, modern states generate gross national product. The increasing role of information component in today's society due not only purely economic reasons, but also:
- Technical: today, technical support information component made a force powerful enough when one person can harm whole state, which, incidentally, has led to the emergence of the phenomenon of modern terrorism.

- Social: never had such a level of dependence of power from the public, because democracy is based on the turnover of power.

- Organizational: the structure of modern society are so interdependent that the impact of one component is immediately reflected in the other.

In the past, you can find a situation where the exaggeration of the role of information component could lead to devastating results. The analysis showed that many countries are now forming at the protection of information systems of aggression and American cultural expansion. In France, for example, television show is allowed no more than 50% of the foreign film, the vast majority of which are known, U.S.. Our government has not taken any significant steps to protect their citizens. Given the complexity and specificity of the information effect, to ensure the security of the Russian Federation, the country badly needs special coordination governing body to monitor the implementation and use of information weapons. It should also be creation of an interagency analytical center for the development of advanced information and psychological techniques at the Academy of the Federal Security Service, MI, with the possible patronage of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Security Council.

It is necessary to think about the formation of a powerful state holding the media, working closely with experts from think tanks. To solve the problems of getting up requires joint efforts in research problems of information warfare, information security, as well as the training of both researchers and journalists "new type."

Unfortunately, it must be admitted, while Russia remains virtually the only country that consistently achieves the international level such issue. Some work has already been done, the materials prepared and reported on issues of information security at 53 and 55 sessions of the UN General Assembly. However, this is not enough. Every effort should be to ensure that in the XXI century, advances in information technology have served exclusively for the benefit of mankind. Having missed the point today, tomorrow, we run the risk of stand on the threshold of the next round of the arms race. In this case, the danger of a global information war, the object of which will be the impact of the finest achievement of evolution - the human mind, will become a reality.