

**From Sovereignty to Independence.  
The Case of Republic of Moldova (II)**  
(Abstract)

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Taking into account the ever complex developments within the USSR, respectively the revolt of the population and leaders of the Baltic Countries (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania) towards the umbilical power of Moscow and use of breakthroughs created by the perestroika and glasnost within the scaffolding of soviet power in order to gain independence, the citizens of the Moldavian Soviet Socialist Republic (MSSR) became increasingly anxious with regards to democratizing society and, furthermore, the assertion of national independence for the majority of populace within the republic. Moreover, the inhabitants of districts located on the left bank of the Dniester, subject to the influence of Romanophobes and conservatives within the party and State apparatus, supported by radical groups from the CPSU (Communist Party of the Soviet Union), began to threaten and contest the legally established order. The autumn of 1989 would represent a new stage, stamped by radicalism, in the road towards sovereignty and, thereafter, towards the independence of a region bearing a special geopolitical and strategic influence of the USSR.