

Download The Soviet Administrative Elite

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR), commonly known as the Soviet Union, was a socialist state in Eurasia that existed from 30 December 1922 to 26 December 1991. Nominally a union of multiple national Soviet republics, its government and economy were highly centralized. In political and sociological theory, the elite (French *élite*, from Latin *eligere*) are a small group of powerful people who hold a disproportionate amount of wealth, privilege, political power, or skill in a society. Soviet Union: Soviet Union, former northern Eurasian empire (1917/22–1991) stretching from the Baltic and Black seas to the Pacific Ocean. Soviet law, also called socialist law, law developed in Russia after the communist seizure of power in 1917 and imposed throughout the Soviet Union in the 1920s.