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**Kommersant trends in the coverage of international relations between Russia and Argentina in 2023**

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Sanctions against Russia have pushed the country to search for new political and economic partners. One of them was the Latin American region.

Last year, the president of Argentina has changed, and the foreign policy of the republic has also changed. In this article, we analyzed the transformation in international relations between Russia and Argentina through the prism of the Kommersant newspaper.

To do this, we reviewed articles on our topic in 2022 and 2023 and identified trends and changes in the coverage of these relations. In this article we used the methods of quantitative and qualitative research (content analysis) to study. For the quantitative research materials on relations between Russia and Argentina in the online version of Kommersant were taken, they were of different genres (articles, notes, longreads) and by various authors.

Not all news containing the word "Argentina" was suitable for research. Materials that had no connection with Russia, were not taken into account because they contained information exclusively about the internal affairs of the country.

Kommersant was chosen for this research for several reasons. It is a daily socio-political and high-quality newspaper with a business direction. The circulation of the Kommersant is 110-120 thousand copies [1]. The main principles of this newspaper are an objective attitude to facts, impartiality and accuracy. Also, in addition to current news articles, it contains interviews with experts and historical references that help readers better navigate current events. In addition, Kommersant has a column "Argentina and its relations with the world" [2], which also became a good reason to consider this particular newspaper for this research.

In total, in 2022 and in 2023, 999 materials that contain a word “Argentina” were published in the online version of Kommersant.

In 2022, there were only nine articles that affected international relations between Russia and Argentina. Almost all of them have a positive connotation, the rest have a neutral one. Two publications are the longreads, others are ordinary news. Thus, in 2022, Kommersant did not release many news on the topic of interest to us, but they differed in the variety of genres and formats.

It is important to notice that during this period of time news about the fight against coronavirus and the import of vaccines against it to Argentina from Russia [3] prevailed, also there was news about the World Cup [4] and the meetings of the presidents of the republic and Russia [5].

In 2023, 22 of materials we considered were devoted to international relations between Russia and Argentina: 5 longreads, 2 opinion articles, 15 notes. The connotation of the materials is very diverse.

In 2023 there was 2 times more news on the topic we needed, and their connotation has changed significantly. There were 2 reasons for this: the presidential election in Argentina and the country’s possible accession to the BRICS.

The first news of the year was about the detention of pregnant Russians at the airport in Argentina [6]. The transfer of the weapon to Ukraine [7], the possible entry of Argentina into the BRICS (and subsequently, the refusal to join there) [8] and the coming to power of Javier Miley [9] also were discussed.

It is logical to assume that in 2023, Kommersant devoted more news to international relations between Russia and Argentina, attracted more experts and wrote more longreads.

Thus, one of the trends we can call rapprochement with Argentina, the manifestation of greater interest in the history and culture of this country (article about Evita Peron) [10].

The second trend is a greater variety of news formats (in addition to articles, there are audio and video).

Now that the elections have been held in Argentina, a new era begins for the country - the Miley era. His rapprochement with the United States and unwillingness to cooperate with China and Russia may change the course of relations between Russia and Argentina.

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