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# THE END OF A SUPERPOWER: THE COLLAPSE OF THE SOVIET UNION

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**Once upon a time there was a country, a gigantic confederation of states, one of the largest dominion in history.**

On December 25, 1991, the Soviet Union collapsed. Along with it came hope for the end of the Cold War, for independence and freedom for the former Soviet republics. But for many it also brought poverty and war. What remains of the dreams of that time? What does freedom look like today, which in large parts still has to be defended and fought for? What role does Russia play in the post-Soviet power structure? We talk to contemporary witnesses and politicians of the decisive years, search for traces of the former multi-ethnic empire in Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine, Chechnya and Lithuania, and talk to experts about this gigantic historic upheaval.

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