

# THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA IN THE CONTEXT OF RUSSIAN FEDERATION'S STRATEGY OF MAINTAINING INFLUENCE

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**Abstract.** *This article analyses the strategies of Russian Federation to maintain its influence in the Republic of Moldova. Also, Russia's influence in the Republic of Moldova is examined through soft and hard power strategies.*

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