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postmodernist Sorokin borrowed from nineteenth-century literature

and Socialist Realism. Sorokin became famous when the Putin youth organization burned his books in 2002 and he picked up neonationalist and neo-imperialist discourses in his dystopian novels of the 2000s and 2010s, making him one of the fiercest critics of Russia's "new middle ages," while remaining steadfast in his dismantling of foreign discourses.