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Religion [RSS](#)**Jehovah's Witness leader charged with extremism in Russia's Volga region**

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Investigations in the Volga region city of Yoshkar-Ola have charged the head of a local Jehovah's Witness branch with inciting religious hatred, local investigators said on Wednesday.

The coordinator of the city's Jehovah's Witness church, which is estimated to have some 90 followers, is accused of disseminating extremist materials and conducting public sermons on the superiority of the religion over others.

Investigators say a large volume of materials was seized during searches. Experts established that two books and two brochures contain "slogans of an extremist nature."

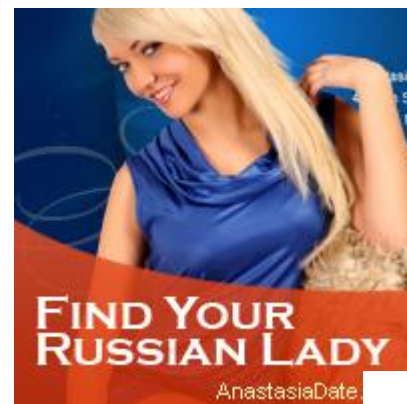
The Jehovah's Witnesses, which has some 7 million followers worldwide and 300,000 in Russia, are banned in a number of Russian regions and in some former Soviet republics.

The Jehovah's Witnesses branch in Moscow was dissolved by district court ruling in 2004, but the European Court of Human Rights declared the decision illegal last June.

YOSHKAR-OLA, May 18 (RIA Novosti)

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#### [JehovahWitness](#) **Wolves in sheep's clothing**

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Are they really that extreme?

Let's see....

They publish that the government is run by Satan the Devil

They publish that ALL religions except there own are corrupt, a lurking place of demons, and a tool for the Devil

They sacrifice their own adherents by denying them acceptable-life saving blood transfusions

They harbor child molesters in the their congregations and punish those who expose them to the authorities

They separate their members from families and friends, normally good people, saying they are bad association

#### **Wolves in sheep's clothing cult**

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#### [Tonya67](#) **Persecution?**

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Persecution cuts both ways

Two wrongs dont make a right,oppression by the Russian government and oppression by Orwellian cults like Jehovah's Witnesses are both bad.

The leadership of Jehovahs witnesses has a history of manipulating their own people to pursue the ends of their corporations above the well-being of individuals.

They preach political neutrality, but make exceptions where it suits them, rather like the old sale of indulgences.

A look at the history of their dealings with their members in Malawi in comparison with their

members in Mexico is well documented on the Internet. They are not truly politically neutral and put themselves in the place of highest authority over their members. Interesting that the JW usually find that they are 'persecuted' in societies that are more authoritarian than their own.

JWs insist on their freedom of speech rights but don't allow rights for others, their intolerant.

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[Teddy](#) **The truth about it**

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**Actually the European Court Of Human Rights showed them to be innocent on ALL accounts and even one of the judges was Russian.**

**But the Russian Government nor the Russian orthodox church will obey that law or ruling.**

I would dare say they would give it a lot of attention had it gone their way. The ECHR court also said that the rift in families among JW's was far below the norm. So of the others making comments here are simply not interested in the truth. Usually it is someone that has committed a gross sin and has been excommunicated and is lashing out with false accusations.

PS: By some of their thinking Jesus himself would have been classed extremist John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11.

<http://en.rian.ru/russia/20100610/159376219.html>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jehovah%27s\\_Witnesses\\_and\\_governments](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jehovah%27s_Witnesses_and_governments)

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So the truth is people in the community that know Jehovah's Witnesses know them to be good and of the most honest of people.

And the false accusers will be brought to bare in Gods due time..

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20:14, 18/05/2011

turkish and arab muslim missionaries open schools grown radical organizations at russia's volga and caucasus zones. why russia government not stop and ban them ? if they ban mein kampf its right movement koran too must ban because its not holy book and a religion 666 part anad page devil's number so its more dangerous from jahivah witness

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criminal case against  
Judge Viktor Danilkin,  
who sentenced them to 14  
years imprisonment,

Lebedev's lawyer Yelena  
Liptser said.

crisis, the country's UN  
envoy said on Tuesday.





