

## Glasnost Now (October 1989)

### Abstract

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Since the mid-1980s, Mikhail Gorbachev had pursued a reform policy in the U.S.S.R. known as *glasnost* (transparency) and *perestroika* (economic restructuring). Although the SED leadership strictly rejected this policy, many East Germans hoped that it would lead to political liberalization in their country as well. The photograph below features a spray-painted call for "Glasnost Now" on an apartment building in East Berlin.

### Source

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