

Facing the unexpected: Russia and the Covid-19 Pandemic

Provisory remarks on sanitary, economic and political developments

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1. Managing a pandemic crisis. From denial to care?

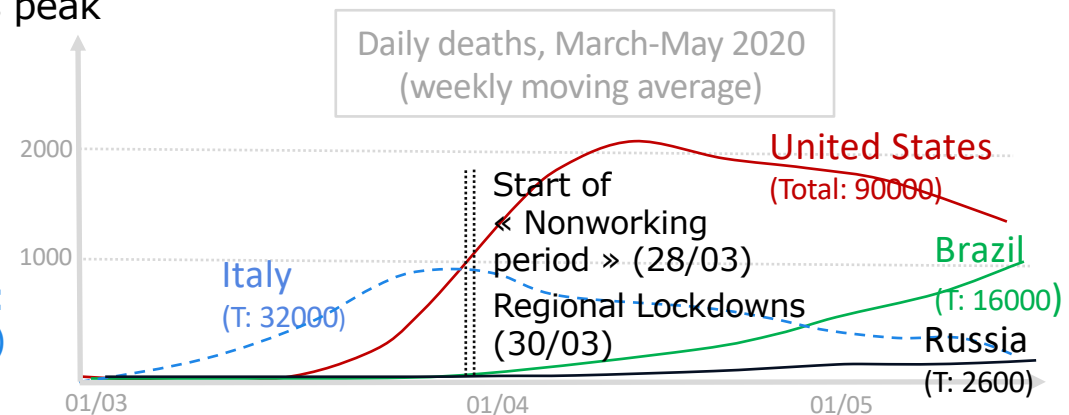
- Any unusual lag in the political reaction?
 - An apparent 1-month delay of outbreak of the epidemic / Western Europe
- The set of sanitary measures taken
 - Confinement, testing, hospital rearmament
 - Requisition of students & lack of adequate equipment
- The apparent evolution of Covid-19 epidemic
 - Counting deaths: a problem for an authoritarian regime
 - The (1st wave) epidemic seems to be reaching its peak
 - Regional discrepancies (cities / regions)
 - Critics and commentaries

282 000 cases as of May, 17th
(6 Mns tests)

Regional Governors' responsibility

Respirators in St Petersburg

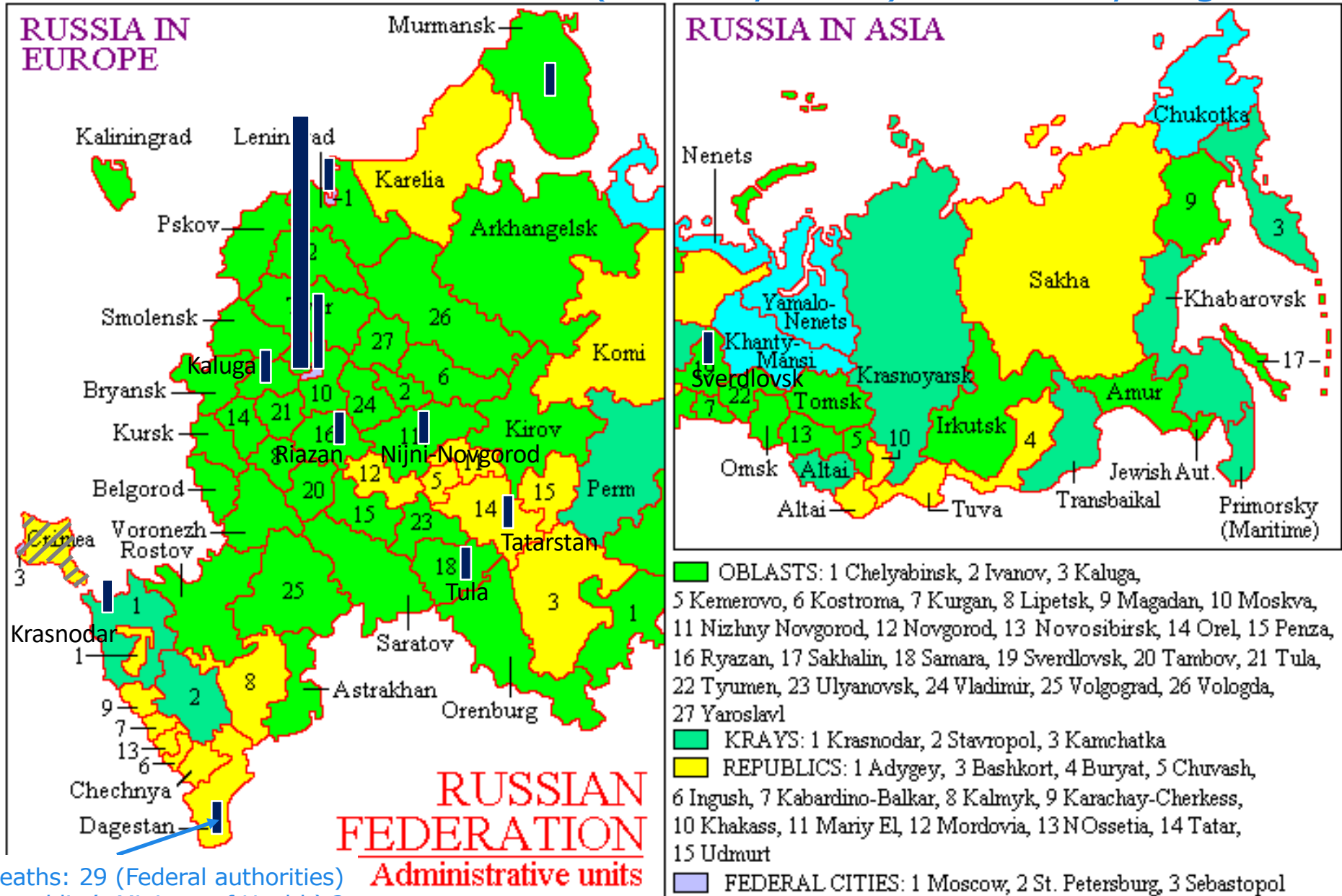
2nd country in the world by the number of cases, 46th by the proportion of deaths



>65 years-old men : 55% of deaths in French hospitals
France: 6,0 Mns / Russia: 6,4 Mns

=> Underestimation of the death toll in hospitals:
by a factor 10 according to some critics (more likely, **2 to 5**)

Covid-19 Pandemic in Russia (Mid-May 2020) – Cases by Regions



Deaths: 29 (Federal authorities) or 657 (Republic 's Ministry of Health) ?

2. Impacts on the economy: multiple shocks, one toolbox to address them

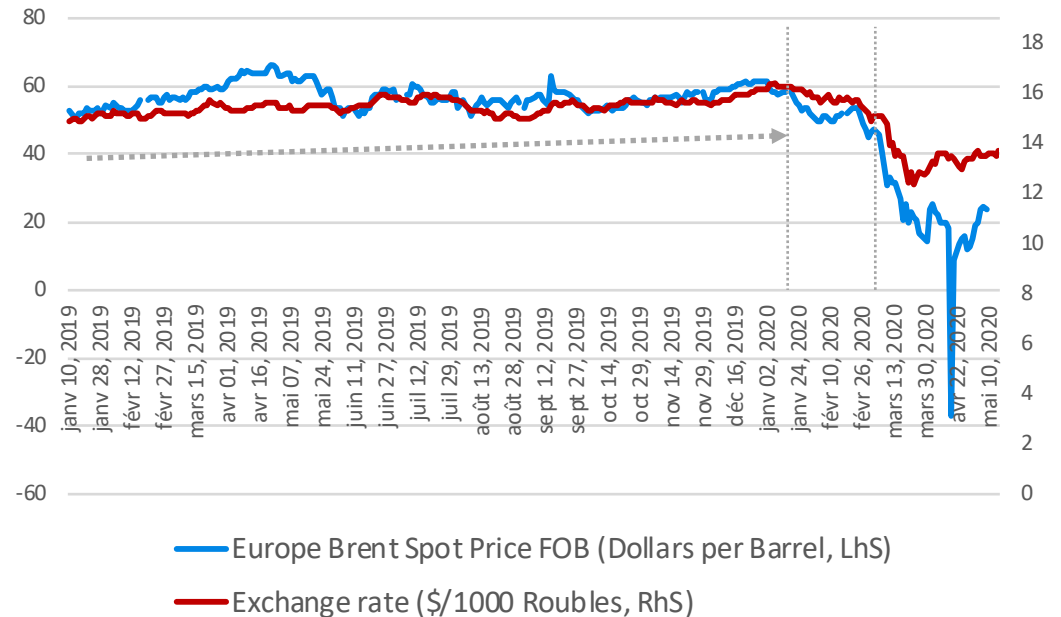
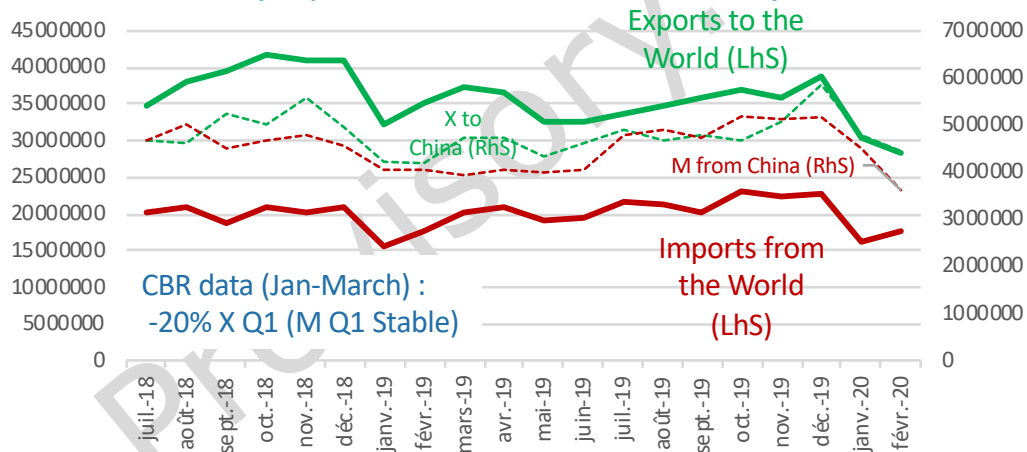
2.1. International insertion

- External demand (China-Asia, EU, US)
- The OPEC+ war and its consequences on oil prices
- Rouble exchange rate

3. [March - 10 May 2020] / Year 2019:
 Brent price : -60%
 Rouble exchange rate : -13%

2. Oil prices and Rouble exchange rate, 2019-May 2020

1. Monthly External Trade with the World and China (July 2018-Feb 2020, Thsds US \$)



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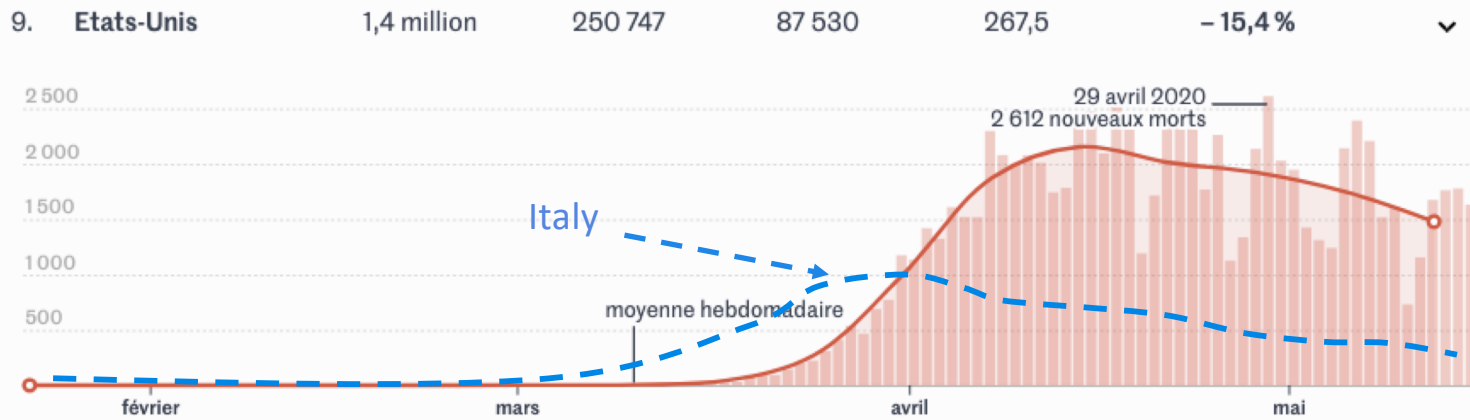
• 2.2. Domestic developments

- The state apparatus: disturbed, but not disorganized
- Budgetary options: strengthes and weaknesses
- Lock-down and domestic demand
- Anti-crisis measures
- Current trajectory and previsions

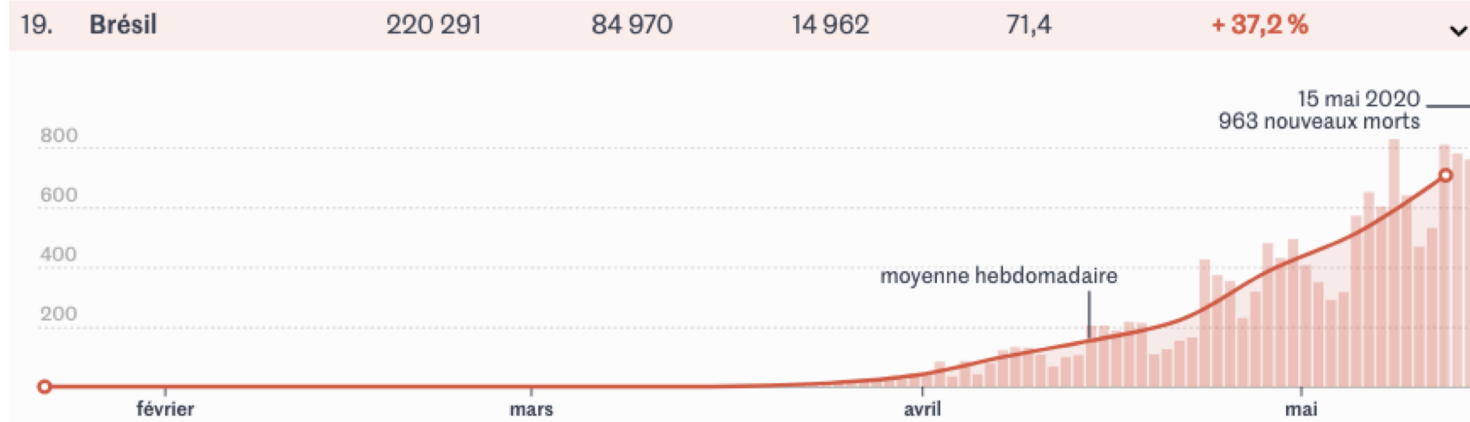
Hit by the Covid-19 :
Mikhail Mishustin (P. M.)
Olga Lyubimova (Culture M.)
Vladimir Yakushev (Construction M.)
Valery Falkov (Education and Science M.)
Dmltry Peskov (President Spokesman)

3. Analysis: what kind of path dependency?

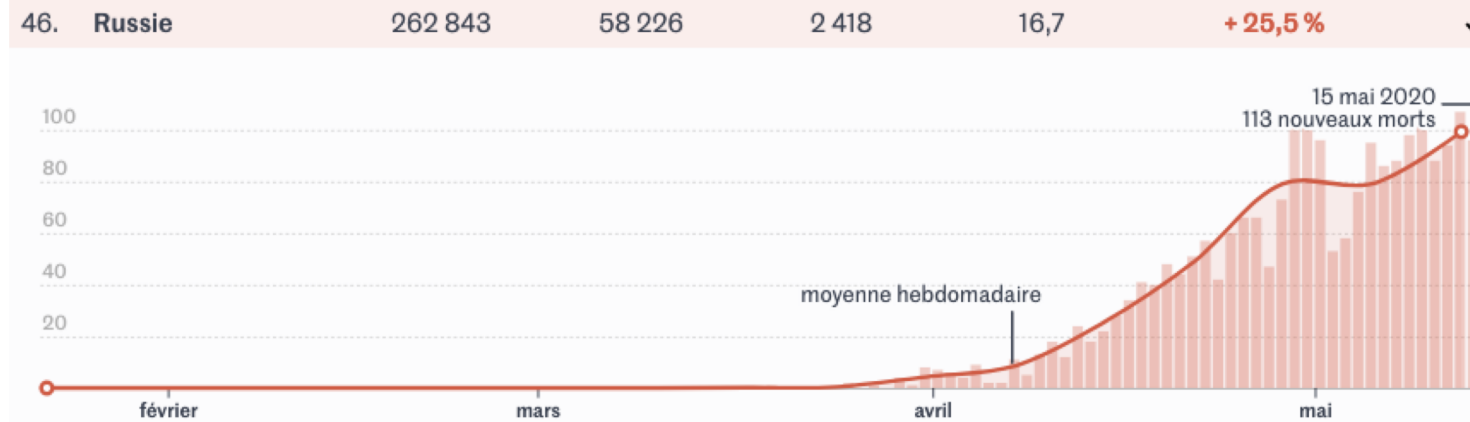
- The current political landscape
- External relations and international insertion
- Relations between society and the political power



Appendix 1
Consequences of the epidemic: Compared evolutions
United States (+2w/EU)
(15/05/2020 Death toll 1600)

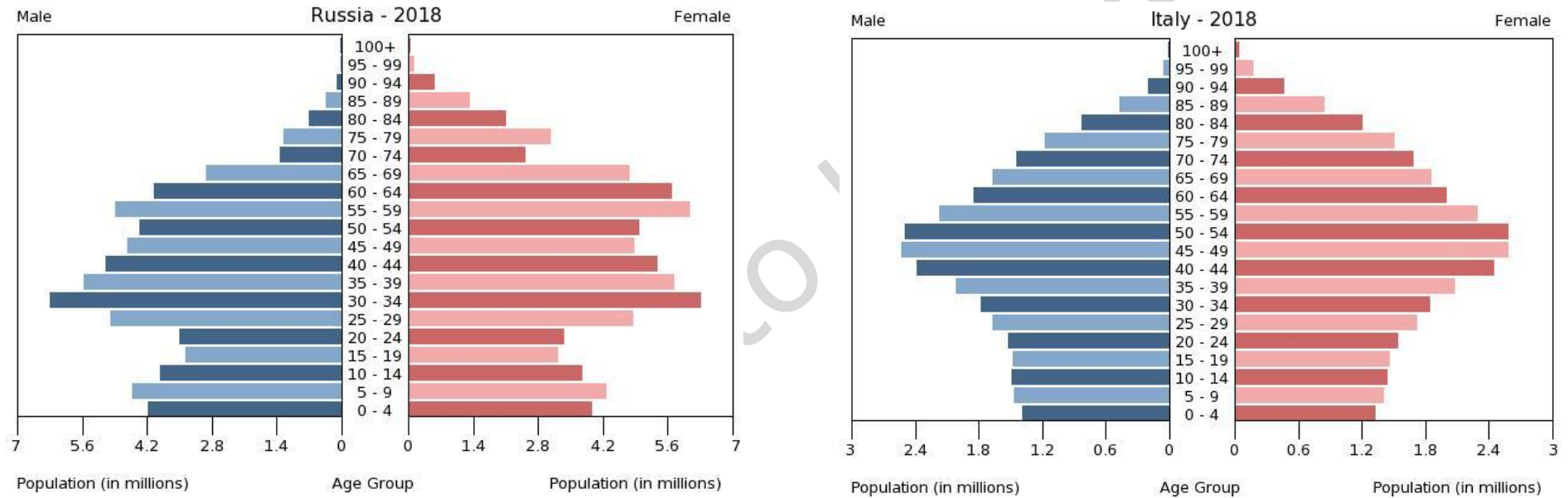


Brazil (+2w/USA)
(15/05/2020 Death toll 968)



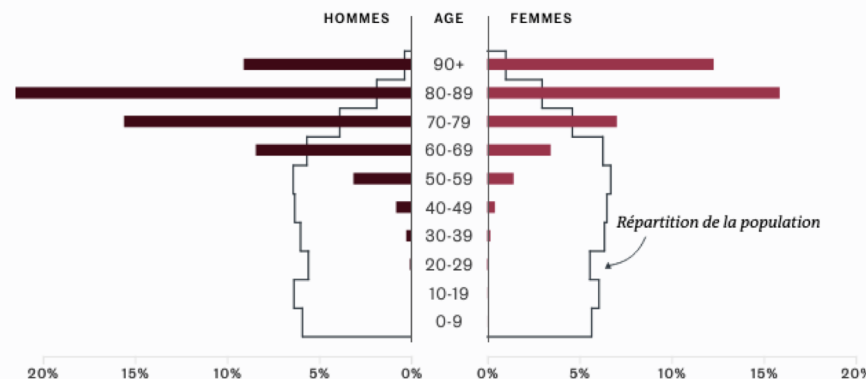
Russia (+2w/USA)
(15/05/2020 Death toll 113)

Appendix 2. Age pyramids compared: Russia – Italy - France



Répartition des décès dans les hôpitaux français

par âge et par sexe, données provisoires mises à jour le 16 mai



Hommes de + de 65 ans : >55 % des décès dans les hôpitaux français

- Nombre en France : 6,0 M (8,4 % pop)
- Nombre en Russie : 6,6 M (4,6 % pop)