

Russian-American Regional Relations Past and Future:
Historic Analogies and Parallels.

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Taking into consideration the extreme importance of mutual relations between Russia and the USA both for them, and for all world community, the attempts to compare these two countries frequently occur.

In the most general sense **the parallel** is understood as a *comparison*, and also as a phenomenon (process) which can be compared to another, *similar one*. It is obvious, that in history of Russia and the United States of America, especially at the level of their regional subsystems, comparable phenomena can be found. Moreover, regions themselves, such as **the American West** and **the Russian Far East** (in more general sense - Siberia, as the territory from the Urals Mountains up to the Pacific Ocean) are subject to comparison.

Under the term **“analogy”** usually is considered a *similarity* in subjects, phenomena or processes in any properties. Analogy is some kind of a transfer of properties, qualities, features of subject on other one, perhaps less accessible and studied, or of the same type, but developed in other space or time. Analogy as a transfer of properties of one subject on another is quite often used by modern Russian historians as extrapolation of the theory and history of American frontier on the history of Siberia. The history of regional Russian-American ties in the Russian Far East is characterized by the **repeatability of the similar or same phenomena** during **the different historical periods**.

In context of the declared theme on the basis of quantitative criterion (the scale of compared phenomena) it is possible to indicate conditionally some groups of objects for comparison and analogy disclosures.

1. Generally the comparison of two states, Russia and the USA, and two great peoples, the Russians and the Americans, is possible. A typical example of such a comparison is the well-known Tocqueville’s statement about the similarity of their historical ways: " Now there are two great nations which, having begun with various points, come nearer, apparently, to one purpose: these are the Russians and the Anglo-Americans. Both of them have grown imperceptibly; and when looks of people have been turned into other side, they have suddenly taken the first place among the nations ... ".

As a result of comparison of similar large-scale objects, the revealed similarity has general and superficial character. In context of Russian-American relations, it is usually discussed the similarity of two countries in territorially-geographical terms, opportunities for colonization of neighboring territories, and transcontinental movement of the Russians and the Americans in the course of colonization.

More detailed study of so large-scale objects leads to the disclosure not so much similarity, how many distinctions between them, for example, in forms of government, social structure, geographical and demographic conditions, and also in rates, intensity and priorities of colonization.

