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"The Great Failure of 1878 And Its Impact on
Russian National Mind
The Emergence of Ideological Panslavism And Its Attitude Towards Central Europe"

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From the early 1860s Russia stepped on the way of a special kind of democracy. During these years Russian foreign policy became a much discussed topic in Moscow and St. Petersburg. Panslavism arose as a special mixture of Russian state- and ethnic nationalism. It was the first reorganisation of Central Europe. An international congress (Berlin, 1878) brought about the feeling that Russia had been defeated.

Konstantin Leontev invented a new type of Panslavism which can be labelled — ideological. But as for panslavism's forecasts concerning the future of Central Europe, Leontev's view had sharp differences with traditional panslavism.