
Every December countries around the world announce the results of the “Word of The Year” or the WOTY Contest, a selection of the most important words or expressions in the public sphere during a specific year. Since 2021 was still COVID-heavy, the choices were predictable: pandemic-related words won almost everywhere. However, in Russia there was one more keynote: repressions and the confrontation between the opposition and the government. How does our language reflect the public sentiment, situation in politics, and the atmosphere in general?

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