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In the past year Russian President Vladimir Putin has undertaken to expand and more strictly enforce Russian sovereign claims both at home and abroad. In a series of highly charged and widely read articles in major newspapers, Putin has reasserted Russian sovereignty in its national security policy, domestic politics, the economic sphere, ethnic relations in the post-Soviet space, and even as an ideological/civilizational concept. This paper explores the recent evolution of Russian conceptions of sovereignty, noting areas in which Russian assertion of sovereignty claims has the potential to violate the sovereignty of other nations. We also analyze cases in which Russia's aggressive assertion of sovereignty conflicts with its international treaty obligations.