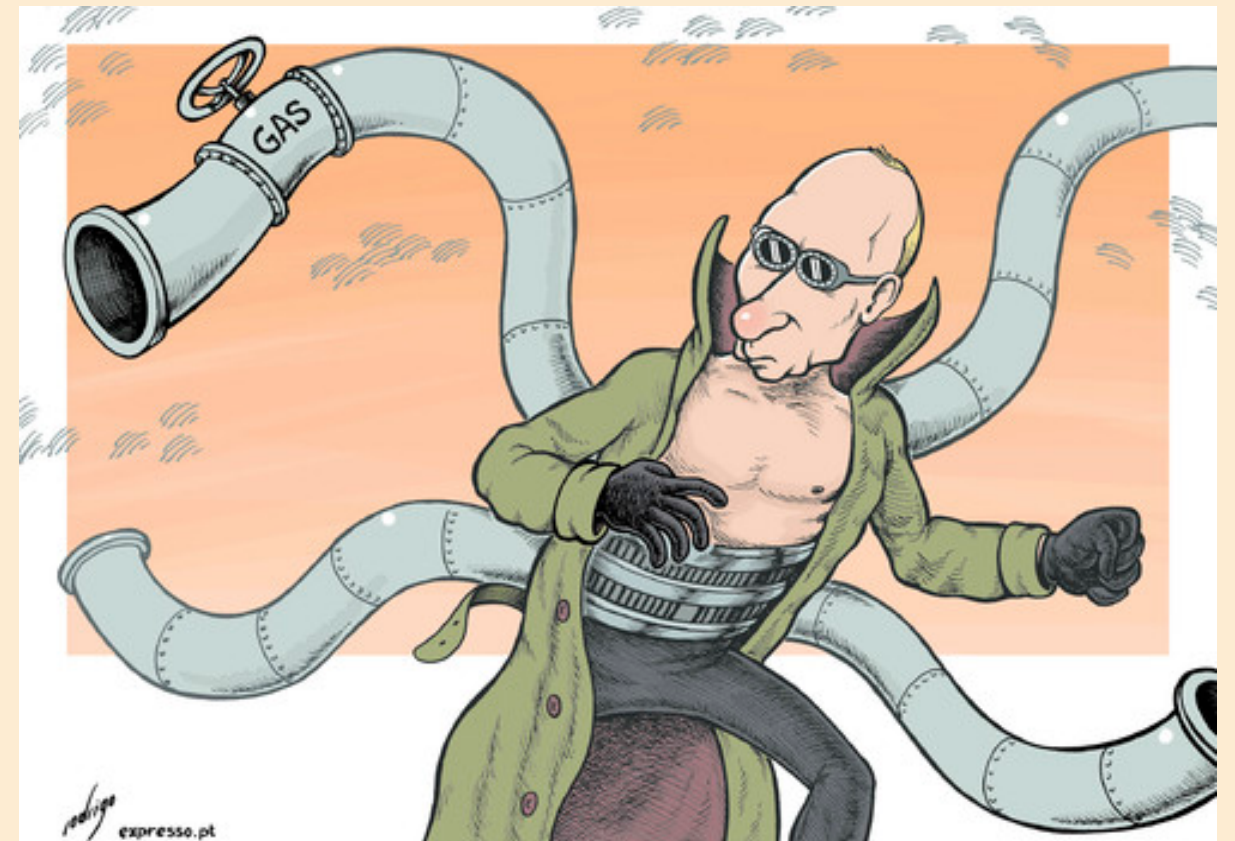


VEINS OF INFLUENCE: REVISITING THE IMPACT OF ENERGY POLITICS ON INTER-STATE RELATIONS

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RESEARCH PUZZLE

ENERGY
POLITICS



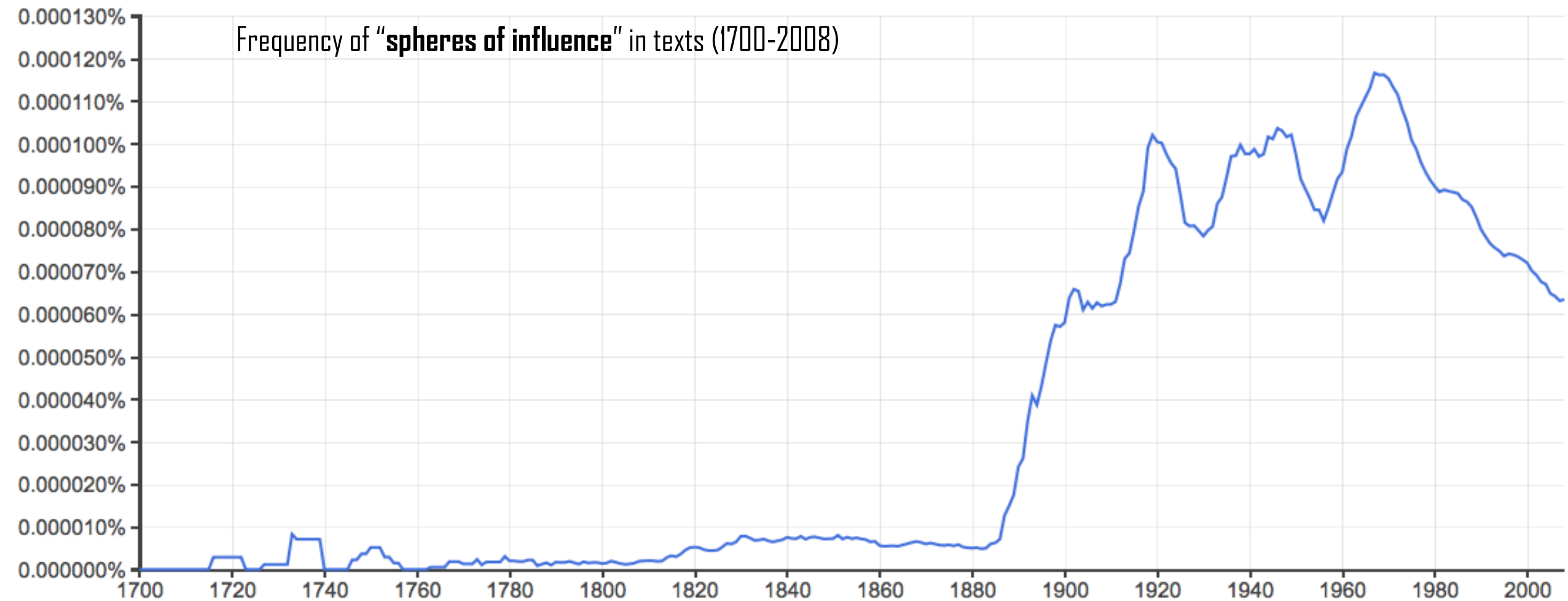
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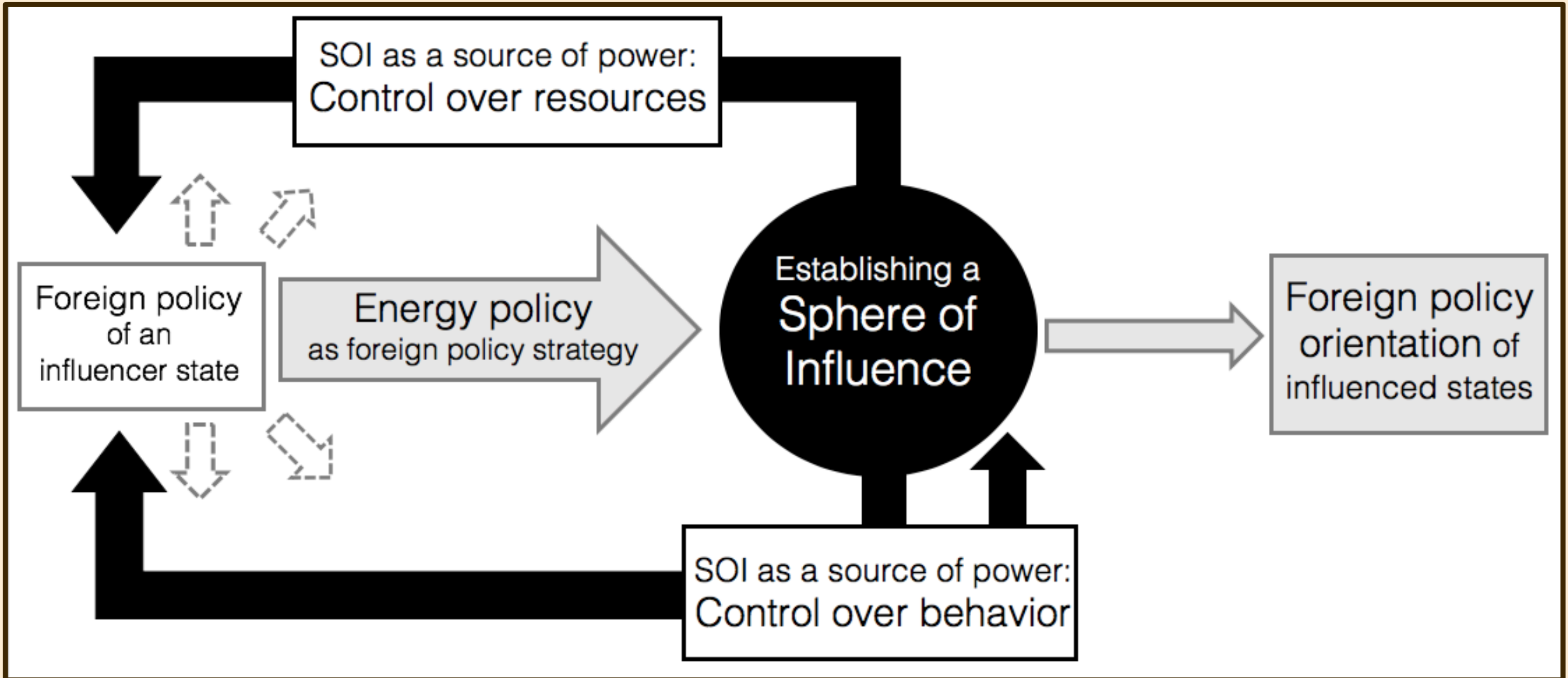
In what ways and to what extent did the **South Stream pipeline project** impact **foreign policy orientations** of transit countries?



ENERGY POLITICS: EXISTING APPROACHES AND THE GAP IN KNOWLEDGE



THE ARGUMENT



RESEARCH DESIGN

CASES: transit countries

- Serbia and Slovenia
- Similar background characteristics
- Different foreign policy orientation
- Timeframe: 2006-2015
 - 2007 – announcement of pipeline
 - 2014 – cancellation

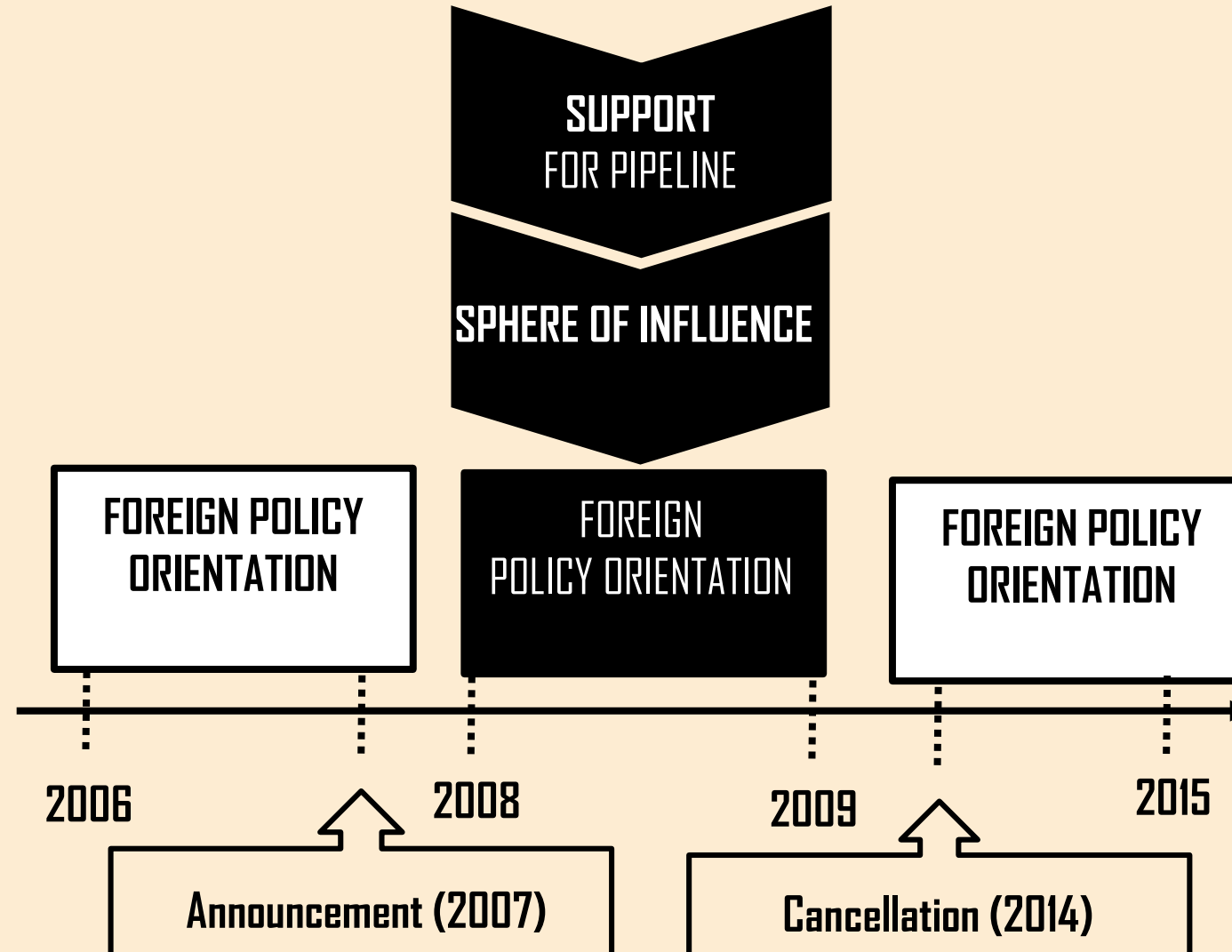
METHODS:

- Controlled Comparison
- Congruence Procedure

SOURCES:

- Gov't stats, reports, documents, archives
- National newspapers
- UN Comtrade, IEA, Eurostat

OPERATIONALIZATION OF VARIABLES



EMPIRICAL FINDINGS: **SOI MATTERS**

SERBIA:

PRESENCE

of a SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

SLOVENIA:

ABSENCE

of a SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

SERBIA

NEUTRAL

PRO-RUSSIAN

PRO-EU

SLOVENIA

PRO-EU

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Pre-pipeline

Post-agreement

Post-cancellation



IMPLICATIONS

CONCEPTUAL

- Comprehensive approach to energy politics (state + society)
- (Im)materiality of energy politics
- SOI:
 - explanatory variable today
 - new strategic areas

PRACTICAL

- Possible adverse affects on inter-state relations
- Rethink foreign policy association
- Cost-efficient strategies
- Temporal limits of energy policy
- Susceptibility to external influence → national security