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### **Summary:**

An analysis of statements from Warsaw Pact countries about the 1968 Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia.

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The Czechoslovak regime's legitimacy is being eroded by the reassessment of the Soviet-led invasion in 1968 taking place among its allies:


**USSR.** Although Moscow has not officially condemned the invasion, Soviet academics and commentators close to President Gorbachev have publicly termed it a mistake. Some senior Soviet officials have implicitly criticized the intervention by openly repudiating the Brezhnev Doctrine, a Western term coined in 1968 to describe the official Soviet justification for the invasion, and a commission has reportedly prepared an official reassessment that criticizes the intervention.

**Hungary.** The current leadership recently disassociated itself from the Kadar regime's decision to participate in the invasion.

**Poland.** Both the Sejm and the Solidarity-controlled Senate have voted to condemn Polish participation in the invasion as being against the will of the Polish people and interference in Czechoslovak internal affairs.

**East Germany.** East German media commentary, on the other hand, maintains that the "fraternal international assistance" was instrumental in preventing "antisocialist forces" from taking power in Czechoslovakia.

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