



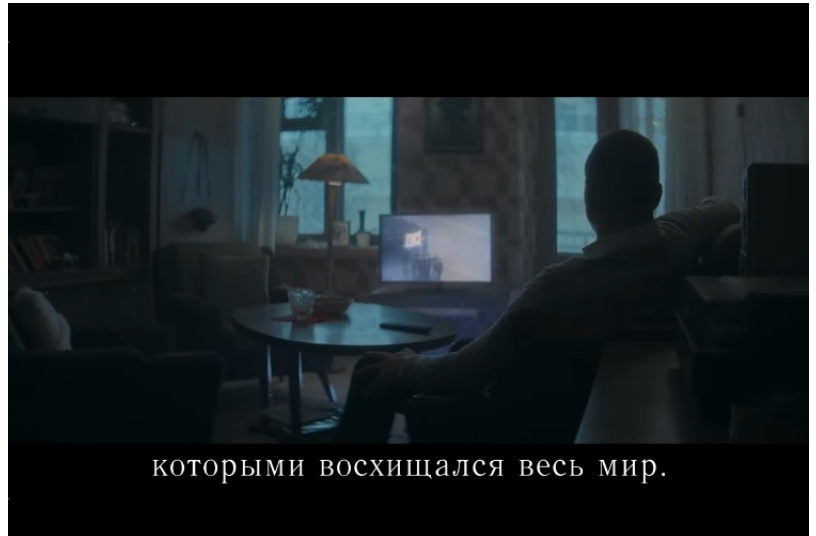
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## CIA Releases Russian Recruitment Video

The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) [released a video on social media](#) targeted at recruiting Russian intelligence employees. The propaganda video titled “Why I contacted the CIA: For the sake of the Motherland” shows a fictional Russian explaining why he chose to contact the CIA, and criticizing oligarchs with yachts while soldiers are fed rotten potatoes.

[Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the videos are common practice](#), saying, “You know, this practice is quite common, intelligence agencies around the world very often use the media and social networks to recruit new employees. And they do it all the time, the CIA does it every year.”

[Peskov playfully dismissed the video saying](#), “Somebody should tell the CIA that VKontakte is much more popular here than the banned X and that VKontakte has a much larger audience.”



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