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Putin's Propagandists

In recent years, especially since the 2016 Trump vs. Clinton presidential campaign, the world has witnessed a Great Reversal: The most left-wing, pro-Soviet, pro-communist Democrats and their media enablers suddenly began accusing conservatives of being pro-Russian and pro-Putin. Nancy Pelosi, Joe Biden, Maxine Waters, Bernie Sanders, and other ultra-left politicians who have for decades been comrades of Fidel Castro, Deng Xiaoping, Mikhail Gorbachev, Xi Jinping, and Vladimir Putin now pose as anti-communists.



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Since Vladimir Putin burst onto the world stage in 1999, as prime minister to then-president of Russia Boris Yeltsin, *The New American* has consistently exposed him as a career KGB/FSB operative and has opposed bailouts to, and “partnering” with, his regime. By contrast, America’s Deep State, the permanent government of Democratic-Republican globalists and their Big Media accomplices, supported and promoted Putin throughout the first 15 years of his reign (1999-2014) as prime minister and president. They hailed him as a great “reformer” and as an “ally” and “partner” in the war against Islamic extremism and terrorism, while *The New American* pointed out the ugly facts about Putin and his crimes.

Two examples of our coverage (from 2014) have been reprinted on pages 25 and 30 of this issue. Examples of what George W. Bush, Hillary Clinton, and others were saying before their great reversal appear below.

“Why We Must Act”

— Vladimir Putin, November 14, 1999

The New York Times gave Putin a huge propaganda platform in 1999 by publishing his “Why We Must Act” op-ed, which presented Russia as a victim of Islamic terrorism so that Americans would see Putin as an ally in the “War on Terror” and sympathetically view his murderous invasion of Chechnya as justified. Significantly, the *Times* did not include a companion piece challenging Putin’s propaganda.

“Clinton and Putin Meet at Kremlin With Wide Agenda”

— The New York Times, June 4, 2000

The *Times* provided favorable coverage of the meeting, reporting, “In his final visit to Moscow as president, Bill Clinton arrived here today and dined tonight with Russia’s new president, Vladimir V. Putin, at the Kremlin palace, where the two leaders made a ‘very serious and focused beginning’ on a full range of issues, including the search for a compromise on antimissile defense.”



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“I looked the man in the eye. I found him very straightforward and trustworthy.... I was able to get a sense of his soul.”

— *President George W. Bush, June 16, 2001*

Bush made this glowing observation of Putin in a press conference following his first meeting with the Russian dictator.

“I’m close to amazed by how far Putin seems to have come in making — throwing — his lot with the West.”

— *Senator Joe Biden, October 25, 2001*

Biden, who was chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at the time, also said of Putin, “I don’t think anybody since Peter the Great has made such a significant — at least an initial move to the West.”

“We Are Partners.”

— *Presidents George W. Bush and Vladimir Putin, May 24, 2002*

In their “Joint Declaration on a New Relationship Between the United States and Russia,” the two heads of state also said, “We are achieving a new strategic relationship. The era in which the United States and Russia saw each other as an enemy or strategic threat has ended. We are partners.”

Yeltsin’s appointment of Putin a “wise and shrewd move.”

— *President Bill Clinton, in his 2004 memoir*

In his 2004 memoir, *My Life*, after Putin’s brutality and bloody record were already well known, Bill Clinton praised Putin for having the “toughness to defend Russia’s interests.” This was at a time when Bill and Hillary Clinton’s foundation was seeking and receiving millions of dollars from Putin’s oligarch pals.

“We think there’s an excellent opportunity to put U.S.-Russian relations on a much stronger footing.”

— *President Barack Obama, in Moscow, July 7, 2009*

Reuters reported on President Barack Obama’s Moscow meeting with Putin on July 7, 2009: “U.S. President Barack Obama praised Prime Minister Vladimir Putin’s achievements.... Obama went out of his way on the second day of his visit to compliment Putin. ‘I am aware of not only the extraordinary work that you’ve done on behalf of the Russian people in your previous role ... as president, but in your current role as prime minister,’” Obama said.

“We want to reset our relationship and so we will do it



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together.”

— *Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, March 6, 2009*

At a meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, Hillary Clinton presented Putin’s foreign minister, Sergei Lavrov, with a red “reset button” to symbolize improved ties, on behalf of “President Obama and Vice President Biden” and herself. This was during the period that Team Obama-Biden-Clinton was helping Putin’s regime gain membership in the World Trade Organization and gain control of 20 percent of America’s uranium production.

“American venture capitalists and other foreign investment is flowing into Russia’s economy to allow it to diversify ... and help Russian start-ups.”

— *Vice President Joe Biden at Skolkovo, March 10, 2011*

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Vice President Joe Biden led Team Obama’s efforts to build Putin’s Skolkovo Innovation Center, Russia’s high-tech answer to America’s Silicon Valley, encouraging U.S. investors and American tech industries (Intel, Microsoft, Oracle, Boeing, etc.) to assist in the effort, even though national-security experts warned the transfer of dual-use technologies involved would seriously compromise America’s national security.

“Vladimir Putin’s 10 favorite books & authors”

— *Russia Beyond the Headlines, August 30, 2021*

In 2007, the Putin regime in the Kremlin launched *Russia Beyond the Headlines*, a print and online propaganda supplement that was quickly picked up and carried by *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and other elite media organizations in the West, making them purveyors of official Russian propaganda. Among other things, *Russia Beyond the Headlines* regularly carries stories and photos about Putin fishing, Putin’s love for dogs, Putin’s love of jazz music, Putin the conservationist, Putin the environmentalist, and Putin the Christian.



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