



WHERE WE STAND — “RUSSIA, IF YOU’RE LISTENING” RUSSIA’S GROWING INFLUENCE IN AMERICA

For many decades, most Americans viewed Russia as America’s enemy. Folks who lived through the Cold War remember with dread the constant possibility of nuclear attack. Today, Russia need not threaten America with conventional or nuclear weapons. Social media proliferation allows Russian trolls and bots to feed Americans a steady diet of propaganda. MAGA Republicans in Congress, led by Donald Trump, and their supporters in our broadcast media are openly embracing Vladimir Putin. The former president has said that he admires Putin’s ability to silence (and murder) his critics.

The party of Reagan is now the party of pro-Russian insurrectionists and obstructionists coopted by Putin and Trump, and their priorities are now the GOP’s marching orders. Whether driven by admiration of a brutal strongman or financially motivated by Russian oligarchs, MAGA forces are selling out America and putting our allies at risk. Nowhere is this more apparent than in our wavering support for Ukraine. MAGA legislators are threatening to curtail aid to Ukraine, emboldening Putin to continue his aggression. Meanwhile, Trump is openly encouraging Putin to attack our NATO allies.



While he stresses “America first,” Trump seems eager to capitulate to Putin’s every dream, including allowing Ukraine to fall to Russia and selling America’s classified national secrets. Trump welcomes Russia’s help in his quest for a second term and has made no secret of his intentions to rule as a dictator.

We believe that a Putin-ruled Russia remains our geopolitical enemy, and that MAGA Republicans are endangering American Democracy by supporting his cause. We expect our elected officials – in both parties – to fight for America’s priorities, to honor our alliances, and to stand tall on the world stage. Peace and prosperity here and abroad depend on a strong America that can be trusted by allies and respected by adversaries.

Flip this over to learn how YOU can get involved!

Here's what DEMOCRATS are doing to combat Russian influence in America and around the world:

- Since the start of Vladimir Putin's unprovoked and unjustified full-scale invasion of Ukraine, President Biden has rallied the world to stand up to autocracy and defend democracy. Our president has worked tirelessly with partners and allies to support the people of Ukraine and to impose unprecedented economic costs against Russia. He secured robust bipartisan support at home to deliver critical weapons and economic and humanitarian assistance for Ukraine.
- America's alliances and partnerships are the strongest they've been in recent history – a hallmark of President Biden's approach to the world to advance our interests and values. He provided reassurance and support to our Allies and generated congressional support for the accession of two new states, Sweden and Finland, into the Alliance.
- Across the world, from Africa to the Western Hemisphere, to the Middle East, President Biden is building the strongest possible coalition of nations to solve shared challenges and position the United States to shape the future of the international order.

Here's what MAGA REPUBLICANS are doing to ENABLE Putin:

- MAGA Republicans in Congress have used aid to Ukraine as a bargaining chip, seeking to preserve it as campaign fodder, callously standing by while brave Ukrainians fight and die for their freedom.
- Former President Trump warned members of NATO that, as president, he "would encourage" Russia "to do whatever the hell they want" to countries that are "delinquent."
- The head of the MAGA Republican Party, Donald Trump, refuses to condemn Russia or President Vladimir Putin for their role in Russian dissident Alexie Navalny's death in a remote arctic prison.



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