

Media Propaganda Machine's Laughable Meltdown Over Putin Interview. "Tucker is Getting A Lot of Flak"

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As expected, [Tucker Carlson is getting a lot of flak](#) for conducting his [interview with Russian President Vladimir Putin](#). He's not merely being accused of "spreading Russian propaganda" (he's long been accustomed to that, as well as the mainstream propaganda machine's obsession with [all sorts of deranged "Russia, Russia, Russia" conspiracy theories](#)), but [there's an actual push in the European Union to sanction Carlson](#). It seems [journalists doing journalism is considered "heresy" by most other mainstream "journalists"](#). The Guardian's Adam Gabbatt is unhappy that the interview was "neither a talk show nor a real conversation", so he went on to [parrot every propaganda trope in the book](#). Al Jazeera's Mansur Mirovalev [insists that Putin is "obsessed"](#), concluding his remarks by quoting a certain Valentin, the Kiev regime's drone operator who allegedly complained that both Putin and Carlson are "conspiracy theorists" and that "Ukraine is real and [it will prevail](#)".

In a piece published by Politico, a [German-owned publication infamous for attempts to whitewash Nazism](#), Sergey Goryashko [claimed that Putin supposedly "lied"](#). Among several propaganda claims he used to, as he says, "debunk" Putin's points was that the Neo-Nazi junta frontman Volodymyr Zelensky "only signed a decree banning negotiations specifically with Putin, not Russia as a country".

Such ludicrous claims aren't only false, but are even childish. Pushed by the United States, United Kingdom and NATO, [the Kiev regime certainly broke the March 2022 peace deal](#) that could have ended the special military operation (SMO) in less than a month. What's more, it even publicly promotes its so-called "[10-point peace plan](#)" that boils down to Russia's unconditional capitulation, a fantasy that the political West wholeheartedly supports and even promotes through [some sort of absurd unilateral "peace talks"](#). In doing so, the Neo-

Nazi junta effectively codified the impossibility of a peaceful settlement.

So much for Putin “lying”. However, that’s only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to frenzied attacks by the mainstream propaganda machine. [In a piece for The New Yorker](#), Masha Gessen, the infamous [“woke” ideologue](#) obsessed with Putin, called the interview “boring”. She ([although Gessen insists her pronouns are “they/them”](#), a request I earnestly refuse to comply with) obviously loathes historical facts, so the trouble she has with going through the entire interview, a problem most likely exacerbated by her two-second attention span (tends to happen to a lot of people staring at reels all day), perfectly explains her rather poor judgment of Putin’s points. Then came the “fact-checkers” such as Charlie Hancock of the Amsterdam-based Moscow Times who essentially [repeated several of Goryashko’s long-debunked claims and added a few of his own](#). After all, what would the mainstream propaganda machine ever do without [“fact-checkers”](#)?

Of course, Hancock wasn’t the only one. The UK’s state-run BBC also published its own version, [“fact-checking Putin’s nonsense history”](#). It would seem Masha Gessen isn’t the only one who skipped history classes in primary school, as the BBC’s Ido Vock quoted several self-styled “experts” and “pundits” to supposedly “debunk Putin’s rambling”, as he called it, clearly implying that he was also bored by the interview, which further indicates just how much he actually knows about the topic he covered for the UK’s state-run news agency. And of course, there’s also the Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL), claiming that Carlson’s Putin interview supposedly [serves as a “propaganda platform”](#), which is quite rich coming from a literal CIA front formed to spread Washington DC’s state-sponsored propaganda. The Economist insists that “Russia’s president is not a man to be trusted, still less to emulate or admire”, because, luckily, [they “know Putin’s real message”](#) better than he himself does.

Newsweek’s Brendan Cole quoted Oleksandra Matviichuk, [the Kiev regime’s “human rights activist”](#), who also slammed Carlson. Comically enough, Cole insists that [Matviichuk’s opinion “matters” because she’s a Nobel Peace Prize winner](#). Is it even necessary to explain just how politicized that vaunted “peace prize” is when laureates include people like Barrack Obama and Al Gore? The Obama administration came to power criticizing the previous government run by George W. Bush for its aggression across the Middle East. Obama promised to end these wars, which is why he got the once-prestigious award in the first place. However, as soon as Bush left the White House, [Obama expanded his aggression](#) from two countries (Iraq and Afghanistan) to another five (Libya, Syria, Yemen, Somalia and Pakistan), seven in total. Worse yet, during Obama’s presidency (2009-2017), [Washington DC launched ten times more airstrikes](#) than under Bush, [killing millions of innocent civilians in the process](#).

While the DNC-dominated media always try to whitewash Obama by shifting blame solely on Bush, it should be noted that the former personally authorized at least 6,000 drone strikes (approximately 2 per day during 8 years of his presidency), although the [actual number may be orders of magnitude higher](#). So much for [Obama’s contribution to “peace”](#). As for Al Gore, his active role in [the Clinton administration’s war crimes](#) and [aggression on Serbia/former Yugoslavia](#) requires an entirely separate analysis. However, as previously mentioned, this isn’t the end of the mainstream propaganda machine’s attempts to denigrate Putin’s interview with Carlson. The Associated Press (AP) insists that [Russia’s president “missed the bigger picture”, so they felt the urge to “fill the gaps”](#) with five points, composed largely of debunked propaganda tropes. And yet, [these were expanded to nine in](#)

[another piece by Politico](#), signed by Eva Hartog and, once again, Sergey Goryashko.

The key takeaway is that the mainstream propaganda machine is in meltdown over the interview, seen by hundreds of millions (if not billions at this point) on TV and across numerous Internet platforms. [The political West is genuinely terrified](#) of [Putin's global popularity](#), so the goal is to try and [tarnish his reputation by twisting his remarks](#) or [simply telling outright lies about him](#). And while the interview may seem lengthy (by today's standards), Putin simply had to get a lot of propaganda out of the way, as NATO and its Neo-Nazi puppets have been [falsifying historical facts](#) about Ukraine quite intensively, [particularly in recent times](#), all in an attempt to show that the country supposedly has "nothing to do with Russia". In that sense, [websites such as Wikipedia](#) have experienced an [unprecedented number of edits](#) with the goal of promoting these historically baseless claims. Putin is certainly aware of that, which is why he had to explain the complex history of the Ukrainian conflict.

Putin's intellect and encyclopedic knowledge of history, law, intelligence and several other key fields are a massive boost to Russia's already world-class diplomacy. [This stands in stark contrast to the US](#) and its [current administration](#). Could anyone imagine Joe Biden giving an unscripted, two-hour-long interview to a foreign journalist, much less one conducted with near-scholarly precision? Regardless of whether one adores or loathes President Putin, the fact is that [the increasingly unpopular](#) and [impotent leaders](#) of the political West are simply no match for him, which is why we never see any of them giving remotely similar interviews to [journalists of Tucker Carlson's caliber](#). And while he might be among the most prominent journalists to ever interview Putin, Russia's president is well-known for [hours-long discussions with hundreds \(if not thousands\) of journalists from all over the world](#), without any papers, cliff notes or scripted questions. He simply doesn't need them.

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