

Russia's alleged Hacking in Vermont. It Never Happened.... Governor orders Investigation

By Dr. Paul Craig Roberts

Global Research, January 07, 2017

Paul Craig Roberts 6 January 2017

Region: Russia and FSU, USA

Theme: Intelligence, Media Disinformation

Apparently, the CIA not only owns the US and European media, university faculties, the US Congress, the heads of state of the US Empire, many pseudo-fake leftwing and progressive Internet sites, but also the governors of the US states.

How can it happen that the citizens of Vermont elected a mindless individual as governor? Governor Peter Shumlin, a Democrat, called on federal officials "to conduct a full and complete investigation" of Russia's alleged hacking of Vermont's electric grid system "and undertake that this never happens again."

Of course, it never happened at all, as has been confirmed by US intelligence services. But this did not prevent the governor from denouncing Russia for something that not only was Russia not responsible for but which we now know for certain never happened.

Listen to the elected governor by the insouciant people of Vermont:

Vermonters and all Americans should be both alarmed and outraged that one of the world's leading thugs, Vladimir Putin, has been attempting to hack our electric grid, which we rely upon to support our quality-of-life, economy, health, and safety. This episode should highlight the urgent need for our federal government to vigorously pursue and put an end to this sort of Russian meddling.

Here is Vermont's Democratic US Senator Patrick Leahy:

This [the alleged Russian hacking] is a direct threat to Vermont and we do not take it lightly.

Here is Rep. Peter Welch, a Democrat

It's systemic, relentless, predatory. They [Russia] will hack everywhere, even Vermont, in pursuit of opportunities to disrupt our country. We must remain vigilant, which is why I support President Obama's sanctions against Russia and its attacks on our country and what it stands for.

This from a member of the legislature of a country that is known to spy on the entire world, to disrupt operations everywhere, and has slaughtered and displaced millions of peoples in 9 countries during the Clinton, Bush, and Obama regimes.

Where does Rep. Peter Welch get off?

The Washington Post published an unsubstantiated Fake News story of Putin's hacking of Vermont's electric grid. Here are the bloody Ruskies interfering with our electricity. Unnamed "senior administration officials" go on and on about what it might mean that Russia is hacking Vermont's electric utility.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the FBI quickly jumped in by issuing a joint analysis report, alleging

"that the Russian military and civilian services activity 'is part of an ongoing campaing of cyber-enabled operations directed at the US government and its citizens."

National Security

Russian operation hacked a Vermont utility, showing risk to U.S. electrical grid security, officials say

Editor's Note: An earlier version of this story incorrectly said that Russian hackers had penetrated the U.S. electric grid. Authorities say there is no indication of that so far. The computer at Burlington Electric that was hacked was not attached to the grid.



These false charges could not be supported, and were officially disavowed by the US government.

One result was yet another retraction from the completely discredited Washington Post.

What sticks is the false image of Russia as a threat.

Those who produce these fake threats are leading the US into thermo-nuclear armageddon.

The original source of this article is <u>Paul Craig Roberts</u> Copyright © <u>Dr. Paul Craig Roberts</u>, <u>Paul Craig Roberts</u>, 2017

Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page

Become a Member of Global Research

Articles by: Dr. Paul Craig

Roberts

About the author:

Paul Craig Roberts, former Assistant Secretary of the US Treasury and Associate Editor of the Wall Street Journal, has held numerous university appointments. He is a frequent contributor to Global Research. Dr. Roberts can be reached at http://paulcraigroberts.org

Disclaimer: The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: publications@globalresearch.ca

www.globalresearch.ca contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: publications@globalresearch.ca