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Trump Campaign Press Release - FACT: Trump Has Been Tougher On Russia Than Biden

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- President Obama's Secretary of Defense Robert Gates says it's "true" (<https://donaldtrumpcampaign.cmail20.com/t/r-l-jujihyhk-oyuukhybt-y/>) that President Trump's administration has been the toughest on Russia.
- President Trump has repeatedly pushed back against Russian attempts to threaten American institutions, including imposing (<https://donaldtrumpcampaign.cmail20.com/t/r-l-jujihyhk-oyuukhybt-j/>) sanctions on hundreds of individuals and entities suspected of attempted election interference.
- To hold Russia accountable for their repeated violations, President Trump withdrew (<https://donaldtrumpcampaign.cmail20.com/t/r-l-jujihyhk-oyuukhybt-t/>) the United States from both the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty and Open Skies Treaty.
- The Trump Administration imposed (<https://donaldtrumpcampaign.cmail20.com/t/r-l-jujihyhk-oyuukhybt-i/>) harsh penalties in response to Russia's evasion of sanctions against North Korea, Syria, Iran, and Venezuela.
- President Trump placed (<https://donaldtrumpcampaign.cmail20.com/t/r-l-jujihyhk-oyuukhybt-d/>) strong sanctions on the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, warning Germany and other nations about the dangers of relying on Russian energy.

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- Before the 2003 invasion of Iraq, Biden tried to buy Putin's support for the war by promising him that profits from seized Iraqi oil would go to Russia (<https://donaldtrumpcampaign.cmail20.com/t/r-l-jujihyhk-oyuukhybt-h/>).
- Within weeks of becoming Vice President in 2009, Biden suggested a reset with Russia and a closer relationship (<https://donaldtrumpcampaign.cmail20.com/t/r-l-jujihyhk-oyuukhybt-k/>).
- In 2011, Biden strongly supported Russia's bid to join the World Trade Organization (<https://donaldtrumpcampaign.cmail20.com/t/r-l-jujihyhk-oyuukhybt-u/>).
- When President Obama traded "flexibility" on missile defense (<https://donaldtrumpcampaign.cmail20.com/t/r-l-jujihyhk-oyuukhybt-o/>) for Russia's help (<https://donaldtrumpcampaign.cmail20.com/t/r-l-jujihyhk-oyuukhybt-b/>) in winning the 2012 election, Biden defended it (<https://donaldtrumpcampaign.cmail20.com/t/r-l-jujihyhk-oyuukhybt-n/>).
- In 2012, Biden mocked (<https://donaldtrumpcampaign.cmail20.com/t/r-l-jujihyhk-oyuukhybt-p/>) the idea that "Russia is still our major adversary," saying Russia was "working closely with us."
- In 2013, Obama and Biden failed to enforce their "red line" in Syria, which ultimately emboldened Russia.
- When Russia invaded Crimea in 2014, Obama and Biden failed to provide lethal aid (<https://donaldtrumpcampaign.cmail20.com/t/r-l-jujihyhk-oyuukhybt-x/>) to Ukraine

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