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Since Western Right has lost its own mind and decided to crown Vladimir Putin as the holy protector of the free market, family values, Christianity, dick jokes and everything sacred — here's a short and entertaining thread on what Putin really does and why you should be horrified

Let's start with the obvious. Many people imagine that Putin is somehow anti-socialist and pro-market. Perhaps, they're deceived by the low income tax of 13%, which is in fact much lower than in most Western countries. Many Russians are deceived by this as well.

The trick is that most taxes in Russia are indirect and hidden. In addition to 13% income tax, you also have 22% retirement contribution paid by your boss. 8% tax for healthcare and insurance. 20% VAT paid from most products and services. Road tax. Oil and gas tax. Property tax.

Most invisible to the consumer, because they're paid by businesses - and included in the price of everything. If you combine the income tax, VAT and pension contribution alone, you're already giving away more than half of your salary. We're talking about Swedish socialism here.

But unlike Sweden, Russia doesn't provide meaningful social services. Here's a report from the Accounts Chamber: a third of Russian child clinics don't have... WATER SUPPLY! And 40% don't have heating. Imagine bringing you sick child to a clinic without heating in Russian winter

В половине детских поликлиник РФ нет горячей воды

Ирина Чернова
27.02.2022

В 40 процентах детских поликлиник в РФ нет отопления, в 35 процентах - канализации. Об этом говорится в отчете Счетной палаты.

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From 116 865 child clinic buildings in Russia, 14% are in dangerous disrepair, 30.5% don't have water supply, 52.1% don't have hot water, 41.1% don't have heating, 35% don't have a working sewage system. Access for people with disabilities is not provided in 47% of these establishments. This is according to the report of Accounts Chamber, told Interfax on Thursday, February 27.

Из 116 865 зданий детских поликлиник в России 14 процентов находится в аварийном состоянии, в 30,5 процента нет водопровода, в 52,1 процента - горячей воды, в 41,1 процента - отопления, в 35 процентах - канализации. Доступность для инвалидов не обеспечивается в 47 процентах таких учреждений. Об этом говорится в отчете Счетной палаты, сообщает в четверг, 27 февраля, "Интерфакс".

The Russian schools are not much better. In 2022, in a country that's the biggest natural gas exporter in the world, many schools are heated by burning firewood. That's 22 years after Putin got in power and supposedly made Russia great again.

There is gas, but schools are heated with firewood: Russian intends to solve the problem

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boiler houses gas Alexey Russkikh



Governor Alexei Russians intends to install modern boiler houses in the villages of the Ulyanovsk region. They will appear in the Karsun and Sur districts.

- "There is gas in the village, but we heat the school with firewood." The villagers addressed me with this question more than once at the meetings. From this year we begin to solve the problem. The issue is not limited to schools. Other social facilities in the countryside also need modernization of heat sources. Therefore, we are starting to install modern boiler houses step by step," the governor said.

If you think that money went to some other social service, you're mistaken. Here's pensions: an average retirement fee is 220\$. The average cost of living, according to Numbeo, is closer to 600\$. Our seniors are literally starving. Or freezing to death, depending on a region.

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The Ministry of Labor called the average pension in Russia

Vedomosti

That's 220\$ at that time

The average pension in Russia was 15,744 rubles as of January 1, 2021, TASS reported, citing Deputy Labor Minister Olga Batalina. As of January 1, 2016, the average pension was 12,673 rubles. For five years, the indicator has grown by more than 3,000 rubles.

Cost of Living in Russia

Select city in Russia:

Summary:

- Family of four estimated monthly costs are 2,118.6\$ (145,608.3py\$) without rent.
- A single person estimated monthly costs are 594.9\$ (40,888.9py\$) without rent.

Safonovskie Vedomosti

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A WWII veteran from Volgograd froze to death in a barn. According to local authorities, they did not know that the man was homeless, despite the fact that they congratulated him on May 9 and February 2, his birthday. It turned out that in the house where the 90-year-old man was supposed to live, there are strangers who are not his relatives.

And here's another bit of pro-market Putin for you. According to the official sources, Russian government produces a much as 70% of surplus product and controls more than half of the economy. There goes your free market.

● 06/06/2019 ● Russian economy

The share of the state in the Russian economy is 33%. Such data was provided by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in its recent study. According to the fund's experts, only a third of the added value in the Russian Federation is generated by the public sector, the remaining two-thirds are produced by private companies and entrepreneurs.

At the same time, Russian economists have other data. The Federal Antimonopoly Service (FAS) believes that the state accounts for 70% of the additional product produced, the Center for Strategic Research (CSR) - 46%. At the same time, companies with state participation receive maximum state funding, benefits and subsidies, which worsens competition and slows down GDP growth. According to experts, in order to increase economic activity in the country, it is necessary to resume the privatization of state assets and reduce the level of state monopoly.

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The total share of state corporations in the country's economy is, according to various estimates, 7-10% of GDP

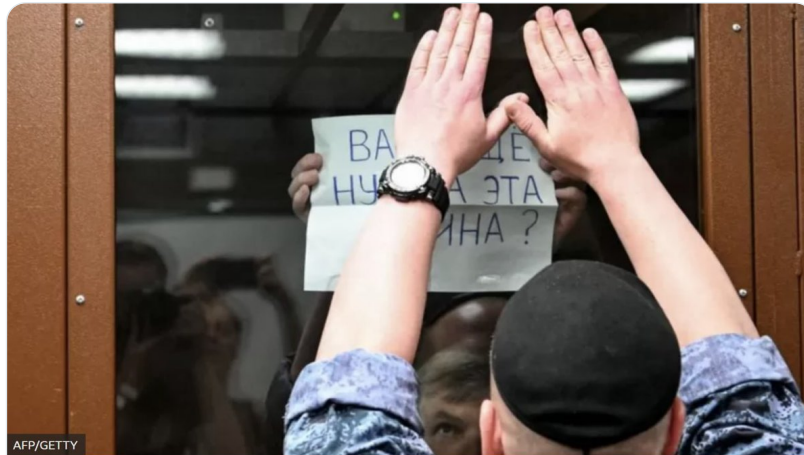
MOSCOW, 30 April. /TASS/. The state's share is more than half of the Russian economy, which hinders the development of competition, according to the FAS draft report on the state of competition in 2018, posted on the agency's official [website](#).

"The share of the public sector makes up a significant part of the Russian economy and accounts for more than half of the national economy of the Russian Federation," the draft document says.

Russians are paying European taxes in exchange for third-world level of social support. Perhaps, now you understand where all those yachts and palaces are coming from. Now for another outlandish claim: Putin is against wokeness, PC and cancel culture.

First of all, Political correctness was invented in Soviet Union (check it on Wikipedia, for once). It literally means "being in accord with the party line". And make no mistake, modern day Russia embodies this ethos still. Here are a few examples.

A city deputy, Alexei Gorinov, was imprisoned for 7 years. His crime — refusing to call war in Ukraine "special military operation" (that's Russian equivalent of using wrong pronouns, apparently) and suggesting it's unethical to organize drawing competition in time of war.



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60-year-old Gorinov was charged under the article on the distribution of "fakes" with aggravating circumstances - according to the investigation, the crime was committed by prior agreement, using his official position and motivated by hatred or enmity.

This is not the first sentence under Article 207.3 of the Criminal Code, but the first case when the accused received a real term. The maximum sentence under the article on "military fakes" is 15 years in prison.

According to investigators, on March 15, 2022, during an open meeting of the district council of deputies, Gorinov made a number of statements "containing untrue data about the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation."

There is indeed a five-minute fragment in the recording of the meeting, in which Gorinov argues with another deputy about holding a competition for children's drawings. Gorinov suggested that during the war such a competition would look like a "feast during the plague", he was supported by the Mundeep Elena Kotenochkina - she also became a defendant in a criminal case, but managed to leave Russia.

Ilya Yashin [@IlyaYashin](#), a prominent opposition figure, was sentenced to 8.5 years of prison because he talked about Bucha on his stream. That's why they also banned him from running Internet resources.



Ilya Yashin during the announcement of the verdict in the Meshchansky District Court

Photo: Anton Novoderezhkin / TASS

Moscow. 9th December. INTERFAX.RU - The Meshchansky Court of Moscow has appointed oppositionist Ilya Yashin (recognized as an individual foreign agent in the Russian Federation) eight and a half years in a penal colony for spreading fakes about the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation, an Interfax correspondent reported on Friday.

According to the verdict, which was announced by Judge Oksana Goryunova, Yashin was prohibited from administering Internet resources for four years.

He was found guilty of publicly disseminating deliberately false information about the use of the Russian Armed Forces for reasons of political hatred (clause "d" part 2 of article 207.3 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation).

When sentencing Yashin, the court took into account the absence of aggravating circumstances for him and the presence of mitigating circumstances - information about the state of his health and elderly parents. However, in order to restore social justice, the court considered it possible to sentence Yashin only in the form of real imprisonment.

And here's a list of artists who are banned by Kremlin because of their politically incorrect views. All of these are very famous in Russia, some are world-famous. Manizha represented Russia on Eurovision, for example.

We publish the list in the form (including spelling) in which it was received by the editors :

- rap artist "Noise MS" (Alekseev Ivan)
- rap artist "Oksimiron" (Fyodorov Miron)
- group "DDT" (soloist Shevchuk Yuri)
- group "Time Machine" (soloist Andrey Makarevich)
- group "Aquarium" (soloist Grebenshchikov Boris)
- group "Casta" (soloists Leshkevich Vladislav, Epifantsev Mikhail, Pasechny Andrey)
- group "Bi-2" (soloists Uman Alexander, Bortnik Egor)
- group "Accident" (soloist Kortnev Alexey)
- singer "Zemfira" (Ramazanova Zemfira)
- singer Meladze Valery
- Spirin Dmitry (ex-soloist of the group "Cockroaches")
- group "Anacondaz" (soloists Khorev Artem, Karamushkin Sergey)
- group "Louna" (soloist Gevorgyan Lusine)
- Group "Porn Films" (soloist Vladimir Kotlyarov)
- group "Nogu Svelo!" (soloist Maxim Pokrovsky)
- group "Krovostok" (soloist Chernyak Anton)
- group "Elysium" (soloist Dmitry Kuznetsov)
- group "2Mashi" (soloist Maria Zaitseva)
- singer "Manizha" (Sangin Manizha)
- singer "Monetochka" (Gyrdimova Elizaveta)
- singer "Grechka" (Ivanova Anastasia)
- rap artist "Face" (Dremin Ivan) *
- rap artist "Morginstern" (Morginstern Alisher) *

Ok, you say. Russia is a quasi-socialist state with no social care, that has censorship, cancel culture and its own PC culture. Fine! We're ok with that. You know why? Family, my friend! Putin loves family values, and those are what matters! Well, let me ruin your day.

Let's start with family values. Russia has a very high single motherhood rate. One might say that this reflects more on the quality of Russian men, than on Vladimir Putin. But the government does jack shit to support these mothers.

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In almost a third of Russian families, children are raised by single mothers.



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MOSCOW, February 7 - RIA Novosti . About 5 million out of 17 million Russian families are families with single mothers, in another 600,000 families children are raised by single fathers, said Anna Kuznetsova, Commissioner for Children's Rights under the President of the Russian Federation.

Unlike many other countries, Russians don't really have child benefits like social daycare etc. Instead we have mother's capital, a one-time payment intended for improving housing conditions (it can only be used to buy a house, land plot etc).

The payment is about 8300\$ for the first child and 2800\$ for the second child. Combined, these are equivalent to 13 months of average salary — and that's it. For comparison, a square meter in a newly-built house costs on average 1750\$. So you can buy about 6.5 meters of housing.

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In 2023, the amount of maternity capital at the birth of the first child will be **589.5 thousand rubles**, and at the birth of the second child - **779 thousand rubles**. If parents have already received mother capital for the first child, then the amount of payment for the second will be **189.5 thousand rubles**, follows from the materials to the budget of the Pension and Social Insurance Fund of Russia. Indexation will take place on February 1, 2023.

An average American one-car garage is 24 square meters. So for your mother's capital you can buy a piece of housing the size of one quarter of a garage. If you're looking for old buildings, perhaps you could afford one half of a garage. Enjoy your motherhood.

Unsurprisingly, few women in Russia are enthusiastic about having a child. Median salary in Russia is about 500\$, so one half of Russians can barely afford the normal everyday expenses (which are 400\$, according to Numbeo). Having a child is an economic suicide.

This results in another mind-blowing statistic: abortion rate. In 2021 there were about 450 000 legal abortions, compared to 1.4M children born. That's one abortion for every three children born. And with living conditions like that, you're not fixing this with a piece of paper.

Putin's "support for family values" exhibits itself in a form of persecuting gays and feminists. And since neither of them were ever in power in Russia, they had nothing to do with the demise of Russian family. The family was ruined by Putin's economic and social policies.

Ok, you say. Fuck the family. Fuck the economy. Fuck freedom of speech. Putin defends Christianity. God is what it's all about. As long as my God is hailed, I'm willing to eat as much shit as the siloviki are going to feed me. Putin loves God and Christianity!
Or does he?

We can debate about the role of Russian Orthodox Church in Russian society. What we can't do is deny that it's run by another of Putin's oligarchs, stained in numerous corruption scandals. According to the Orthodox Church, by the way, he's not supposed to have any property at all

The former head of the Ministry of Health paid 20 million rubles for the dusty apartment of the patriarch

The ex-head of the Ministry of Health paid for the dusty apartment of the patriarch
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The former head of the Russian Ministry of Health, Yuri Shevchenko, paid about 20 million rubles for damaging the apartment in which Patriarch Kirill and Lydia Leonova, who filed a lawsuit, are registered.

"I sold my apartment in St. Petersburg and paid this amount on April 5," said the son of Yuri Shevchenko, RIA Novosti reports.

The media name the owner of the apartment in the famous "House on the Embankment" of the Patriarch of Moscow and All Rus' Kirill indicated in the lawsuit. During the trial, about 20 million rubles were recovered from the family of the former Minister of Health for damages from the repair of his apartment, which damaged the neighboring living space.

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Patriarch Kirill found a watch for 1 million rubles

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Patriarch Kirill had a watch worth more than \$16,000 (more than 1 million rubles). After analyzing the photos of the patriarch, Open Media found several more elite watches from him, but this model may be the second most expensive in his collection after Breguet at \$ 30,000.

With a Ulysse Nardin Dual Time watch model encrusted with diamonds, the patriarch appeared in public in early 2018. He put it on for a meeting in the Federation Council, dedicated to the topic "Moral values and the future of mankind."

Patriarch Kirill is also suspected of dealing with the KGB. Though this is not surprising, given that Orthodox Church was thoroughly infiltrated and controlled by the KGB during most of USSR history.

KGB affiliation

Forbes reported on 20 February 2009 that, "Kirill, who was the Metropolitan of Smolensk, succeeds Alexei II who died in December after 18 years as head of the Russian Church. According to material from the Soviet archives, Kirill was a KGB agent (as was Alexei). This means he was more than just an informer, of whom there were millions in the Soviet Union. He was an active officer of the organization. Neither Kirill nor Alexei ever acknowledged or apologized for their ties with the security agencies."^[103]

As for the source of money, apart from free stuff given by the Church, Kirill most likely made his fortune selling tobacco.

Importation of cigarettes

Journalists of the newspapers *Kommersant* and *Moskovskij Komsomolets* accused Kirill of profiteering and abuse of the privilege of duty-free importation of cigarettes granted to the church in the mid-1990s and dubbed him "Tobacco Metropolitan".^[54] The Department for External Church Relations was alleged to have acted as the largest supplier of foreign cigarettes in Russia.^[55] The profits of this operation allegedly under Kirill's direction were estimated to have totaled \$1.5 billion by sociologist Nikolai Mitrokhin in 2004, and at \$4 billion by *The Moscow News* in 2006.^{[56][57]} However, Nathaniel Davis said that "There is no evidence that Metropolitan Kirill has actually embezzled funds. What is more likely is that profits from the importation of tobacco and cigarettes have been used for urgent, pressing Church expenses."^[55] The duty-free importation of cigarettes ended in 1997.^[55] In his 2002 interview with *Izvestia*, Metropolitan Kirill called the allegations about his profiteering a political campaign against him.^[58]

Alexander Pochinok, who was the minister of taxes and levies (1999–2000), said in 2009 that Kirill had no involvement in the violations.^{[59][60]}



Patriarch Kirill at Easter 2011



After all of this, one shouldn't be surprised to learn that Russian Orthodox Church has long since stopped being an independent religious organization and turned into an instrument of government propaganda, supporting every decision of Vladimir Putin.

Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Kirill supported the mobilization

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Patriarch Kirill of the Russian Orthodox Church supported the mobilization in Russia in his sermon and expressed the opinion that it would help "reconcile" Ukraine and Russia.

Archpriest of the Russian Orthodox Church called raising the retirement age a punishment for sins

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The rector of the Orthodox Church, Archpriest Alexy Chaplin, called the "moral" reason for the tough pension reform. The Russian people sin too much, the priest believes.

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The Russian Orthodox Church supported the "zeroing" of Putin. Live

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Russian patriarch calls Putin era "miracle of God"

By Gleb Bryanski 3 MIN READ

MOSCOW (Reuters) - The head of the Russian Orthodox church on Wednesday called the 12 years of Vladimir Putin's rule a "miracle of God" and criticised his opponents, at a gathering where religious leaders heaped praise on the prime minister.



So, what do we have in the end?

- ✓ High taxes
- ✓ No social support
- ✓ Ruined families
- ✓ Sky-high abortion rate
- ✓ Censorship, PC and cancel culture
- ✓ Church is a puppet of Chekist regime

This is how big of a supporter of conservative values Vladimir Putin is. Too bad the right-wingers in the West have trouble using Google.

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Russia under the Putin regime ranks first in the world in suicide rates among men and among drug addicts in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, fifth in the world in the rate of AIDS



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And of course, the biggest current foreign enemy of Putin (by his words) - UA nationalists. Who's his biggest domestic enemy? Of course, Russian nationalists, not the liberals or lefties! FSB started new campaign to imprison rus. nats. who don't want to die for Putin in UA



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