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Subject: Re: Empire

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 28 May 2025 20:30:55 GMT

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Rusty, my friend, you wrote:

Rusty wrote on Wed, 28 May 2025 15:09I don't expect to change your beliefs and I'm not trying to. I'm just writing about what I am learning as I go along.

But you're not learning. You have taken a side and are reinforcing it with the same old bloggers.

There was a time when I thought as you do now, that Putin was a good leader for Russia. I have learned since then that I was wrong.

The Google search link I provided is a generic search. Some of the articles returned by the search are from western sources, but some come from the east, some even from Russians.

When Putin was first made president, I thought he might be good for Russia. But the Russians I knew - way back then - set me straight. The first time I heard reasons to be leery about Putin was in 2000, when a Russian immigrant told me what Putin was like in East Germany and St. Petersburg. He and others were very concerned that Putin would make Russia an evil empire.

Their opinions have been proven to be correct. Putin has made Russia a terrorist state.

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