

Media React to Russian Super-Weapons

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Western media reacted as expected to Putin's state of the nation address, explaining new Russian super-weapons.

The NYT headlined "Putin's 'Invincible' Missile Is Aimed at US Vulnerabilities," saying:

Putin "threatened the West with a new generation of nuclear weapons Thursday...sharply escalat(ing) the military invective in the tense relationship between the United States and Russia."

Fact: Putin threatened no one, stressing Russia's military capabilities are solely for defense, not offense – polar opposite how Washington, NATO, Israel and their rogue allies operate.

Fact: Washington bears full responsibility for hostile bilateral relations, not Russia. Its imperial agenda threatens global nuclear war.

The Times:

"Mr. Putin's announcement...seemed intended chiefly to stir the patriotic passions of Russians at a moment when he is heading into a re-election campaign, even though his victory is assured in what amounts to a one-candidate race."

Fact: In contrast to Trump, Putin is overwhelmingly popular for good reason. Indeed he'll easily be re-elected for another six-year term – facing seven other candidates.

Russian military spending is a small fraction of America's so-called defense budget, devoted heavily to encircling the globe with military bases, used as launching pads for naked aggression. In contrast, Russia champions world peace and stability – polar opposite Washington's imperial agenda.

The neocon/CIA house organ <u>Washington Post</u> headlined "Putin speech adds to freeze in US-Russia Relations," mocking Moscow's new super-weapons, saying:

"Few experts...believe that the new weapons, assuming they actually exist and are ever deployed, would change the balance of power between two nations that already have the ability to destroy each other many times over."

They're vital deterrents against possible US aggression targeting its territory. They're not for warmaking, the way Washington operates.

WaPo:

"US defense officials have consistently cited Russia as the most significant strategic threat to the United States, and the primary reason to build up its defense budget."

Fact: "US defense (and intelligence community) officials have consistently" lied about Russia. Washington and its rogue allies threaten world peace, not Moscow, threatening no one.

America needs enemies to justify its out-of-control military spending and naked aggression against one country after another.

None exist so they're invented. Russia tops the list because of its sovereign independence and opposition to Washington's imperial agenda, mostly its endless wars of aggression against nations threatening no one.

Cold War 2.0 rages, threatening to get hot, solely because of US rage for unchallenged global dominance.

Sino/Russian unity for multi-world polarity is the most effective deterrent against US imperial ambitions.

Here's a sampling of other headlines, responding to Putin's state of the nation address:

Wall Street Journal: "Putin Unveils Nuclear Weapons He Claims Could Breach US Defenses...intensifying (an) arms race with the US."

Reuters: "Putin, before vote, unveils 'invincible' nuclear weapons to counter West"

AP News: "Putin boasts of new Russian nuclear weapons

Los Angeles Times: "'Now you will listen': Putin claims new nuclear weapons can bypass any missile defense system"

Chicago Tribune: "Pentagon dismisses Putin's boasts about new nuclear weapons"

Fox News: "Russia unveils nuclear weapons Putin claims are immune to interception"

CNN: "Russia's 'invincible' missile is chilling everyone"

San Francisco CBS News affiliate station: "Putin Shows Off New Russian Doomsday Weapons in State-of-the-Nation Speech:"

US Public Broadcasting Service (PBS): "Pentagon dismisses Putin's boasts about new

nuclear weapons"

BBC: "Russia's Putin unveils 'invincible' nuclear weapons"

London Guardian: "Putin threatens US arms race with new missiles declaration"

Financial Times: "Russia to deploy 'unstoppable' nuclear weapons"

Al Jazeera: "Vladimir Putin unveils new nuclear weapons systems"

Sky News: "US Condemns Russia's development of new super nuclear weapons"

Pentagon commanders are likely frantic about how to match Russia's advanced military technology – developed with a small fraction of US military spending, shifting the balance of power in Moscow's favor.

How about that turn of events, reducing the risk of nuclear war.

Washington attacks weaker countries, not ones more formidable than itself – how all bullies operate!

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