

More Russia Bashing Over Nonexistent Cyberattacks

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On October 7, a joint Department of Homeland Security/Director of National Intelligence (DHS/DNI) statement charged Russia with cyberattacks "intended to interfere with the US election process."

It was a Big Lie. No evidence was cited because none exists. Accusations without proof are baseless. It had nothing to do with hacking DNC emails or interfering in America's presidential election in any other way – nor meddling in the internal affairs of any country, longstanding US practice.

The DHS/DNI joint statement, claiming "confiden(ce)" about Russia cyberattacking "US political organizations" was politically motivated lying.

No matter. Obama ordered US intelligence agencies to review nonexistent Russian interference in the 2016 election process, **completing a report before he leaves office on January 20.**

It's likely already written – a fictional account of what never happened. Interviewed by Time magazine after being named its person of the year, Trump said "I don't believe it. I don't believe (Russia) interfered...(S)ome guy in New Jersey" may have done it.

He called charges politically motivated, adding they "became a laughing point, not a talking point...Any time I do something, they say 'Oh, Russia interfered.' " Putin and other Russian officials categorically debunked the false charges.

Obama administration homeland security advisor Lisa Monaco claimed "a new threshold" was likely crossed, calling it necessary "to conduct some after-action..."

Deputy White House press secretary Eric Schultz said Obama considers completing the report on his watch "a major priority."

He's got nothing better to do than bash Russia.

Last month, the White House declared the November election "free and fair from a cybersecurity perspective." If so, why investigate nonexistent Russian hacking?

Why conduct a recount scam in three states? Why accuse Moscow of election interference when it's known none occurred?

It's all about Russia bashing, longstanding plans calling for regime change, installing pro-Western puppet governance, etc. It also points to powerful interests backing Hillary "remain(ing) intent upon undermining Trump's accession to the White House (because he's) not entirely in the pocket of the lobby groups," according to <u>Michel Chossudovsky</u>.

Wanting to get along with Vladimir Putin, including cooperating with him in combating terrorism, conflicts with powerful interests wanting adversarial relations maintained, along with supporting ISIS and other terrorist groups, using them as imperial foot soldiers.

On Friday, Trump's transition team released a statement, debunking notions of Russia interfering in America's political process, saying "(t)hese are the same people (who) said Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction. The election ended (weeks ago). It's now time to move on and 'Make America Great Again.' "

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