

# The Putin Interview

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*Although his questions were on the sophomoric side, **Tucker Carlson** did a good thing by giving us a two hour view of how Putin thinks. The neoconservative warmongers and the shells for the armament industries are angry, because Putin did not present as they have portrayed him—an evil aggressor out to conquer Europe.*

What comes across from Carlson's interview with Putin is that Putin remains a captive, after all the betrayals and deceptions he has suffered, of his ideal of reaching an agreement with the West. He discounts Washington's insistence on its hegemony. The fact doesn't fit with Putin's idealistic approach to international relations. Putin still hopes for sanity and good will to emerge in the West. His idealism blocks him from proactive actions, which he regards as provocative. He is yet to accept that his tolerance of Western aggression encourages more aggression and thus continues to frustrate the emergence of the cooperative multipolar world that he envisions.

I don't think we are going to get the mutual defense treaty between Russia, China, and Iran that would cause Washington's neoconservatives to accept reality and to give up their goal of American hegemony.

Watching the interview will help to free you from the propaganda that keeps you in The Matrix.

My concern remains that Putin's reasonableness will continue to be taken advantage of by Washington until the conflict Putin seeks to avoid becomes unavoidable.

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