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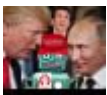
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[The Russian US Election Meddling Big Lie Won't Die](#)

By [Stephen Lendman](#), July 19, 2018

The sole redeeming part of his agenda was wanting improved relations with Russia and Vladimir Putin personally – preferring peace over possible confrontation, wanting the threat of nuclear war defused.

Despite tweeting post-Helsinki that he and Putin “got along well which truly bothered many haters who wanted to see a boxing match,” his remarks on CBS News showed he’ll continue dirty US business as usual toward Russia.



[Indictment of 12 Russians: Under the Shiny Wrapping, a Political Act](#)

By [Scott Ritter](#), July 19, 2018

With great fanfare, **Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein** on Friday [released a 29-page indictment](#), a byproduct of the ongoing investigation by special counsel **Robert Mueller** into Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election. Ostensibly, this indictment cemented the government’s case against the Russians and punched a hole in the arguments of those, like President Trump, who have been labeling Mueller’s investigation a “witch hunt.” This, of course, is precisely what Rosenstein and Mueller hoped to achieve through their carefully timed, and even more carefully scripted, indictment.



[The Establishment Strikes Back](#)

By [Philip Giraldi](#), July 19, 2018

The Helsinki Summit between the two leaders was critically important to anyone interested in preserving the planet Earth as we know it and there was no reason at all to release a non-time sensitive document that was clearly intended to cast a shadow over the proceedings. In fact, the surfacing of the indictment might easily be explained as a deliberate attempt by a politicized Justice Department and **Special Counsel Robert Mueller** to torpedo President Trump over concerns that he might actually come to some understanding with Putin.



[America Overrules Trump: No Peace with Russia](#)

By [Dr. Paul Craig Roberts](#), July 19, 2018

The Russians—especially the naive Atlanticist Integrationists—should take note of the extreme hostility, indeed, to the point of insanity, directed at the Helsinki meeting across the entirety of the American political, media, and intellectual scene. Putin is incorrect that US-Russian relations are being held hostage to an internal US political struggle between the two parties. The Republicans are just as insane and just as hostile to President Trump’s effort to improve American-Russian relations as the Democrats, as [Donald Jeffries reminds us](#).



[Under Massive Pressure, Trump Backpedals on Russia “Meddling”](#)

By [Andre Damon](#), July 18, 2018

Speaking at the White House Tuesday, US **President Donald Trump** attempted to walk back statements he made just 24 hours earlier at his summit in Helsinki, Finland with Russian **President Vladimir Putin** in which he questioned claims by US intelligence agencies that the Russian government “meddled” in the 2016 election.



[Helsinki - Trump and Putin - a Showdown for Summer Doldrums or a Genuine Attempt Towards Peace?](#)

By [Peter Koenig](#), July 18, 2018

President Trump, opened the meeting by saying that up to now relations between the United States and Russia were bad, and confessing that the US was to blame for it. He wanted them to improve and hoped that this meeting – he indicated that others of similar nature may follow – may be a first step towards normalizing relations between the two atomic super-powers which together, he said, control 90% of the world’s nuclear destructive force. A timely admission, but ignoring the most dangerous and unpredictable atomic power, the rogue nation of Israel.

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