

# Vladimir Putin was Never Head of the KGB, Nor Did He Order the Hacking of the DNC

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Vladimir Putin, tagged by president Barack Obama as a "former head of the KGB" at his National Press Conference (December 16) is said to have ordered the hacking of the Democratic National Committee (DNC).

"Over a third of Republican voters approve of Vladimir Putin, the former head of the KGB. Ronald Reagan would roll over in his grave."

This statement regarding Putin's affiliation to the KGB borders on ridicule. Obama is either ignorant or "misinformed" by his White House intelligence advisers. Putin was never a high ranking official in the Soviet era KGB.

Putin joined the KGB upon completing his undergraduate studies at the State University of Leningrad (today St Petersburg) in 1975 at age 23. He was first stationed in Leningrad (St Petersburg) and then transferred to East Germany where he occupied a junior undercover position as a translator in Dresden. Upon the collapse of the Soviet Union he joined municipal politics in St Petersburg. In 1998, he was appointed by president Yeltsin to the position of Director of the Federal Security Service (FSB), a position which he held for one year. The FSB is the agency responsible for domestic security, border guard services, organized crime, narco-traffic, etc. within the Russian Federation (nothing to do with foreign espionage).

President Barack Obama on Friday expressed astonishment at a new poll that found more than a third of Republicans approve of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"There was a survey that some of you saw where, now this is just one poll but a pretty credible source, that 37% of Republican voters approve of Putin," Obama said. "Over a third of Republican voters approve of Vladimir Putin, the former head of the KGB."

"Ronald Reagan would roll over in his grave," Obama said.



President Barack Obama speaks at the annual end-of-the-year press conference. Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images

## That is Lie No 1. Now let's turn our attention to the Big Lie.

The media has gone into high gear. Putin allegedly ordered the hacking with a view to favoring Donald Trump's accession to the White House, an absurd proposition. This thesis is refuted by Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity;

We have gone through the various claims about hacking. For us, it is child's play to dismiss them. The email disclosures in question are the result of a leak, not a hack. Here's the difference between leaking and hacking;

Leak: When someone physically takes data out of an organization and gives it to some other person or organization, as Edward Snowden and Chelsea Manning did.

Hack: When someone in a remote location electronically penetrates operating systems, firewalls or any other cyber-protection system and then extracts data.

All signs point to leaking, not hacking. If hacking were involved, the National Security Agency would know it – and know both sender and recipient.

In short, since leaking requires physically removing data – on a thumb drive, for example – the only way such data can be copied and removed, with no electronic trace of what has left the server, is via a physical storage device.

# **Donald Trump and the Electoral College Vote**

Donald Trump is portrayed as an unwitting agent of Moscow. The purpose of this propaganda campaign is to influence the Electoral College Vote on December 19. Donald Trump is identified as a "Traitor" "in bed with the enemy". PeopleNow. org an NGO associated with the anti-Trump protest movement is calling upon the College Electors not to vote for Trump:

"Please help get this to the Electors, forward this article or your own words to all your lists, write articles, letters to the Editors, etc., ....

**Electoral College Electors: Please do not vote for Trump or Pence** by Ron Fisher Captain U.S. Navy (retired), PeopleNow.org, Dec. 16, 2016

Electoral College Electors may vote for anyone they choose for President and Vice-President but should not vote for anyone who is not qualified in particular Trump and Pence."

The ultimate goal is to smear the president-elect and prevent Trump's accession to the White House.

#### The DNC

With regard to the hacking of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) allegedly ordered by president Putin, lest we forget, the leaked emails revealed that the DNC was busy undermining Bernie Sanders' candidacy during the primaries through various corrupt and fraudulent practices including smear campaigns directed against Bernie.

The underlying objective was to discredit Sanders with a view to upholding Clinton (who has a criminal record with the FBI).

The emails revealed certain corrupt and unsavoury DNC activities in support of Hillary Clinton's candidacy [HRC]. If these DNC dirty tricks in favor of Hillary had not been carried out, Bernie Sanders would most probably have won the Democratic Party nomination and (possibly) the presidency against Donald Trump.

The DNC is responsible for its own failures. The email leaks were not the result of hackings ordered by president Putin, the alleged "former head of the KGB". Quite the opposite.

# Class Action Lawsuit against the DNC

Moreover, there is another significant dimension surrounding the DNC email scandal which was never covered by the mainstream media. Bernie Sanders supporters initiated a class action lawsuit in Federal District Court in Florida against the DNC and the (former) DNC Chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz pointing to "fraud, negligent misrepresentation, deceptive conduct, unjust enrichment, breach of fiduciary duty, and negligence." (Debbie Wasserman Schultz was forced to resign following the release of the emails).

The lawsuit entitled <u>Wilding et al v DNC Services Corporation and Deborah 'Debbie'</u> was filed in the Federal District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Case 0:16-cv-61511-XXXX Document 1 Entered on FLSD Docket 06/28/2016

165. Defendants' conduct was intentional, willful, wanton, and malicious. I had actual knowledge of the wrongfulness of the conduct and the high probability that the DNC Donor Class Plaintiffs, the Sanders Donor Class Plaintiffs, and members of Donor Class and the Sanders Donor Class would result and, despite that knowledge, in pursued that course of conduct, resulting in injury.

166. Defendants' conduct was so reckless or wanting in care that it constitute conscious disregard or indifference to the rights of The DNC Donor Class Plaintiffs, to Donor Class Plaintiffs, and members of the DNC Donor Class and the Sanders Donor members of the DNC Donor Class and Sanders Donor Class.

COUNT III

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- 203. Prejudgment and post-judgment interest; and
- 204. The cost of this suit and such other relief as the court finds just and proper.

#### **JURY DEMAND**

205. Plaintiffs demand a jury trial on all issues so triable.

DATED: June 28, 2016

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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screen shots above: (Case Number is 16-cv-61511-WJZ).

<u>Click here for The complete text of the lawsuit Wilding et al v DNC Services Corporation and Deborah 'Debbie' Wasserman Schultz,</u>

Click here to see the Facebook entry of the lawsuit:

The Lawsuit against the Democratic National Committee and Debbie Wasserman Schultz was delivered by **Shawn Lucas** acting on behalf of the Plaintiffs on July 1, 2016.

(see video below)



One month later, Shawn Lucas was found dead in his home.

The accusations of the plaintiffs in the class action lawsuit are far-reaching.

MSM Journalists, however, had their eyes riveted on the alleged Vladimir Putin's hacking operation. Neither the mysterious death of Shawn Lucas nor the "willful, wanton, malicious, reckless, ..." conduct of the DNC were the object of mainstream media coverage.

What has happened to the class action lawsuit against the DNC? <u>It was dismissed without</u> further consideration.

Accordingly, after due consideration, it is ORDERED AND ADJUDGED as follows:

- 1. Defendants' Motion To Dismiss For Insufficient Service Of Process Or, In The Alternative, Extend Time To Answer Or Respond To Complaint (DE 9), which the Court, by its Order (DE 25) has construed as a Motion To Quash Service Of Process, be and the same is hereby GRANTED;
- 2. Service of Process as to Defendant DNC Services Corporation, d/b/a Democratic National Committee, and Defendant Deborah Wasserman Schultz be and the same is hereby QUASHED; and

No coverage (or mention) whatsoever by the mainstream media of this class action lawsuit which uncovered corruption and fraud by the DNC.

No investigation into the death of Shawn Lucas.

No media coverage of Lucas' death with the exception of a report in London's Daily Mail which pointed to several mysterious deaths of Democratic Party campaign organizers and activists including **Shawn Lucas:** 

The 'Clinton body count' is a long list of people tied to the Clintons who have died in suspicious circumstances since the early 1990s. The alleged death toll is in dispute but some claim more than 50 people, connected with the former president and First Lady have died in mysterious circumstances. ...

**Shawn Lucas,** 38, a lawyer who supported Bernie Sanders, was found dead on **August 2** on the bathroom floor of his Washington DC apartment. Just a month earlier he had attempted to serve papers on Wasserman-Schultz in a fraud case that alleges the party had unfairly favored Hillary Clinton in the primaries over Sanders. ...

**Joe Montano**, a former DNC Chairman with in-depth knowledge of Hillary Clinton's campaign, has also been named as on the unofficial list after he died from what authorities say was a heart attack on **July 25** – the day the DNC started.

**Seth Conrad Rich**, who was the Operations Director for Voter Expansion for the DNC, was found murdered on **July 10.** His death initially appeared like a robbery gone wrong but his mother Mary Rich claims that nothing was taken from her son, who was found with two shots in his back. (<u>Daily Mail</u>, August 23, 2016)

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