

Western Media Reaction to St. Petersburg Terror Attack. Not Front Page News

By [Stephen Lendman](#)

Global Research, April 04, 2017

Region: [Russia and FSU](#)

Theme: [Media Disinformation](#), [Terrorism](#)

*Anything related to Russia is **treated differently from similar events in the West.***

Reaction to Monday's St. Petersburg blast was far less compassionate than for similar incidents in Western cities – dominating feature news coverage for days.

A day after Monday's St. Petersburg blast, it was yesterday's news in America, not today's.

No Tuesday front page NYT coverage. The Washington Post seemed more concerned about a student “d(ying) after a pancake-eating contest” Attack likely terrorist-caused deaths and injuries in St. Petersburg.

Wall Street Journal coverage was yesterday, not today. St. Petersburg's blast was only fifth among top world news stories from Reuters and AP. Ahead of it were a classical singer's death, Jordan king's view on peace, Vietnam's poisoned coast, and Somalia's Al Shabaab.

The NCAA's basketball championship game got more coverage than St. Petersburg – dismissiveness shown instead of compassion for victims, their families, loved ones and friends.



The [state-owned and operated BBC](#) deplorably suggested a possible false flag scenario, implying **Putin's** responsibility for what happened – insinuating a diversionary tactic from domestic news.

Other reports suggested blowback for Russia's involvement in Syria. New York Post columnist **John Podhoretz** tweeted:

“Interesting that the bomb blasts in Petersburg come so hard upon the demonstrations – giving Putin cover for a huge crackdown.”

He referred to orchestrated street protests in Moscow and other Russian cities last month – discussed in previous articles.

Anti-Putin Western favorite **Garry Kasparov** tweeted:

“Tragedy in St. Petersburg. Once again ‘unknown terrorists’ perfectly timed to serve Putin’s political agenda. Forget protests, back to fear.”

He’s overwhelmingly popular. Over 80% of Russians want no one else leading them. Orchestrated protests and other tactics used to try weakening his public support never work.

Kremlin spokesman **Dmitry Peskov** said

“(i)n a telephone conversation with **Vladimir Putin, Donald Trump** extended deep condolences to the families of those who were killed in a barbaric terror attack in St. Petersburg subway, and asked to pass on words of encouragement to the Russian people.”

“Presidents consider terrorism to be an evil that should be tackled in a concerted effort.” Both leaders “agreed to keep in touch.”

So far, 11 deaths were reported, around 50 others injured, at least four in critical condition.

Putin was in St. Petersburg on Monday – meeting with **Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko**, and participating in the Truth and Justice Media Forum. Many journalists attended it. The incident seemed timed with his visit.

He went to the scene of the blast – laid flowers at the city’s Tekhnologicheskyy Institut metro station, where city residents paid their respects in memory of those killed.

Three days of mourning began Tuesday. Russian investigators will get to the bottom of what happened.

Stephen Lendman lives in Chicago. He can be reached at lendmanstephen@sbcglobal.net.

His new book as editor and contributor is titled “Flashpoint in Ukraine: How the US Drive for Hegemony Risks WW III.”

<http://www.claritypress.com/LendmanIII.html>

Visit his blog site at sjlendman.blogspot.com.

The original source of this article is Global Research
Copyright © [Stephen Lendman](#), Global Research, 2017

[Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page](#)

[Become a Member of Global Research](#)

Articles by: [Stephen Lendman](#)

About the author:

Stephen Lendman lives in Chicago. He can be reached at lendmanstephen@sbcglobal.net. His new book as editor and contributor is titled "Flashpoint in Ukraine: US Drive for Hegemony Risks WW III." <http://www.claritypress.com/LendmanIII.html> Visit his blog site at sjlendman.blogspot.com. Listen to cutting-edge discussions with distinguished guests on the Progressive Radio News Hour on the Progressive Radio Network. It airs three times weekly: live on Sundays at 1PM Central time plus two prerecorded archived programs.

Disclaimer: The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: publications@globalresearch.ca www.globalresearch.ca contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner. For media inquiries: publications@globalresearch.ca