

# Putin distinguishing among Americans

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Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation, barred five hundred more Americans from entering his country. Most of the names attracted little notice – scattered Senators and Representatives, and “military industrial complex” wheels. But some of the names are now infamous for words and deeds – either designing and promoting present U.S. policy in the Ukraine theater, or persecuting those opposed to that policy. In fact Putin extended his reach further, to bar those who have persecuted Americans for speaking their minds. Why should he care about what such Americans think? Perhaps because he does not see all Americans as alike. And maybe he sees some of us as the enemies of *his* enemies.

## The latest Putin stop list

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The Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs released a “stop list” containing five hundred Americans’ names last Friday (May 19).

#BREAKING Russia bans entry to 500 US nationals including Obama  
[pic.twitter.com/qOOrOpTY0X](https://pic.twitter.com/qOOrOpTY0X)

— AFP News Agency (@AFP) May 19, 2023

#UPDATE Russia on Friday said it banned entry to 500 Americans, including former president Barack Obama, in response to sanctions imposed by Washington <https://t.co/qWldmcRt4j>

— AFP News Agency (@AFP) May 19, 2023

*The Hill* was among the first American organs to report this list. According to it, Vladimir Putin barred these five hundred in response to American economic and other sanctions against Russia. But, says the MFA, those names also include many who “spread ‘Russophobic’ attitudes” or worked for outfits that did so. Then the Ministry added this: they list those involved in the “persecution of dissidents” who took part in the January 6 Event.

User “Daniel G” at *We Love Trump Report* obtained and translated the full list.

The names appear in rough *Cyrillic* alphabetical order – though the Russians seem to have translated English names beginning with *J* as beginning with *Yu* or *Ya*, never as *Zh*. Thus Nina Jankowicz alphabetizes at the bottom of the list, with the Cyrillic letter Я (*Ya*).

That list contains several Senators and Representatives – most of them Republican, more’s the pity. It also includes the Attorneys General of California and New York.

Barack Obama shows up as the most prominent name on that list (Number 268).

\*RUSSIA BANS US FORMER PRESIDENT OBAMA FROM ENTRY TO THE COUNTRY

— zerohedge (@zerohedge) May 19, 2023

BREAKING: Russia has banned the entry of Obama <https://t.co/zgOCBZtvQE>

— Insider Paper (@TheInsiderPaper) May 19, 2023

Perhaps Putin listed him after finally associating him with Hillary Clinton. (He feared her enough to cancel a foreign trip and issue a *ukase* that his people arm themselves immediately. That happened in the summer of 2016).

## Why is Michael Byrd on the list?

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But then, have a look at Number 29 – Michael Leroy Byrd. Who is he? He’s the Capitol Police officer who shot Ashli Babbett.

Putin BANS Michael Leroy Byrd, the officer who shot and killed Ashli Babbitt during the Capitol riot, from entering Russia <pic.twitter.com/t6EMe19pum>

— The Triune Times (@TriuneTimes) May 19, 2023

Putin just announced he has banned Capitol police officer Michael Byrd from ever entering Russia

— Jack Poso 🇺🇸 (@JackPosobiec) May 19, 2023

But who is Michael Byrd to a man like Vladimir Putin? Compared to Nina Jankowicz, formerly of the Disinformation Governance Board, Michael Byrd is a nobody. Why should Putin bother about him? To understand why, read this thread, that reminds us of the timing of this latest list.

Russia Bans Barack Obama From Entering Country  
(Per Trending Politics)

Russia has implemented a travel restriction by banning the entry of 500 US nationals, including former President Barack Obama. [pic.twitter.com/wCKcNRBrD9](https://pic.twitter.com/wCKcNRBrD9)

— Brian Allen (@allenanalysis) [May 19, 2023](#)

Moscow also denied consular access to detained journalist as US imposes more punitive measures in response to Ukraine invasion.

— Brian Allen (@allenanalysis) [May 19, 2023](#)

Former CIA Director John Brennan, an outspoken Trump critic, reportedly briefed President Obama on efforts by advisors to Hillary Clinton to “vilify Donald Trump by stirring up a scandal claiming interference by Russian security services.”

<https://t.co/PtiqItvv0C>

— Brian Allen (@allenanalysis) [May 19, 2023](#)

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Ostensibly, Russia barred these five hundred after the U.S. refused to issue visas to Russian journalists traveling with Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov to the U.N. last month. But this list bars the people on it *permanently*. And again, why does it include Byrd? Because Putin was reacting to the Durham Report. He sees that as yet another attack on Russia – using his country as a “Baba Yaga” to influence an election.

But there’s more. *Putin has been over this before*. He granted an interview to Keir Simmons of NBC. Simmons asked him about why he threw a key opposition leader, Aleksandr Navalny, in jail. To which Putin quoted a Russian aphorism:

Don’t be mad at the mirror if you are ugly.

An American would doubtless say,

People who live in glass houses shouldn’t throw stones.

Then he asked straight-out:

Did you order the assassination of the woman who walked into the Congress and who was shot and killed by a policeman?

Play this video to hear him ask that.

WATCH: Russian President Putin calls out the US government for politically persecuting the Jan. 6 mob and provocatively implies the US government might have assassinated Ashli Babbitt. [pic.twitter.com/AUx9FBdEfK](https://pic.twitter.com/AUx9FBdEfK)

— Election Wizard 🇺🇸 (@ElectionWiz) [June 15, 2021](#)

CNAV has mentioned Ashli Babbett at least three times before.

## It's about more than Ashli Babbett

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But Putin expressed concern about more than Ashli Babbett. He counted 450 people languishing in prison over the January 6 event. “And they did not come to steal a laptop,” he said – perhaps referring to [Hunter Biden's Laptop](#). “They came with political demands,” he said – and accused the American government straight-out of prosecuting people for their political opinions.

So Michael Byrd does not appear on that list by coincidence. Neither does Nina Jankowicz – or Rachel Maddow of MSNBC.

The same people pushing the narrative that Donald Trump led an failed insurrection on January 6, 2021, are also pushing the narrative that Russia has imperial designs on the world, or at least that Russia attacked Ukraine without provocation. Furthermore, those same people began their attack on Trump by claiming he was a Russian asset. In fact, Hillary Clinton's campaign collaborated with another sort of Russian – probably Putin's opposition.

Those people are pushing another agenda: depopulation by recruiting people into the LGBTQIA+ group of lifestyles. Putin and his Security Council Deputy Chairman, Dmitri Medvedev, have noticed.

Small wonder, then, that two hundred American and Canadian families might well have pre-purchased [houses in a new Russian village](#)! Or that Russia would approve and even offer the labor to build such a project. Yes, for a pre-construction price – but sill!

And to think that some of the same people pushing an anti-Russian narrative now, *loved* Russia fifty-five years ago. But Russia had another name then: the Soviet Union.