

Russia, China, North Korea, MAGA...

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All want to see America shrink from its leadership of the free world. MAGA enthusiastically joined the others because of Donald Trump's love of dictators.

Trump praises North Korea's Kim Jong Un: "He wrote me beautiful letters. They're great letters. We fell in love."

Trump admires China's Xi as a "brilliant" man who "runs 1.4 billion people with an iron fist."

Trump quotes Russia's Putin approvingly when he attacks "the rottenness of the American political system, which cannot pretend to teach others about democracy."

Last October, President Biden warned that Ukraine was running out of ammunition. He proposed a \$60 billion aid package to defend against Russia's unprovoked invasion. Biden's proposal was supported by our military and intelligence communities. Mitch McConnell called it a "no-brainer," adding "I think Ronald Reagan would turn over in his grave if he saw we were not going to help Ukraine."

Trump, who praised Putin's invasion of Ukraine as "genius," opposed aid, trying to curry favor with Putin. Trump's closest allies, like MAGA representative Marjorie Taylor Greene, regurgitated Putin's lies about Ukraine.

"Russian propaganda has made its way into the United States, and it's infected a good chunk of my party's base," said Republican Foreign Affairs Committee chair Michael McCaul.

Republican House Intelligence Committee Chair Mike Turner agreed: "Oh, it is absolutely true. We see directly coming from Russia attempts to mask communications that are anti-Ukraine and pro-Russia messages, some of which we even hear being uttered on the House floor."

House Speaker Mike Johnson did Trump's bidding for months by blocking a vote on assistance for Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan. Finally, after being briefed by Biden and our military experts, Johnson said, "I want to be on the right side of history" and allowed the vote. It passed because every Democrat voted "YES." Shockingly, most Republicans voted "NO."

Trump and MAGA have turned the party of Reagan into Putin's puppets.

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