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Putin questions legality of Ukrainian government

Vladimir Zelensky's rule is unconstitutional, the Russian president has asserted



An anti-government protest in Kiev, Ukraine, July 24, 2025. © Oleksandr Khomenko / NurPhoto via Getty Images

Russian President Vladimir Putin has dismissed Vladimir Zelensky's appeal for regime change in Moscow, saying the Ukrainian leader himself lacks a constitutional basis for claiming presidential authority.

The response came one day after Zelensky urged Ukraine's international backers to support attempts to topple the Russian government, warning that otherwise, Moscow would *"try to destabilize neighboring countries"* even if a ceasefire were reached in the ongoing conflict.

"Our political regime is grounded in the Constitution of the Russian Federation, and our government was formed in full compliance with the basic law," Putin said during a press appearance on Friday. *"The same cannot be said about Ukraine."*

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Zelensky was elected in 2019 but has remained in office beyond the expiration of his term last year, citing martial law provisions that suspend elections during wartime. Putin had previously noted that the Ukrainian Constitution mandates that presidential power should be transferred to the speaker of the parliament if a successor is not elected.



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While the Kremlin has generally characterized Zelensky's status as an internal Ukrainian matter, it has raised concerns about the legitimacy of any international agreements he might sign, including a potential peace treaty with Russia. Officials have suggested that such agreements could later be challenged on legal grounds.

Recent polling has indicated that Zelensky would likely lose a competitive election, with retired General Valery Zaluzhny named by voters as the leading alternative.

Putin's remarks came during a joint appearance with Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko following their visit to Valaam Monastery, a major Orthodox Christian site on an island in Russia's Lake Ladoga.

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D Demography death 8/1/2025 at 7:04 PM 1

Talking about constitutions, don't they usually have term limits written in them with the express intent to stop one person being in power for decades?

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qudy qerban 8/1/2025 at 6:59 PM 1

I say that the Ukrainian government is **UNQUESTIONABLY ILLEGAL**

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R Reza Bijani 8/1/2025 at 6:58 PM 1

West is knowing that if Russia will be competing with the west in peace west will be behind for ever, that's why the west do not want peace.

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T Tuff Luck 8/1/2025 at 6:57 PM 0

Why are they blocking telegram here inside ru now!?

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TT Sully 8/1/2025 at 6:41 PM -1

No problems like that in Russia, Putin just changes the constitution instead! 😊😅

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Boki 8/1/2025 at 6:54 PM 2



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Well,in USA there is no point to go to elections because they always elect warmongering idiots! 🤔🤔

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R Reza Bijani 8/1/2025 at 6:56 PM ↑

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You should ask yourself is there any better President in the world?.I am not Russian but every Ukrainian I know wishes to have a leader like Putin.

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EPR Finland 8/1/2025 at 5:50 PM

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Here in Finland, most people even believe that if Russia wins in Ukraine, it will attack here and there immediately. The consideration period was quite long in Ukraine as well 8 years . Here, people believe that Putin just woke up in the morning and while drinking coffee it occurred to him, Yep, today we are going to attack Ukraine with full force and they still dare to talk about a full-scale attack. And yet, even a partial bet on the movement was made only in September 2022. So Russia is still not at full strength in Ukraine. It should have been in 2022. Every so-called journalist in Finland always says, a full-scale Russian war of aggression. It would be interesting to hear what those involved are told before the broadcast. And only Russia is doing propaganda. And every single thing about Ukraine is true and everything from Russia is a lie. Live here then and they threaten to kill me if I open my mouth.

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Joseph Lieberman 8/1/2025 at 6:50 PM ↑

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Amazing thank you for sharing this perspective of the extent and effects on popular mindset in finland of propaganda and media controls.

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Tony Long 8/1/2025 at 5:55 PM

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Well, let's be more precise. Ukraine hasn't had a legitimate government since the U.S.-orchestrated coup in 2014.

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Joseph Lieberman 8/1/2025 at 6:46 PM ↑

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Good comment.

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W Wayne Bent 8/1/2025 at 6:38 PM

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The present world situation cannot be solved by negotiation. The present world revolution against basic

The present world situation cannot be solved by negotiation. The present world revolution against basic human society in favor of lawless sexual perversion and other offenses cannot be made peaceful. Sodom and Babylon can only be fixed with fire. This fact will never change. Talk peace all you like but peace will never come until the flames.


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 **Luis carlos Robles** 8/1/2025 at 6:35 PM

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I agree the same as present administration of USA Canada Britain, France, Spain Latin countries Rome all this nation's are serving the interest of fascist and nazis and all in great efforts to transfer power back to Rome control, Britain, Germany, France and they are in a great wish to blame russia Chinese Iranian , north Korean leaderships except their criminals whom are behind the provocation, robbery, exploitation, illegal drug trading etc etc, if United States is producing one thousand nuclear war heads and wish to use it only on Russia, china, Iran North Korea, and we can't kick them away from power in the administrations here in USA, Canada, to defend law and order I truly sincerely advise you Russian chinese etc to manufacture 20,000 thousand nuclear war heads a day to rain this two nations.. Sincerely agent Luis c Robles..

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 **Walter** 8/1/2025 at 6:01 PM

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 **ServerLoad Poring** 8/1/2025 at 6:05 PM

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 Yes that. That only is right persciòn. But important is         at least expenses meeting lot of     


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 **GL** 8/1/2025 at 5:19 PM

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Rightly so. At the same time it would be fair to question Hamas legality in Gaza, and Palestinian Authority in the West Bank Ramallah. Neither have had elections in decades. Is he going to question theirs?


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 **E Kaos** 8/1/2025 at 6:00 PM ↑

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We mustn't forget the European Union government of non-elected rubes either, now must we!

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 **Felix Maliro** 8/1/2025 at 5:56 PM

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Is it "legitimate to call for of a " regime change"? Zelensky has once again got it very wrong! He's the

is it legitimate to call for or a regime change : Zelensky has once again got it very wrong: He's the one to question his legitimacy...


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 **Pepe** 8/1/2025 at 5:55 PM

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Here in Finland, most people even believe that if Russia wins in Ukraine, it will attack here and there immediately. more fool them! cannot believe people are so thick. down to education and propaganda I suppose.


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 **Christine M** 8/1/2025 at 5:47 PM

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Israelis already with plane tickets in hand to colonize Ukraine. Just need to send those last few Ukrainian Christian males remaining to the front lines. Jews don't like a fight, they like others to clear the land so they can just walk in and settle in. USA currently clearing Palestine for Jews to walk in, Zelensky clearing Ukraine for Jews to walk in. Is your country next?

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 **Chef Sate** 8/1/2025 at 5:47 PM

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Putin is right. Just like him Zelensky should put Yulia Svyrydenko as the Puppet President and himself as the Prime Minister who actually is the puppet master. Afterwards he can be the president again.

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 **RICHARD DAIGNEAULT** 8/1/2025 at 5:41 PM


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Putin questions legality of Ukrainian government

Any Peace deal, or any other for that matter agreed upon with Ukraine' s unelected Zelensky' s government could be challenged and revoked by a newly elected government

There is no point for Putin to finalize any Peace until a newly elected full Ukrainian government is in place

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 **Libertus** 8/1/2025 at 5:40 PM

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The dictator of Ukraine Zelensky is Jewish, the former prime minister and now secretary of defense Shmygal is Jewish, the head of the president's office Yermak is Jewish, the leader of the president's party in parliament Arakhamia is Jewish, the foreign minister Sibiga is Jewish, every oligarch like

Kolomoisky is Jewish and the SBU is a Mossad front that hunts down Ukrainian Orthodox Christian Slavs to send them to their slaughter, while allowing Ukrainian citizens of Jewish descent to leave the country legally. They will return at the end of the war to use the Ukrainian women as incubators. This is the destruction and decay that sooner or later follows every society that allows itself to fall under the boot of the Jewish supremacists.


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 **SS** 8/1/2025 at 5:39 PM

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If the west wants Zaluzhny, it can happen in very short order. Just tell Ukraine all aid is halted immediately, including «in pipeline», until presidential elections are held and tabulated, and it all must occur under western observation. To me its senseless to allow the status quo when the people of Ukraine have not had an opportunity to express their will since they voted Zelensky in on a peace platform. If they wanted peace when they voted him in, the logical conclusion is they still want peace now, unless they explicitly say otherwise. But they don't even have the opportunity to say otherwise or not. And so far, non-Ukrainian Boris Johnson's say on the matter is still final. The determination of who in Ukraine is eligible to vote in such plebiscite and who is not, based on national allegiances, can go a long ways in breaking the political log jam. Principles of democracy must be more than the occasional Kabuki theater performance. jmo of course.

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 **Tari** 8/1/2025 at 5:37 PM

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Putin's technically is as well if not for the «reset» the corrupt government did to allow him additional terms past his first two.

Same as Zelensky, his presidential legitimacy has been repeatedly confirmed by Ukrainian parliament and Ukrainian law suspends elections during wartime. Cry more Putin.


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 **John J** 8/1/2025 at 5:12 PM

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Zelensky is the useful idiot for the US but a mass murderer for Ukrainians

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 **GL** 8/1/2025 at 5:21 PM

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Millions, literally millions of men, young and old, dead in Ukraine. He has decimated not only today's Ukraine but for decades to come.

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 8/1/2025 at 5:00 PM



Libertus 8/1/2025 at 5:36 PM ↑

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That's antisemitic. How dare you speak like that about the Jewish dictator of Ukraine?

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ron 8/1/2025 at 5:27 PM

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Zelensky's leading role as President has been a fraud from the very beginning.

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Mircea Dan Harsa 8/1/2025 at 5:27 PM

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Mr Zelenski is doing a «fine job» in DESTROYING and not destabilizing Ukraine. Why would someone interfere from outside?!

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Boris 8/1/2025 at 4:54 PM

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Both sides claim the other is illegitimate or was elected illegitimately. Who cares? Those in charge are those in charge, so Zel and Putin will have to work with each one way or another. If he was going to be knocked off, it would have happened three years ago.

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G L 8/1/2025 at 5:23 PM ↑

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I'm sure he thought Zelenksy's own people would do it. Why they haven't is an enigma.

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James Cox 8/1/2025 at 5:12 PM

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Was Admiral Dönitz legally elected as head of the country? Was Napoleon legally elected as head of the country? Yet, in both cases Russia/USSR accepted their capitulations. It is not important who is legally leading the country. It is more important who people consider as the leader of their country.

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Beejo Mitty 8/1/2025 at 5:09 PM

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remove the zio pimp

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Your God 8/1/2025 at 4:57 PM

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 **Chris Trembath** 8/1/2025 at 4:48 PM **Blocked**

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Hmmmm The meat grinder?

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 **John J** 8/1/2025 at 4:54 PM ↑

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People in the West of Ukraine never cared about the Donbass or ethnic Russians. That is why they killed 14000 civilians before the War.

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 **Carla Muss-Jacobs** 8/1/2025 at 4:54 PM

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Zelensky was elected in 2019 but has remained in office beyond the expiration of his term last year, citing martial law provisions that suspend elections during wartime.

An yet, during gay pride week, Kiev had a parade. Can't vote for a president, but can walk around in women's underwear? Okay. I see what priorities are valued .

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