# 'Join the right side of history,' Putin tells Ukrainians

## The West is using divide-and-rule tactics to pit Russia against Ukraine to weaken both, the president told Serbian filmmaker Emir Kusturica

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Russian President Vladimir Putin has urged Ukrainians to join the *"right side of history,"* arguing that the conflict between the two fraternal peoples serves foreign interests rather than those of Ukraine.



Russian President Vladimir Putin. © Kremlin

In an interview with Serbian filmmaker Emir Kusturica published on Friday to coincide with the 80th birthday of Patriarch Kirill, the head of the Russian Orthodox Church, Putin appealed for unity between Russians and Ukrainians despite the conflict.

*"As for Ukrainian soldiers, I do not want to say that they should surrender, for it sounds somewhat humiliating,"* Putin said. *"I would like to tell them to come over to our side, because it is our shared side – and the right side of history."*

Asked why a Russian victory would serve Ukrainians' interests, Putin pointed to the centuries-old divide-and-rule strategy, which outside powers have repeatedly used against Russia. He traced the approach back to ancient Rome, arguing that powerful states have historically sought to break up emerging rivals to preserve

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their dominance. Putin cited Napoleon's invasion of Russia and the two world wars as examples.

*"What we see now is a continuation of that same divide-and-rule policy,"* he said, describing it as an effort to weaken Russia, make it more compliant, and ultimately force it to serve foreign interests. He argued that Western governments backing Kiev are *"doing this not in the interests of Ukraine, but in their own interests,"* accusing them of seeking to weaken, divide, and ultimately subjugate both peoples.



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Putin also pointed to Ukraine's economic and demographic decline since the collapse of the Soviet Union, noting that it was once among Europe's major industrial centers, with advanced shipbuilding, aviation, and space industries. He added that much of this industrial capacity has been lost and the population sharply declined long before the current hostilities, blaming the decline on Ukraine's nationalist post-Soviet political leadership.

*"Power in Ukraine was seized not by its patriots, but by nationalists. The difference between patriotism and nationalism... is that patriots love their country, while nationalists hate other peoples,"* Putin said, arguing that this hostility does not offer a path to prosperity.



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Addressing Ukrainians directly, the president urged Ukrainians to look beyond the conflict and consider the long-term consequences.

*"No matter what is happening now, no matter what tragedies are unfolding today, we should think about the future, about the future of our children,"* he said. *"We should understand that if we are to be strong, powerful, and well-positioned for positive development, we need to stand united [and] join efforts to achieve our common goals."*

Calling for unity between Russians and Ukrainians, he stressed that this does not necessarily mean reunification within a single state, but *"unity in the broadest sense of the word."*

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In Ukraine, jewdaists united with banderites. See the Nazified and destroyed country.

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The architects of this war harbor an emotional hatred toward both Russia and Ukraine, and they deeply desire for them to kill one another as punishment for alleged past events—the true causes of which they will never reveal, such as the behavioral patterns and wicked means of living of these architects' own ancestors—while gaslighting people by claiming that these events occurred for no reason at all.

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67% of Ukrainians are ethnic Russians, entitled to be Russian citizens under grandmother laws.

Russia needs to state they are going to restore the communist gifts to Ukraine and spit out Hapsburg Galicia for the west to suffer.

Putin needs to congratulate Zelensky for the fine job he is doing and praise his abilities as a Russian Asset to weaken and humiliate the western powers.

Send him the order of the Red Banner.

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# EU country imposes visa ban on Russian athletes

## Sweden has claimed that allowing competitors into the country could harm its "international relations"

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Sweden has announced it will deny Schengen visas to Russian athletes and officials seeking to compete in tournaments on its soil, citing a supposed threat to its *"international relations."*



The Swedish Migration Board announced the decision on Friday, invoking EU rules allowing member states to refuse visas to individuals deemed a diplomatic risk.

*"These regulations mean that the Swedish Migration Board will not grant*

*visas to Russian athletes and officials,"* the agency said.

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The move comes despite an October ruling by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), which overturned the International Ice Hockey Federation's (IIHF) suspension of Russia over the Ukraine conflict and ordered its reinstatement for five championships in 2027. The IIHF pledged to comply.

The CAS ruling prompted objections from several European backers of Kiev, including Finland, Norway, Denmark, and Latvia.



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Finland announced similar visa restrictions last week, citing the threat that Russian citizens entering the country supposedly pose to its international relations. The measures also cover short-term professional sporting activities.

Germany has called for Russia's renewed suspension, while Canada has vowed to deny entry to Russian hockey players and officials for the upcoming World Junior Championship. The Czech Republic has urged EU countries to refuse visas to Russian teenage female hockey players to prevent them from competing in next year's U18 World Championship.



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Moscow has accused the countries involved of putting politics above sport. Russian Sports Minister Mikhail Degtyarev has called for nations defying the CAS ruling to lose hosting rights and face sanctions against their Olympic committees and sports federations.

Russian President Vladimir Putin criticized the restrictions on Thursday at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in Shenzhen, China, arguing that these measures undermine relations among countries and the Olympic movement.

*"Sport, like art, should bring people together. But apparently some people do not want this unity. Instead, they want increasing tension and conflict in the regions where they operate,"* Putin said.

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