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Beyond the Ballot: How the Kremlin Works to Undermine the U.S. Justice System

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Russia's Election Interference

Activities in the 2016 Election:

- Voter registration databases
- Hack and leak of emails
- Propaganda

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Russia's Long-term Goals

"Russian efforts to influence the 2016 US presidential election represent the most recent expression of Moscow's longstanding desire to undermine the US-led liberal democratic order."

Background to 'Assessing Russian Activities and Intentions in Recent US Elections': U.S. Intelligence Community, January 6, 2017.

Cyber Threats to the Courts

- Hack and leak sensitive court documents
- Alter data
- Prevent access to information

The "Lisa" Case



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Twin Falls, Idaho

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

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Don't forget, Obama-appointed U.S. attorney for Idaho, Wendy Olson, also threatened to prosecute Idahoans who spoke out about this crime....
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Secured Borders (Twin Falls, Idaho)



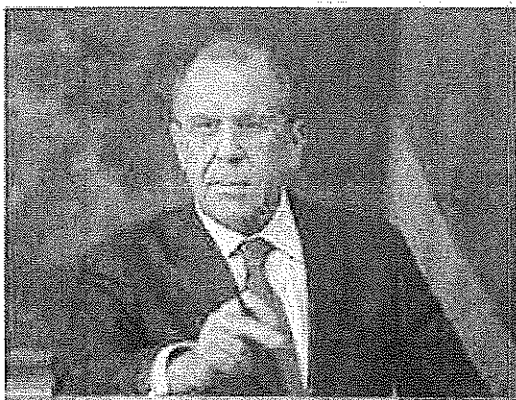
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The 3 Propaganda Channels



Different "Justice" System for Black, Poor and Non-White America

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The American (in)justice system does not need a few tweaks, but it needs to be completely overhauled.

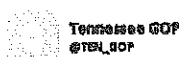
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Narrative Frames

These frames are used to challenge the independence and impartiality of the U.S. Justice System

- The justice system tolerates protects, and covers up crimes committed by immigrants
- The justice system operationalizes the institutionally racist and corrupt police state
- The justice system directly supports and enables corporate corruption
- The justice system is a tool of the political elite

Attacks on 9th Circuit District Judge



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It's sad and pathetic that Judge Robert puts his personal ideological preferences over safety of American citizens. 'Judge in Seattle'

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"RETWEET if you think that Judge James Robert is the swamp that Trump must drain! #9thCircuit #MuslimBan"

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Kate Steinle



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Kate Steinle's killer was found NOT GUILTY! So he "accidentally" shot her with an illegal firearm ABSOLUTELY SICKENING STOP protecting illegal, criminal aliens and start protecting AMERICANS.

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Honestly #KateSteinle verdict is a failure of justice system Just like it was failure before when cops who murdered black people get acquitted. This is the truth - our justice system has failed us many times and it still broken! It's not an immigrants fault!

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Alton Sterling Case



Officers Won't Be Charged In Fatal Shooting Of Alton Sterling | BlackMattersUS.com

The Justice Department will not charge the two police officers involved in the shooting of Alton Sterling.

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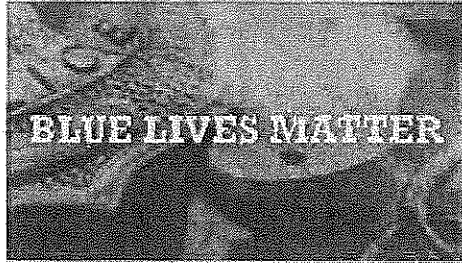
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#BlueLivesMatter

Heart of Texas shared their event, [Sprees - @](#)

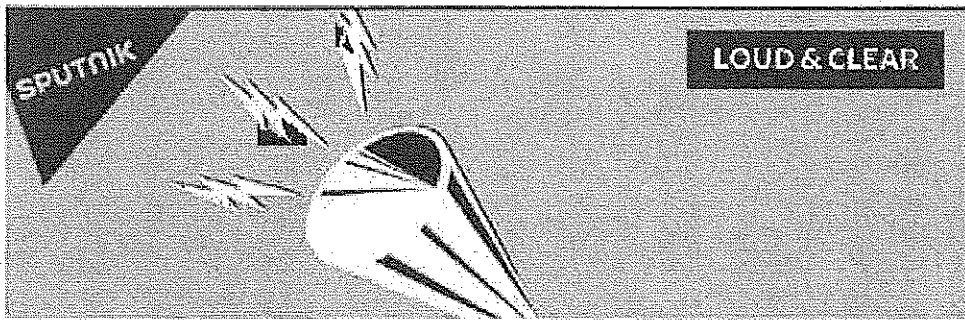
Five police officers were killed in an organized riot during the protest in Dallas, TX



At 10 Blue Lives Matter
Sun 2 PM - Dale Gribble Park - Dallas, TX, United States
200 people interested • 42 people going

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Loud and Clear: Criminal Injustice



USIP: [https://www.usip.org/publications/loud-and-clear](#)
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BLACKTIVISTS @BLACKTIVISTS
 Maybe the criminal justice system from start to finish is seriously racist? The government is blind and deaf

BLIND JUSTICE

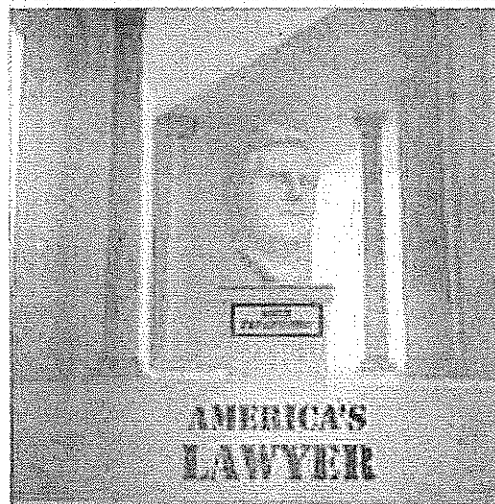
NEW BRITAIN SUPER ORDERED TO RELEASE 7 IMMIGRANTS AND RAFFERTY

LOUD & CLEAR

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"...to say that the justice system in the United States is broken would be a gross understatement. Corporations and corrupt politicians have taken control, turning the once impartial judiciary into a tool for the elite to use for their own gain."

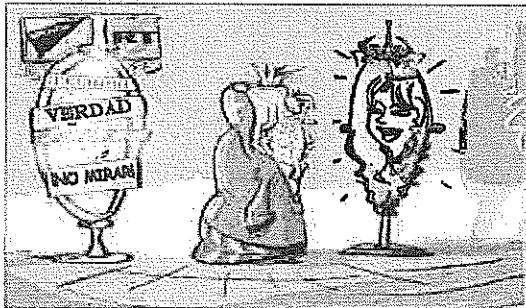


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RT becomes target for calling out flaws in the US justice system



<https://www.rt.com/121100/rt-america-justice-system/>

IRA Directive (Criminal Complaint against Elena Alekseevna Khusyaynova)

September 28, 2018

AD-11 (Rev. 11-11) Criminal Complaint

UNDER SEAL

FOR THE
Eastern District of Virginia

United States of America

v.

ELENA ALEKSEEVNA KHUSYAYNOVA

Defendant

Cue No. 18-241-454

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of the year 2014 until the present in the county of Alexandria in the
Eastern District of Virginia, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section Offense Description

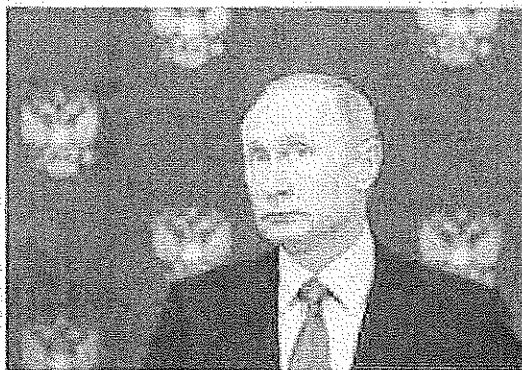
18 U.S.C. § 971 Conspiracy to defraud the United States

“Special prosecutor Mueller is a puppet of the establishment...Mueller is a very dependent and highly politicized figure; therefore, there will be no honest and open results from the investigation.”

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Putin's View of the American Justice System

“The United States stripped Russia of the right to use our property, which is a clear violation of Russia’s property rights,” Putin told reporters in China. “So, to begin with, I will ask our Foreign Ministry to file a lawsuit. We will see how effectively the much-lauded American judicial system works.”



Joel Gehrke, “Vladimir Putin’s lawsuit threat dismissed by State Department,” *Washington Examiner*, September 5, 2017

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FBI Warns of Continued Russian Interference

"What has pretty much continued unabated is the use of social media, fake news, propaganda, false personas, etc. to spin us up, pit us against each other, to sow divisiveness and discord, to undermine America's faith in democracy... That is not just an election-cycle threat. It is pretty much a 365-day-a-year threat."

FBI Director Christopher Wray, F.B.I. Warns of Russian Interference In 2020 Race and Boosts Counterintelligence Operations -
The New York Times

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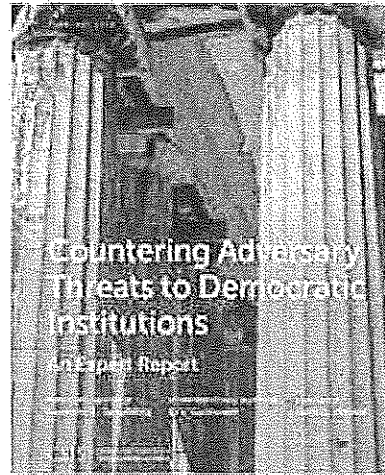
Looking Forward

- **Attacks on other democratic institutions**
- **Attacks by other state actors**

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A whole-of-nation campaign to counter foreign adversary threats to democratic institutions:

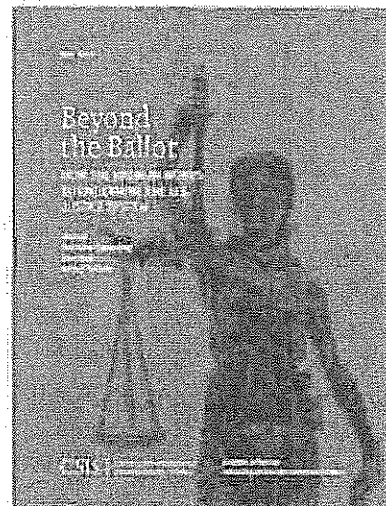
- Publicize the extent of adversary interference in democratic institutions.
- Research and counter the most effective adversary techniques.
- Improve transparency into specific foreign adversary activities.
- Promote bipartisan action to prevent and deter foreign interference.
- Restore America's understanding of democracy's significance.



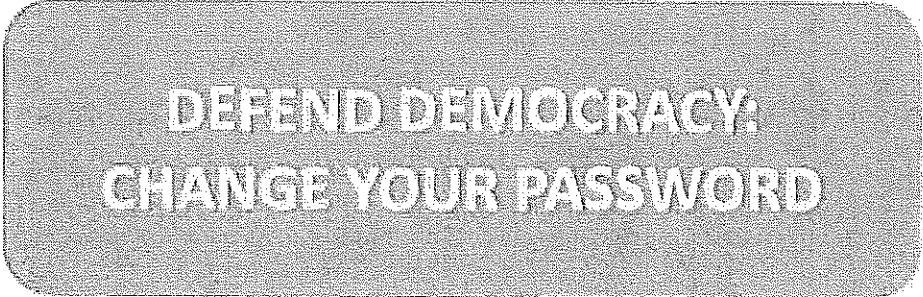
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Recommendations

- Raise threat awareness and invest in impact-oriented research
- Improve rapid response capabilities and communication capabilities between institutions like the justice system, appropriate federal entities, and social media platforms
- Expand civics and media literacy trainings as a national security imperative



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