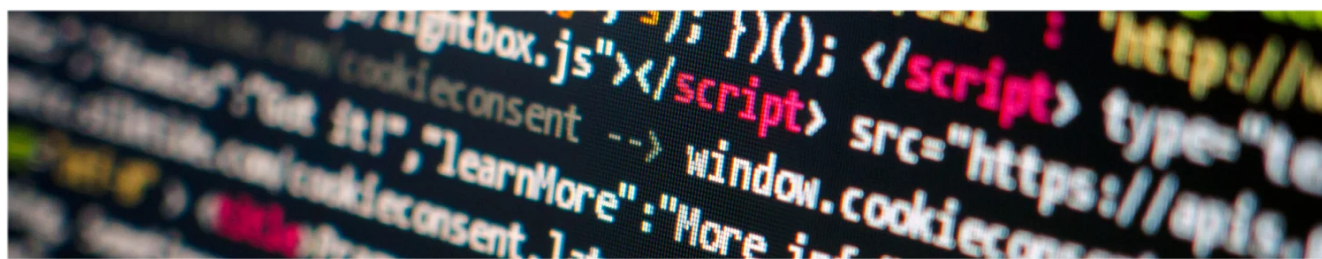


The Inevitable American Tragedy

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In 1984, Yuri Bezmenov, a former KGB propaganda expert, warned the West that the Kremlin's political technologists, propagandists, and ideologues aggressively employ “active measures” against the United States. Whilst the West ignored Bezmenov, Alexander Dugin, a right wing intellectual and political strategist with close connections to the Kremlin, went a step further and in 1997 published *The Foundations of Geopolitics: The Geopolitical Future of Russia*—an infamous blueprint for thwarting the self-proposed conspiracy of “Atlanticism” led by the United States and NATO. According to Dugin, the key to introducing geopolitical disorder into American society is to provoke all forms of destabilization and separatism inside America's borders through encouraging social and racial conflicts. Today, in light of the reignited fire of racial antagonism, the United States is, yet again, extremely vulnerable to Russia's influence and manipulation campaigns, which aim to destabilize internal socio-political processes and support all dissident movements in the country.

As part of this strategy, in 2015, the Kremlin flooded American society, and specifically audiences in race-centric hotspots such as Ferguson and Baltimore, with computational propaganda, which aimed to encourage ideologically opposed groups to act violently against one another. Moscow's tactics, inspired in philosophical terms by “whataboutism,” have always focused on domestic strife in the United States, employing phony sanctimony in the name of division. In the words of Dr. Mark R. Jacobson, Professor at the Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, “Russia will

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