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The Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act of 2026 is a U.S. law intended to increase economic pressure on Russia over its war in Ukraine and penalize foreign individuals, financial institutions, and countries that help Russia finance its war effort. It became Public Law 119-111 on September 18, 2026.

What does the Graham Act cover?

1. Russian government officials and individuals

Sanctions can target senior Russian officials, oligarchs, people supporting Russia's military, and foreign individuals involved in certain activities that support Russia's war effort. Measures can include freezing assets and restricting entry into the United States.

2. Russian banks and financial institutions

Restrictions cover major Russian financial institutions, including Sberbank, VTB Bank, and Gazprombank, as well as certain other institutions and foreign banks conducting significant transactions with them.

3. Russian oil, gas, and shipping

The law targets oil and gas production, energy-sector investment, Russian petroleum and uranium shipments, and vessels used to evade sanctions. It also restricts certain energy exports from the United States to Russia.

4. Countries buying Russian oil and gas

The law authorizes tariffs of up to 100% on goods imported from qualifying countries among the five largest purchasers of Russian crude oil or natural gas and the five leading facilitators of Russian oil-sanctions evasion. These are targeted provisions, not automatic tariffs on every country that trades with Russia.

5. Imports from Russia

The law provides for increased U.S. import duties of up to 500% on goods from Russia, subject to statutory exceptions and presidential waiver authority.

6. Investments, securities, and international financial services

The law addresses new U.S. investments in Russia, trading Russian entities on U.S. securities exchanges, Russian government debt, certain financial transfers, and financial-messaging services used to circumvent sanctions.

7. Iran sanctions

The law also extends the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996, maintaining legal authority for restrictions intended to limit Iran's energy-sector activities and related support for weapons programs.

Important update: Has it taken effect?

As of October 18, 2026, there is an important distinction between what the law authorizes and what is currently being enforced.

On October 16, President Donald Trump issued an executive order waiving many of the Graham Act's new sanctions, restrictions, and tariffs. The order says the waivers remain in effect until the president or designated officials determine that further action is appropriate. Existing sanctions imposed under earlier executive orders remain in place.

The law therefore remains on the books, but many of its new measures are currently waived. That does not mean all U.S. sanctions against Russia have been lifted.

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It's not just a cost; it's a foreign war and genocide.

DSA should be labeled as a terrorist and foreign war organization.

Terrorist organizations go straight to jail and do not collect $200.

Harsh, right? DSA should stop promoting warfare against the American people.

Some things never change: They target and have a deep hatred for Americans.

They hold a monopoly on harming U.S. citizens.

WE THE PEOPLE "DEMAND" justice for the victims of DSA communists.

DSA, "SHAME ON YOU." Scoff! We hate their abusive, bullying words, here is a mirror.

Activists need to provide space for and respect American races.

DSOC (Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee) was founded in 1973 by socialist writer and political activist Michael Harrington. It operated until 1982, when it merged with the New American Movement (NAM) to form the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA).

They are Bolsheviks and the modern Lehi. They glorify excess mortality under regimes such as Stalin's. They are "suicidal" eugenicists; it's who they are. They are a weird and evil cult aimed at culling the American people.

They actively promote communism, American genocide, and the relentless pursuit of American population replacement.

They don't care how extreme they are; they are warmongers against the American people.

They infiltrate American heritage organizations, subvert and steal.

They are a war, slavery, and "modern colonizer" movement against Native American peoples.

DSA, take your stuff and please go to *hell*.

On behalf of Americans everywhere, we would be happy to pack your bags for you!