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A reminder that Eric Metaxas interviewed and strongly defended Maria Butina who told Alexander Torshin the night Trump was elected: "It's 3 am here. I am ready for further orders." She slept with Paul Erickson and Patrick Byrne. Trump called on her for a question July 11, 2015. [↗](#)

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Replying to @ericmetaxas

Yes, we'll see. Maria Butina on 2016 election night to Aleksandr Torshin, "I'm going to sleep. It's 3 am here. I am ready for further orders." Last week Butina pleaded guilty to conspiring to act as an illegal foreign agent. On Nov 30 Russian media announced Torshin's retirement.

5 5:25 PM - Dec 17, 2018

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Metaxas's interview with Butina was in the NYT's The Daily podcast this morning. twitter.com/nytimes/status... Hat tip: [@DavidDark](#) [@TylerWS](#)

The New York Times @nytimes
Need a refresher on Maria Butina, the 29-year-old woman accused of being a Russian agent? Today on The Daily, @mikebarb and @AllMattNYT break down her arrest and what it means alongside the investigation into Russia interference in the U.S. nyti.ms/2zUBmw3

4 5:04 PM - Jul 19, 2018

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Patrick Byrne resigned from his position as CEO of Overstock yesterday because he revealed he had a romantic relationship with Maria Butina. He told his story on Fox and CNN yesterday. She pursued him at the 2015 conference when she asked Trump the question about sanctions. Huh.

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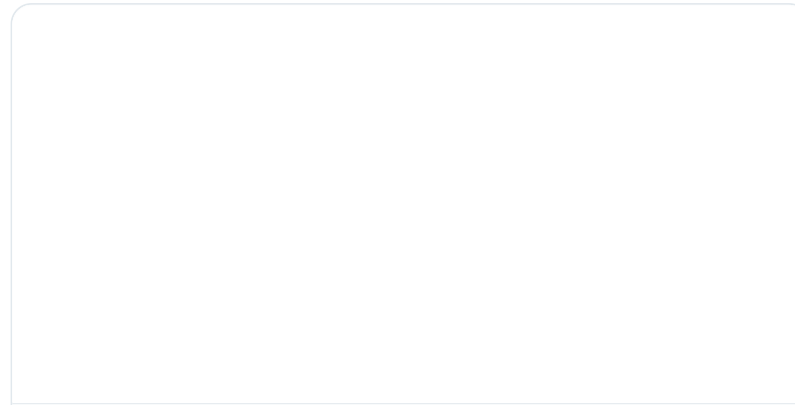
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Why is Eric Metaxas defending alleged Russian spy Maria Buti...

Conservative Christian radio personality and author Eric Metaxas has come to the defense of Maria Butina, an alleged Russian spy who christianpost.com

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O. Alan Noble
@TheAlanNoble

Replying to @ericmetaxas @realDonaldTrump
Uh. Why would he pardon Butina????

16 2:12 PM - Mar 23, 2019

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Eric Metaxas
@ericmetaxas

God bless @GlennBeck and @TheBlaze for being on top of this story. Maria Butina is genuinely innocent, but has been through hell in solitary for many many months for doing nothing wrong, except falling afoul of the worst actors in our government. It is vital her story be told. [twitter.com/theblaze/statu...](https://twitter.com/theblaze/status...)

TheBlaze @theblaze

Patrick Byrne, the founder of Overstock.com, has security clearances because of his work with the Council on Foreign Relations. But his relationship with Maria Butina, the "Russian spy" who was at the center of the Trump investigation, sounds like a Brad Thor thriller.



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Eric Metaxas
@ericmetaxas

I know Maria Butina. She is not only NOT a spy, but is a serious Christian & pro-gun activist who was trying to help Russia

released so she can tell her story. [twitter.com/theblaze/statu...](https://twitter.com/theblaze/status...)

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Eric Metaxas @ericmetaxas

The "government" is ruining people's lives. I'll bet dollars to donuts that Maria Butina is guilty of NOTHING when this is all over. Please pray for her. [cnn.com/2018/09/08/pol...](https://www.cnn.com/2018/09/08/pol...)

Government erred in claiming accused Russian spy Maria Buti...

Prosecutors said Friday that they misunderstood text messages used as the basis of a claim that Maria Butina offered to trade sex for [cnn.com](https://www.cnn.com)

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David Dark's Reading Material @DavidDark

Replying to @Streamdotorg and 2 others
Please weigh in on the experience of having Maria Butina AND Paul Erickson on your show. Inquiring minds wanna know...*with emphasis* I wanna know. [soundcloud.com/the-eric-metax...](https://www.soundcloud.com/the-eric-metax...)

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Butina was deported to Russia today.

Julia Davis @JuliaDavisNews

NEW: Maria Butina Receives Hero's Welcome in Moscow [thedailybeast.com/maria-butina-r...](https://www.thedailybeast.com/maria-butina-r...)

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Maria Butina Receives Hero's Welcome in Moscow

Maria Butina is out of jail and Moscow is celebrating the convicted "spotter" for Russian intelligence.
thedailybeast.com

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Replying to @SethAbramson

1/ America took a woman who brazenly tried to destroy the integrity of the 2016 election and treated her as a nuisance deserving of a slap-on-the-wrist jail sentence rather than a

central figure in the gravest attack on our democracy in American history. Congratulations, Kremlin!

889 11:44 AM - Oct 26, 2019

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Casey Michel 🇺🇸
@cjmichel

Replying to @cjmichel

Here's how @RepThomasMassie —the only current Rep. who's dined with Butina—replaced Rohrabacher as the most Russia-friendly voice in the House: thinkprogress.org/rep-thomas-mas...

Here's how Thomas Massie became the most Kremlin-friendly ...

He's dined with Maria Butina and voted against Russian sanctions: the Kentucky Republican picks up where Dana Rohrabacher left off.
thinkprogress.org

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Maria Butina arrived in Moscow, greeted by her father and Russian journalists. She was jailed in the U.S. in April for conspiring to act as a foreign agent for Russia by infiltrating the NRA and influencing conservative activists and Republicans reut.rs/367fJVI



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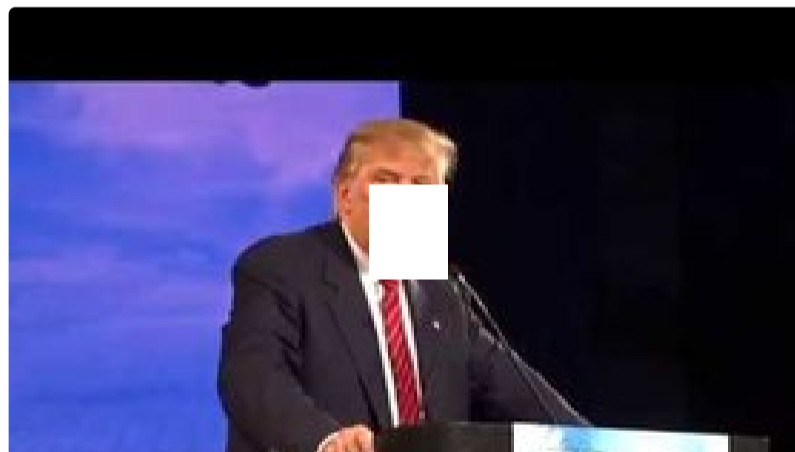
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 **Kyle Cheney**
@kyledcheney

Replying to @kyledcheney

Butina has now formally admitted that when she directly posed Trump this question about sanctions, she was acting on orders from Russian officials. m.youtube.com/watch?v=4Fp1Ti...

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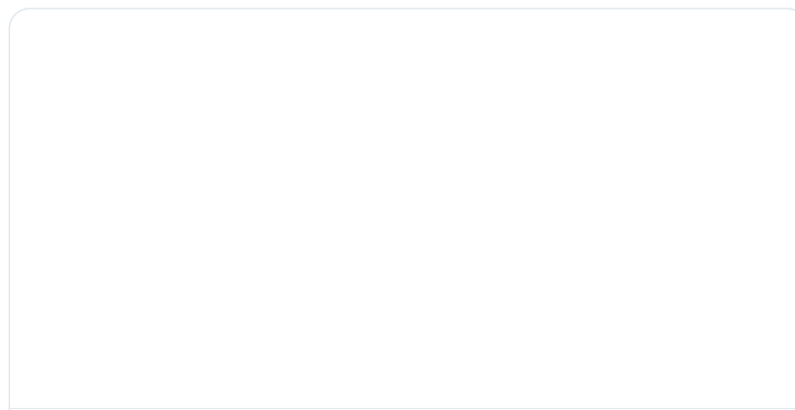


Maria Butina and Alexander Torshin attended the 2017 prayer breakfast. Doug Burleigh, featured in the Netflix documentary "The Family," seems to be the main Fellowship contact with Russians.


 **TYT Investigates**
@tytinvestigates

Replying to @tytinvestigates

Prior to the release of the Mueller Report, @JTLarsen reported that an evangelical group tied to the Fellowship Foundation reported expenses related to having Russians requested by Maria Butina attend the National Prayer Breakfast: tyt.com/stories/4vZLCH...



Christian Group Reported Expenses for Having Russians at N

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Rep. Bob Aderholt (R-Ala.) is another.

 **Jonathan Larsen**
@jtlarsen

We found out that Manafort's clients met in Ukraine with the same congressman who met with Manafort lobbyists in DC.

And the trip was paid for by the group that sponsors the National Prayer Breakfast.tyt.com/stories/4vZLCH...

Group in Russia Probe Sponsored Travel for Ukraine Meetings...
The secretive Christian group referred to in the FBI's affidavit about alleged spy Maria Butina also helped facilitate meeting
tyt.com

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The other main contact between American evangelicals and Putin is Franklin Graham. He met with Putin alone in Nov or Dec 2015:

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 **Jack Jenkins**
@jackmjenkins

1. Just posted my newest piece on ties between the Religious Right and Russia, tracking interactions over recent years.


The focus: Relationships between Russians and Franklin Graham, who, among other things, met with Vladimir Putin in 2015.

Let's unpack. religionnews.com/2018/08/07/the...

 **Franklin Graham** ✓
@Franklin_Graham Follow ▼

I was in Russia in 2015 and met with President Vladimir [@PutinRF_Eng](#).



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and made another trip in March 2019 and met with Vyacheslav Volodin:

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In March 2019, Franklin Graham met with Vyacheslav Volodin, who's been sanctioned by the U.S. for five years. Graham's explanation is that he has warm relations with Putin's people because of cooperation in the gospel and conservative politics such as opposing the GLBTQ movement.

twitter.com/cjcmichel/stat...

Casey Michel 🇺🇸 @cjcmichel
Replying to @cjcmichel

Here's what we know about Franklin Graham's trip to Moscow earlier this month:

- 1. Graham met with Vyacheslav Volodin, who's been sanctioned by the U.S. for five years. They discussed how to strengthen ties between Congress and the Duma. thinkprogress.org/why-was-frankl...



2 5:52 PM - May 27, 2019

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Franklin Graham
@Franklin_Graham

I was in Russia in 2015 and met with President Vladimir [@PutinRF_Eng](#).



1,182 7:00 AM - Apr 4, 2017

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Franklin Graham has liked Donald Trump since 2011!

"the more you listen to him, the more you say to yourself, you know, maybe this guy's right."

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"Sure, yes," Graham responded.

Franklin Graham: Trump Might be Candidate of Choice
 The Rev. Franklin Graham, whose family has served as spiritual advisers to numerous prominent political figures, told "This Week" anchor Christiane Amanpour that businessman Donald Trump might be his...

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/franklin-graham-trump-candidate-choice/story?id=13437543>



 **David Bonner**
 @DCEagle1

Why Did Eric Metaxas Defend Maria Butina a Russian Spy Who Tried to Subvert American Culture?
wonderingeagle.wordpress.com/2019/10/28/why...



3 6:00 PM - Oct 27, 2019

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This interview with Maria Butina on 60 Minutes which aired yesterday did not make her sound innocent.

Maria Butina: The Russian accused of trying to influence U.S. policies for the Kremlin
 In an interview while she was incarcerated in a Florida federal prison, Marina Butina was defiant and resentful talking about charges that she worked as a Russian agent in the United States

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/maria-butina-interview-full-transcript-watch-video-lesley-stah...>

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Her interest in guns and NRA was just show. She asked about sanctions at Libertarian convention. Plus, manipulated Prayer Breakfast and Patrick Byrne. [↗](#)

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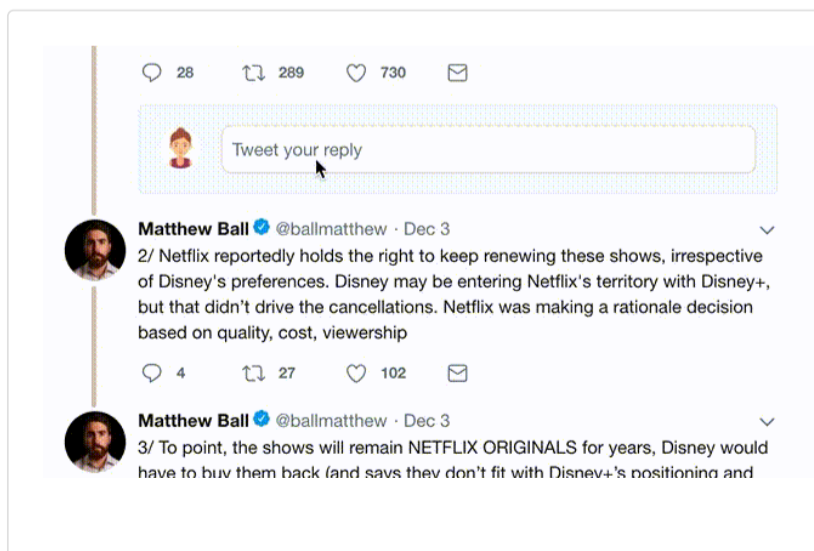
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Dec 30th 2019

Thread on Fri, Jan 3, 2020 5 pm: "'Evangelicals for Trump' Coalition Launch" event at King Jesus International Ministry in Miami led by Guillermo Maldonado, who is one of the twenty core "evangelical leaders" who have frequently gathered at the White House to support Trump. ↪

Guillermo Maldonado at the White House on his Instagram:
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[instagram.com/p/BiUrR1EHIsQ/...](https://www.instagram.com/p/BiUrR1EHIsQ/)
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Dec 19th 2019

Thread with reactions to this below.

I have put "evangelical" in parenthesis because people increasingly do not use the term because it is so associated with politics. They would have used the term in the past to express their high regard for the Bible and conviction that Jesus is "good news" (Greek: euangelion).

English professor at "evangelical" university Oklahoma Baptist and writer:

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Dec 11th 2019

Here is a list of the worship leaders who met with President Trump at the White House on Friday, December 6, 2019.
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@MissMaga2016


Dec 10th 2018

Hmmmm, some info in here that I never saw before. #MariaButina had also met with two senior Treasury & Federal Reserve officials back in 2015 - then Fed Vice Chairman, Stanley Fischer, and then Treasury undersecretary for international affairs, Nathan Sheets. #Russiagate

Stanley Fischer had submitted his resignation back on September 6, 2017, to be effective around October 13, 2017.
federalreserve.gov/newsevents/pre...

At the time he resigned, he had cited "personal reasons"

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 **WaterBluSky**
@MsMariaT

Jul 17th 2018

(8/16) Maria Butina moves to U.S. on student visa.


"Rather than question or confront [Butina]...officials decided to track her movements to determine whom she was meeting and what she was doing in the U.S. — the kind of monitoring that is not uncommon when foreign natls are suspected of working on behalf of a foreign gov't."

"She sidled up to GOP presidential candidates, seeking first an encounter with Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and then, after his rising candidacy stumbled, with Donald Trump."

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 **Everytown**
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Jul 17th 2018

THREAD: While we wait for the NRA to come clean about its connections to alleged Russian agent Maria Butina, let's take a trip down memory lane and explore the twisted web of ties between Butina, the NRA, and prominent GOP operatives.

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 **Dustin Volz**
@dnavolz

Jul 16th 2018

This affidavit unsealed today against Russian national Mariia Butina is incredible. This Twitter DM she sent to a Russian official discusses how one political party, apparently the GOP, is "for us" while the other, Democrats, is "against" us. "Our move here is very important."

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 **Wendy Siegelman**
@WendySiegelman

Jul 16th 2018

🇷🇺 Russian National Charged in Conspiracy to Act as an Agent of the Russian Federation Within the United States - Mariia Butina, 29, a Russian citizen residing in Washington D.C., was arrested on July 15, 2018, in Washington, D.C. [justice.gov/opa/pr/russian...](https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/russian...)

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 **Scott Stedman**
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Apr 11th 2018

Goodnight. Here's a picture of Sheriff Clarke and his wife drinking in Moscow at a party thrown by Alexander Torshin.


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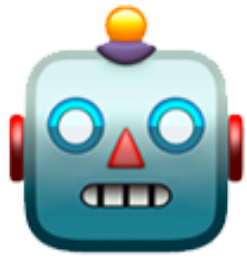
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