**Putin Praises President Biden? This is most surprising.**

Putin is very likely keeping tabs on the progress of the popularity of both American Presidential candidates in 2024 election, and must notice that in some national polls predict that Biden is most likely to be re-elected – that’s if he can get the support of a large number of voters who claim to be independent. Most people likely believe that Putin and Donald Trump have had a relationship that has been mutually supportive.

But Putin is no fool, he must hedge his bets, because Donald Trump may not win the election, and Putin will need to deal four more years with Joe Biden.

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**Putin says Biden is better for Russia than a Trump presidency**

**“He is a more experienced, predictable person, an old-school politician,” the Russian leader said in an interview Wednesday.**

**By Yuliya Talmazan, *NBC News*, Feb. 15, 2024**

President Joe Biden has been handed an endorsement from an unexpected and perhaps unwelcome source: the Kremlin.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said Wednesday that his country would prefer to see the “more experienced” Biden in the White House for a second term than the Republican front-runner, former President Donald Trump.

The comments, which may be taken more as mischievous meddling than serious statecraft, were the Russian leader’s most direct in public on the upcoming U.S. presidential election. They were welcomed by Trump but dismissed by the White House, which urged Putin to “stay out” of the election.

In an interview with Russian propagandist reporter Pavel Zarubin released Wednesday night, Putin did not hesitate when asked whether Biden or Trump was better for Russia.

**“Biden,” Putin said. “He is a more experienced, predictable person, an old-school politician**.”

But, he added, Moscow will work with any U.S. leader who has the trust of the American people.

The video of the interview was shared by Zarubin on his Telegram channel, and the transcript of Putin’s comments was published on the Kremlin’s website.

In the interview, Putin also touched on speculation around Biden’s mental fitness, saying he did not have the right to comment on the issue but that he did not notice anything out of the ordinary during the leaders’ meeting in Geneva in 2021.

“People were already saying then that he wasn’t up to it. I didn’t see anything of the kind,” Putin said.

The White House responded to the Russian leader’s intervention Thursday morning. “Mr. Putin should stay out of America’s elections,” said White House spokesperson Andrew Bates.

Biden has long been open in his criticism of Putin, previously calling the Russian leader a “killer,” “murderous dictator” and “pure thug.” He spearheaded the Western response to Putin’s invasion of Ukraine in 2022, including tough economic sanctions.

The U.S. has also been supplying Ukraine’s military with billions of dollars in crucial supplies, and Putin’s intervention comes as the White House pushes the GOP-led House to vote through a new package of aid for Kyiv.

Trump, in contrast, has often been complimentary of Putin and praised him as a tough leader. A Senate intelligence report found “extensive” Russian interference in the 2016 election that Trump won.

The former president set off alarm bells in Europe after telling an election rally last weekend that he would encourage Russia to “do whatever the hell they want” if it attacked a NATO country that didn’t pay enough for defense.

The Republican front-runner stood by his comments at a rally on Wednesday night. He also responded to Putin’s stated preference for Biden, calling it a “great compliment” and adding that “Putin is not a fan of mine.”

Putin has previously blamed NATO and the bloc’s expansion to the east for ultimately precipitating his attack on Ukraine. Biden has pledged staunch support for America’s NATO allies and accused Trump on Tuesday of having “bowed down to a Russian dictator.”

Putin said in the interview that Trump has always been perceived as a “non-systemic politician” with “his own view” on how the U.S. should develop relations with allies.

A week earlier, in a much talked-about interview with former Fox News host Tucker Carlson, Putin said he had “a personal relationship” with Trump, but could not remember the last time he talked to Biden. “It’s not about the personality of the leader — it’s about the mood of the elites,” Putin said when asked whether it matters who is in charge in Washington for better relations with Russia.

Addressing the interview with Carlson, Putin said Wednesday that he was surprised by the lack of “sharp questions” from the conservative commentator.

He said he expected Carlson to be more “aggressive” and interrupt him more, so that he could respond more pointedly. Carlson did not press Putin on many issues sensitive for the Kremlin, including a crackdown on dissent or alleged Russian war crimes in Ukraine.

“Frankly speaking, I did not fully enjoy this interview,” Putin said.

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