

Rare Glimpse Inside Putin's Mind in Carlson Interview

In a widely anticipated interview announced Feb. 6, conservative political commentator Tucker Carlson sat down with Russian President Vladimir Putin for a candid conversation. The nearly two-hour event on social media channel X was released late yesterday, Feb. 8, and marks Putin's first engagement with Western media since Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The exchange centered on the geopolitical landscape, with Carlson addressing Russia's actions in Ukraine and Putin defending them as necessary measures to protect Russian-speaking populations. The interview provided a rare opportunity for Putin to air his perspectives on the global order, emphasizing his notion of a need for multipolarity to challenge what he views as Western hegemony.

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Notably, Carlson also unpacked the issues of political dissidents and human rights in Russia, prompting a surprising comment from the Russian leader on the imprisonment of individuals, "At the end of the day, does not make any sense keeping them in prison in Russia," Putin said. The remark raised eyebrows, as he has been tight-lipped on such matters in public. The acknowledgment adds a layer of complexity to the ongoing discussion about human rights in Russia.

Stepping beyond the political realm, Carlson attempted to capture the essence of normal life in Russia by interacting with the public. Despite the harsh rhetoric in international relations, the interview was an intriguing glimpse into the everyday lives of Russians, a dimension often overshadowed by

political tensions.

Critics argue the interview may serve only to provide a platform for Putin's agenda while carefully sidestepping ongoing questions on allegations of Russian war crimes in Ukraine. Supporters are commending Carlson for facilitating a rare and unfiltered discussion with a world leader at the center of global affairs.{eoa}

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