

# Romney Wants to Nix Reset

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U.S. President Barack Obama's "reset" of ties with Russia "has to end," Republican presidential front-runner Mitt Romney told The Washington Post on Friday.

"You have to go back to when we pulled our missile defense sites out of Eastern Europe," he said. "I wouldn't have done it. But if we were going to do it, he should have gotten something of huge foreign policy significance. He didn't."

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin dreams of "rebuilding the Russian empire," Romney said. "That includes annexing populations as they did in Georgia and using gas and oil resources" to show strength in Europe. The New START treaty is slanted too much in Russia's favor, Romney said. "It has to end. ... We have to show strength."

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