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Romney Mulls Russian GDP

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U.S. presidential candidate Mitt Romney compared Russia's growth to that of the United States, which saw 1.3 percent growth in the second quarter, and said it was evidence the economy is a national security issue.

"By the way, Russia's GDP growth is at 4 percent. And we're at 1.3. This is unacceptable," he told supporters during a rally in Springfield, Virginia, late last week. "The president does not understand how to get this economy to work for the American people."

Romney, who will debate President Barack Obama on Wednesday, previously labeled Russia the United States' "No. 1 geopolitical foe." He also has invested in Russian stock, including Gazprom and Yandex.

(Reuters, AP, MT)

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