

Today in History: March 14

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President Putin and his wife, Lyudmila, leaving a Moscow polling station after voting on March 14, 2004.
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Nine years ago today, on March 14, 2004, Vladimir Putin was elected to a second term as president with a stunning 71.3 percent of the vote. For his first term, in 2000, he won 53 percent, and for his third term, in 2012, he took 63.6 percent.

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