

# Putin Says Obama Would Save Him From Drowning

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President Vladimir Putin said Thursday that he believes his U.S. counterpart Barack Obama would save him if he was drowning.

"I can't say that I have a special personal relationship with the U.S. president, but I think that he is a decent man, and is courageous enough that he would certainly" save me, Putin said, in response to a question from a 6-year-old girl during his annual call-in show.

Putin, who selected the question himself, said that he would not like the situation to arise, however.

Relations between the two leaders have become increasingly strained due to Russia's recent annexation of the Crimea region. They were also at odds last year over Russia's decision to grant asylum to U.S. intelligence leaker Edward Snowden, [who also asked Putin a question on the show via a video link](#).

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