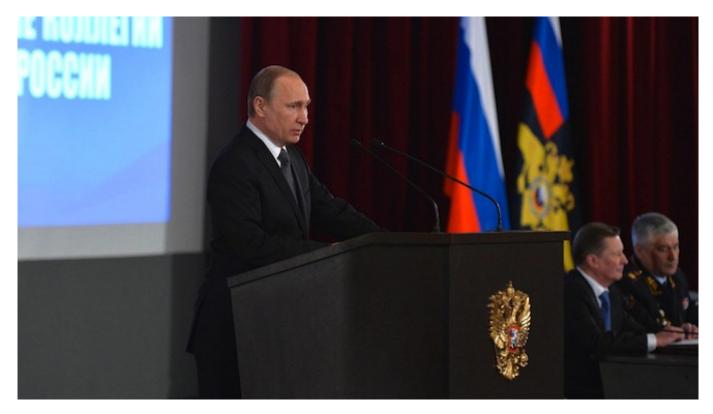


Russian People Approve Repressive Measures in Certain Cases - Putin

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Russians support repressive measures introduced by law enforcement, if they believe that the measures are undertaken in the interest of society, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Tuesday, the Interfax news agency reported.

"Even when Internal Ministry employees use ... repressive measures against those who break the law, people see that that this is done in society's interests and it will have the support of the people," Putin said at a meeting with the top figures in the Interior Ministry.

The president has also stressed that if the police officers behave incorrectly, people notice it and consider such behavior a betrayal.

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