The Moscow Times
30 YEARS
INDEPENDENT NEWS FROM RUSSIA

Kremlin: Internet Will Have 'No Decisive Role' in Russian Presidential Elections

November 28, 2016



Kremin Press Service

The Kremlin has dismissed the idea that Russia's 2018 presidential election could be waged online, the Interfax news agency reported Monday.

Presidential spokesperson Dmitry Peskov claimed that presidential hopefuls would take to the streets rather than rely on digital media.

While online media will play a part in the election campaign, it won't have a "decisive role," Peskov said.

"There's so much more about our country and our people than the Internet can offer," he said.

President Vladimir Putin is a popular favorite for the 2018 vote, despite not yet confirming his candidacy. Some 63 percent of Russians currently want Putin to remain in his post after 2018, according to a survey by the Levada Center pollster earlier this month.

Original url:
https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2016/11/28/internet-will-have-no-decisive-role-in-russias-presidential-elections-says-kremlin-a56331