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Stalin Named World's 'Most Remarkable' Public Figure — Poll

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Soviet dictator Josef Stalin has been⊠named by Russians as the world's most outstanding public figure, new data has revealed.

Some 1,600 Russians were asked to name⊠ten of world's greatest personalities as part of a survey by independent⊠pollster the Levada Center.

Stalin came in top place, after being⊠named by 38 percent of respondents. He was followed by Russian poet⊠Alexander Pushkin and President Vladimir Putin in joint second place⊠with 34 percent.

Putin enjoyed a significant boost in⊠the ranks, building on the 22 percent of the vote he received the⊠last time the poll was carried out in 2012.

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Soviet revolutionary Vladimir Lenin reached fourth place with 32 percent, while Russian royal Peter the Great came in fifth with 29 percent.

Just three non-Russian figures featured in the top 20 list, with French leader Napoleon leading the pack in 14th place with 9 percent of the vote. German physicist Albert Einstein reached 16th place after being named by 7 percent of respondents, while English scientist Isaac Newton was left in 19th place.

The survey was held between April 7 and April 10, 2017 among 1,600 people aged 18 and over in 48 Russian regions.

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