

# Kremlin Says U.S. Relations One of Biggest Disappointments of 2017

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**Dmitry Peskov / Kremlin Press Service**

Russia views worsening ties with the United States as one of the biggest disappointments of the year, President Vladimir Putin’s spokesman said Friday.

Moscow and Washington have traded a series of tit-for-tat measures in 2017 — from embassy staff restrictions and building seizures to “foreign agent” designations on media outlets — following Russia’s alleged interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential elections.

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“It may well be,” Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov was [cited](#) as saying by the state-run TASS news agency after being asked if deteriorating U.S.-Russian relations ranked among the Kremlin’s biggest disappointments in 2017.

“Washington’s position towards our country cannot fail to give rise to disappointment,” he said.

His comments came a day after U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson [called](#) Russia a "resurgent" country "that has invaded its neighbors."

Speaking with reporters on a conference call, Peskov reiterated Putin’s willingness to restore ties with the U.S.

“You know about our intentions for cooperation. But you need two to tango, as they say.”

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