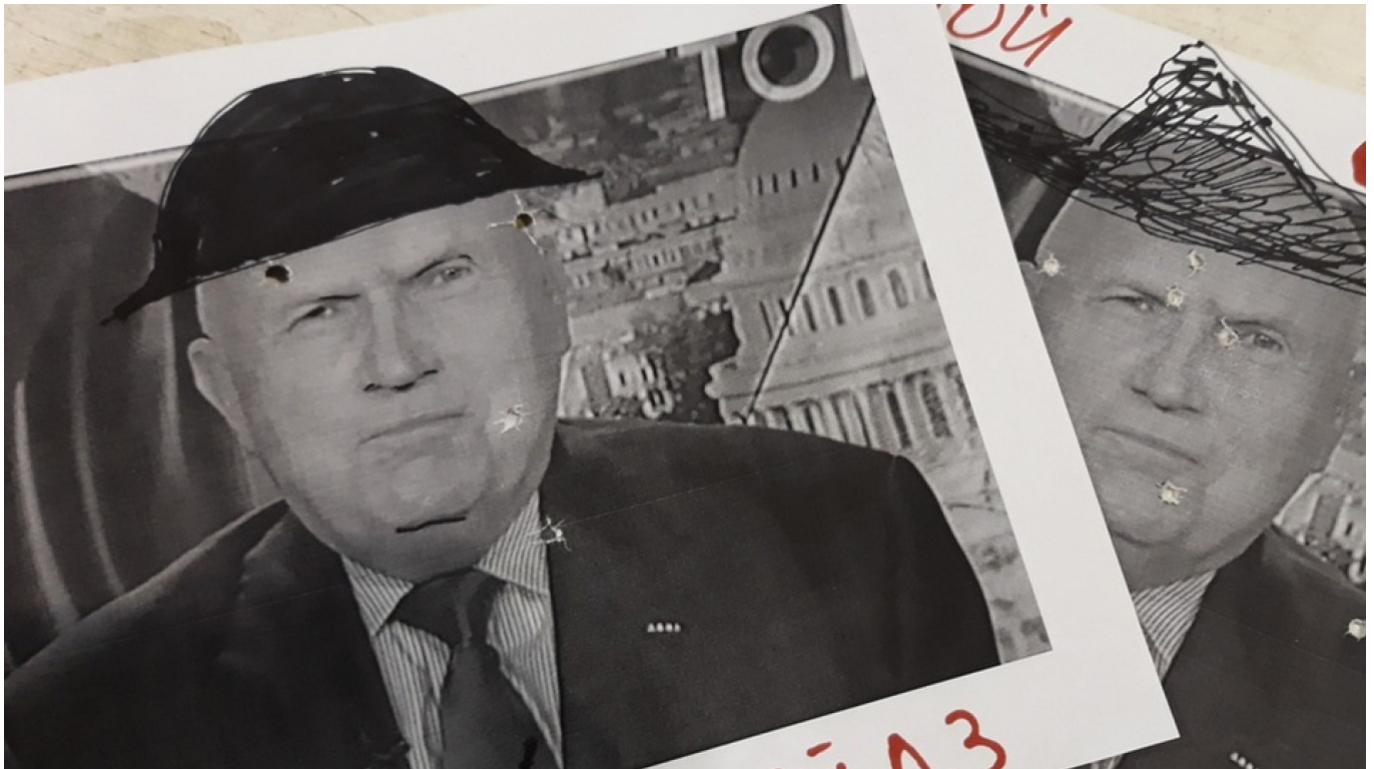


Russian Schoolchildren Given Portrait of Ex-U.S. General for Shooting Practice

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Schoolchildren competing in an air rifle shooting competition in Russia's Urals were reportedly invited to shoot at a photo of retired U.S. Army General Robert Scales, whom the organizer of the event called "an enemy of the Russian people."

In 2015, Russia [launched](#) a criminal case against Robert Scales after the retired U.S. general said during a Fox News interview that the only way for the United States to impact the Ukraine crisis was by killing "many Russians" in Ukraine.

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The shooting competition in Russia's fourth-largest city of Yekaterinburg was organized by a local youth charity called "Assistance for Street Children."

Its head, Bek Manasov, [told](#) local media that the foundation's staff invited the children to shoot at a portrait of Scales at the conclusion of the competition.

"We used a photograph of Robert Scales because he is our enemy and we are working to promote patriotic education," Manasov said, adding that he wanted Russian children to know that "Russia doesn't only have friends, but also a lot of enemies."

According to Manasov, about a hundred teenagers aged 13 to 18 participated in the competition.

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