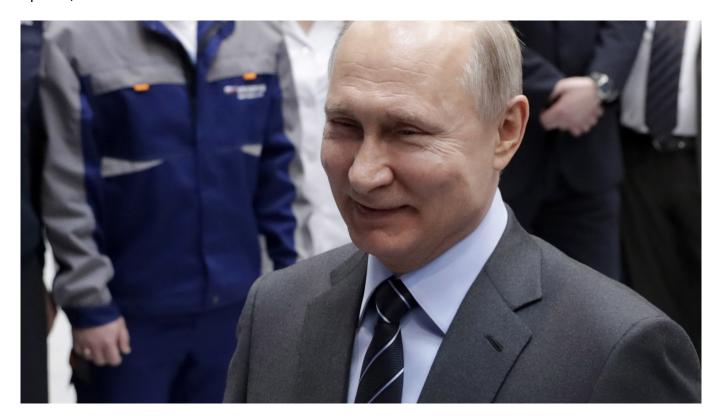


Putin's Salary Halved in 2018, Kremlin Says

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President Vladimir Putin earned less than half in 2018 than he did the previous year, the Kremlin announced on Friday.

Putin earned 18.7 million rubles (\$291,000) in 2017, the state-run RIA Novosti news outlet quoted a Kremlin announcement as saying.

His pay in 2018 fell to 8.6 million rubles (\$134,000).

Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev's yearly pay rose from 8.6 million rubles in 2017 to 9.9 million rubles (\$154,000) in 2018, RIA Novosti reported.

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