

Putin Adds Patriotism, War History to School Curriculum

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President Vladimir Putin submitted legislation Thursday adding patriotism and war history to Russia's [education law](#).

Putin's [amendments](#) seek to add "a sense of patriotism and citizenship, respect for the memory of the defenders of the Fatherland and the achievements of the Fatherland's heroes" to the law's current definition of upbringing.

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His proposals, which need votes of approval in both houses of Russia's parliament as well as his own signature before entering law, follow a years-long trend of [militarization of young Russians](#) that has sparked heated public debates.

Putin established a military-patriotic [youth movement](#) in 2015 and created a patriotic directorate in the Russian Armed Forces in 2018. Security officials began sending delinquent juveniles to [military-patriotic re-education camps](#) last year, and the military [announced](#) plans to hold annual education camps for high-schoolers at a military-themed park near Moscow.

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Observers noted Friday that Putin's proposal [cites](#) an article in the Constitution that is yet to take effect because of a postponed public vote on new amendments Putin had proposed in January.

Those amendments also contain provisions allowing Putin, 67, to [extend](#) his 20-year rule into 2036.

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