

Kanye West Tweets Putin Photo While Arguing for Artists' Rights

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Kanye West railed against the music industry in a series of tweets early Wednesday morning. **Michael Wyke / AP / TASS**

Kanye West has tweeted a photo of Russian President Vladimir Putin in an early Wednesday barrage of tweets advocating for artists' rights.

The 2020 U.S. presidential candidate railed against the music industry and vowed in a deleted post to stop releasing new music until he is [released](#) from his contracts.

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Ok this my final tweet of the day ... unless I feel like tweeting again ✘
pic.twitter.com/CuIRmEZiiq

— ye (@kanyewest) [September 16, 2020](#)

In one of his last tweets of the day, West, 43, shared a photo of Putin in a kimono wrestling a sparring partner to the ground.

Putin, 67, a black belt in judo, is shown [throwing](#) a young sparring partner to the ground during a training session last year.

“Rule number one,” reads the caption. “Listen to Ye.”

More than 26,200 users “liked” West’s Putin tweet and over 3,000 users retweeted it.

Forbes estimates West’s net worth at \$1.3 billion from sales of his fashion brand Yeezy in 2019.

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