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Do Russians Believe the Theory That Putin Uses Body Doubles?

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A longstanding conspiracy theory claims that President Vladimir Putin uses body doubles for some of his public appearances.

The Kremlin recently laughed off the rumors, saying: "This belongs to the category of absurd information hoaxes that a whole series of media discuss with enviable tenacity. This evokes nothing but a smile."

In 2020, Putin himself denied using body doubles, but admitted that he had been offered the chance to use one in the past for security reasons.

We asked Russians what they think.

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