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How Have Putin's Campaigns and Opinions Changed During His Quarter-Century Rule?

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President Vladimir Putin, who has been in power for almost a quarter-century, announced he will run for a fifth term in the 2024 presidential election next March. Putin announced his decision after a Kremlin award ceremony when Donbas war veterans asked him to seek re-election. This will be the first Russian presidential election since the invasion of Ukraine and a post-Cold-War collapse in relations with the West.

As the presidential campaign has not officially begun, we decided to look back at Putin's past elections. We speak with historian Nina Khrushcheva, a great-granddaughter of Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, about Putin's presidential campaigns since 2000 and how his attitude toward the West has changed throughout his rule.

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