The Moscow Times
30 YEARS
INDEPENDENT NEWS FROM RUSSIA

Kanye West's Moscow Visit Inspires Flood of Russian Memes

July 01, 2024



Social media

As news emerged that Kanye West was in Moscow on Sunday, the Russian-speaking internet erupted in a flurry of memes.

The rapper, who arrived in Moscow for a day-long trip to celebrate fashion designer Gosha Rubchinsky's birthday, appears to be the first major Western music star to visit Russia since the invasion of Ukraine.

Here are some of the most entertaining memes that circulated:

Russian grandmothers are famous for saving their finest tableware for special occasions. One meme joked: "Take it out. Kanye West came to visit us."

Embed:

> Take it out
>
> Kanye West came to visit us pic.twitter.com/hNXj8Q0jBT
>
> — Russian Memes United (@RussianMemesLtd) June 30, 2024

Another meme featured Kanye and U.S. conservative pundit Tucker Carlson, who also recently visited Moscow to interview President Vladimir Putin.

Embed:

> I don't want to play with you anymore https://t.co/6XvxOhC2Sx
>
> — Russian Memes United (@RussianMemesLtd) July 1, 2024

One meme also referred to Carlson's praise for Moscow's grocery stores, saying that "Kanye West, starving in the USA, flew to buy the best food in the world."

Embed:

> ⊠⊠Расследование RT: голодающий в США Канье Уэст прилетел за лучшими в мире продуктами pic.twitter.com/pDpUn2Det2
>
> — Пездуза (@RealPezduza) June 30, 2024

The Stradayushhee Srednevekovye (Medieval Suffering) account, which posts memes based on medieval paintings, captures the sentiment of some Russians who claim to be against Western influence but welcomed the American rapper's unexpected arrival.

"We don't need your Western values at all. Just get out of here and take all Western things with you." / "KANYE WEST!"

Embed:

> pic.twitter.com/lkkoVfekPL
>
> — Страдающее Средневековье (@souffrantmitte1) July 1, 2024

One video shows Kanye West and his wife Bianca Censori — who did not appear to have traveled with him to Moscow — photoshopped into typical Russian urban settings.

Embed:

> Канье в России pic.twitter.com/wDskUQLYEF
>
> — paper.eg (@kuznetsov1egor) July 1, 2024

Original url:
https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2024/07/01/kanye-wests-moscow-visit-inspires-flood-of-russian-memes-a85574