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Is Trump dancing to Putin's tune?



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1. What do these cartoons say about President Donald Trump's deal with Russia's Vladimir Putin to buy diesel fuel while blocking U.S. sanctions against Russia over its invasion of Ukraine?
2. Trump pressured Ukraine to stop attacks on Russian refineries as Russia bombed Ukraine's cities and power grid. Has Trump switched sides in the conflict?
3. Will letting Russia sell us oil lower the fuel costs that soared because of the Iran war? Will Putin get cash to wage his war?
4. Trump has praised dictators in Russia, China, and North Korea, while attacking allied leaders of democracies. Does Trump act like a fan of authoritarian rule?

Between the lines

"What part of enforcing a law passed 86-11 by the Senate does the President and his advisors not understand? It's unconscionable that this administration is capitulating to a Russian dictator who illegally invaded Ukraine." — Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2026/10/13/world/europe/russia-putin-trump-diesel-ukraine.html>

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