

NY State Restaurant Chain 'Bans' Putin

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BUFFALO, New York — Mighty Taco, a Buffalo-based chain of Mexican fast-food restaurants, has banned President Vladimir Putin from all of the company's 23 locations in western New York.

The company known for its quirky ads announced on social media this week that effective immediately, Putin is banned from Mighty Taco for seizing Crimea from Ukraine. Mighty Taco's posting says Putin may be ordering around Crimea, but he will not be ordering a Super Mighty, one of the chain's most popular menu items.

The posting, which features a red-tinted photo of a gesticulating Putin, says he will be "welcomed back" at Mighty Taco when he stops acting like a bully and "picking on people."

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