

Russia's Foreign Minister Takes First 'Selfie'

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Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov took his first "selfie" photograph on Wednesday, smiling from ear to ear during an interview with a veteran RT reporter who showed him how take the trendy smartphone self-portrait.

The reporter, Sophie Shevardnadze, a granddaughter of former Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze who has been with RT since its inception, posted the photo on her Twitter page to much acclaim.

Her caption reads: "Me: 'Let's make a selfie?' Mr. Lavrov: 'What's that? Oh, that's like Obama and the Danish PM?'"

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— SophieCo (@SophieCo_RT) [23 апреля 2014](#)

Lavrov was referring to a photo of U.S. President Barack Obama, who, with a beaming smile, was joking around taking a selfie with the Danish prime minister at late South African leader Nelson Mandela's funeral in December.

That photo became known as the "selfie seen round the world," a reference to the supposed "shot heard round the world" that started the American Revolution, a phrase coined in an 1837 poem by writer Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Lavrov's smile, though, may not be typical for a Muscovite selfie, as the self-proclaimed selfie-investigating website [SelfieCity](#) said in a recent post. Of five world capitals, "people taking selfies in Moscow smile the least," the site said.

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