

# British Puppet Show Features Shirtless Putin

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Russian President Vladimir Putin will soon be making regular appearances on British television screens — in the form of a semi-naked puppet on a new satirical show.

Newzoids, a modern spin-off of the popular Spitting Image series that aired in the 1980s and 90s, will poke fun at Putin's outlandish passion for flashing his torso when the opportunity knocks.

The Internet is already awash with memes and cartoons of Putin, who has been snapped bare-chested on several hunting and fishing trips in the Russian wilderness.

A press poster released by the Newzoids creators shows Putin surrounded by a number of famous celebrities, including U.S. singer Beyonce, British tennis player Andy Murray and London Mayor Boris Johnson.

Putin's central position in the poster hints that he will be making more than just a mere cameo in the show — seemingly corresponding with his global ambitious course.

Newzoids is expected to air on the ITV channel in spring.

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