

Russians Laugh as Trump Triumphs

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


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In the aftermath of Donald Trump's surprising victory in the U.S. presidential race, people around the world have spent the day mourning, celebrating, and — perhaps most of all — scratching their heads in amazement at such a profound rejection of the political establishment.

If the footage from Clinton's campaign headquarters in New York City is any indication of what the Democratic candidate's supporters are feeling across the United States, Wednesday is a day full of tears and questions to the sky about what went wrong.

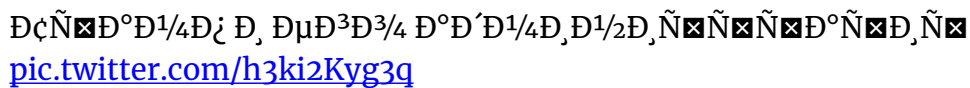
It's another story in Russia, however, which was one of the few countries on the planet that generally preferred Trump over Clinton. While many members of Moscow's political intelligentsia may have supported Clinton, hoping she would maintain pressure on the Kremlin to respect human rights, Trump's victory is nonetheless a far-off event, and the distance from home seems to have helped Russians, whether or not they liked the American billionaire, to find their sense of humor, when many American liberals are still busy weeping.


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Melania Trump, a former model born in Yugoslavia and the next First Lady, is drawing considerable attention in Russia. On a night when most experts expected to see the first woman win the U.S. presidency, talk on social media has instead turned to Mrs. Trump, with Internet users ogling at half-naked photographs from her modeling days. Internet users have also been making light of Trump's reputation for objectifying women and surrounding himself with beautiful models, joking that this might be his future presidential cabinet:

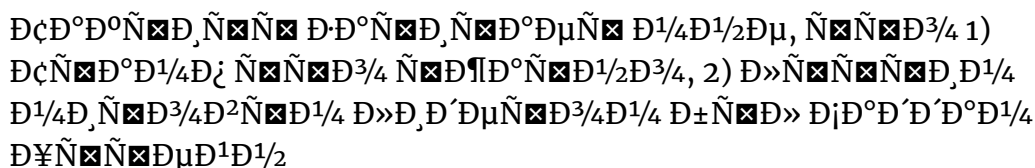
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

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For others, like Open Russia's Polina Nemirovskaya, the election of Donald Trump appears to have exposed nascent insanity all around.

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My taxi driver pounces on me and says (1) it's awful about Trump, and (2) the world's greatest leader was Saddam Hussein.

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