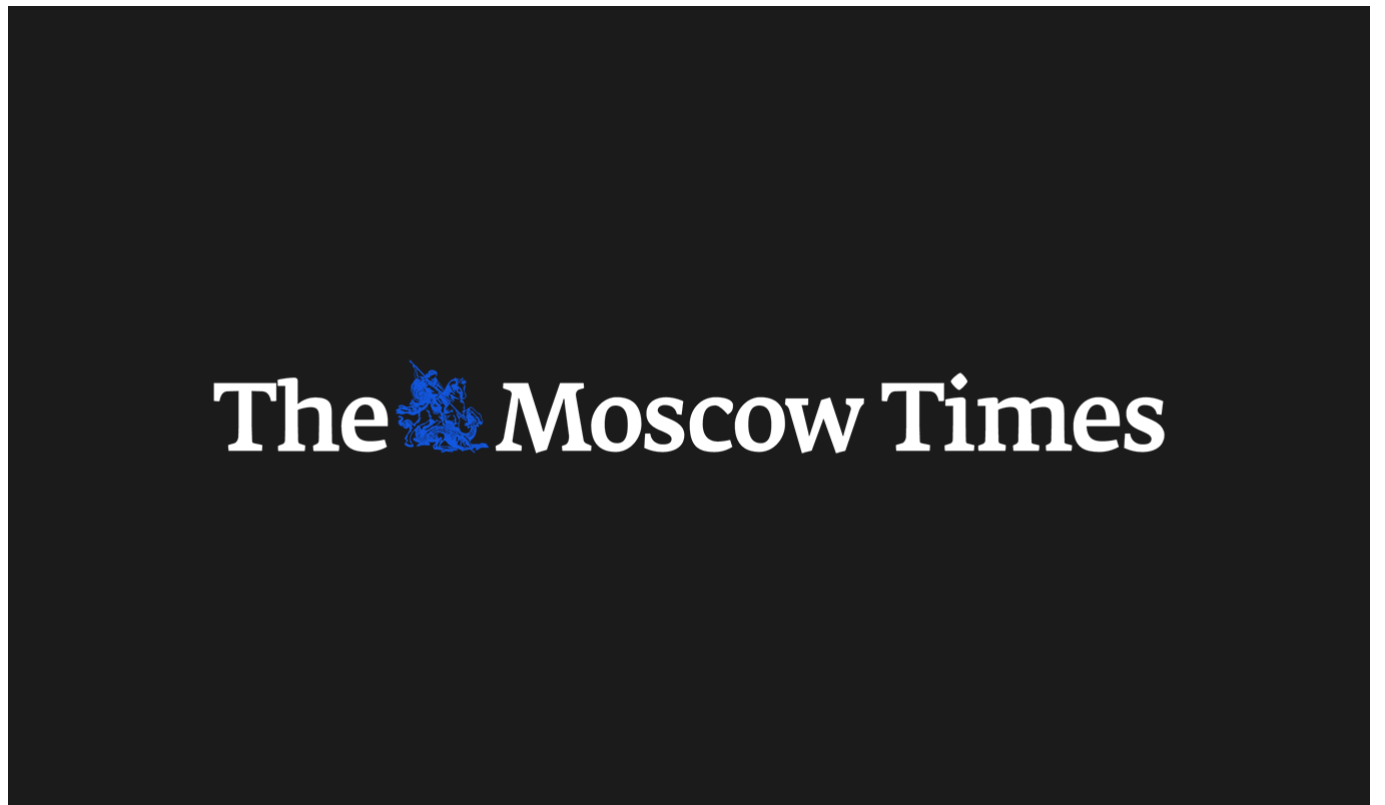


# Russian Priests Protest Law Against Offending 'Religious Believers'

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A group of Russian priests have taken to the streets of St. Petersburg to protest the country's controversial law against “offending religious believers.”

Three clerics from Russia's Apostolic Orthodox Church held single-man pickets — the only form of protest which does not legally require government approval — along Nevsky Prospekt.

The protesters claimed that God alone protected the feelings of religious believers, and held signs quoting biblical verse Galatians 6:7: “God cannot be mocked.”

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Police were in attendance but did not disrupt the protest, which was [a recent backlash](#) from some members of the church. Orthodox protesters held demonstrations on Wednesday after two activists were charged under the law.

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