

Putin's Trust Rating Falls to New Low Amid Far East Protests

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A new poll shows trust in Putin is falling. [Kremlin.ru](https://kremlin.ru)

Russians' trust in President Vladimir Putin fell to a new low in July as tens of thousands of protesters took to the streets in anti-Kremlin protests in the Far East, according to newly published results from the independent Levada Center pollster.

Only 23% of respondents named Putin when asked to identify which politicians they trust the most, the Levada Center [said](#) Wednesday.

That figure is less than half of what it was in November 2017, when 59% of Russian respondents named Putin as the politician they trust the most, and three percentage points lower than it was last month.

Putin's approval rating remained steady at 60%.

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Levada conducted its survey among 1,617 Russian respondents between July 24-25.

Unprecedented mass protests in the Far East region of Khabarovsk broke out this month after the arrest of its popular governor Sergei Furgal and his replacement with a Putin-appointed lawmaker from an outside region.

In another poll released this week, the Levada Center said nearly half of Russians [approve](#) of the anti-Kremlin protests in Khabarovsk.

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