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Political Participation in Russia: Can Putin Be Constrained?

with

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Political openness in Russia has declined dramatically since Vladimir Putin came to power in 2000, yet Putin's regime continues to rely on the architecture of democratic institutions and elections to maintain its legitimacy. What role does Russian political participation play in supporting this regime? What role does it play in opposing it? This presentation will analyze information gathered from in-depth interviews with Russian citizens and a range of public opinion surveys to demonstrate that Russians have made selective choices about how and when to engage in political participation. These choices have made it easier for Putin's government to curtail mechanisms of political accountability and prevent opposition forces from mounting a credible threat to the regime.

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