



Russian Interference in the 2016 American Election

2016

March

Donald Trump becomes the front-runner for the Republican presidential candidacy as John Podesta, Hillary Clinton's campaign chairman, has his email hacked.

May

James R. Clapper Jr., the Director of National Intelligence, states he has received reports that hackers may have targeted presidential campaigns.

June

Donald Trump Jr., Jared Kushner, and Paul Manafort (Trump's former campaign chairman) meet at Trump Tower with a Russian lawyer claiming to have damaging information on Clinton and the Democratic National Committee (DNC).

The first DNC hack is made public, with reports that Russian hackers stole DNC research on Trump (Russia denies any involvement). The FBI confirms to the Washington Post that Russia was responsible, corroborated by two independent research firms.

July

WikiLeaks publishes 20,000 emails stolen from the DNC, though they deny any Russian involvement.

Trump accepts the GOP nomination while Clinton receives her nomination at the Democratic convention.

August

The Obama White House receives a report from the CIA that Russian President Vladimir Putin sought to influence the election by helping to support Trump while harming Clinton.

Trump continues calling for better relations with **Russia** while the New York Times reports millions in payments to Manafort's consulting firm originating from a Ukrainian pro-Russia political party. Manafort later resigns.

Russian hackers target the voter-registration systems of up to 21 states.

September

The Obama White House begins a probe into the extent of Russian interference in the upcoming election.

October

WikiLeaks publishes Podesta's hacked emails, while the FBI announces it will re-open the investigation into Clinton's use of a private email server.

November

Donald Trump is elected President of the **United States**.

December

The CIA concludes that Russia interfered in the election, corroborated by the FBI. In response, Obama orders new Russian sanctions as well as the removal of 35 suspected Russian spies.

January

Donald Trump is inaugurated as President while a report is released announcing to the public that Russia interfered in the November election.

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