# Putin's Use Of Divide And Rule Against His Hardline Allies

Vladimir Putin has long used the divide and rule strategy to maintain his grip on power in Russia. By pitting his allies against each other, he has been able to prevent them from uniting and challenging his authority. This strategy has been particularly effective against his hardline allies, who are often seen as a threat to his rule.



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One of the most prominent examples of Putin's use of divide and rule is his treatment of the hardline nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky. Zhirinovsky is the leader of the Liberal Democratic Party of Russia (LDPR),which is the second largest party in the Duma, the Russian parliament. Zhirinovsky is a vocal critic of Putin, and he has frequently called for his resignation. However, Putin has been able to keep Zhirinovsky in check by playing him off against other hardline nationalists, such as Dmitry Rogozin and Sergey Glazyev.

Putin has also used divide and rule to keep his security forces in line. The FSB, Russia's domestic intelligence agency, is one of the most powerful institutions in the country. However, Putin has been able to prevent the FSB from becoming a threat to his rule by dividing it into competing factions. He has also appointed loyalists to key positions within the FSB, which has helped to ensure that the agency remains under his control.

Putin's use of divide and rule has been highly effective in maintaining his grip on power. By preventing his allies from uniting, he has been able to prevent them from challenging his authority. This strategy has been particularly effective against his hardline allies, who are often seen as a threat to his rule. However, there are signs that Putin's divide and rule strategy may be starting to lose its effectiveness. The economic crisis in Russia has led to growing discontent among the population, and this discontent is starting to spread to Putin's inner circle. If Putin is unable to address the economic crisis, it is possible that his hardline allies will eventually unite and challenge his rule.

#### **Putin's Hardline Allies**

Putin's hardline allies are a diverse group of individuals who share a common belief in the need for a strong Russian state. They include nationalists, communists, and military officers. Some of the most prominent hardline allies include:

- Vladimir Zhirinovsky
- Dmitry Rogozin
- Sergey Glazyev
- Nikolai Patrushev

#### Alexander Bortnikov

These individuals have played a key role in Putin's rise to power, and they continue to be his most loyal supporters. However, they are also a potential threat to his rule. If they were to unite and challenge Putin's authority, it could lead to a major power struggle within the Russian government.

#### The Future Of Putin's Regime

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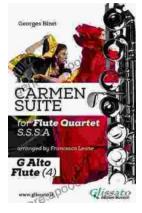
The future of Putin's regime is uncertain. However, one thing is clear: he will continue to use divide and rule to maintain his grip on power for as long as possible. If he is successful, he will remain one of the most powerful leaders in the world. However, if he fails, it could lead to a major power struggle within the Russian government, and even the collapse of the Putin regime.



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