

Russian government floats idea for mandatory ‘loyalty agreement’ for foreigners in Russia

Under the proposed loyalty pledge, foreigners would not be able to criticize the Russian government, question Soviet contributions to world history or undermine traditional values

The Russian government is floating the idea of demanding a “loyalty agreement” from foreigners.

A proposed law would restrict non-Russian residents from openly opposing the government, criticizing Russia’s communist history or subverting traditional values.

Foreign nationals would be required to sign an agreement prohibiting “hindering the activities of public authorities of the Russian Federation [or] discrediting in any form the foreign and domestic state policy of the Russian Federation, public authorities and their officials,” according to translations from The Moscow Times.

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