

Why aren't the candidates talking about **PUTIN and RUSSIA?**



As Americans, we need to know what our next President plans to do about Russia's backward slide toward dictatorship, the use of its vast energy resources to blackmail its neighbors and the Kremlin's growing hostility to U.S. economic and security interests around the globe.

The Bush Administration has turned a blind eye while Vladimir Putin:

- Arrested Garry Kasparov, Mikhail Khodorkovsky, Platon Lebedev and many other of his political opponents
- Made a mockery of press freedom and democratic elections in Russia
- Renationalized much of Russia's oil and gas resources
- Attempted to destabilize Georgia, Ukraine, Estonia and Lithuania
- Supplied enriched uranium to fuel Iran's nuclear power reactors at a time when the US and Europe are trying to safeguard Iran's nuclear program
- Stole billions of dollars from American investors who purchased shares of the YUKOS Oil Company, then lost every last penny of their investment when YUKOS was confiscated for political reasons and bankrupted by the Russian Government

We believe that any candidate running to become the next President of the United States has an obligation to articulate his or her views on these issues.

We hope that during tomorrow night's debate, the candidates will be asked about Putin and Russia, Khodorkovsky and Kasparov, Iran and Georgia, Russia's unilateral suspension of the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty (CFE), massive corruption within the Kremlin...and how our future leaders propose to protect American investors when the Russian government rips up binding contracts and destroys Russian companies to punish its enemies and further its own political agenda.

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PRESS BRIEFING TODAY IN MANCHESTER:

Members of the Shareholder Coalition will be available to answer media questions and provide background information today from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the Currier Room at the Radisson Hotel Manchester, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, N.H.

For more information, or to schedule interviews, please contact Mike Hunter (973-218-2510) or Mike Hotra (703-861-9101) or go to www.yukosshareholdercoalition.com.