

Art is always and everywhere the secret confession, and, at the same time, the immortal movement of its time.

the magic of  
★ marx's

A lie told often enough becomes the truth.

the magic of  
★ lenin's

You must obey the law, always, not only when they grab you by your special place.

the magic of  
★ putin's

## ART IN THE AGE OF PUTIN

... needs to be about Putin. If it's not about Putin, then it's not art. Furthermore, art about Putin in the age of Putin needs to be good. If it's good, then it has positive values. Art without values that are positive isn't very Putinesque. To be fully Putinesque, one needs to live one's life shirtless. In fact, all art about Putin in the age of Putin needs to be made by shirtless artists. Gender equality is enforced in the age the Putin as artists who happen to be female are encouraged to work topless as well. Half-naked artisans making positive art in the age of Putin while riding horses will be given free gym memberships to better their six packs. Those hunting wild tigers and/or saving polar bears while exposing nippleage in the service of art in the age of Putin will be given medals "for courage," should they survive. In fact, flying a hang glider (half-clothed) while leading endangered Siberian cranes on a Southern migration route will not only become Russia's national pastime, but seminal performance art (in the age of Putin) to be taught in all schools. Judo and the obligatory building of dojos in every town will be considered immersive installation art. Speaking Japanese both inside and outside of said dojos will be highly discouraged. Putinese will become a new language. Putiniana will be a post-Structuralist course of contemporary post post-Modernist art theory, mandatory for completion of credits from Columbia University. Dissidence of art in the age of Putin about Putin is not recommended for the faint of heart, those whose hearts beat, and/or those whose hearts don't. If art is a disease, then Putin is the cure. Putin is Chuck Norris. Chuck Norris is a cult-like, septuagenarian martial artist in the age of Putin. And like Chuck Norris, Putin's belly button is actually a power outlet – fueling the fire of future artists working under Putinism, er, the Putinaissance. Discuss.