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# Jill Stein: A Russian Asset and a Hypocrite



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# Takeaways

## Jill Stein is a Russian asset:

- She has cultivated a relationship with Vladimir Putin and his propaganda outlet, *Russia Today*.
- Putin and Russia helped Stein in the 2016 presidential election.
- Now, they're doing it again, as she spouts Russian propaganda and disgusting lies about their barbaric war in Ukraine.

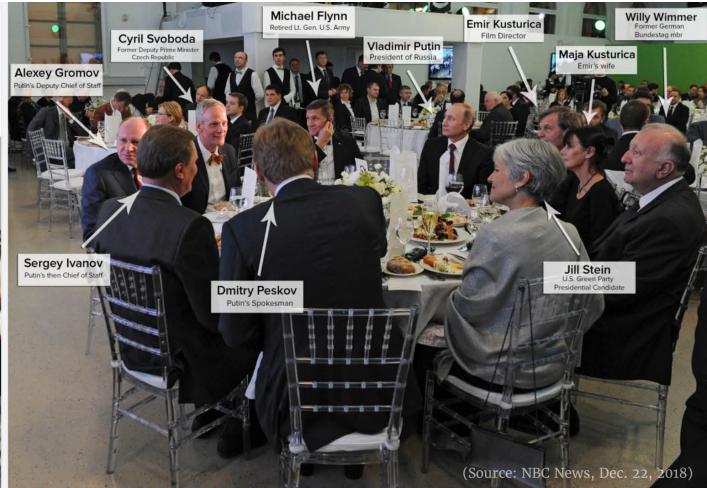
## Jill Stein is a hypocrite:

- She claims to be the anti-war candidate, but she owns stock in weapons companies that have made billions from wars in Gaza and Ukraine.
- She runs as the “Green” candidate, but she and her husband have millions invested in fossil fuels and other anti-environment holdings.
- She says she supports reproductive rights, but she has never criticized Donald Trump or his MAGA Supreme Court for overturning *Roe v Wade*.
- She purports to be a liberal, but Stein and her Green Party are backed by Republicans and billionaire MAGA-Trump donors so she will take votes away from Democrats.

**None of this is speculation. We have the receipts.**

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**Stein is pals with Vladimir Putin and his team:** She joined MAGA extremist Michael Flynn as the only Americans to sit with Putin at a dinner in Moscow. At an event in New York, she met with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov. – [NBC News](#); [Jill Stein](#)



**Stein asked *Russia Today*, a state-run propaganda outlet, to help her set up meetings with Vladimir Putin and his foreign minister:** “Stein communicated with Nadia Ivanova, an employee at RT TV, about setting up meetings with Russian politicians and representatives from the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)...Stein told the Committee that her motive for seeking these meetings with Russian government officials was that ‘my campaign said ‘go to the top. Ask to meet with Putin.’ Why not? So, Putin. Lavrov. They badly needed to hear what I have to say...’ – United States Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (August 2020)

**The Russians helped Stein in 2016:** “Russians working under the direction of the Internet Research Agency, the firm run by a close ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin, tweeted the phrase “Jill Stein” over 1,000 times around the time of the election. The posts were often accompanied by variations of the same hashtag, ‘Grow a spine and vote Jill Stein...’ – NBC News (Dec. 22, 2018)

**And Stein helped them:** In 2015, Stein “recorded a video from Moscow’s famous Red Square, in which she talked about ‘the need to rein in American exceptionalism’ and replace ‘a U.S. policy based on domination’—words that sounded like they were ripped from Putin’s talking points.” – POLITICO (June 20, 2017). During the campaign of 2016, Stein “parroted the Russian position on Ukraine and criticized the U.S. for installing a government in Kiev ‘hostile to Russia.’” – NBC News (Dec. 22, 2018)

**She still sounds like a Russian propagandist:** “Russia’s invasion was a provoked response to the bigger, more murderous and illegal game plan of US empire... In 2014 the US backed a coup in Ukraine led by far-right insurrectionists. The installation of the new government was a giant step towards the goal of adding Ukraine to NATO – and putting hostile bases and nuclear-capable missiles right on Russia’s border.” – Jill Stein (Feb. 24, 2022)

**Jill Stein is a hypocrite on war, the environment, abortion rights, and basically**

# **everything else.**

**Stein says she's anti-war, but she has profited from the wars in Gaza and Ukraine:** Stein held between \$500,001 and \$1,000,000 in the Vanguard Admiral VFIAZ fund, which has investments in weapons manufacturers RTX Corp, Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Northrop Grumman, General Dynamics, and others. These companies have profited from the war in Ukraine to the tune of billions. – [S. Office of Government Ethics, Form 278e](#) (Jan. 5, 2024); [Weapon Free Funds](#) (June 30, 2024); [Global Times](#) (August 3, 2023) [The Guardian](#) (April 23, 2024)

**Stein runs as a “Green,” but her investments say otherwise:**

- Stein holds millions in fossil fuel investments, “deforestation risk” holdings, and major U.S. polluters. According to data from the U.S. Office of Government Ethics, Fossil Free Funds, and Morningstar, in 2024, Stein and her spouse’s mutual fund holdings represented investments in fossil fuels valued between \$401,516.84 and \$937,775.00. Stein further had between \$1,000,001 – \$5,000,000 invested in the Vanguard 500 Index Fund Admiral Shares VFIAZ, which retained holdings in Norfolk Southern. – [S. Office of Government Ethics, Form 278e](#) (Jan. 5, 2024); [Fossil Free Funds](#) (July 31, 2024)
- Stein profits from the Keystone XL Pipeline she claims to fight. Stein reported having between \$250,001.00 and \$500,000.00 invested in the Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund VXUS, which has invested with TC Energy Corp. – [S. Office of Government Ethics, Form 278e](#) (Jan. 5, 2024)
- Stein’s largest stock holding is in Home Depot, which likely illegally sourced wood from Equatorial Guinea, benefitting a regime with “one of the worst corruption and human rights records in the world.” – [Environmental Investigation Agency](#) (Nov. 7, 2023) Stein expanded her Home Depot stock from [between \\$100,001 and \\$250,000 in 2016](#) to [between \\$500,001 and \\$1,000,000 in 2024](#). – [S. Office of Government Ethics, Form 278e](#) (Jan. 5, 2024)

**Stein claims she's pro-choice, but she has been silent on Trump's attack on reproductive rights:**

- Stein has *never* criticized Trump or his MAGA Supreme Court picks for overturning *Roe v Wade*, but she attacks Democrats for it while Trump brags about ending *Roe*. She says Democrats are “holding our bodies hostage for political posturing...” and Democrats’ “pledge to [codify *Roe*] disappeared.” – [Jill Stein](#) (May 3, 2022)
- Stein showed little concern for helping elect Trump in 2016 and his MAGA Supreme Court overturning *Roe v Wade*. She deflected and refused to answer an interview question in 2016 about the possibility of “losing the Supreme Court for a generation” under Trump. – [Salon](#) (July 28, 2016)

**Stein purports to be a liberal, but she knowingly accepts backing and support from MAGA to help Trump.**

- Stein was backed by an anti-choice, billionaire Trump donor to take votes from Democrats. “In 2016, a billionaire backer of President Trump, Bernie Marcus, the co-founder of Home Depot, provided support to Jill Stein, the Green candidate, according to people with knowledge of the strategy, who said the effort was done with the knowledge of some officials at the Trump campaign and its chairman at the time, Paul Manafort.” – New York Times (September 22, 2020) Marcus bankrolled campaigns “to place the Green Party on election ballots in order to take away votes from Democrats.” – Haaretz (June 27, 2022)
- Stein knows that Trump and Steve Bannon are using her as a spoiler to take votes from Harris. “And I like — I like her also. Jill Stein. I like her very much. You know why? She takes 100% from [Democrats].” – Donald Trump (June 22, 2024) “The path to victory here is clearly maximizing the reach of these left-wing alternatives...No Republican knows that oil production under Biden is higher than ever. But Jill Stein’s people do....The more exposure these [third-party candidates] get, the better it is for us.” – Steve Bannon, New York Times (April 10, 2024)
- Republican operatives are actively helping Stein get on the ballot in battlegrounds like Pennsylvania and New Hampshire. “Scott Presler, the conservative activist whom Lara Trump said she wanted as an early hire at the Republican National Committee, publicly reached out on social media to Stein and Cornel West... to offer his help in collecting signatures to get them on the ballot.” – New York Times (April 10, 2024) “Jefferson Thomas, a longtime Republican operative from Colorado, submitted petition signatures that his firm, The Synapse Group, gathered on behalf of Stein in New Hampshire.” – Associated Press (September 2, 2024)
- Former Trump personal attorney and MAGA extremist Jay Sekulow is representing Stein and the Green Party in key battleground state court cases because he knows Stein is a spoiler that will help Trump. – CNN (September 13, 2024)
- Stein has welcomed the support of a Republican Elections Commissioner and Republican lawyers in Wisconsin who have attempted to help her get on the ballot. “In Wisconsin, a G.O.P. elections commissioner and lawyers with ties to Republicans tried to aid attempts by Howie Hawkins, the current Green Party presidential candidate, to get on the ballot there, which were ultimately unsuccessful.” – New York Times (Sept. 22, 2020) “Also on the Green Party’s legal team is Jacob Curtis, who has worked for Republican former Gov. Scott Walker, Republican state Sen. Duey Stroebel of Saukville and the conservative Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty.” – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (September 14, 2020)