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CONTESTED LEGACY: THE ARGUMENT ABOUT LENIN

ABSTRACT:

Lenin is a symbol of the Russian revolution 1917, both in political and cultural dimensions. His central position, however, has been contested by Vladimir Putin. The dispute about Lenin is not new in modern history of Russia. In early 2000's a discussion started whether to move the Lenin's from the Kremlin wall's neighborhood or to leave it untouched. Then it was connected with the Communist legacy that had been questioned. Putin was the one who supported the position to leave the October Revolution's leader alone. The Russia's president has changed his mind after the war in Ukraine started. He uses Lenin in speeches concerning Ukraine's past and future.