

Trump: the Kremlin candidate?

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Russian cyber activity has become “very frantic and reckless” and has turned into a difficult topic for journalists and intelligence officers, [Andrei Soldatov](#), a Russian investigative journalist and a watchdog of the Russian secret service activities, explained in an interview. He also stated that it was proven by technology expertise that Russian hackers had tried to attack a lot of targets in the US and that they had intervened in the US presidential elections. Yet, Soldatov does not believe that this played a major role in Trump’s victory.

During the panel “[Trump: the Kremlin candidate?](#)” Soldatov discussed Trump’s relations with Russia and the question whether Russia has money and sex ‘kompromat’ (i.e. compromise material) against Trump. He also told the audience about his experience as a watchdog of the Russian secret services since 1999. Soldatov disclosed how difficult it is to be a journalist in Moscow and in the entire central region of Russia, where all media are owned by local governors and if journalists want to write about “something more sensitive”, they have to find another place to publish it, such as Western Europe, just like he does.

However, Soldatov ended on a positive note saying that he still lives in Moscow and many of his colleagues, too, and he still hopes that together they can make their country a democratic one.

Watch my whole interview with Andrei Soldatov here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UMz-xv9DOGI>

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