

Dmitry Medvedev

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► **1965:** Born in St Petersburg to family of academics

► **1987:** Graduates in law from St Petersburg University

► **1991-96:** Hired by Putin to work as expert for St Petersburg town hall's foreign relations committee

► **1999:** Moves to Moscow as government's deputy chief of staff

► **2000:** After serving as Putin's election campaign manager, becomes Kremlin deputy chief of staff and later chairman of state gas giant **Gazprom**

► **2005:** Named first deputy prime minister, in charge of education, health, housing and agriculture

► **Dec 10, 2007:** Putin confirms that Medvedev is his choice for president

► **Mar 2, 2008:** Medvedev virtually certain to be elected Russia's next president

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