

Social media fake news timeline



■ **Nov 10, 2016:** Facebook founder **Mark Zuckerberg** (above) describes idea that so-called “fake news” influenced 2016 U.S. presidential election as “a pretty crazy idea”

■ **Jan 6, 2017:** Report from Director of National Intelligence concludes that Russian President **Vladimir Putin** (right) ordered Kremlin propaganda campaign to target **Hillary Clinton's** credibility and boost **Donald Trump's** chances of winning presidency



■ **Jul 20:** Trump digital campaign team member **Gary Coby** tells CNN that Facebook worked directly with Trump campaign

■ **Aug 3:** Facebook says it will fight fake news by sending suspect hoax stories to fact-checkers

■ **Sep 6:** Facebook reveals \$100,000 spent on political ads was linked to Russia

■ **Sep 15:** Special counsel **Robert Mueller** (below) orders Facebook to hand over 3,000 election ads linked to Russia



■ **Sep 28:** Twitter reveals Russian news site **RT** spent \$274,100 on ads in 2016

■ **Oct 19: Honest Ads Act** introduced in Senate. If passed, Act will require political ads on social media to follow same rules as broadcast and print media

Honest Ads Act

■ **Oct 31:** At Senate hearing Facebook reveals that political ads from Kremlin-based **Internet Research Agency (IRA)** reached 126 million users. IRA propaganda featured in 1.4 million Twitter messages and was uploaded in 1,100-plus videos to Google-owned YouTube