

# The Russian Hacking Frenzy in 200 Words

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The *New York Times* has published an interactive piece which encapsulates, in all of [200 words](#), the alleged campaign by Russian hackers to influence the outcome of the 2016 election. Yet the media's framing of events eschews basic facts –the actual content of the leaks- in favor of screaming “thief” at the top of its lungs. And so the following 200-word summary is presented as an antidote to the establishment's clumsy post-election messaging.

## The Leaks



Someone delivers [exact copies](#) of emails written by Democratic Party mandarins into the public record. These messages are subsequently [posted online](#). Thank you WikiLeaks!

## The Collusion



Several email threads demonstrate that the Democratic National Committee (DNC) secretly [ganged up on Bernie Sanders](#) to undermine his campaign.

## The Corruption



Hillary Clinton, who made [over a hundred million](#) in speaking fees with her husband, furtively reassures American oligarchs that her “[private position](#)” on economic issues won't threaten their [bottom line](#). In one related email which highlights big money in politics, a wealthy donor [jokes](#) “I guess it takes a study to point out the obvious.”

## The Propaganda



Voters learn that the DNC leveraged its extensive contacts with the media to manipulate coverage in an effort to [elevate Trump](#). The DNC's strategy document includes a list of Republican “Pied Pipers” which the media was told to “take seriously.”

## The Response



The Democratic elites become desperate. Rather than accept their party's role in Trump's victory and their [betrayal of the working class](#), they decide to [blame Russian Hackers](#).

## The Helpless Straw Grasping



The Washington Post [hyperventilates](#) about Russian Hackers “penetrating” a utility in Vermont. The headline is [exposed](#) as a shameless distortion.