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The New Cold War



The only certain winners from missile defense in Central Europe would be the U.S.'s own military-industrial complex, says [Edward Lucas](#) in his new book, "[The New Cold War](#)." If the U.S. politicians whose campaigns these companies finance are "gullible, paranoid, or corrupt enough" to put billions of tax dollars into these companies' pockets for a system that probably won't even work, he asked, why should Russia mind? By kicking up a fuss, Lucas answered, Russia moves closer to a strategic prize that has been the Kremlin's aim ever since the start of the last Cold War: To split the once-formidable Atlantic alliance. Lucas, a former Moscow bureau chief for The Economist, devoted his entire book to criticizing Putin's Russia. But on missile defense, he argues that the West is playing right into Russia's hands. The first step to winning the New Cold War, Lucas said, is to accept what is happening.



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