

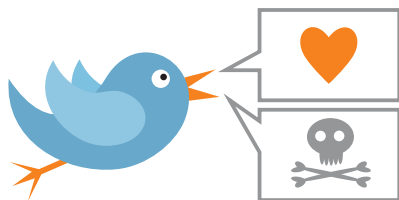
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Obama's fake news



A careful reading of the [White House's announcement](#) on Thur. reveals that the 35 Russian diplomats kicked out of the U.S. met their fate in response to the harassment of U.S. personnel in Russia. The White House stated specifically: "In response to this harassment, the President has authorized the following actions: Today the State Department declared 35 Russian government officials ... 'persona non grata.'" According to one report, an intruder had even broken into a diplomat's home and [defecated on the carpet](#). Yet the White House intentionally gave the impression that the 35 Russians were interfering in the presidential election. This is precisely the kind of "fake news," "post-truth" politics or "clickbait" the Obama administration has been warning us about - tying two things together that aren't directly related and suggesting a link. The Czech media fell for it. But that's okay, because reporting fake news in defense of a "good cause" is admirable, right?

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