

[Transcript] The News Agents / Prigozhin dead: Is Putin stronger than ever?

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Nous commençons avec les news russes, les médias russes maintenant confirmant que Wagner, le leader de la groupe mercenaire Yevgeny Prigoshin, a mort.

S'il y a des passagers, il s'agit d'Evgeny Prigoshin.

Yevgeny Prigoshin, le leader de la groupe vagna, était sur la plage de l'aviation privée qui a crashé près de Moscou.

L'agence de l'aviation civile russe, c'est bien Evgeny Prigoshin, alors on ne sait pas si évidemment le fondateur du groupe Wagner est mort.

On a essayé de overthrowir Vladimir Putin mais il y a deux mois après ce que l'aviation fut faible, le leader de la groupe vagna, Yevgeny Prigoshin, est mort. C'était simultanément la plus astonishing partie des news et pourtant pas.

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Juste deux mois plus tard, en juin, il y avait beaucoup de parler, beaucoup de spéculation, beaucoup d'anticipation même, que Yevgeny Prigoshin, le leader du groupe vagna de l'aviation privée, allait faire un coup contre Vladimir Putin au Kremlin.

Deux mois plus tard, il est mort.

Il a disparu avec certains de ses compatriotes à travers le ciel de Russie.

Sur ce jour, on va vous parler de ce que nous savons, pourquoi on pense que c'est passé, ce que ça veut dire pour Putin et la guerre en Ukraine.

Bienvenue aux Agences News.

C'est John.

C'est Louis.

Et nous sommes aux Agences News HQ en essayant de faire le sens de ce qui s'est passé dans les dernières 24 heures avec Yevgeny Prigoshin.

Si vous reprenez, il y a une photo extraordinaire où Vladimir Putin est en train de manger ou dîner avec George W. Bush,

le président de l'Université de l'Amérique.
Et en travaillant dans le background,
c'est un chef,
un gars qui serve la nourriture.
C'est Yevgeny Prigoshin.
Et c'est un gars qui commence
comme chef
et qui devient un grand-mère.
Et en ce moment,
il accumule des milliers de soldats privés.
Il a une armée privée,
en train d'amener avec des équipements sérieux
d'être capable d'amener la guerre en Afrique
ou en Ukraine
comme ils l'ont fait brutalement
depuis l'invasion de ce pays.
Et Prigoshin
a été le chef de l'organisation.
Et comme la guerre en Ukraine
a été évoquée,
et les forces militaires conventionnelles
ont été évoquées
dans le mud
de la Donbass,
à l'arrière d'Harkiv,
et en Sud-Ukraine,
n'ont pas fait les gains
que Putin et tout le monde d'autre pensent.
Putin et le Kremlin
ont d'ailleurs vécu
Prigoshin et son groupe Wagner
qui ont été les plus bâtissants
de la militaire russe.
Ils ont été évoqués
par quelques succès
en Ukraine,
dans des places comme Mariupol,
dans des places comme Bakhmut.
Partly,
comme résultat de l'expérience de la guerre
et de l'expérience de la militaire,
ils ont gagné et ont garni
tous les sortes de
bizarres, criminels,

et franchement, à la fois,
des expéditions humaines
qu'ils ont obtenues
à travers l'Afrique
et dans des places comme la République centrale
où ils ont pillé,
et plundi,
et quitté avec abandon.
Ils ont évoqué la guerre
sans aucun regard
aux conventions de Geneva.
Ils ont également évoqué la guerre
sans aucun regard
au loss de la vie humaine,
de la vie ukrainienne
ou de leur propre vie.
Et il y a été une machine de mince.
Il a été grotesque.
Les numéros de la casualties
de Bakhmut
sont étonnés,
et c'est juste de l'eau.
Et pourtant,
bien sûr,
Prugoshin était le personne
qui était capable de délivrer
pour Vladimir Putin
dans un moyen que les Généraux ne pouvaient pas.
Et cela signifie que Prugoshin
regardait
la militaire russe,
la département défense russe
comme inadéquate.
Et il a fait ça clair,
c'est ce qu'il pensait.
Et il s'est rendu
sur un cours de collision
avec le chef de la Généraux
et le ministère défense
parce qu'il pensait
qu'ils étaient absolument useless.
Oui, et c'était l'origine
ou le contexte background
de ce qui s'est passé

seulement 60 jours auparavant,
en juin,
où soudain
il seemed as if
le Kremlin
et Putin's Kremlin
et Putin's gouvernement
qui avait été un fort imprégnable
basé sur
la force
et la barrel des armes
soudainement semblent vulnérables.
Parce que,
à l'heure de Prugoshin's
angère avec les gens
comme Sergei Shoryu,
le secrétaire défense,
et l'autre top brass
de l'armes russiennes
a été ce
plus remarquable...
Tout le monde m'a rappelé,
quoi, 48, 72 heures,
où, soudainement,
avant que vous vouliez savoir où vous étiez,
Prugoshin
et cet énorme column de armes russiennes
de Wagner
n'étaient pas juste complétant
sur ce qui s'est passé
avec la leadership de l'armes russiennes.
Ils étaient vraiment
marchés
en Mosco.
Et il y avait toutes ces spéculations
que Putin might be about to fall.
Now, a lot of that
sort of hope, weird hope,
was misplaced in the sense
it perhaps came from people
who didn't really know Prugoshin.
This was no great liberator.
This was no great sort of defender.
It's not going to herald the return

to liberal democracy in Russia.
No, this was no doubt defender
of democracy.
This is effectively another blood
soaked tyrant in waiting.
But nonetheless,
it did obviously appear
like a moment of vulnerability.
Now that
march on Mosco
stopped.
It stopped before it could descend
into civil war.
That is what everyone was talking
about and the potential dangers
of a civil war
ridden Russia
once again for the second time
in a century or so.
But that hasn't happened.
Sixty days later,
Prugoshin is dead
and Prugoshin is dead
because if this reminds us
of anything,
Putin is a gangster.
He leads a mafia state.
And like any good gangster,
like the godfather,
when someone comes for you,
you hit them back
and you hit them hard.
And now Prugoshin
and his top
band of
mérimen,
not so mérimen,
are dead.
And the strange thing is
that last night
when we all heard the news
that this plane had crashed,
I don't think a single person
anywhere in the world thought,

oh,
I wonder whether it was mechanical failure.
Everyone thought
something bad had happened to him.
It was a hit.
It was on orders
and the order came
from the very top
from Vladimir Putin.
But what was amazing, right?
Is the interim
because
after that 72 hours,
Prugoshin
and Putin,
they come to like an accommodation,
right?
Basically,
there is an agreement
that Prugoshin
is going to go to Belarus
and he's going to
more or less stay in charge of Wagner,
but he's going to get out of Russia
because clearly
they were on a collision course
and everyone is thinking
what are they going to do?
How is that going to
going to manage?
How is that calibration
really going to last?
And clearly as we've seen,
it hasn't,
but weirdly in the interim,
Prugoshin has been
flying back and forth
between
Nord Africa
and Wagner operations
there in Russia.
He went to see Putin
just a few weeks ago
in the Kremlin.

Can you imagine that meeting?
And that is partly because it seems
from what analysts
are saying is that
Putin has been getting his ducks in a row
and he has been doing everything he can
to try and keep as much of the Wagner assets
in one piece
and aligned with the Russian state
and under his control
as he can.

Because as we've been saying, John,
they have been an effective part,
effective sort of quasi part
of the Russian state
and the Russian military
that has been very effective
and Putin has very quietly,
clearly been deciding what to do
or people around him
have been deciding
what to do anyway.

And now that plan has been executed.
And let's hear now from
Alicia Kern.

She's the chair
of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee
in the House of Commons
and a close Russia watcher
ex Foreign Office herself.

And Alicia,
what do you make of it?
Because you tweeted last night
that you thought the plane
had been shot down.
Have you got knowledge on that?
So if you look at the recordings
online
and if you look at
and that's normal people
but also on the
Wagner telegram groups,
you can see that there are two bangs.
So that's consistent

with a surface to air missile
which is likely
what would have taken down a plane.
Now there was conversation
online about
could it have been a bomb
but actually if you look at
the way the plane falls
and what happened
that the two bangs
make that less likely.
Obviously,
there are endless theories
and the one thing that no one seems
to be countenancing
is the idea
that there was a mechanical failure
and the plane just happened to crash.
I mean, nobody thinks that.
Do you think that
as the Foreign Affairs Committee chair
that you are entering into speculation
which may or may not be founded?
No, I don't think I am
because it was Russian.
What I said in my tweet
was that the Russian government
has very quickly confirmed
that the plane had been shot down.
And it was interesting
because it's Russian official media.
We all know there's no such thing
as the free media in Russia.
It was Russian media titles
that were saying the plane had been shot down
or that it had been crashed.
And actually some of those media were saying
that it was Russian air force
that had shot down the media.
Now they don't speculate
because for them
when they speculate
it often ends up of them falling out of a window.
For very few of them

have private jets be shot down.
But ultimately
it is incredibly unlikely
given that Progression
was always going to likely end this way.
And given the Russian media themselves
which is what my comment was
was saying that it had been shot down.
I think that tells us a lot.
You've alluded to it there.
The idea that perhaps this was inevitable.
I mean Putin has done this
because fundamentally he needed to
or likely done this
or someone around Putin has done this
because they needed to reassert their authority
in the wake of what Progression and Bargda did.
Absolutely that.
And look, Putin has one thing historically
that you can always say
which is that he hunts down
those that he believes has betrayed him.
We know in our shawls
whether it's the Screeper
whether it's Litvienko
he hunts down anyone
that he feels has betrayed him.
Yes, he offered a safety guarantee to Progression.
Progression accepted that
but we know that Putin
doesn't stand by his agreements.
Some people are surprised
that Progression hadn't been taken out sooner.
I'm slightly surprised
that actually it's happened so soon
because the key thing for Putin
is making sure that he doesn't lose the Bargda network.
That for him is the absolute key
because it brings so much wealth into the Kremlin.
But if you look at what happened
with the South Africa-Russia summit a few weeks ago
it was quite clear that the general
who's the kind of head of covert operations to the GRU
was being introduced to a lot of the African world leaders

which suggests that Putin's ready for him
to take over running that instead of Progression.
That raises a really interesting question
about the sort of...
Is there a geopolitical aspect
to the death of Progression
in the sense that you've got his forces
the Wagner mercenary group
fighting in all sorts of places in Africa.
Apparently they're in Belarus
in their thousands at the moment
after the sort of failed coup attempt.
Is there a period of instability now
where you've got a whole lot of heavily armed people
thousands of them without leadership?
So I'm not sure if we will see that
but honestly I can't predict.
So what was interesting yesterday
was the amount of Wagner mercenaries
saying on telegram
the shooting down the plane was an act of traitors
there will be repercussions.
There were videos of Wagner soldiers
saying we're going to march on Moscow again.
But what Putin has been doing over the last few months
even before the march on Moscow
was trying to force Wagner mercenaries
to become Russian standard members of the armed forces.
He had already started that process
of moving them into his system of influence.
And what we've seen clearly with this GRU general
and also the amount of footprints
of other Russian generals in Africa
over the last few weeks
clearly Putin has been putting in place
everything he needs for that transition.
But of course there may be some actors
who are so furious, so loyal to Prugosian
that they seek to cause trouble.
I don't think it's likely to be significant
but I may be wrong.
It's so hard obviously to get into the minds
and psychology of these people.
But do you think that Prugosian

really bought the idea
that the guarantees that he secured
with Putin in the wake of the initial march on Moscow
were worth anything?
Because obviously in the intervening two months
he's been flying back and forth
between Africa and Russia.
He's been flying internally within Russia.
He met with Putin in the Kremlin
what a few weeks ago.
So he must have known
that this was a possibility
and yet he was still acting in that way.
I agree he must have known
but I think if I'm honest
if you operate in those circles
if you're part of the Kremlin's in a network
you know that at any point
you could fall out of the window.
But Prigosin didn't sign that agreement
with Putin from position of strength.
He signed it from position of weakness.
What other options did he have?
He had pushed too far
although the march on Moscow
was less about Putin
and more about Shoygu and Durasimov.
Ultimately he didn't have anywhere else to turn.
So I think when he signed that agreement
it was probably the best thing for him to do.
But ultimately look at Putin's history.
He does not allow people to betray him.
Alicia, it's always been my understanding
that there has always been pretty good human intelligence
about Moscow,
what's happening in the Kremlin,
that the intelligence services have got
good sources of information.
Do we know what is happening
inside the Kremlin now?
So I think it is really difficult
to genuinely know what people are thinking
inside the Kremlin
and you're right, we have exceptional

human intelligence capabilities within Russia.

But I question whether we have something
that's called a state of mind assessment.

So that's where we look at, for example,

a principal in a country,

so like President Putin.

And we look at whether we know

what's motivating him,

what he's thinking,

what's frustrating him in his life.

Essentially,

what is his state of mind

at that point in time?

Given how impossible

Putin has made it for anyone

to get close to him over the last two years,

I wonder whether we really have

that state of mind assessment

that we would need

to determine what he is thinking

because we know he sets the agenda

of the Kremlin.

Thank you so much.

Cheers, Alicia.

And coming up in a moment,

Tim Marshall,

author,

foreign affairs,

correspondent.

Friend of the show.

Friend of the show.

Talking about what this is going to mean

for the Wagner group itself,

for Putin himself,

and most importantly of all,

the future of the war in Ukraine.

This is The News Agents.

Welcome back.

So we are joined now,

as we said by Tim Marshall,

journalist, reporter.

He follows these things extremely closely.

Author of bestselling book,

I believe,

Prisoners of Geography.

Tim,

we were saying before

that this was once

an incredibly shocking piece of news,

and yet not at all surprising piece of news.

What do you think

they will be thinking

in the Kremlin right now?

Because neither Putin,

nor virtually any bit of the Russian state

other than the Russian Aviation Authority

has said anything about it.

They are probably quite content

to let people draw their own conclusions,

and those conclusions,

most of them,

let's face it,

are pretty obvious.

What is it?

Ralph Waldo Emerson?

Never strike a king unless you're sure

you're going to kill him.

That's one lesson

that the public,

and anyone who wants to challenge Putin

will be aware of,

and another one is,

you cross Putin,

you die.

And I think the Kremlin will probably be quite satisfied

at just sitting back

and letting that sink in,

to be honest with you.

We've talked about the Wagner Group before,

Tim.

Where do you think this leaves

Wagner now?

Because Putin was obviously keen

to try and keep as much of the infrastructure

and assimilate it

into the Russian Army more generally.

Where does it leave them?

I think that process will continue.

But I also think it's possible
that the old question about why now
is that the Kremlin has spent
the last eight weeks
slowly,
methodically taking Wagner apart,
exiling it into Belarus,
cut off some of the sources of funding.
Crucially,
they have been building other PMCs,
private military companies,
to rival Wagner.
Now, if I'm some horrible thug
that's got out of prison
on the promise that, you know,
do a year and you might get pardoned
if you join Wagner.
And I'm paid \$50 a day.
And a new PMC says,
well, actually, we'll give you \$75 a day.
Probably funded by the Kremlin.
What is this horrible thug
going to do?
There are those with loyalty to Bregosian,
but there's also loyalty to the dollar.
So I think it's probably finished.
Now, there may be some minor incidents,
reactions to this by loyalists.
There are two schools of thought.
One is that this will fuel an uprising
against Putin.
And the other is that he is clamping down
even more on any potential for dissent.
And I take that latter camp.
And when you say an uprising,
an uprising by the loyalists to Bregosian,
or are there others as well
who the Wagner group could rely on?
Ah, rely on.
Good phrase theology there, John.
Perhaps they thought they could rely on them,
but if you were a supporter of Bregosian
and you were in the senior echelons of the military,
or if you were in the GRU,

military intelligence,
and there are links between Wagner and the GRU,
at this point,
are you thinking right?
I'm going to take revenge.
Are you going to think right?
I'm going to keep my head down again.
I think it would be the latter.
So if there are to be some incidents,
it would be loyalists.
Theoretically, yes,
they could march on Moscow again,
but it's a very long way from Belarus.
The head of the snake has been cut off.
It looks like the top three in Wagner
were all on that plane,
if the passenger list is correct.
So I don't see why the small pockets
in the top brass
would possibly try to join Wagner at the moment,
seeing that there's what has just happened.
And I'll give you some examples
of the messaging of the Kremlin,
and this goes to your question.
It's about silence.
Yes, they're silent in Safara's words,
but a number of things.
Yesterday was the 23rd of August.
When did the march on Moscow happen?
23rd of June.
Coincidence?
Exactly to the day.
Maybe.
Yesterday was the day that the Kremlin
announced that General Sergei Serovkin
was officially, let's say, retired.
I mean, you may end up on trial.
This is a guy that was suspected,
actually knew about the march on Moscow
on the 23rd of June.
What a coincidence that they announced it the same day?
Another one.
Where was Putin on television live
at the time the plane was falling out of the sky?

While he was out awarding hero Russian medals.
Who did he award a hero of Russian medals to previously?
That would be Boroskin.
Yeah, I think they are speaking.
They're just not saying anything.
Does it mean that Putin's position is now secure in Russia?
Because we speculated, oh, are there forces now
that could rise up against him?
Is he a weakened enfeebled man following the coup attempt?
Again, this would explain the timing.
At the time, I couldn't quite make my mind up.
Is he going to let him live?
Because in the past, people that have crossed him,
he's just sent to them, go away, be very, very quiet,
and I'll let you count most of your money.
And it's held with most of them.
Other people, he's just killed.
So I wasn't sure it was going to be that,
or there is just going to kill him
when he feels the time is right.
Because there was a lot of people in Russia
who may not be Putin fans,
but they don't like people marching on Moscow
and shooting down Russian helicopters.
So there was a lot of people that thought,
hang on a minute, why has he got away with it?
It seems likely now, given it's been eight weeks,
and given that he has systematically been taking Wagner apart,
to the extent probably now feels,
if I move now, I don't think they can do anything.
So is he more secure?
In the short term, yes, I think he is,
because that massive blow to his prestige
and his standing as the man who does things,
and then this guy got away with it.
Well, that, we're now back to,
nobody gets away with it.
Everybody must be frightened.
So when you talk about the Slovaki,
this is the Russian term for the security tapped,
the higher echelons that surround him,
that have backed him, who are all in it together,
I think they stand together
and they will bat away challenges.

In the longer term,
well, there's been a lot of talk about
Goto Ramadung, the Wagner opera,
and actually the number two,
who was probably on the plane,
he named the group Wagner
after Hitler's favorite composer.
This is the guy, I don't know if you've seen his photos,
the number two, this is the guy who has the SS symbol tattooed
each side of his neck.
Such nice guys.
Just to finish the point about Goto Ramadung,
if you've ever seen it, the opera,
at the end, everything goes down in flames.
So long term, Russia is an unstable place.
Short term, I think Putin still has a grip.
Where do you think this leaves
the thing that really matters, which is the war?
I mean, obviously, we've now had the counteroffensive
which has been going on from the Ukrainians for some time.
It's perhaps not been as successful as some had hoped.
Not all the resources committed yet,
but not as successful as some had hoped.
We're 18 months in now.
Where do you think Putin is clearly dug in?
He still seems secure,
despite the general catastrophe it's been in many ways for Russia.
Where does this leave the war?
I wouldn't say stalemate,
but in that terrible war of attrition
which Putin thinks he can win
and certainly thinks he can hold on for another year
and then hopes that Trump gets back into the White House
because Trump will pull the rug from underneath the Ukrainians.
The past is more than eight weeks now,
the much heralded counteroffensive.
The Ukrainians get extremely annoyed
if you say it's faltering or stuttering.
They have made some gains,
but we're talking about sometimes a few thousand meters.
They have,
and I will come back to the question about Wagner,
they have punched through the first line
of the three lines of defences in a few places,

only by a few, sometimes hundreds of yards and in very narrow.
So when you punch through a front line narrowly,
you're always risking being cut off.
So what they're trying to do in the various areas
they've punched through is widen them
and then create a much bigger gap and then pour through it.
It's not happening, but they're trying.
Now, as for Wagner,
well, these three lines of defences,
which by the way were dug by General Sorovkin,
who's now out,
they have held and they've held without,
mostly held, they've held without Wagner
because Wagner disappeared.
So I don't think that it fundamentally now changes
the course of the war.
The course of the war will play out the way it will play out.
Wagner were removed from the front lines weeks ago.
And what about in Africa,
which we've also spoken about with you before,
where Wagner group has been playing such a crucial role
in exercising and furthering Moscow's ambitions?
I remember only half joking months ago with you saying,
you know, you can't rule out one day,
Progosian and Wagner marching on Moscow,
but I will admit I was quite surprised when it actually happened.
Wagner, even if they say they dismantle it,
they'll just take down one boilerplate
and print out another one and stick it up
and just call it something else
because they can't actually do without the PMCs in Africa
because they need the gold that they get out of the countries
in and around the Sahelian region,
which makes its way back to Moscow
to partially pay for the war effort.
The African countries such as Mali
and most recently Niger,
well, they'd be quite happy with another PMC
that Moscow can provide.
So I don't think it fundamentally alters Russia's strategy
in Africa, particularly in the Sahel region
because Wagner is the household name
for a number of reasons.
One, it's got these colorful characters.

B, Progosian, actually,
after being in the shadows for so long,
sort of made himself a core celebrity.
So we all know the name Wagner, Progosian,
but there are other versions of him and of it
quite happily prepared to take on the role
but perhaps keep a bit quieter and not cross Putin.
Tim, it's absolutely fascinating as always.
Thank you so much.
Thank you very much.
Just listening to Tim and thinking about all the
so many conversations we've had
since the start of the war
about given the fact that Russia is involved in this,
this quagmire, I mean, this is, this catastrophe.
I mean, it's Russia's Vietnam
and what it means to him
and when he starts to run out of road.
We thought we were talking about it again
when Progosian took Rostov
and marched on Moscow.
The thing that really strikes me about all this stuff
is the extent to which,
let's be honest,
the Russian state is Putin.
He's been there since 2000.
There basically is no real line anymore
between Putin and the Russian state.
And there is just nothing
that he has weathered and can weather
this constant series of disasters
at this point now
because there is no difference between
the Kremlin and him at this point.
And the brutal force
he is prepared to unleash
to maintain his position
is also absolutely formidable.
And that is why westerners dare not think
of this post-Putin future
because you've got to get from A to B
and it's very hard to see how that happens.
Before we go to the break,
I just want to update you

on a story we covered extensively
on the news agency
and it's about Andrew Malkinson
who spent 17 years in prison
for a rape that he never committed.
We've just heard that there is going to be
an independent inquiry into that
and he was fascinating
when Lewis and I spoke to him on the podcast.
I do recommend you going back
to listen to that episode
of the dignity that he shows
over what happened.
His concern for the original victim
of that rape
and the sense of festering injustice
over the way the criminal justice system
treated him.
This is the news agents.
Welcome back
and before we go
a word or two about news agents USA
because it was a big night
in Milwaukee, Wisconsin last night
and it's going to be a big day today
at the Fulton County Jailhouse
where Donald Trump
is due to have his photo taken
a mugshot will be coming.
But last night's debate
it was all about one man, Donald Trump
but if it was about another man
it was about a guy called Vivek Ramaswamy.
Hold on, hold on.
Listen, listen, listen.
No, wait, hold on, hold on.
I've had enough already tonight
of a guy who sounds like chat GPT
standing up here
and the last person in one of these debates
Brett who stood in the middle of the stage
and said what's a skinny guy
with an odd last name doing up here
was Barack Obama

and I'm afraid we're dealing with the same type
of amateur standing stage tonight.
I mean look, Joe Biden has weakened this country
at home and abroad.
Now is not the time for on-the-job training.
We don't need to bring in a rookie.
We don't need to bring in people without experience.
Listen, now that everybody's gotten their memorized
pre-prepared slogans out of the way
we can actually have a real discussion now.
The reality and the fact of the matter is...
Is that one of yours?
Not really, Mike, actually.
We're just gonna have some fun tonight.
Of course the debate was high, clearly.
Well, in a way it was higher
than it might have been in 2016
when the insults were flying around
about little Marco and lying Ted and low energy Jeb.
So it moved on from that.
But of course, it was the shadow of Donald Trump,
the elephant in the room that wasn't in the room.
No, because he was talking to Tucker Carlson on X,
formerly known as Twitter,
which apparently has already had...
They were saying he's had what, more than 100 million views.
So the Twitter slash X-bods are saying.
Yes, which is not entirely true.
It will shock you to learn.
And there was another subplot of last night as well, of course,
which was Tucker Carlson, X of Fox News,
talking to Donald Trump, who used to love Fox News,
about how Fox News is going down the toilet.
And how they might be trying to kill him.
That was another conspiracy theory
that was also entertained last night.
It was quite a night in American Republican politics.
Well, he's seen what happens progression, of course.
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