

## Venediktov called the most likely successor to Putin

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Well received in the corridors of the Kremlin chief editor of radio station "Echo of Moscow" Alexei Venediktov said that a possible successor of Vladimir Putin as President of Russia is Deputy Chairman of the Russian security Council, Dmitry Medvedev, and "reserve" are kept Director of the foreign intelligence Service Sergei Naryshkin.

He told this in an interview Dmitry Gordon.

Very flattering words in his mouth, was rewarded with Medvedev.

"He is absolutely loyal, devoted person. Putin thinks so. And here ask me who he will choose a successor today, I'd say it's between four people, which includes Dmitry Medvedev at the first position", — said Venediktov.

In his opinion, in addition to Medvedev, the Russian authorities kept "in reserve" Naryshkin. That he is a possible successor to Putin, evidenced by the fact that he is completely out of the reach of criticism.

"Who will allow themselves to criticize the head of intelligence?" — said Venediktov.

Recall that on 1 July in Russia ended with the vote on the amendments to the Constitution, which marked the "reset" of the timing of President Vladimir Putin. Now he can stay in power until 2036.

Earlier, the "FACTS" wrote that in an exclusive interview to our edition senior fellow at the Cato Institute (Washington) Andrei Illarionov, a former adviser to Putin, said that Putin does not control a single state, in that he actively "help" people from the inner circle who share common views on many issues of political, economic, foreign policy agenda, as well as belonging to the "Corporation" community of the FSB, the KGB. At the same time, a well-known businessman Dmitry Potapenko sure that the power in Russia is concentrated ten clans, and Putin is simply the most difficult player.