

Video 4: Viewing Guide

What do each of the speakers say about the role of leaders in building trust? How has the relationship between the United States and Russia been affected by the personalities of Bush, Obama, Putin and Medvedev?

Speaker 1: Yoshiko Herrera

How does she define “trustworthiness” and what is its relationship to trust building between nations?

Speaker 2: Fyodor Lukyanov

Speaker 3: Samuel Charap

What is the “test case” that he references and how might it illuminate the role of leaders in building or damaging trust?

Speaker 4: Dmitry Suslov

He references “objective” and “subjective” explanations for the relationship between President Obama and President Putin. What are these? How does he describe Putin’s perception of American leaders? How does he describe American leaders’ perception of Putin?

After viewing these statements, what do you think are some of the most significant ways that leaders impact U.S.-Russia relations and trust building? What limitations do leaders have in building or damaging trust? What other factors support or mitigate their influence?