

Putin beats up world leaders using judo

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Putin prepares to do Uki otoshi on the President Bush

Man of the Year Vladimir Putin has made a series of judo instructional films. The Russian leader is a seventh dan black belt international master and already owns several judo schools in and around Moscow. In the instructional films, Putin is shown sparring with leaders of smaller, weaker countries, and knocking the bejesus out of them.

"This is how to do Tani otoshi", Putin says, as he tosses President of neighboring Uzbekistan Islom Karimov to the ground. Ignoring pleas for mercy from the leaders of Ukraine, Georgia and other former Soviet republics, Putin proceeds to throw each of them to the ground in an orgy of bone-crunching madness, perfectly synchronized to the Russian national anthem, Gosudarstvenny Gimn Rossiyskoy Federatsii. He occasionally gives instructions, with phrases like "When they won't pay for your oil, it's time for Harai goshi" or "When you've run out of poison, try Seoi nage".

Western leaders have expressed concern at the political message which the instructional films convey, namely that Russia is prepared to use force to bring its enemies to their knees. However, a spokesman at the Kremlin denied any such intent, saying:

"We are all friends here. Russia will gladly share these judo videos with the international community for a small fee. Except for Britain, whose consular staff has until noon to leave the country."