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Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) said early Sunday that any attempt by Russia to meddle in the United States presidential election would be "a form of warfare."

"This should be not only about protecting us going forward, but this is a form of warfare," McCaskill told ABC's "This Week."

McCaskill was responding to recent reports that that CIA concluded Russia tried to interfere in the presidential election to help Donald Trump win.

"For him to be trying to impact our election, he has to be held accountable," she added, calling Russian President Vladimir Putin a "thug."

The Obama administration in October formally accused Russia of trying to meddle in the election. A recent report in The Washington Post says the CIA found that Russia was trying to help elect Trump.

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