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 **FIONA HILL:
MISLEADS ON
REPUBLICANS AND
RUSSIAN ELECTION
MEDDLING**

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The editorial on November 26 took aim at republicans – “Unite to fight back vs. disinformation.” It showcased the testimony of Fiona Hill, a National Security Council expert on Russia. She had testified at the House hearings on impeaching Donald Trump. Here’s a statement she made: “.....some of you on this committee appear to believe that Russia and its security services did not conduct a campaign against our country – and.....Ukraine did.....This is a fictional narrative.....” The editorial hung its hat on that statement to promote the fiction that Republicans were denying Russian election meddling.

Ms. Hill was addressing the Republicans and perhaps naively, or maybe on purpose, omitted something very important. The Republican ranking member, Congressman Kevin Nunes called her out on this. He stated: “I’d also like to take a quick moment on an assertion that Ms. Hill made.....in which she claimed that some Republican committee members denied that Russia meddled in the 2016 election.....Republicans published a 240 page report analyzed the 2016 Russian meddling campaign.....Democrats refused to sign on to the Republican report.....”

The Republicans believe more than one country, including Russia, meddled in the election. Whether you agree with the Republicans or not, it was misleading to promote inferences from your editorial that Republicans were denying the important reality that Russia made serious attempts to interfere in the 2016 presidential election.