

Russian Journalist Found Guilty Over 'Mind-Controlling' Orwell Reference

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A journalist in Siberia has been found guilty over a reference he made to George Orwell's dystopian novel "1984," marking a milestone in Russia's legal system.

Mikhail Romanov was detained earlier this month over an article on the alleged [torture](#) of an academic that contained a reference to the famous phrase "Big Brother is watching."

A Yakutsk city court has fined Romanov 30,000 rubles (\$475) for violating a Russian law criminalizing the distribution of "obviously unreliable socially significant information" that poses a threat to the public, Interfax [reported](#) on Thursday.