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SINCE being picked by Vladimir Putin as his successor, Dmitry Medvedev has been lavished with media attention. In the run-up to the presidential election on Sunday March 2nd, Mr Medvedev has been mentioned over six times more often than his three rivals in 1,000 different news sources, according to figures from SCAN, a media database owned by Interfax. Mr Medvedev's high profile could be attributed partly to his job as chairman of the state-owned gas monopoly, Gazprom. And handily, Gazprom is a major stakeholder in some of Russia's biggest media sources, including the only terrestrial television channel.

Russian presidential candidates Number of mentions in Russian media, '000 2008 Dimite Vladimir Gennady Tell Editor Zhirinovsky Zyuganov 4.0 3.0 1.5 -1.0 0.5 Jan 151-Jan 216 Jan 23rd-Februari-Feb 14th-Feb 27th Feb 2nd leb 13 h Jan 11th Jan 22nd Source: SCAN

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