

Sanders Blames Clinton for Not Informing People About Russian Meddling: 'They Had More Information About This Than We Did'

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Sen. Bernie Sanders (I., Vt.) said Wednesday that he did not know at the time that Russian trolls promoted his 2016 presidential campaign and wondered why Hillary Clinton's team did not do more to tell voters about the extent of Russia's election interference.

In addition to their well-known efforts to boost Donald Trump, Russian trolls supported Sanders' pre-primary campaign, when he mounted a surprisingly strong but ultimately unsuccessful challenge to Trump, according to special counsel Robert Mueller's indictment from last week.

Mueller's team indicted 13 Russian nationals and three companies for interfering in U.S. elections from 2013 to 2016.

In an interview on Vermont Public Radio, Sanders took issue with a listener's question that made it sound like he knew about Russian bots promoting his candidacy at the time he was running.

"If he was aware that Russians were trying to promote him and divide Democrats against Mrs. Clinton, did he not communicate this to his supporters?" the listener asked Sanders.