**Explanatory File**

*Quantitative evidence*

The collection of the quantitative evidence for this article was fairly straight-forward, as it involved collecting percentages of men and women in various political institutions (there are no “out” transgendered politicians in Russia). The data for Figure 1 compiled in an Excel File in the separate Data Appendix. The top worksheet provides the summary of all the data, while there are separate worksheets for each institution (except for the dual executive: during the time period, Putin was president, Medvedev was prime minister, both men). I included the formal institutions as well as the paraconstitutional institutions identified as important by most observers of Russia. Note that key elites serve in different institutions, some even serving ex-officio, such as supergovernors as part of the presidential administration. I counted them in all their roles, as their overlapping roles suggests them more power.

*Interviews*

Details on my methods and interviews are included in the text as well as notes (specifically note: 76). Other than activists, journalists, and politicians who speak publicly and agreed to the use of their name, I have kept the names my interviewees anonymous in order to protect them. More information is available upon request to Johnson@brooklyn.cuny.edu.