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In today's [#vatniksoup](#) I'll introduce a Latvian politician and MEP, Tatjana Ždanoka. She's best-known for her history in the Communist Party of Latvia, for her pro-Russian politics in the country, and for her strong and constant support of Russia in the European Parliament.

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Based on Ždanoka's speeches and social media posts, she has a deep hatred towards the Latvian-speaking population of Latvia. The reason for this can only be speculated, but part of it could be due to her paternal family being killed by the...

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... Latvian Auxiliary Police, a paramilitary force supported by the Nazis, during the early 1940s. She became politically active in the late 80s. She was one of the leaders of the Interfront, a political party that supported Latvia remaining part of USSR.

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Between 1971 and 1991 she was also a member of the Communist Party of Latvia, later stating that "she wasn't part of the party hierarchy". In 1999, Ždanoka was banned from being part of the Latvian parliament Saeima and deprived of her position at the Riga City Council.

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It turned out, that she had participated in the Communist Party's Audit Committee after it had called for a coup against the Latvian government in 1991. Because of this ban, her only option to have influence through politics was the European Parliament (EP), ...

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AFTER THE COUP

AFTER THE COUP; Latvians Outlast Communist Party and Seek Arrest of Its Leader for Backing the Coup

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...in which she was elected for the first time in 2004 and many times since.

Since the communist times of the USSR, she's fully committed to supporting the Russkiy Mir. Like most Russians, she's said that she was "ashamed to admit" to being Russian during the Yeltsin era,..6/18



..but "was no longer embarrassed for Russia and its leadership" after Putin took over. In 2014 she traveled to Crimea to act as "international observer" on the Crimean referendum. The trip was paid for by the EU. Edgars Rinkēvičs, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Latvia,..7/18

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.. pointed out that "Ždanoka did not to represent Latvia nor the EU" as she didn't have official authorization from either. In 2020 she was included in the European Platform for Democratic Elections database as "biased observer".

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TATJANA ŽDANOKA
Versions of names: Татьяна Александровна Жданок
LATVIA

Political activity
Tatjana Ždanoka is a member of European Parliament from Latvia who co-chairs the Latvian Russian Union. She has been attempting to discredit Latvia for its integration policies towards the Russian-speaking minority and promoting Russian interpretations of contemporary history. Thus, in 2019, State Security Service launched a criminal procedure over incitement to ethnic hatred for Ždanoka's comparison of Russian speakers in Latvia to Jews prior the WW II.

MISSIONS

Individual observers at the 2018 Russian presidential election

Political affiliation at time of mission: identified
Party's name: Latvijas Krievu savienība / Latvian Russian Union
Official function at time of mission: Member of the EU-Parliament from Latvia

Quotes regarding this election

"Были отмечены «определенные недостатки», но «их очень мало»."

Source link & date: <https://rossaprimavera.ru/news/7e14c43f> (2018-03-18)

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Read more about this mission here:

- [Politically Biased Foreign Electoral Observation at the Russian 2018 Presidential Election.pdf](#)
- [Политически предвзятое международное наблюдение за выборами на президентских выборах в России в 2018 году \(глава 3\).pdf](#)


At the same time she was also actively promoting the idea that the Russian minorities are being repressed in Donbas, and also tried to make a connection between the oppressors and far-right politics. Many of her speeches at the EP are also about the repression...

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Debates

Wednesday, 14 September 2022 - Strasbourg Revised editi

► **Situation of fundamental rights in the EU in 2020 and 2021 (debate)**



► **Tatjana Ždanoka (NI).** – Mr President, as usual, when speaking about the situation on fundamental rights in the EU, we avoid to name concrete Member States – it's the difference with a similar report on non-EU.

I'll try to fill in a bit the gap but not with the example of Hungary. When we are concerned about the schooling of children from minority backgrounds, we have to mention three Baltic States, especially my country, in Latvia, erasing all minority languages from the schooling system and public sphere.


When we speak about politically motivated arrests, we have to mention three Baltic States again. In what concerns the fight against certain forms of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law in order to combat pre-existing Afrophobia, anti-Gypsyism, anti-Semitism and Islamophobia, we certainly have to add Russophobia. The president of Latvia has recently declared that the part of our citizens, mostly Russians, must be isolated by reason of their opinions and beliefs. Mr Reynders, is that not a hate speech to be punished, as you promised?

...of the Russian language both in Ukraine and in the Baltic countries. She has compared the situation of Russian-speaking population of Latvia to Jews prior to WW2, and has spoken about this alleged repression many times in the European Parliament.

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Debates
Thursday, 27 February 2014 - Strasbourg Revised edit

► [Situation in Ukraine \(RCB7-0219/2014, B7-0219/2014, B7-0220/2014, B7-0221/2014, B7-0222/2014, B7-0223/2014, B7-0224/2014\)](#)

 **Tatjana Ždanoka (Verts/ALE)**. - Mr President, I voted against this resolution, as the description and assessment of recent events in Ukraine are made superficially and given a unilateral interpretation in this text. The resolution contains many impracticable appeals. For example, there is a call to the Ukrainian Parliament and the incoming government to respect the rights of minorities in the country and the use of Russian and other minority languages, but who will realise this request? Mr Yatsenyuk is a candidate for the post of Prime Minister; I would like to remind you that only in 2012 he was the leader of protest actions against the newly adopted and highly compromised law on regional languages. I won't even mention the representatives of the radical nationalist Svoboda Party. I was extremely surprised at the statement made yesterday by Commissioner Füle that Oleh Tyahnybok is a big democrat. From where did he draw this conclusion?

In 2016 she paid a visit to Syria's totalitarian leader Bashar al-Assad. On her trip, she was joined by Estonian politician and MEP Yana Toom, as well as Spanish MEP Javier Couso Permuy.

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In recent years, Ždanoka has been collaborating closely with two Irish MEP's, Mick Wallace and Clare Daly. In Jun, 2022, they organized a visit in Strasbourg for "like-minded schoolchildren" where the kids could ask loaded questions from all three.

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Tatjana Ždanoka · 7. heinäkuu 2022 · 🌐

ЛАТВИЙСКИЕ ШКОЛЬНИКИ ПОСЕТИЛИ ЕВРОПАРЛАМЕНТ!

Вчера Более сорока латвийских школьников по моему приглашению посетили пленарную сессию Европейского парламента в Страсбурге. Большинство школьников – победители проводимых нашей партией в этом году конкурсов.

Ребята встретились и пообщались не только со мной, но и с моими коллегами, депутатами от Ирландии Миком Уоллесом и Клэр Дейли.

LATVIAN SCHOOL CHILDREN VISITED THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT!

Yesterday, more than forty Latvian schoolchildren attended the plenary session of the European Parliament in Strasbourg at my invitation. Most of the students are the winners of the contests conducted by our party this year.

The guys met and interacted with not only myself but fellow Irish MPs Mick Wallace and Claire Dailey.

📍 -Pilota kāānāns - Arvivi kāānāns

Ždanoka, Wallace and Daly have all been fervent defenders of convicted Lithuanian spy, Algirdas Paleckis, who was convicted for spying for Russia in 2021. They visited him in prison in Dec, 2022.

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On 16 Feb, 2022, she held a speech at the EP, claiming that other MEP's "pronounced Nazi slogans" at the Parliament, and continued lying about the "genocide in Donbas" and even showed a picture 4-year-old allegedly killed in the shelling.

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While thousands of civilians were killed in Ukraine, Ždanoka's biggest worry was statues: throughout the year 2022, she was very critical of Latvia taking down Soviet-era statues. Most of her speeches in the EP were about this issue, suggesting that "more than 70...

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Jebates
Wednesday, 22 June 2022 - Brussels
Revised edition

One-minute speeches on matters of political importance

Tatjana Ždanoka (NI) – Madam President, colleagues, we are today 22 June, the day Nazi Germany attacked the Soviet Union 91 years ago. In one week they were already in Riga.

I sounded, one month ago, the alarm about the decision of Riga City Council to demolish the monument to the liberators of Riga and Latvia from Nazi occupiers. But last Thursday, the Parliament of Latvia passed the law that provides for the dismantling in the whole territory of Latvia of about 300 of this kind of monuments by 15 November.

I take this decision as a provocation on both the short-term and long-term scales. Society is sharply divided on the issue. According to a recent public opinion poll, only 70% are supporting 'dismantle', while 40% are against and 30% undecided. The demolition of monuments will ban on historical time, and the rest will remain for decades in the memory of generations of children and grandchildren of the soldiers who defeated Nazism. It will split Latvian society further and it's very dangerous.

Jebates
Monday, 21 November 2022 - Strasbourg
Revised edition

One-minute speeches on matters of political importance

Tatjana Ždanoka (NI) – Madam President, during this summer and autumn, more than 70 monuments to the liberators of Latvia from German Nazi occupiers were dismantled, despite the decision of the UN Human Rights Committee urging Latvia to refrain from demolishing monuments to liberators.

I was among those who addressed the committee. It appeared that the land on which one of the monuments was staying belonged to my ancestors, victims of the Holocaust. The fight against monuments of the past continues with the repressions of people living in Latvia nowadays.

After dissolution of the USSR, one third of Latvian residents became so-called 'aliens'. Most of them are local natives. Some are still preserving this status, but some, mostly elderly people, acquired the citizenship of Latvia.

The new retroactive law norm requires annulment of their permanent residence permit in case of weak knowledge of Latvian language. Thousands will soon face being made illegal in their homes in Latvia and, therefore, in the EU. Shame.

Jebates
Monday, 13 March 2023 - Strasbourg
Provisional edition

One-minute speeches on matters of political importance

Tatjana Ždanoka (NI) – Mr President, to my regret, I have continued to speak about political prisoners in my country, Latvia, since the whole of repressions is not stopping. Now, one month ago, it has captured the young student girl, Tatjana Andrejeva. Her guilt is just activities to defend minority schools and to oppose the destruction of the monuments for the liberators of Latvia from Nazi occupiers.

Our state security service has an intention to show its necessity, especially before accepting the new state budget. They managed to receive a doubled budget for their activities with respect to the previous year. I think money has to be spent just for young, talented students like Tatjana to integrate them into society, to give them social lifts, not to repress them.

...monuments to the liberators of Latvia from German Nazi occupiers were dismantled". Her party, Latvian Russian Union, gathered 10 000 signatures for a petition against the demolition of these statues.

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Русский союз Латвии
13. heinäkuu 2022

МЕХАНИЗМ ЗАПУЩЕН: 10 000 ПОДПИСЕЙ ПЕРЕДАНЫ В ЕВРОПАРЛАМЕНТ!

Сегодня наш депутат Европейского парламента Татьяна ЖДАНОК передала в Комитет по петициям более десяти тысяч подписей, которые мы собрали за последний месяц против сноса памятников героям и жертвам Второй мировой войны и кампании русофобии в Латвии.

В ближайшее время наша петиция получит номер и будет передана на рассмотрение вопроса о ее приемлемости. После прохождения этого второго этапа, все желающие поддержать петицию смогут это сделать на сайте самого комитета.

MECHANISM LAUNCHED: 10,000 SIGNATURES TRANSFERED TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT!

Today, our Member of the European Parliament Tatyana Zhdanok handed over to the Petition Committee more than ten thousand signatures that we have collected over the last month against the demolition of monuments to the heroes and victims of the Second World War and the Russophobia campaign in Latvia.

In the near future, our petition will receive a number and will be forwarded for consideration on its acceptability. After this second stage, everyone who wishes to support the petition can do so on the committee's website.

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Ždanoka's voting pattern in the European Parliament has been consistent - out of the 22 votes, she voted 20 times against condemning Russia's actions. Some examples include condemning Russia's invasion of Ukraine in Feb 2022, and naming Russia a sponsor of terrorism.

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Ranking of "pro-Putin" MEPs based on their voting records in 2019-2023

| MEP | Party | Total number of rejected resolutions* | For | Abstained | Against | Didn't vote |
|-----|--|---------------------------------------|-----|-----------|---------|-------------|
| 1 | Tatjana Ždanoka Latvian Russian Union | 20 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 4 |
| 2 | Ivan David Freedom and Direct Democracy | 19 | 0 | 8 | 9 | 2 |
| 3 | Konstantinos Papadakis Communist Party of Greece | 19 | 3 | 1 | 17 | 1 |
| 4 | Lefteris Nikolau-Alavanos Communist Party of Greece | 18 | 3 | 1 | 17 | 1 |
| 5 | Milan Uhrík Republic | 19 | 1 | 7 | 12 | 0 |
| 6 | Sandra Pereira Portuguese Communist Party | 19 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 0 |
| 7 | Maximilian Krah Alternative for Germany | 18 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 6 |
| 8 | Gunnar Beck Alternative for Germany | 18 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 2 |
| 9 | Christine Anderson Alternative for Germany | 18 | 4 | 6 | 11 | 1 |
| 10 | Guido Reil Alternative for Germany | 18 | 4 | 6 | 11 | 1 |
| 11 | Bernhard Zimmnick Alternative for Germany | 18 | 4 | 6 | 11 | 1 |
| 12 | Özlem Demirel The Left | 18 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 5 |
| 13 | Miroslav Radačovský Slovak PATRIOT | 18 | 4 | 2 | 12 | 4 |
| 14 | Manu Pineda Izquierda Unida | 18 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 5 |
| 15 | Hynek Blaško Freedom and Direct Democracy | 17 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 3 |
| 16 | Nicolas Bay Beobachtet | 17 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 1 |
| 17 | Nicolaus Fest Alternative for Germany | 17 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 1 |
| 18 | Joachim Kuhs Alternative for Germany | 17 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 1 |
| 19 | Ivan Vilibor Sinčić Newspaper | 17 | 4 | 13 | 1 | 3 |
| 20 | Marcel de Graaff Party for Freedom | 16 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 |

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Ždanoka votes against naming Russia a sponsor of terrorism

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Latvian Member of the European Parliament (MEP) Tatjana Ždanoka surprised no-one November 23 by voting against a motion designating Russia a state sponsor of terrorism.


The Latvian Human Rights Committee, a group Ždanoka is a member of, has received significant funding from a Russian organization called Fund for the Legal Protection and Support of Russian Federation Compatriots Living Abroad.

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FUND FOR SUPPORT AND RIGHTS PROTECTION OF COMPATRIOTS LIVING ABROAD

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| Registration N | 7704278982 |
| Principle State Registration Number | 111799023330 |
| Founded | Nov. 21, 2011 |
| Current state | registered |
| Under sanctions | Ukraine |
| Registered | Russian Federation |
| Address | 119200, Москва, улица Арбат, 55/52 |

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The so-called Latvian Human Rights Committee, connected to pro-Russian MEP Tatjana Ždanoka, received about €95,000 from the Fund for the Legal Protection and Support of Russian Federation Compatriots Living Abroad last year, reported Latvian Television LTV's investigative news program *De facto* Sunday.

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In today's #vatnik soup we'll travel back to Ireland, and get to know an Irish politician and a MEP, Clare Daly. She strongly aligns herself with another Irish MEP, Mick Wallace. Like Wallace, Daly spends most of her energy appealing Russia and China and criticizing the US.1/11



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