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In today's [#vatniksoup](#), I'll talk about the Trump 2016 presidential campaign, and how it was connected to various Russian actors.

In this retrospect, I'll introduce some of the people who worked in Trump's 2016 campaign for the presidency, outlining their activities.

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After becoming the president of his father's real estate ventures in early 70s, he started expanding its operations aggressively by building hotels, casinos and whatnot. Trump's businesses have been involved in over 4000 legal actions & he's filed for bankruptcy six times.

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While studying in college during the Vietnam War era, Trump deferred draft four times. After his graduation, he was diagnosed with bone spurs, thus avoiding going to the war. This diagnosis was allegedly made by a podiatrist, Dr. Larry Braunstein, who rented his office from...3/23



Donald's father, Fred Trump. Dr. Braunstein's daughters said that they "know it [the diagnosis] was a favor" to Donald's father.

Now, I'm a simple man & have no deep knowledge of legal terms and obstructions or collusion, etc., which is why I will try and explain Russia's..

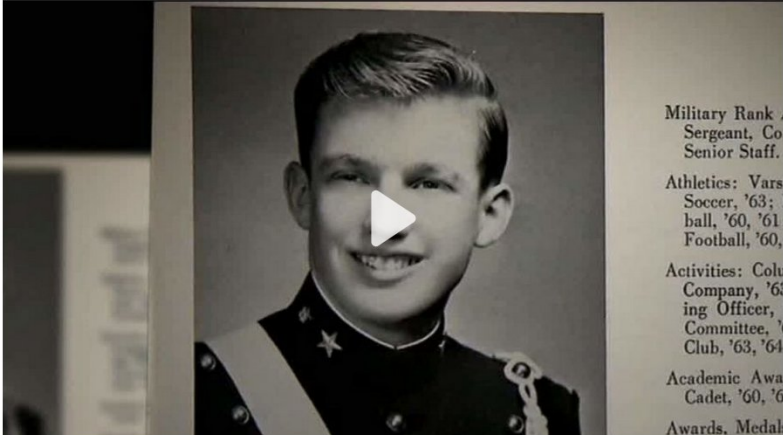
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New York Times: Daughters of foot doctor say he diagnosed Trump with bone spurs as 'favor' to Fred Trump

By Veronica Stracqualursi, CNN
Updated 10:23 PM EST, Wed December 26, 2018

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..interference in the 2016 US election and their connection to Trump through simple examples. This way, you can be the judge if there was any shady collaboration or not. Because the whole process can be confusing, I will share charts visualizing the connections, made by...

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The screenshot shows the FBI's "Most Wanted" page. At the top, the FBI logo is prominent. Below it, a navigation bar lists various categories: Ten Most Wanted Fugitives, Fugitives, Capitol Violence, Terrorism, Kidnappings/Missing Persons, Parental Kidnappings, Crimes Against Children, Murder, Additional Violent Crimes, Cyber, White Collar Crimes, Counterintelligence, CEI, and Human Trafficking. The main heading is "RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE IN 2016 U.S. ELECTIONS" with the sub-heading "CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT AN OFFENSE AGAINST THE UNITED STATES; FALSE REGISTRATION OF A DOMAIN NAME; AGGRAVATED IDENTITY THEFT; MONEY LAUNDERING". To the right, there are social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, and Email, and a "Download Posters" section with options for English and Russian (HA PYCCKOM). The central focus is a "WANTED BY THE FBI" poster for the same case. The poster features a grid of 12 mugshots of the individuals named in the indictment. Below the mugshots is a "DETAILS" section containing the full text of the indictment, which includes names like Alexander V. Ostrovskiy, Dmitriy G. Romanov, and others. At the bottom of the poster, a warning states: "THESE INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS, AN INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT RISK, AND AN ESCAPE RISK. If you have any information concerning these cases, please contact your local FBI office, or the nearest American Embassy or Consulate."

...Erin Aulov and Janet Michaud of [@POLITICOMag](#).

First of all, Trump has had a lot of business interests in Russia. He had undertaken a project to build a Trump skyscraper in Moscow. This idea came to be during his visit to Moscow in 1987, and was later pushed by Felix...

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The Trump Organization Planned To Give Vladimir Putin The \$50 Million Penthouse In Trump Tower Moscow

During the presidential campaign, Michael Cohen discussed the matter with a representative of Putin's press secretary, according to two US sources.

 **Anthony Cormier**
BuzzFeed News Reporter

 **Jason Leopold**
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Posted on November 30, 2018 at 12:53 am

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...Sater, a Russian-born businessman with mob connections. In 2008 he sold a Palm Beach mansion to Russian oligarch, Dmitry Rybolovlev for 95 million USD, while four years prior he only paid 41 million USD for the estate.

Trump "water[ed] down the toughest penalties the...

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U.S. had imposed on Russian entities" after Putin annexed Crimea in 2014. He also supported Russia's return to the G7. In 2017, Trump revealed highly classified information to foreign minister Sergei Lavrov and to the Russian ambassador Sergei Kislyak. US media was not...

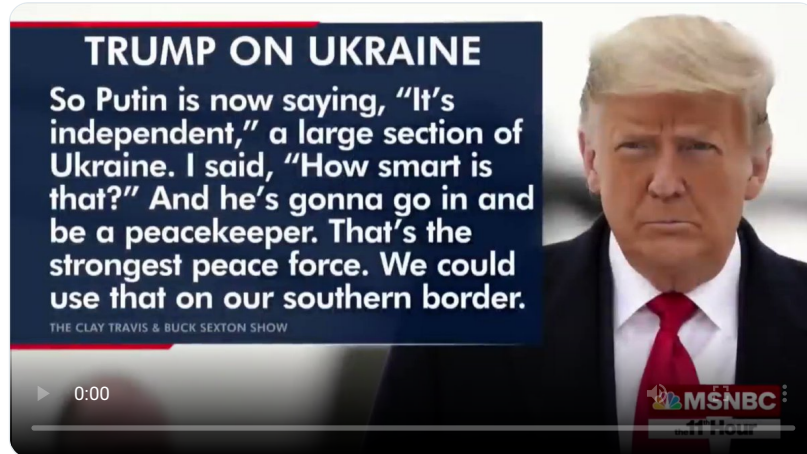
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...allowed in this meeting, but there was a Russian photographer present.

Next, I'll introduce various people who worked on Trump's presidential campaign, and outline their connections to the Russian officials, businessmen, diplomats, intelligence agents, etc.

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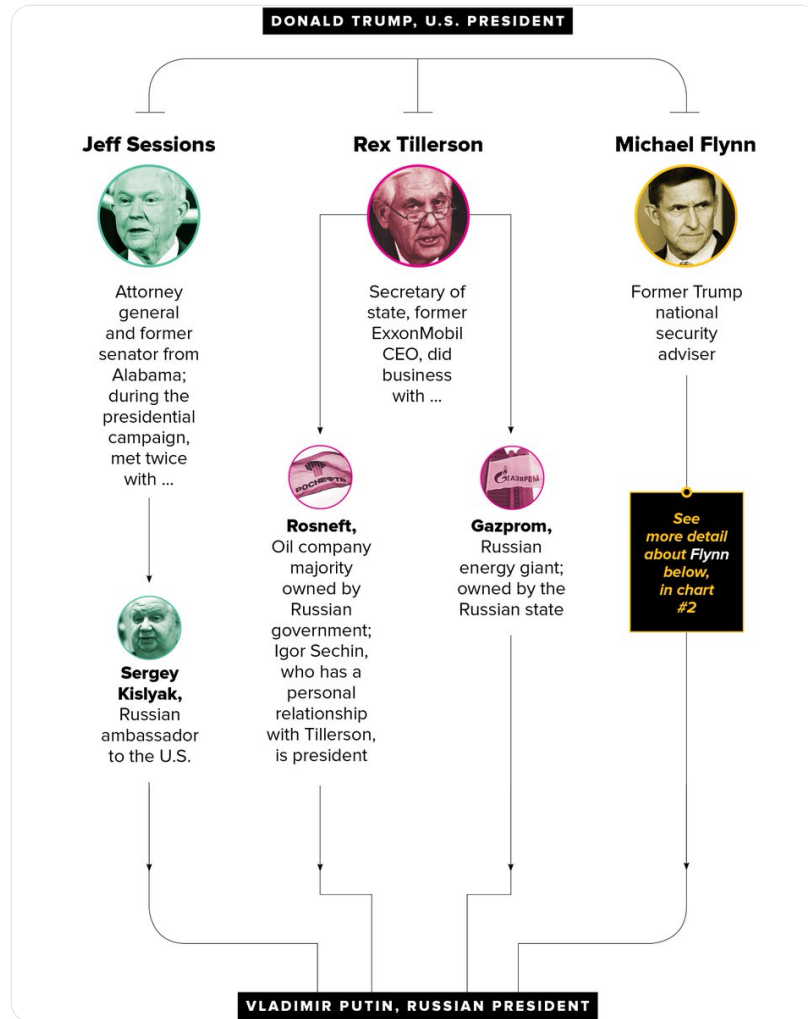
Jeff Sessions, President Trump's Attorney General, had talks with Kislyak during the 2016 election. Sessions denied, under oath, of having any communications with the Russians. He later recused himself from any further investigations on the matter.

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Trump's former Secretary of State, Rex Tillerson, worked on various projects in Russia for two decades & was publicly described as having "very close relationship" with Putin. In 2013, he was awarded with Russia's Order of Friendship, a highest honor available for foreigners.

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Michael Flynn, Trump's former advisor, was a guest at RT party in Moscow in 2015, sitting right next to Putin. He was paid 33 750 USD for his speech at the gala, and "forgot" to report this payment.

Here's my soup on Flynn:

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In today's #vatnik soup I'll introduce an ex-Army man and conspiracy theorist Michael Flynn. His tenure as the National Security Advisor is the shortest in history, as he had misled VP Pence and lied to the FBI about his dealings with the Russians.

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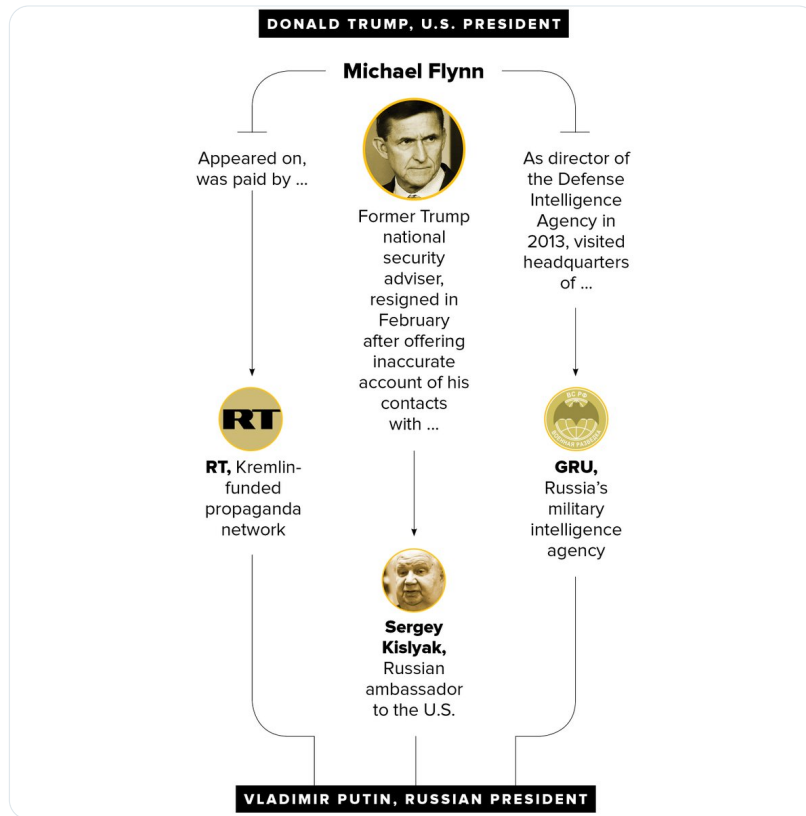
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Carter Page, who worked as a foreign policy advisor in Trump's campaign, had deep ties to Gazprom. The Trump campaign approved his trip to make a speech in Moscow, in which he criticized the US foreign policy. In 2013, Russian agent, Victor Podobnyy, tried to recruit Page.13/23


Trump-Russia investigation

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Carter Page tells Congress of contact with Russian official during 2016 Moscow trip

Former foreign policy adviser to President Donald Trump's campaign said he briefly said hello to Russia's deputy prime minister during visit

Associated Press
Tue 7 Nov 2017 06:29 GMT



Carter Page, a foreign policy adviser to Donald Trump's 2016 presidential campaign, speaks with reporters following a day of questions from the House Intelligence Committee. Photograph: J. Scott Applewhite/AP

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A Former Trump Adviser Met With A Russian Spy

Carter Page told BuzzFeed News that he had been in contact with at least one Russian spy working undercover out of Moscow's UN office in 2013.

All Watkins
BuzzFeed News Reporter

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Another foreign policy advisor, George Papadopoulos, was organizing the dirt campaign on Hillary Clinton. He arranged meetings between the campaign and Russian government officials. He later pleaded guilty to a felony charge of making false statements to FBI agents.

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Former Trump Adviser Admits To Seeking 'Dirt' On Clinton From Russians, Lying To FBI

October 30, 2017 · 11:28 AM ET
By Bill Chappell

George Papadopoulos, who worked for President Trump's campaign as a foreign policy adviser, has pleaded guilty to lying to FBI agents about meeting a professor with Russian ties who had promised to provide "dirt" on Trump's Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton.

Papadopoulos, 30, pleaded guilty on Oct. 5, in an agreement that was unsealed on Monday after Trump's former campaign chairman Paul Manafort was taken into federal custody. Manafort was indicted along with his top deputy, Rick Gates, on charges ranging from conspiracy against the United States to conspiracy to launder money. News of all the charges was

NATIONAL SECURITY
Ex-Trump Campaign Aide Pleads Guilty Over Russia Contacts; Ex-Chair, Aide Charged



Roger Stone, a former advisor to Trump, had backchannel talks with Julian Assange of Wikileaks, and with Guccifer 2.0, the hacker persona believed to be behind the DNC hacks.

Here's my soup on Stone:



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In today's #vatniksoup, I'll introduce an American political consultant and lobbyist, Roger Stone (@RogerJStoneJr). He's best-known for his work as an advisor to Donald Trump & for his alleged connections with Julian Assange and the GRU in relation to the leaked DNC e-mails.
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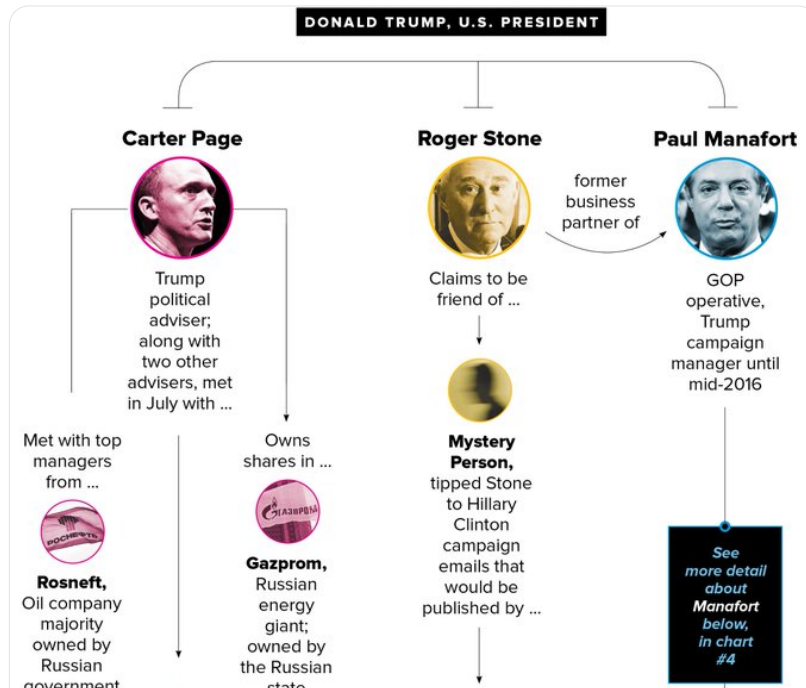
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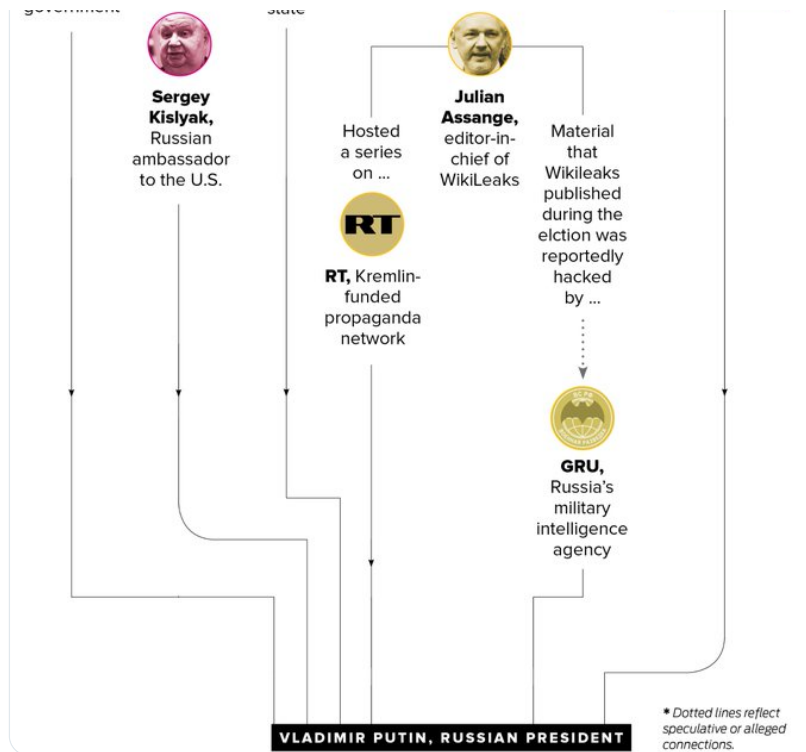


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Paul Manafort, Trump's former campaign manager, had received almost 13 million USD from the former Ukrainian, pro-Russia president, Yanukovich. Already in 2005, he'd made a plan to influence politics and business in the US to benefit Putin. Some soup:

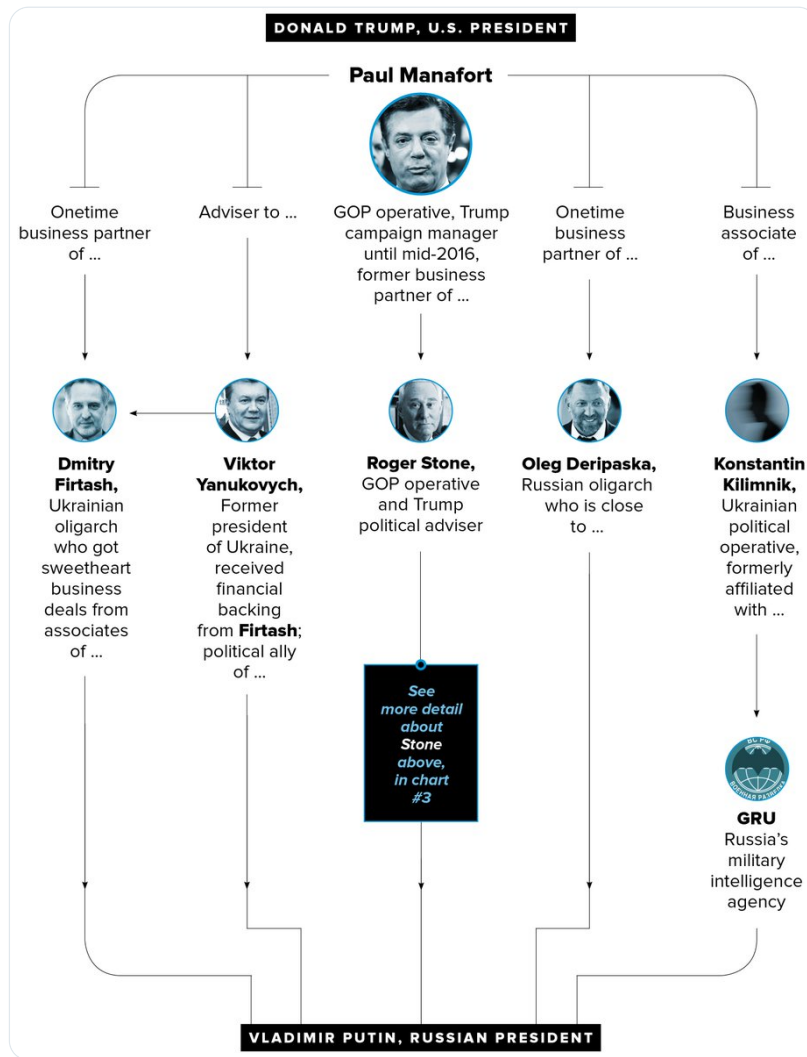
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In today's #vatnik soup, I'll introduce an American lobbyist and political consultant Paul Manafort. Manafort was a long-time Republican Party campaign consultant, but is best known for his connections to Russian oligarch Oleg Deripaska & for leading the 2016 Trump campaign.
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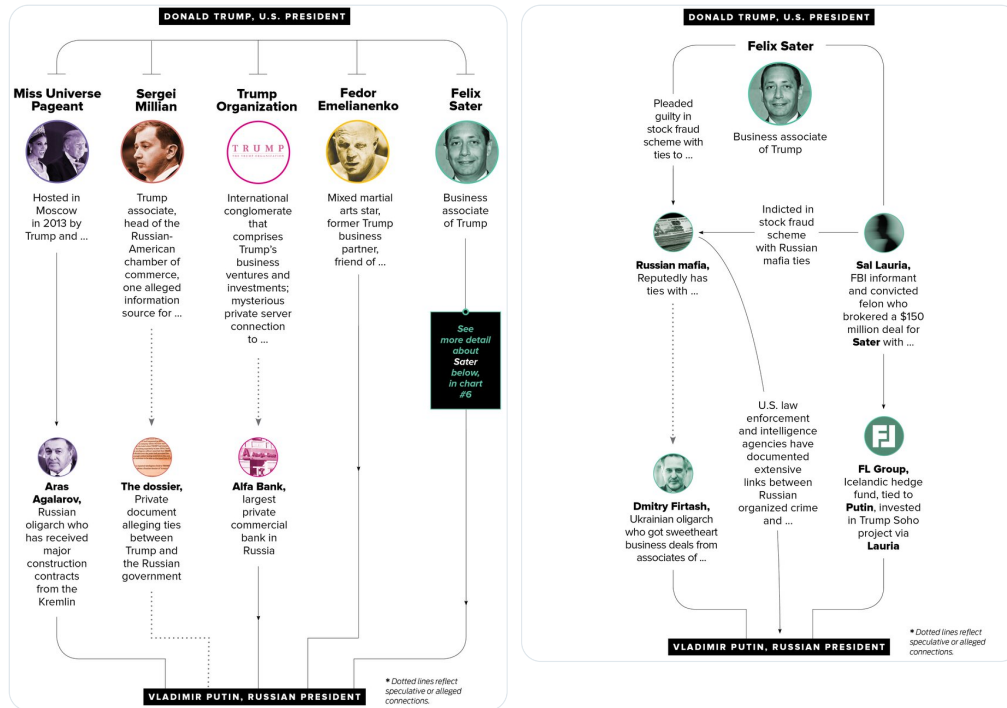
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Former senior advisor to Trump, Felix Sater wrote an e-mail to Trump's lawyer, Michael Cohen, saying that "Our boy can become President of the USA and we can engineer it. I will get all of Putins team to buy in on this, I will manage this process".

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Donald Trump Jr. has stated that his father's businesses "see a lot of money pouring in from Russia". In 2016, Don Jr. met with a group of Russians, looking to get some dirt on Hillary Clinton.

Here's my soup on Don Jr.:

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In today's #vatniksoup, I'll introduce an American politician, conspiracy theorist and businessman, Donald Trump Jr. He's best-known for his dealings with the Russians, and for his work for The Trump Organization and for his father.

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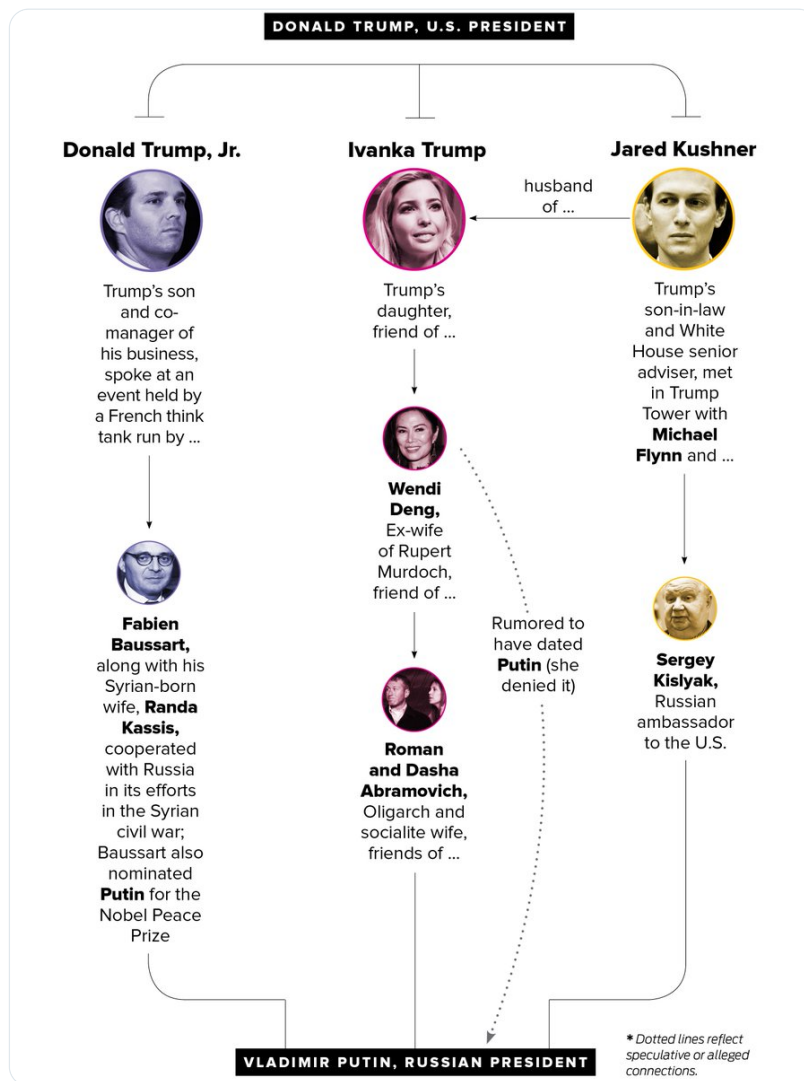
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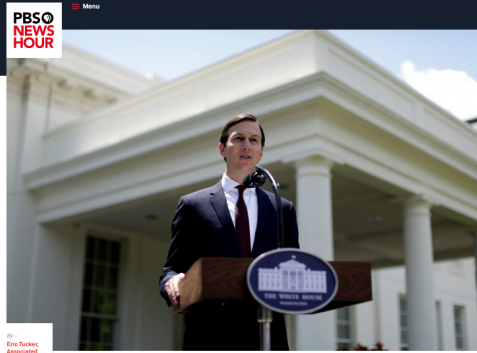
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Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law, met with Kislyak, and at Kislyak's request, later met with Sergey Gorkov, the head of Kremlin-owned bank with close ties to Putin. The bank was put under sanctions after the annexation of Crimea.

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By **Eric Lipton**
Associated Press

What happened in Jared Kushner's 4 meetings with Russians?

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, disclosed in a statement to members of Congress four distinct interactions with Russians during the presidential campaign and transition period. The 11-page statement provides his first detailed account of meetings over the



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Senate committee to question Jared Kushner over meetings with Russians



Jared Kushner, President Donald Trump's son-in-law, will appear before Senate subcommittee members on Tuesday, July 25, to answer questions about his meetings with Russian officials and associates of the White House, according to a statement from the Senate Intelligence Committee. The committee will also question Kushner's former attorney, Michael Cohen, about his interactions with Russian officials and associates of the White House.

Michael Cohen, a former lawyer of Trump's, was pursuing the Trump Tower deal in Moscow while Trump was running for president. He also allegedly met Russian officials in Prague. In 2017, he met with Ukrainian opposition politician to lay out a plan to give Russia more...

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Michael Cohen ends prison term after Trump-related crimes

By **LARRY NEUMEISTER** November 22, 2021



...control over Ukraine and to lift the US sanctions against Russia.

Wilbur Ross, Trump's former Secretary of Commerce, was the biggest shareholder in the Bank of Cyprus, an institution deeply connected to Russian investors and close associates of Putin.

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Wilbur Ross: Accusations that I failed to disclose Russia-linked investments are 'evil'



"There's nothing whatsoever improper about Navigator having a relationship with Sibur," Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said. | J. Scott Applewhite/AP

By LOUIS NELSON

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Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said Monday that there is "nothing whatsoever improper" about the relationship between an international shipping company he holds significant investments in and a Russian energy company whose owners include an oligarch subject to U.S. sanctions and a family member of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

In 2017, Ross was questioned about his connections to other Bank of Cyprus investors, oligarchs Viktor Vekselberg and Vladimir Strzhalkovsky.

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U.S. says associate of Russian oligarch Vekselberg charged over sanctions evasion

By Kanishka Singh and Katharine Jackson

WASHINGTON, Feb 7 (Reuters) - U.S. prosecutors charged a Russian citizen who was also a U.S. resident with facilitating a sanctions evasion and money laundering scheme in relation to billionaire Russian oligarch Viktor Vekselberg, in an indictment unsealed in federal court **on Tuesday**, the Justice Department said.

Vladimir Voronchenko, 70, of Moscow, was accused of participating in a scheme to make payments totaling over \$4 million to maintain four U.S. properties that were owned by Vekselberg, the Justice Department said in a statement.

Voronchenko, who resided at various times in New York, Florida, and Russia, held himself out as a successful businessman, art collector, art dealer, and close friend and business associate of Vekselberg, according to allegations in the indictment.

Washington imposed sanctions on Vekselberg **in 2018** over alleged Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. election, and **in 2022** over his ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin after Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The Kremlin denies interfering in the election and calls its actions in Ukraine a "special military operation."

Last month, the U.S. government said it **charged two businessmen**, one Russian and one British, with facilitating a sanctions evasion and money laundering scheme in relation to a **\$90 million yacht** of Vekselberg.

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Russian oligarch Strzhalkovsky's super yacht stuck in Norway

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Vladimir Strzhalkovsky, right, is a former KGB agent and has close ties to the Russian president

A super yacht owned by a Russian oligarch is stuck in a Norwegian port because no-one will sell it fuel.

Trump pardoned five people who were convicted as a result of investigations on the Russian interference in the 2016 US elections, including Michael Flynn, Roger Stone and Paul Manafort.

So, what do you think, collusion or no collusion?

Source:

All of Trump's Ties to Russia, in 7 Charts

A visual guide to the many links between Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin's Russia.

<https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2017/03/connections-trump-putin-russia-ties-c...>

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Trump pardons former campaign chairman Manafort, associate Roger Stone

By Steve Holland

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PALM BEACH, Fla. (Reuters) - U.S. President Donald Trump on Wednesday granted pardons to former campaign chairman Paul Manafort and former adviser Roger Stone, sweeping away the most important convictions under the long-running Russia election probe.



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U.S. President Donald Trump has

Trump also issued a pardon for Charles Kushner, a real estate developer and the father of Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner.

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In today's #vatnik soup, I'll talk about Russiagate and the Russian interference in the 2016 US elections. Twitter Files by @mtaibbi and The Grayzone blogger @aaronjmate have often suggested that the Russians had no effect on the election, which simply isn't true.

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RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE IN 2016 U.S. ELECTIONS

DETAILS

On July 13, 2018, a federal grand jury sitting in the District of Columbia returned an indictment against 12 Russian military intelligence officers for their alleged roles in interfering with the 2016 United States (U.S.) elections. The indictment charges 11 defendants, Boris Alekseyevich Antonov, Dmitriy Sergeyeovich Badin, Nikolay Yuryevich Kozachek, Aleksey Viktorovich Lukashov, Artem Andreyevich Malyshev, Sergey Aleksandrovich Morgachev, Aleksandr Vladimirovich Osadchuk, Aleksey Aleksandrovich Potemkin, Ivan Sergeyeovich Yermakov, Pavel Vyacheslavovich Yershov, and Viktor Borisovich Netyksho, with a computer hacking conspiracy involving gaining unauthorized access into the computers of U.S. persons and entities involved in the 2016 U.S. presidential election, stealing documents from those computers, and staging releases of the stolen documents to interfere with the 2016 U.S. presidential election. The indictment also charges these defendants with aggravated identity theft, false registration of a domain name, and conspiracy to commit money laundering. Two defendants.

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In today's #vatnik soup, I'll introduce a Ukrainian businessman, Dmytro Firtash. He's best known for funneling money into the pro-Russian political campaigns in Ukraine. He's also been connected to the Russian Mafia boss Semion Mogilevich.

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In today's #vatnik soup I'll introduce a Russian oligarch, Oleg Deripaska. He was one of the few people who had close ties to Putin, and he's been described as "Putin's favorite industrialist". Deripaska used to be "among the 2-3 oligarchs Putin turns to on a regular basis".
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