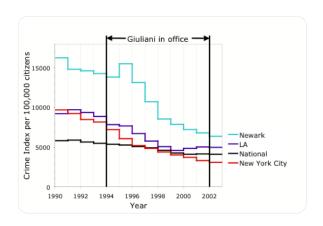


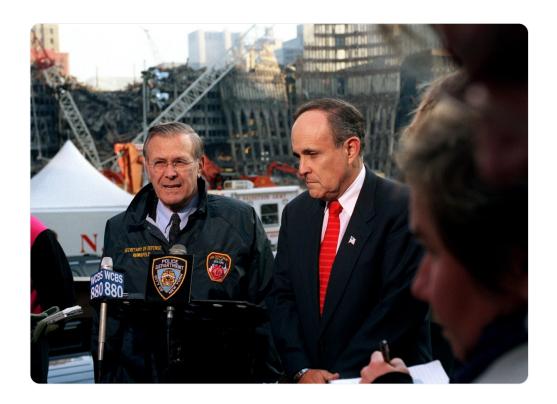
In today's #vatniksoup, I'll introduce an American politician and disbarred lawyer, Rudy Giuliani (@RudyGiuliani). He's best-known for meddling with the pro-Kremlin forces in Ukraine, and for organizing the infamous Four Seasons Landscaping press conference.

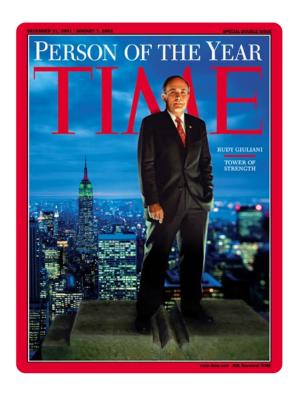
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Giuliani rose to fame as the mayor of NYC between 1994 and 2001. He adopted an aggressive enforcement strategy and organized crackdowns on relatively minor offenses like graffiti and cannabis possession. His role in the 9/11 aftermath made him a global superstar.







This fame gave Rudy new opportunities, and in 2006 he was invited to the bi-partisan Iraq Study Group (ISG), a group that assessed the situation in Iraq. He was soon kicked out of the group due to being more interested in making money by public speaking gigs.

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Rudy missing in action for Iraq panel Giuliani's campaign fundraising kept him from commitment to panel studying Iraq.

BY CRAIG GORDON

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June 18, 2007, 11:41 PM EDT

WASHINGTON -- Rudolph Giuliani's membership on an elite Iraq study panel came to an abrupt end last spring after he failed to show up for a single official meeting of the group, causing the panel's top Republican to give him a stark choice: either attend the meetings or quit, several sources said.

Giuliani left the Iraq Study Group last May after just two months, walking away from a chance to make up for his lack of foreign policy credentials on the top issue in the 2008 race, the Iraq war.

He cited "previous time commitments" in a letter explaining his decision to quit, and a look at his schedule suggests why -- the sessions at times conflicted with Giuliani's lucrative speaking tour that garnered him \$11.4 million in 14 months.

Rudy ran for president in 2008, but his campaign was ruined by corruption accusations, extramarital affairs, and Rudy's previous endorsement of criminals like Bernard Kerik, who later plead guilty to tax fraud (and was pardoned by Donald Trump).

POLITICO

Giuliani billed obscure agencies for trips



Giuliani and Nathan were seeing each other in 2001, the period when the bills were incurred.

By BEN SMITH 11/28/2007 02:47 PM EST

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As New York mayor, Rudy Giuliani billed obscure city agencies for tens of thousands of dollars in security expenses amassed during the time when he was beginning an extramarital relationship with future wife Judith Nathan in the Hamptons, according to previously undisclosed government records.

The documents, obtained by Politico under New York's Freedom of Information Law, show that the mayoral costs had nothing to do with the functions of the little-known city offices that defrayed his tabs, including agencies responsible for regulating loft apartments, aiding the disabled and providing lawyers for indigent defendants.

The New York Times

Kerik Confesses to Cheating I.R.S. and Telling Lies



By Sam Dolnick

Nov. 5, 2009

See how this article appeared when it was originally published on NYTimes.com.

WHITE PLAINS Bernard B. Kerik, a former detective who rose to lead the New York Police Department through the 9/11 attack before his career crumbled in scandal, <u>pleaded guilty</u> Thursday to eight charges including tax fraud and lying to White House officials.



After Rudy's popularity had declined drastically, he ended up Donald Trump's advisor and personal lawyer. His first tasks were defending Trump against allegations of racism, sexual harassment, and not paying federal income tax for two decades.

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In a telephone interview, Mr. Giuliani acknowledged that a large segment of people who have worked with him over the last three decades have recoiled from Mr. Trump's candidacy. Among other things, his former aides have expressed concerns about Mr. Trump's questioning of the impartiality of a judge because of his Mexican heritage, and belittling the Muslim parents of a slain Army officer.

"They don't know him as well as I do," Mr. Giuliani said, adding, "There's not a racist bone in his body."

The real Donald Trump, he said, "is a guy without these prejudices."

Tapper pressed Giuliani on Trump's claim – in the video from a 2005 "Access Hollywood" interview published Friday by The Washington Post – that because he is a star, he could walk up to women and "grab them by the pussy," asking who Trump did that to.

"First of all, I don't know that he did it to anyone. This is talk, and gosh almighty, he who hasn't sinned, throw the first stone here," Giuliani said.

On Sunday, Mr. Trump's advisers sought to play down questions about the tax returns.

"The man's a genius," Rudolph W. Giuliani, a former New York mayor and a close adviser to Mr. Trump, said on Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union." "He knows how to operate the tax code for the people that he's serving."

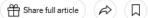
In this case, Mr. Giuliani added, Mr. Trump had simply acted as any responsible American businessman would to save money for his enterprises. Mr. Trump's investors, he added, could have brought legal action against Mr. Trump had he not taken advantage of the tax law's provisions to avoid taxation.

Trump wanted to repay Rudy's obedience, and at some point he was believed to be picked for secretary of state in Trump's administration. This never happened, but Trump named Rudy as his "informal cybersecurity adviser" in Jan 2017. Two weeks after the appointment...

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The New York Times

Rudolph Giuliani's Business Ties Viewed as Red Flag for Secretary of State Job









Rudolph W. Giuliani spoke at The Wall Street Journal's C.E.O. Council in Washington on Monday. Al Drago/The New York Times

By Mark Landler, Eric Lipton and Jo Becker

Nov. 15, 2016



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Trump names Rudy Giuliani as cybersecurity adviser



Former New York mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani reacts to his appointment by President-elect Donald Trump as an informal cybersecurity adviser. (Video: The Washington Post)



By Abby Phillip

January 12, 2017 at 10:14 a.m. EST

 \dots Hackerman Giuliani showed his computing skills when he had to consult Apple Store experts after he "was locked out of his iPhone because he had forgotten the passcode and entered the wrong one at least 10 times."



In 2018, after Mueller started investigating Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. elections, Rudy was added to Trump's legal team.

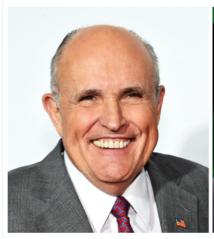
He also worked on the so-called hush money case, in which Trump's team tried to hide the fact that he had slept with pornstar Stormy Daniels.

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Giuliani joins Trump legal team

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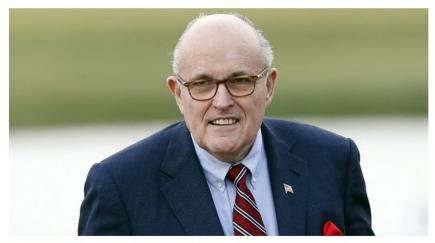
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Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani is joining the legal team representing President Trump in the Russia investigation.

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Giuliani: Trump repaid Cohen \$130,000 for Stormy Daniels hush agreement



Rudy Giuliani (pictured) said that President Donald Trump "didn't know about the specifics about it, as far as I know. But he did know about the general arrangements." | Carolyn Kaster/AP Photo

By REBECCA MORIN, MICHAEL CROWLEY and JOSH GERSTEIN 05/02/2018 10:21 PM EDT Updated: 05/03/2018 12:44 AM EDT









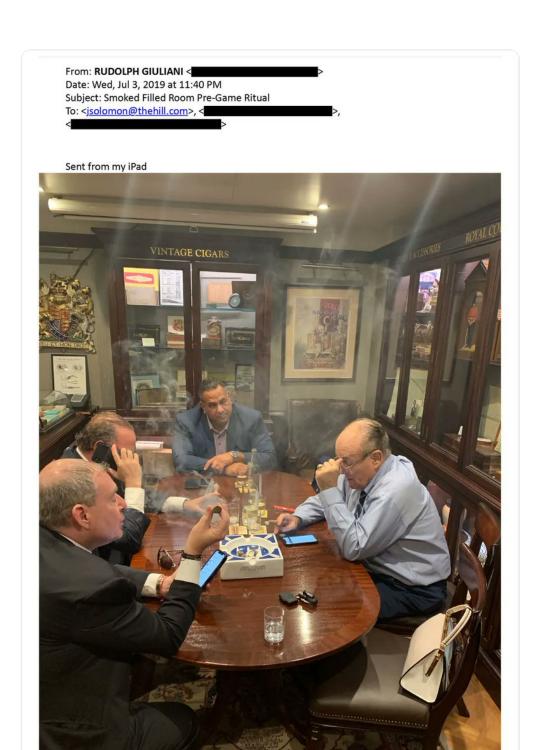
Rudy Giuliani said on Wednesday evening that President Donald Trump reimbursed his personal lawyer Michael Cohen for a \$130,000 payment Cohen had made to the porn actress Stormy Daniels, contradicting the president's account of what he knew of the arrangement to keep her silent about an affair she says she had with Trump.

During 2018, after Paul Manafort's conviction over his shady deals in Ukraine, Giuliani quickly became the most Ukraine-connected person of the Trump team. He had travelled and met with pro-Kremlin figures in Russia, Armenia and Ukraine on many occasions.



Rudy started working with two shady businessmen, Lev Parnas and Igor Fruman. They tried to find dirt on Joe Biden's son, Hunter, who had played a role on the board of Ukrainian energy company Burisma.

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Parnas later asked Trump to recall the Ambassador of Ukraine, Marie Yovanovitch, and Trump complied. Yovanovitch had been a vocal opponent of corruption in Ukraine, and apparently that was bad for business. Two months later Trump had a call with President Zelenskyy...

The New Hork Times

6 Revelatory Moments From the Video of Trump's Private Donor Dinner

The video of the 2018 event made headlines for capturing conversations now tied to the impeachment inquiry. But it also showed remarkable exchanges that weren't about Ukraine.









At a 2018 dinner with donors, President Trump discussed a variety of topics, including golf, trade and politics. Igor Fruman/Joseph A. Bondy

By Aimee Ortiz, Michael Levenson and Mihir Zaveri Jan. 26, 2020

Lev Parnas: (41:58)

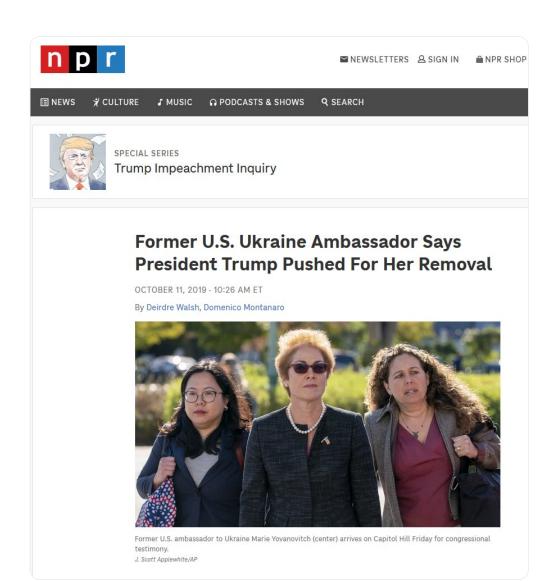
Exactly. A lot of the European countries they're backstabbing us basically and dealing with Russia. That's why you're having such difficulty. I think if you take a look, the biggest problem there I think where you need to start is, we've got to get rid of the ambassador. She's still left over from the Clinton administration.

Donald Trump: (42:14)

Where? The ambassador where? Ukraine?

Lev Parnas: (42:15)

Yeah. She's basically walking around telling everybody, "Wait, he's going to get impeached. Just wait."



... asking again for a "favor" and to start investigations on Hunter Biden, urging him to meet with Giuliani. After Zelenskyy refused, Trump blocked payment of a mandated 400 million USD military aid package to Ukraine. In Dec 2019, Giuliani flew to Ukraine to meet with...



because our country has been through a lot and Ukraine knows a lot about it. I would like you to find out what happened with this whole situation with Ukraine, they say Crowdstrike... I guess you have one of your wealthy people... The server, they say Ukraine has it. There are a lot of things that went on, the whole situation. I think you're surrounding yourself with some of the same people. I would like to have the Attorney General call you or your people and I would like you to get to the



... Yanukovych-ally and KGB trainee Andrii Derkach, who has been the most active Russian asset in spreading Biden-related disinformation to media organizations and US officials. Derkach was sanctioned by the US Treasury in 2020 for his efforts to influence US elections.

Treasury Sanctions Russia-Linked Election Interference Actors

September 10, 2020

Washington – Today, the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) designated four Russia-linked individuals for attempting to influence the U.S. electoral process. Russia uses a variety of proxies to attempt to sow discord between political parties and drive internal divisions to influence voters as part of Moscow's broader efforts to undermine democratic countries and institutions. In the United States, Russia has used a wide range of influence methods and actors to target our electoral process, including targeting U.S. presidential candidates.

Treasury designated **Andrii Derkach (Derkach)** pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13848 for his efforts to influence the 2020 U.S. presidential election. Derkach, a Member of the Ukrainian Parliament, has been an active Russian agent for over a decade, maintaining close connections with the Russian Intelligence Services. Derkach has directly or indirectly engaged in, sponsored, concealed, or otherwise been complicit in foreign interference in an attempt to undermine the upcoming 2020 U.S. presidential election. Today's designation of Derkach is focused on exposing Russian malign influence campaigns and protecting our upcoming elections from foreign interference. This action is a clear signal to Moscow and its proxies that this activity will not be tolerated. The Administration is working across the U.S. Government, and with state, local, and private sector partners, to make the 2020 election secure.

"Andrii Derkach and other Russian agents employ manipulation and deceit to attempt to influence elections in the United States and elsewhere around the world," said Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin. "The United States will continue to use all the tools at its disposal to counter these Russian disinformation campaigns and uphold the integrity of our election system."

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Active Russian Agent Andrii Derkach Indicted for Scheme to Violate Sanctions in the United States

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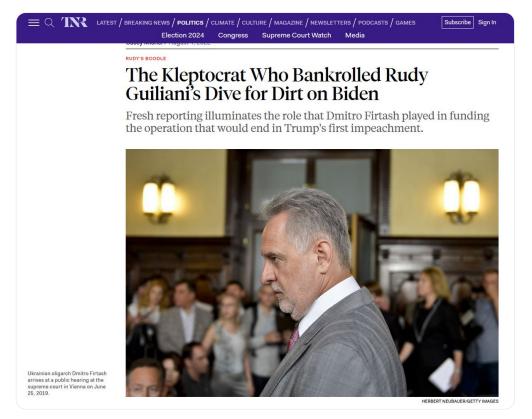
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Derkach was Added to OFAC's List of Specially Designated Nationals in 2020 After Waging a Covert Influence Campaign to Undermine the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election

A seven-count indictment was unsealed today in federal court in Brooklyn charging Andrii Derkach, 55, of Ukraine, with conspiracy to violate the International Emergency Economic Powers Acts (IEEPA), bank fraud conspiracy, money laundering conspiracy, and four counts of money laundering in connection with the purchase and maintenance of two condominiums in Beverly Hills, California. Derkach allegedly concealed his interest in the transactions and violated sanctions imposed in 2020. Derkach remains at large. The charges and forfeiture action announced today include the first use of criminal and forfeiture powers targeting the concealment of ownership by senior foreign political officials, passed as part of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2021.

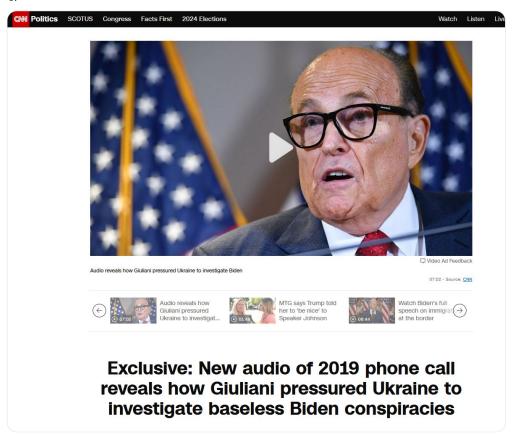
Rudy's shady business deals also involved Ukrainian oligarch Dmytry Firtash, a man who's been characterized as being an "upper echelon of Russian organized crime". Later, in 2021, CNN published a phone call from Giuliani to Ukraine, in which Rudy...

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... "relentlessly pressured and coaxed the Ukrainian government in 2019 to investigate baseless conspiracies about then-candidate Joe Biden." In Nov 2019, WSJ reported that Rudy and his associates were investigated on potential charges including money laundering...

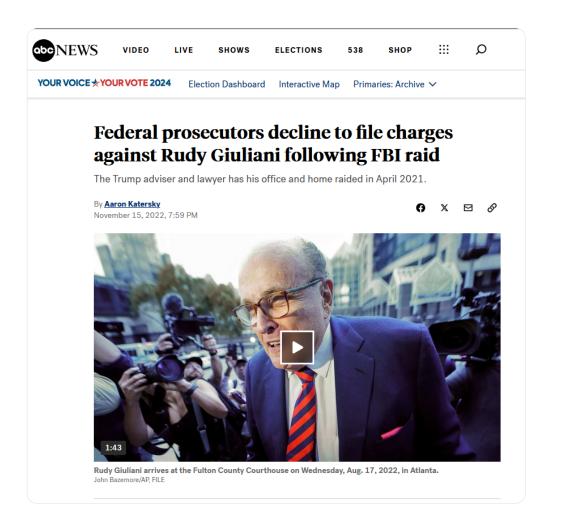
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... obstruction of justice, making false statements, mail/wire fraud and conspiracy to defraud the United States. Interestingly, the prosecutors later decided not to indict Giuliani for his and his associates' questionable activities in Ukraine.

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Giuliani was closely connected to the vatniks creating and spreading the false narrative over Hunter Biden's connection to the Ukrainian company Burisma. In Nov 2023, Ukrainian SBU jailed one of them, Ukrainian Oleksandr Dubinsky whom Rudy hat met before.

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When Giuliani went to Ukraine in 2019 to try to dig up dirt on then-candidate Biden and his son Hunter Biden, Dubinsky was one of the people he met with. Giuliani has also met with Derkach, who was <u>featured prominently</u> in a conspiracy-tinged documentary released by the right-wing network OAN about the Biden family's dealings in Ukraine.

For his part, Kulyk wrote a dossier of disinformation about the Bidens, including claims about Hunter Biden's role on the board of Burisma, a major Ukrainian energy company. Kulyk also gave interviews to pro-Trump journalists and hired former Trump lawyers to help him spread his message to US officials during Trump's first impeachment.

Anti-Biden information operations

Taken together, these developments add to existing allegations that Trump's inner circle worked with accused Russian operatives to smear Biden, his 2020 opponent. The US and Ukrainian governments have now both said these three Ukrainian officials participated in the Kremlin's efforts to interfere with the 2020 US election.

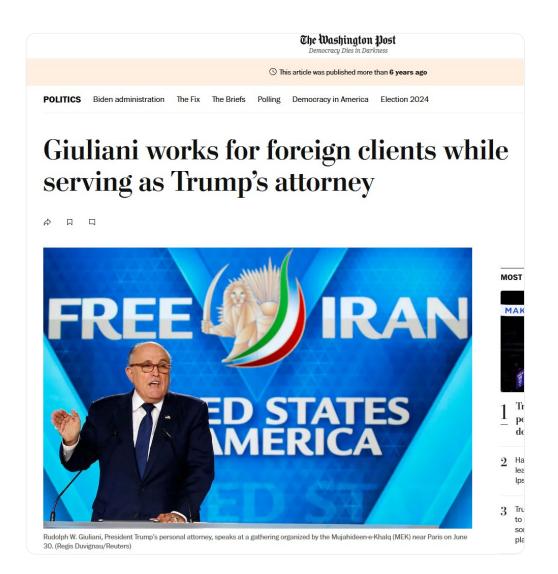
The SBU on Monday released a video of testimony from Igor Kolesnikov, a former parliamentary aide who has been convicted of treason, saying that he managed a Russian intelligence operation overseen by the GRU (Russian military intelligence) that included Dubinsky and others aimed at undermining Ukraine's relations with its allies.

Several experts have suggested that Giuliani may have violated the Logan Act with his shady businesses in Eastern Europe, and some have suggested that he failed to register for the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) while working as Trump's lawyer.

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Other former prosecutors who worked with Giuliani raised the issue of him seemingly conducting American foreign policy in apparent violation of the Logan Act, which bars private citizens from negotiating with a foreign government on behalf of the U.S.

But no one has been convicted under the law, which dates back to 1799, and a potential case would likely be complicated by the fact that Giuliani was authorized by the president, the ex-prosecutors said.



After the voter fraud allegations in the 2020 US elections, Giuliani was put in charge of the lawsuits. Rudy quickly organized the most ridiculous press conference in the history of mankind at the Four Seasons Total Landscaping, a landscaping company in Philadelphia. During...

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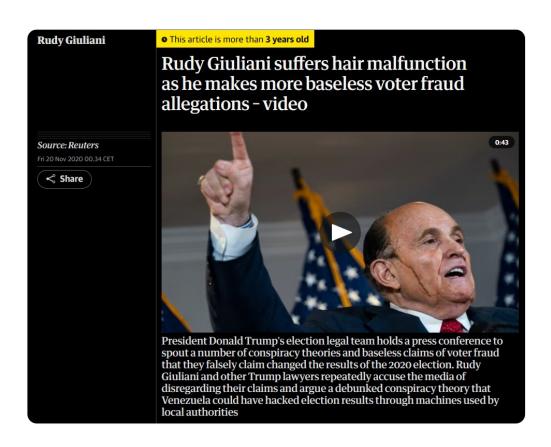


Rudy Giuliani speaks to the media in the back parking lot of Four Seasons Total Landscaping in Philadelphia. Photograph: Chris McGrath/Getty Images

Donald Trump's increasingly desperate bid to hang on to the White House crossed into abject farce on Saturday, after his campaign staged a purportedly major press conference at a Philadelphia landscaping business situated between a crematorium and sex shop.



... the press conference Giuliani & his "elite strike force" made allegations about "an international Communist conspiracy" and rigged voting machines. As of today, the lawsuit by the Dominion Voting System and Smartmatic against Giuliani and Sidney Powell is still ongoing.



MEDIA

Rudy Giuliani floated 'dangerous' and incendiary false claims of election conspiracy — and Fox News broadcast it live



Former New York mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, personal attorney to President Trump, at a news conference Thursday in Washington. (Sarah Silbiger/For The Washington Post)

By Paul Farhi and Elahe Izadi

November 19, 2020 at 6:54 p.m. EST



Fact Check

Dominion lawsuits against Giuliani and Powell still active

By Reuters Fact Check

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Defamation lawsuits by voting machine manufacturer Dominion Voting Systems against Rudy Giuliani and Sidney Powell are still active, despite online posts recirculating the false claim that Dominion lost the suits and suggesting the defeat was censored by news outlets.

Dominion sued Giuliani and Powell, former U.S. President Donald Trump's lawyers, in January 2021, saying the voting equipment company was defamed by their false claims that it had rigged the 2020 presidential election (here), (here).

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Rudy Giuliani gets hit with 2 more counts in Smartmatic's defamation lawsuit

Jacob Shamsian Feb 15, 2023, 12:20 AM EET







Smartmatic is suing former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani for defamation. Jacquelyn Martin/AP Photos

- Rudy Giuliani has to face two more claims in Smartmatic's defamation lawsuit.
- An appeals court reinstated the defamation claims from the election tech company over 2020 conspiracy theories.

Once dubbed "America's Mayor", Rudy has since become a laughing stock. After losing a defamation lawsuit in Dec 2023, he filed for bankruptcy.

His law license has been suspended, he's been accused of sexual assault & even of selling pardons for 2 million apiece with Trump. 21/22

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Rudy Giuliani loses bid to dismiss \$148 million defamation judgment in Georgia election

The former lawyer for Donald Trump defamed two election workers.

By Mark Osborne April 15, 2024, 11:27 PM

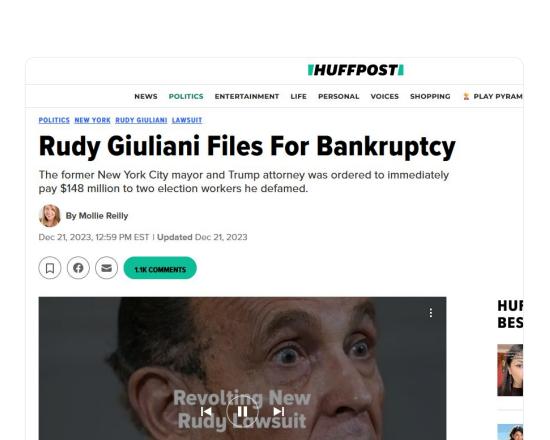
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Giuliani ordered to pay nearly \$150 million to former election workers Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani vowed to appeal after a jury awarded two Georgia election worke... Show More

Rudy Giuliani has lost his bid to dismiss the \$148 million defamation judgment against him from late last year. The judgment was won by former Georgia election workers Ruby Freeman and Wandrea "Shaye" Moss.



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Rudy Giuliani filed for bankruptcy in New York on Thursday, court records show.

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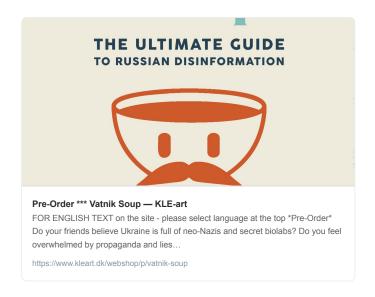


Another infamous Rudy Giuliani moment was seen in the movie Borat 2, in which he flirts with a fake reporter and later, after being invited to the hotel room by the actress, reaches for his trousers and allegedly touches his genitals.

I mean, just watch the clip below.



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