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Diese #vatniksoup stellt den  Journalisten und Dokumentarfilmer, Hubert Seipel, vor. Er hat mehrere Propagandastücke über Wladimir Putin verfasst & dessen Verbrechen als Bagatellen hingestellt. Weiters hat er Geld von einem  Oligarchen erhalten, ohne dies offenzulegen.

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Beginnen wir mit dem Wichtigsten: Hubert Seipel, ein deutscher „Russland-Experte“, erhielt mindestens 600 000 EUR in nicht offengelegten Offshore-Zahlungen von Unternehmen, die mit dem Oligarchen Alexei Mordashov verbunden sind; jemand der Wladimir Putin sehr nahe steht.

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Cyprus confidential  
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## Top German journalist received €600,000 from Putin ally, leak reveals

Influential author and broadcaster Hubert Seipel received financial support for his work on two books described by many as sympathetic to Russian president

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Hubert Seipel wrote two books charting Vladimir Putin's rise to power. Composite: Guardian Design/Getty Images/Shutterstock

Dieses Geld wurde ihm in Raten gezahlt; angeblich, um seine Arbeit an 2 Büchern über Putin zu unterstützen. In beiden Büchern wird der russische Präsident in einem sehr positiven Licht dargestellt. Das 2. Buch trug den Titel „Putins Macht: Warum Europa Russland braucht“.

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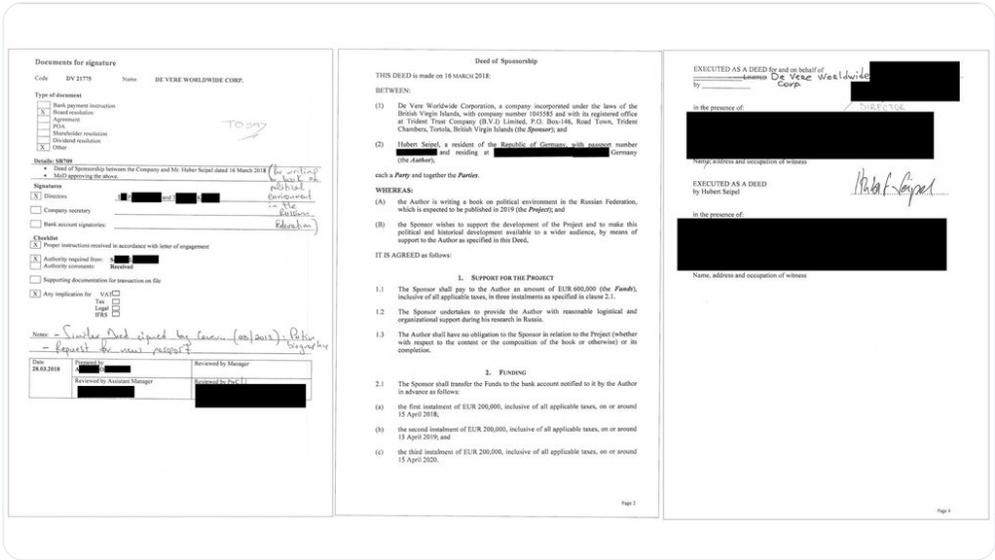
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Eine handschriftliche Notiz von Seipel legt nahe, dass es einen ähnlichen Vertrag für seine Putin-Biografie von 2013 gab. Diese Infos stammen von den Cyprus Confidential Files, die 3,6 Millionen geheime Papiere von Mitte der 90er Jahre bis April 2022 veröffentlichten.

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Nach dem Bekanntwerden der Dokumente hat Seipel zugegeben, das Geld als „Sponsoring“ erhalten zu haben, das vom Oligarchen großzügig und heimlich ohne Bedingungen angeboten wurde. Dies strapaziert sowohl Plausibilität wie auch die Definition von Sponsoring.

The Cyprus files include an agreement titled “Deed of Sponsorship”, signed in March 2018 by Seipel and by a director of a British Virgin Islands (BVI)-registered company called De Vere Worldwide Corp, and a further witness.

Documents from this time period list the ultimate owner of De Vere as a high-ranking manager in Mordashov’s Severstal group.

The payment of €600,000 is described as sponsorship for a book Seipel already seems to have been planning to write, and for which he already had a publishing contract. In the deed of sponsorship it is stipulated he is “writing book (sic) on political environment in the Russian Federation”, which was expected to be published in 2019.

Seipel hat die Gelder weder seinem Verleger noch anderen Arbeitgebern bekannt gegeben. Mordaschow, der die Zahlungen durchführte, steht seit 2022 unter westlichen Sanktionen. In einer Radiosendung in 2021 bestritt er Geld aus  für positive Reportagen erhalten zu haben.

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2009 begann Seipel mit einer Dokumentation über den russischen Energieriesen Gazprom. Dadurch erhielt er Zugang zu den wichtigsten Mitarbeitern von Gazprom wie dem stellvertretenden Vorsitzenden Alexander Medwedew und dem russischen Oligarchen Alexander Lebedew.

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Gazprom documentary

## Behind the scenes of the energy giant

The documentary filmmaker Hubert Seipel portrayed Gazprom and delved deep into the inner workings of the Russian mega-corporation. The result is great images of a foreign world - and the insight that the company is not nearly as powerful as the Germans believe.

By **Susanne Amann**

February 2, 2009, 12:27 p.m.



Hamburg - There is hardly any global company that has as bad a reputation as Gazprom. The Russian gas giant stands for corruption, gigantic self-enrichment of a new Russian business elite and criminal structures, explained German journalist Jürgen Roth. Journalist Hans-Martin Tillack considers business with Europe to be an invasion, and former Chancellor Gerhard Schröder, who was once praised as a reform chancellor, quickly became Gazprom Schröder when he moved to the supervisory board of a Gazprom subsidiary after his term in office.

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Ein Film von  
**Hubert Seipel**



Der Dokumentarfilm, der ca. zur gleichen Zeit wie der Einmarsch 🇷🇺 in Georgien produziert wurde, zeigt ein positives Bild des Unternehmens und betont die geschäftliche Zusammenarbeit zwischen 🇷🇺 und 🇪🇺.

Damals schreckte Seipel auch nicht davor zurück, Putin zu kritisieren.

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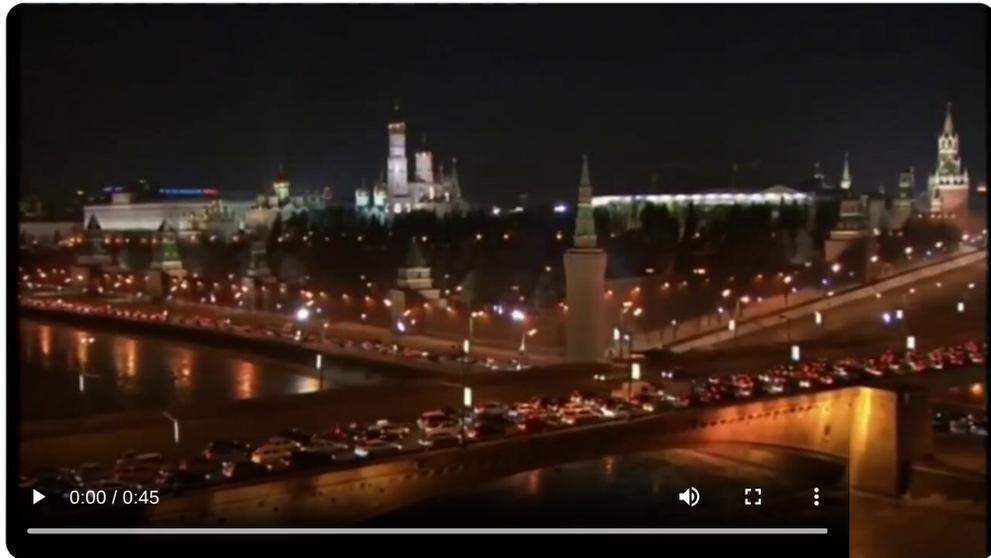
And yet the filmmakers are not just concerned with Gazprom's importance for Europe. Chronologically and with sometimes astonishing film material, they trace the rise of Putin and his confidants, whose sole aim is to strengthen and secure Russia - by whatever means. And that also includes successfully managing the country's largest employer, with 300,000 employees. According to the filmmaker, it is less about the superweapon gas and more about economic interests, the fear of the chaos of the 1990s and political stability.

How hard people in Russia and at Gazprom are trying to get rid of the bad image in the West are shown by individual interview excerpts with company vice president Medvedev, for example, who emphasizes how much they are dependent on technical help from outside to exploit the gas fields. With regard to the gas dispute with Ukraine, he explains that there would hardly be another company to offer if the services provided were not paid for.

What remains is the impression that Gazprom is certainly not a company that allows open and transparent insight into its business practices. And who is of course interested in his strength and his profit. But it is not the Russian demon that it is often portrayed as, which dictates the path of the world and especially the West with its inexhaustible gas reserves.

Während der Produktion traf er auch Putin, und dies schien für Seipel ein Sprungbrett in Putins inneren Kreis gewesen zu sein. Zwischen 2011 und 2012 begleitete Seipel Putin monatelang für die Dokumentation „Ich, Putin - ein Porträt“.

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Der Dokumentarfilm ist ein klassisches Propagandastück, das Putin als Macho Mann darstellt, so wie er oft in den westlichen Medien präsentiert wurde. Er zeigt Putin beim Judo, beim Hockeyspielen, bei Jagdausflügen & bei Truppenbesuchen in entlegenen Gebieten wie Sibirien.

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Seipel führte das 1. Fernsehinterview mit dem NSA-Whistleblower Edward Snowden, das im Januar 2014 im ARD ausgestrahlt wurde. Snowden war auch in Glenn Greenwalds Dokumentarfilm "Citizenfour" von 2014 zu sehen:

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## Snowden talks industrial espionage, death threats in German interview

Former NSA contractor Edward Snowden claimed in a new interview that the US spy agency is involved in industrial espionage and that American officials want to have him killed, even if he says he is no longer in possession of NSA documents.

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Im Nov 2014, nach Annexion der Krim, führte Seipel ein umstrittenes Interview mit Putin. Ihm wurde vorgeworfen, durch das extrem einseitige & voreingenommene Interview gegen journalistische Standards zu verstoßen; einige warfen ihm vor 🇷🇺 Staatspropaganda zu unterstützen.

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Im nächsten Jahr kritisierte er in seinem Buch „Putin: Innenansichten der Macht“ den  Begriff „Putin-Versteher“, der sich auf Leute bezieht, die Putins imperialistische Bestrebungen in Regionen und Ländern wie Tschetschenien, Georgien und der Ukraine unterstützen.

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2021, als Biden Putin als „Killer“ bezeichnet hatte, sagte Seipel, dass die Demokraten gerne Putin für Trumps 2016 Sieg verantwortlich machen. Damit suggerierte er, dass sich  nicht in die US-Präsidentenwahlen 2016 einmischte (obwohl es überwältigende Beweise gibt).

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**In an interview with ABC television channel, Mr Seipel, Mr Seipel, Joe Biden, responded to the question of whether he considers Putin to be a murderer, “Yes, I do.” What do you think of it ?**

The interviewer has asked a suggestive question, and the interviewee has joined it. I believe the moderator, a former Clinton press spokesman, has deliberately said several things. *The Russian president is considered the epitome of evil in the US, and the Democrats have open an old account with Vladimir Putin.*

In 2016, Donald Trump won the elections in 2016 against its candidate Hillary Clinton because Putin supported him. From the Republican point of view, too, Putin still represents the old Soviet Union, the enemy that threatens the USA from outside and whom it can also be held well responsible for its own mistakes.

Im selben Interview sagte er auf eine Frage über die Vergiftung des Oppositionellen Nawalny, dass die Beweise der Befehl kam vom Kreml „nicht so eindeutig sind, wie sie geschrieben werden“ & dass auch andere Nowitschok haben. Nawalny wurde definitiv vom FSB vergiftet.

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**In the case of the poisoned Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny, Angela Merkel then again clearly positioned himself against Putin.**

That is true. She spoke of “tusing information” and declared Putin the main suspect, without calling him by name. She said: “There are now serious questions that only the Russian government can and must answer.”

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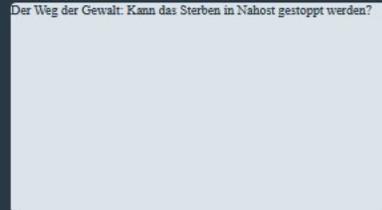
**But wasn't she right?**

Can be, may not be. The evidence is not as clear as it is written. Take the poison, which is supposed to come from Moscow. The nervous poison Novichok developed in Russia already came into the hands of the BND in the 1990s through a defector, who shared the findings with the allies.

The head of the Russian laboratory, which once developed the deadly substance, has been living in the USA since 2001 and has written a thick book about it. Russia has no longer an exclusive monopoly on Novichok.

**So you do not believe that Navalny was poisoned by the Russian secret service at Putin's behest?**

There are many questions unanswered. Was it really Putin who gave the order? Why does Putin leave him to Germany for treatment when he pursues the goal of killing him? Navalny has also attacked many rich Russians with his organization against corruption. There are plenty of invoices open.



**The path of violence: Can the dying in the Middle East be stopped?**

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In any case, there has been no concrete evidence. But in political business, the old principle of “in doubt for the accused” is not very true anyway. And certainly not for Vladimir Putin's enemy.

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## FSB Team of Chemical Weapon Experts Implicated in Alexey Navalny Novichok Poisoning

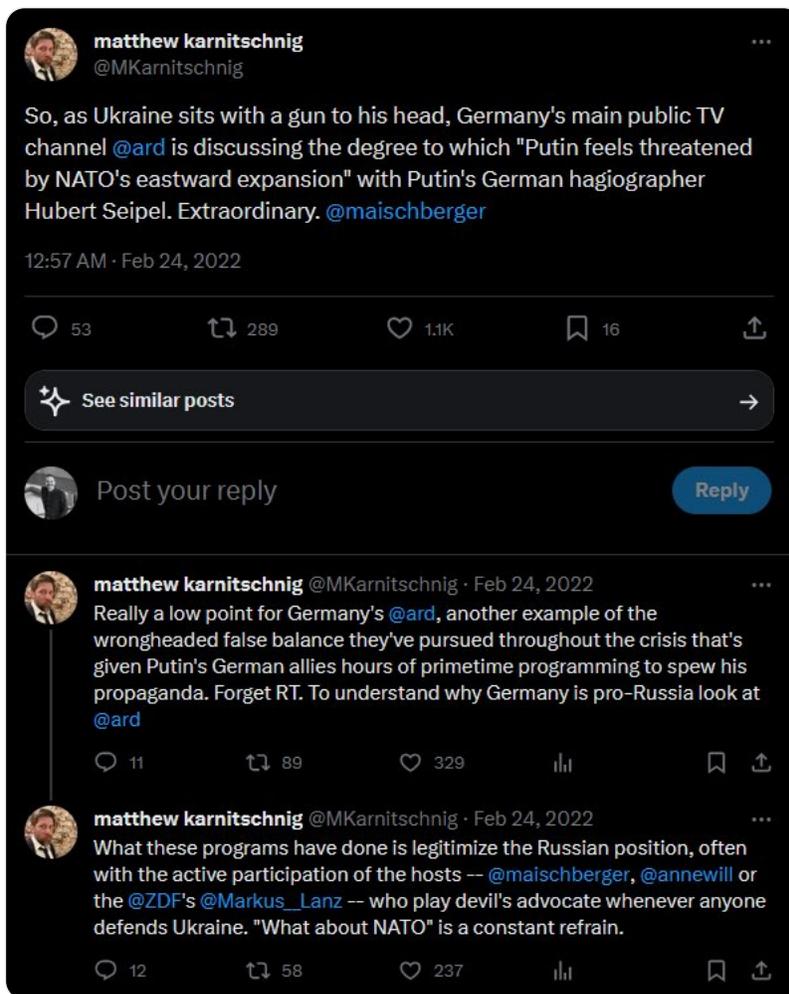
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We have detailed the research methodology for this investigation into a separate article. You can read it [here](#).

- In a previous series of investigations, Bellingcat uncovered evidence that Russia's military intelligence agency - the GRU - was responsible for both the **Novichok poisoning of Sergey and Yulia Skripal** in the U.K. (an assassination attempt that led to the death of one British citizen) and the **poisoning of Emilian Gebrev** in Bulgaria. We also **determined that** Russia's principal security agency - the FSB - was behind the assassination of a Georgian asylum seeker on German soil.
- In a further **joint investigation**, Bellingcat uncovered evidence that Russia has not terminated its chemical weapons program, but has instead disguised its development capability behind a network of state-run institutes. Following the official closure of Russia's military-run chemical weapons program in 2010, its core scientists were rehired by institutes which engage in ostensibly civilian research. In reality, these scientists continued to provide chemical weapons development and manufacturing support to Russia's security services.
- We identified two institutes which since 2010 appear to have taken the lead role in the continued R&D of Soviet-era nerve-agent programs, including those of the Novichok type. These institutes - the St Petersburg-based **GNIIVM** and the

24. Feb 2022 interviewte @ARD\_Presse ihn über den Krieg. Er sagte, dass „Putin sich durch die Osterweiterung der NATO bedroht fühlt“; ein Kreml-Narrativ, das zur Rechtfertigung des Angriffskriegs dient. Wochen zuvor hat er erklärt,  werde nicht in die  einmarschieren.

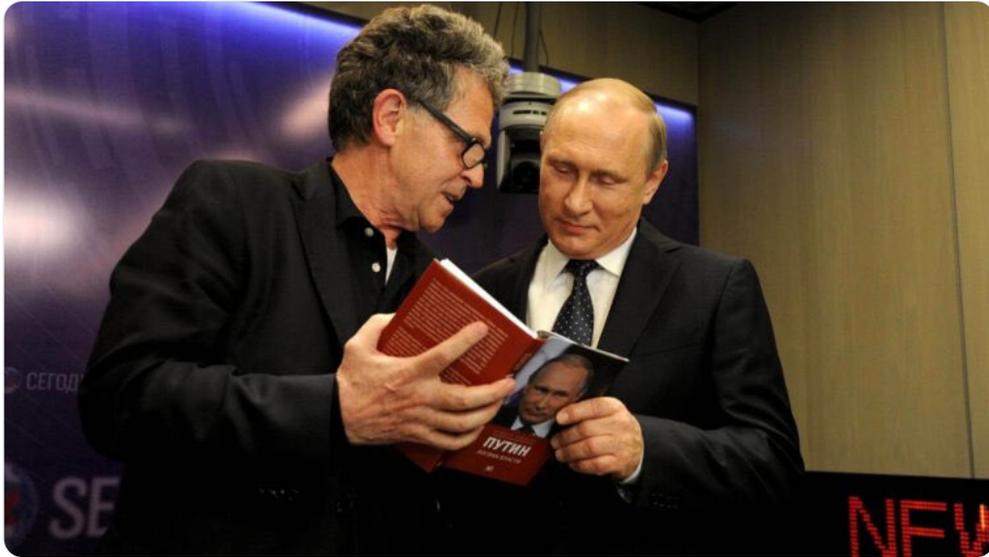


In the final weeks before 24 February 2022, Seipel claimed that NATO "surrounds Putin" and said he was confident that the Russian President would not start a war.

Fazit: Wir haben handfeste Beweise für die Einflussnahme des Kremls auf prominente westliche Journalisten. Obwohl Hr Seipel selbst sagt, dass das Geld, das er erhalten hat „seine Unabhängigkeit als Journalist nicht beeinträchtigt hat“.

Warum hat er es dann nicht angegeben?

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