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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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Firtash established his trading company Chernivtsi, Ukraine, and eventually moved to Moscow in the early 1990s. Firtash's diversified international group companies, Group DF, concentrates on chemical industry and energy and real estate sectors.

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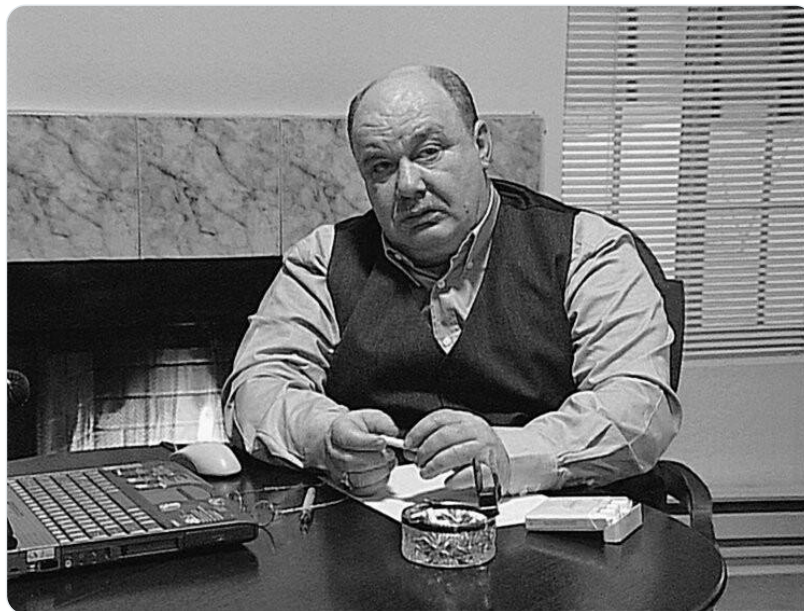
In addition to Group DF, Firtash is co-owner of RosUkrEnergy, a Swiss-registered company that's 50% owned by Gazprom, and the other 50% of ownership can be connected to Firtash and Ivan Fursin.

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In Apr, 2005, Oleksandr Turchynov, the head of Ukraine's SBU, stated that the Russian Mafia boss Semion Mogilevich is a silent partner in RosUkrEnergy and that the SBU had a huge file on Mogilevich's businesses during a 12 year time period.

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A leaked cable revealed that Firtash had told the US Ambassador to Ukraine William Taylor that he needed permission from Mogilevich to do business in Ukraine during the '90s. It's also suspected that the Austrian Raiffeisen Bank was used as a front to legitimize RosUkrEnerg.5/14

U.S. official: Austrian bank's ties to RosUkrEnerg suspicious

By Mark Rachkevych. Published Dec. 3, 2010. Updated May 26 at 7:13 pm



In 2008, Firtash, together with Paul Manafort, was transforming the Drake Hotel in NYC into a spa and luxury mall named Bulgari Tower. The project was worth 895 million USD of which Dmytro was supposed to provide 100 million USD, but the deal was never finalized.

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Firtash financed pro-Russian Viktor Yanukovich's campaign in the Ukrainian presidential election in 2010. Once elected, he urged Yanukovich to adopt different policies and learn from the events of the Orange Revolution.

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In Jun, 2021, Ukraine imposed sanctions against Dmytro because apparently his titanium businesses aided the "military-industrial complex of the Russian Federation".

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Ukraine imposes sanctions against oligarch Dmitry Firtash for trading titanium with Russia



The Zelensky government is continuing its campaign against oligarchs and has imposed sanctions against Dmitry Firtash for trading titanium with Russia. / wki

By Ben Artis in Berlin June 20, 2021


The government in Ukraine has imposed sanctions on oligarch Dmytro Firtash for selling titanium to Russian defence sector enterprises at a time when Ukraine was de facto at war with its north-eastern neighbour.

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In Aug, 2021, the Zaporizhya Titanium-Magnesium Plant was returned from Firtash to state-ownership because the plant owner Firtash hadn't invested the required assets for its modernization.

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In Mar, 2014, Austrian authorities arrested Firtash in Vienna, as the US law enforcement wanted to have him extradited to the US on bribery and racketeering charges. A week after his arrest, he was released on bail of 125 million USD, the largest in Austrian history.

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A close-up portrait of Viktor Firtash, a middle-aged man with grey hair and a goatee, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a neutral expression. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be an indoor setting with lights.

Austrian Supreme Court cleared his first extradition request in 2019. He was also investigated for money laundering in Spain in 2017, but this case was dropped due to "insufficient documentation".

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Vienna Court Rejects Spain's Extradition Request For Ukrainian Oligarch Firtash

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A portrait of Viktor Firtash, similar to the one in the previous block, but with a different background. He is wearing a grey suit, white shirt, and a red tie. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

The US prosecutors filed lawsuits against Firtash in 2017, alleging that he was involved in bribery that supported the Russian Mafia bosses. Allegedly he also attempted to "find dirt" on former VP Joe Biden before the 2020 US presidential election.

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Ukrainian oligarch Dmytro Firtash loses yet another extradition trial, has until March 30 to appeal.

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Firtash, who has lived in Austria since 2014, faces extradition to the U.S., where he is charged with corruption. On March 16, a Vienna Regional Court for Criminal Matters denied to reconsider his case on admissibility of the extradition.

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RUSSIAN Oligarch Dmytro Firtash in Austria's Supreme Court in Vienna on June 25, 2019. Photo: Robert Neubauer/AP/Getty Images

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Is a Ukrainian Oligarch Helping Trump Smear Biden to Evade U.S. Corruption Charges?

Why did Ukrainian billionaire Dmytro Firtash, who is facing U.S. extradition on corruption charges, get involved in Trump's effort to smear Joe Biden?

THE CONSPIRACY TO REELECT THE PRESIDENT by misleading the American people about Joe Biden's work in Ukraine continues, despite the impeachment inquiry triggered by revelations that Donald Trump and his personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, tried to coerce Ukraine's government into investigating the former vice president.

Trump's acting chief of staff, Mick Mulvaney, [openly admitted on Thursday](#) that Trump withheld military aid to Ukraine to press Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to open investigations requested by the White House.

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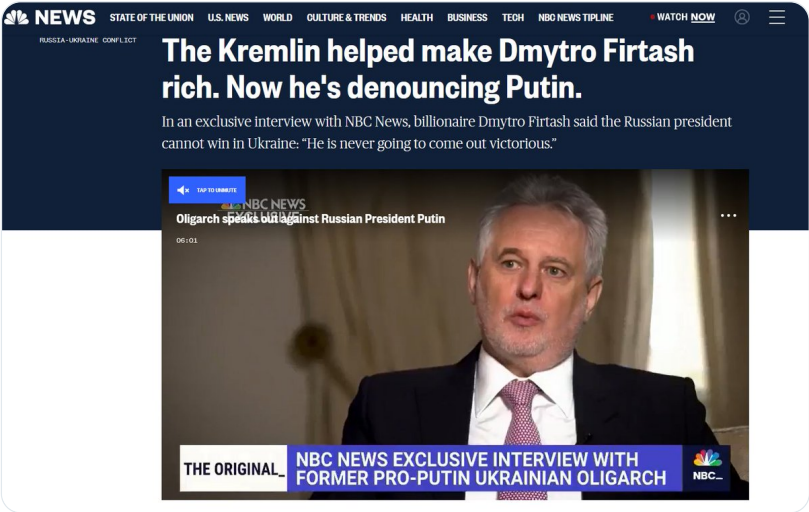


As of 2016, Dmytro and his family - excluding his oldest daughter Ivanna - were all Russian citizens. Firtash acquired a nice villa on the Cote d'Azur of France through the Irish firm Morga Ltd. Dmytro Firtash is living under house arrest in Austria.

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In Apr,2022,Dmytro denounced Putin, saying that "he is never going to come out victorious."Regarding his political stance and businesses,he stated that "I was never pro-Russian, but you have to understand that I am a businessman. And my goal is to earn money. That's my job."14/14



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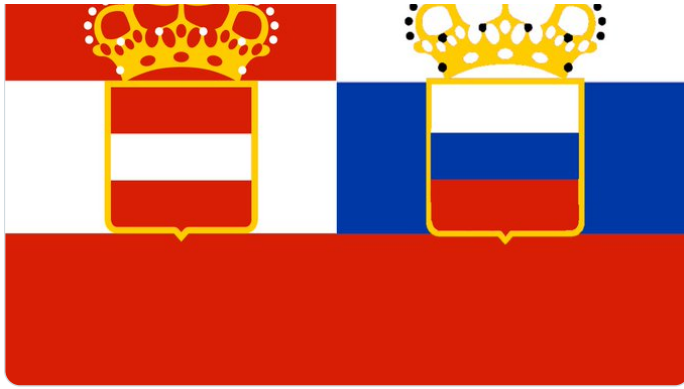
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In today's #vatnik soup I'm going to talk about Austria. Countries like Serbia and Hungary often pop up in conversations about Russia and Putin apologists, but when it comes to Russian espionage and intelligence activities, Austria, along with Belgium, comes on top.

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