

Putin proposes the USA buy out Russian oil company Lukoil.

Mendacity, mendacity, mendacity.



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Once again, the machinations of big business billionaires and corrupt politicians have placed greed and expediency ahead of the need to reverse the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Backed by Qatari and Abu Dhabi investors (amongst others), a US corporation named The International Finance Corporation, which has close ties to Trump, Kushner and Witkoff have placed this Putin proposal into the public domain to test international reactions.

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This could be an attempt by Putin to sell off Russian assets and draw in American investment, making it vastly more difficult for Ukraine to end the war. Ukraine has successfully undercut Russian energy infrastructure and oil exports. Russia selling their loss-making oil companies to the USA could be a shrewd political move; they are desperate for foreign currency to get through the coming winter. Hawkish business leaders like nothing more than taking over a loss-making company on its knees. When the war ends they could guarantee a sound return with the return of Russian oil onto the world markets.

The US negotiators are rather gullible where Putin is concerned; they think he, or his replacement will keep to the bargain. Once the war ends one is inclined to ask where the leverage is to force compliance. Perhaps the 300 billion in frozen assets held in Belgium?

Putin has already stolen the assets of previous investors in the Russian economy. What we see here is two deceitful players trying to out deceive one another. Putin's priority is not to lose his war. Trump's is not to lose power in the USA; it would almost certainly lead to his impeachment and arrest.

Trump is always easily manipulated by Putin offers of 'big deals.' Remember the Alaska to Russia Tunnel? Trump wants to stabilise relations with Russia for financial gains and regards Ukraine as an obstacle to increasing his family wealth. The Ukrainian mineral wealth 'deal' signed under duress last year is another example of Trumpist

priorities. It is a classic 'What's in it for me' program, not what's in it for the USA.



The proposal is illegal and would break existing US and European sanctions. From a business perspective the war has ruined Lukoil and made it fair game for a takeover but from a geopolitical view it is another betrayal of the western alliance, the people of Europe and NATO.

A strong rejection by European politicians is essential to shove Witkoff and Kushner back inside the dark place they came from. This week more than any other since Trump returned to power, shows beyond any doubt Trump is the enemy of nations which supports a liberal agenda. States like those in Canada, Europe and the UK who are essentially working to improve the quality of life for the general population.

Trump, Putin, and their associates want to create an international autocratic power structure that controls all money, media, and motivation. If this sounds like fascism or Stalinism, it should. Trump has been setting his dogs in the so call US Justice department on his

political and media opponents. He has suggested several times that his opponents should be executed. These are not simply the ramblings of a senile old man. Behind Trump lie his promoters and funders. What Trump repeats comes straight out of Project 2025 put forward by Trump supporters before the 2024 elections.

Before Trump was elected they clearly stated what their program would be and what we could expect. Trump (of course) publicly denied his association with Project 2025.

Project 2025, also known as the 2025 Presidential Transition Project, was a political initiative published in April 2023 by the Heritage Foundation with the intention of shaping the U.S. federal government by consolidating executive power in favour of right-wing policies. It constituted specific changes to the federal government and recommended a personnel database for vetting loyal staff in the federal government, and a set of proposed executive orders for the U.S. president to implement.



The project's policy document *Mandate for Leadership* called for the replacement of federal civil service workers by people loyal to 'the next conservative president' meaning only one man, and for taking partisan control of the Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Commerce , and the Federal Trade Commission. They also recommended other agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Education would be dismantled. It called for reducing environmental regulations and realigning the National Institutes of Health with conservative priorities. Their plan sought to reduce taxes on corporations, institute a flat income tax on individuals, cut Medicare and Medicaid, and reverse President Biden's policies. It proposes banning pornography, (which they have failed to do) and the removal of legal protections against anti-LGBT discrimination, while having the DOJ prosecute anti-white racism. The project also recommended the mass deportation of illegal immigrants.

The plan also proposed enacting laws supported by the Christian right, such as criminalizing the sending and receiving of abortion and birth control medication and eliminating emergency contraception.

This is exactly what Trump has done in the past two years with the support of the majority of the US working class who are now upset because they never read the text, they only hear the promises.

‘Project 2025 is based on a controversial interpretation of unitary executive theory, according to which the **executive branch is under the president’s complete control.**’ In 2023, analysts wrote the approach would centralize presidential control and produce the first dictator of the USA.

Most of Project 2025’s financial contributors worked in Trump’s first administration or his campaign for the 2024 presidential election. After he won the election, he nominated the plan’s creators and supporters to controlling positions in his second administration.

The Heritage Foundation is closely aligned with Trump. The project’s president, Kevin Roberts, sees the organization’s role as “institutionalizing Trumpism”. At a 2022 Foundation dinner, Trump endorsed the organization, saying it was “going to lay the groundwork and detail plans for exactly what our movement will do ... when the American people give us a colossal mandate.” Vice President JD Vance wrote the foreword to Roberts’s book *Dawn’s Early Light: Taking Back Washington to Save America*, linking Vance to Project 2025 through shared views.



What is blatantly obvious two years later, is the Project 2025 program has been imposed word for word on the American people. The Heritage Foundation through Project 2025, clearly stated their agenda and implemented it. It shouldn't be a surprise to anyone who was prepared to read or listen. The press in the USA shouted about it but the majority ignored it.

Now, with the USA under the control of a 'conservative autocrat' the whole edifice of the US state is crumbling. The country is at war, the economy is on a precipice, inflation is rising, the people are suffering, and Trump, Witkoff and Kushner are selling out Ukraine to the highest bidder.

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