

Chechnya vs. Zhirinovsky

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Chechnya's legislature has demanded the ouster of Liberal Democratic Party leader Vladimir Zhirinovsky from the State Duma over his "explicitly extremist" comments about North Caucasus natives, Interfax reported Saturday.

Zhirinovsky spoke about ethnic issues in the country during an 80-minute talk show on Channel One television on Thursday. The show's topic was "Do Russians in Russia require protection?"

Chechen lawmakers did not identify any statements they took issue with in their own online statement. But Chechen President Ramzan Kadyrov also criticized Zhirinovsky, and leaders of LDPR's Chechen branch said they had quit the party in protest. ☒

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