

Berezovsky to Create Political Party With Religious Values

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Russian businessman and London exile Boris Berezovsky will create a new political party based on religious and democratic values, he said in a post on his LiveJournal blog Monday.

Berezovsky suggested calling the party the Christian-Democratic Revolutionary Party of Russia or the Resurrection Party. He said Russians have lost the true ideology of Orthodox Christianity and said that changing the "pagan mentality" to a "Christian mentality" based on the values of love and freedom "is a revolution." He also said that only a true democratic political system could guarantee "the realization of such an ideology."

The alternate name would be a reference to the planned date of creating the party, which falls on April 15, the date of the Orthodox celebration of Easter, or the resurrection of Christ.

Berezovsky said the current political situation in Russia is in "chaos" that has opened the way for new political parties and a route to the creation of an "effective modern government."

"Two questions interest me: how to overthrow the pagan regime, which has no existing

ideology and is therefore only destructive for Russia, and who will replace it," he wrote.

He also said it is not necessary to register the party, because he does not recognize the legitimacy of the current government, and he adds that it would be "strange to ask criminals to give life to their gravediggers."

Before leaving Russia to claim political refugee status in London in 2003, Berezovsky participated in the unsuccessful creation of a political party called Liberal Russia. British authorities have refused requests to extradite him to Russia, where he is wanted on a variety of criminal charges that he says are politically motivated.

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