

Under Pressure, Pozner Agrees to Quit Liberal TV

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Vladimir Pozner

Broadcast journalist Vladimir Pozner is leaving a liberal TV station after receiving an ultimatum from the state-run Channel One.

Pozner, who gained notoriety as a Soviet spokesman during the Cold War, will cease to appear on the Dozhd TV channel's "Parfyonov and Pozner" talk show as of September, he said late Sunday.

Co-hosted by opposition-minded journalist Leonid Parfyonov, the show has covered hard-hitting political topics, including street protests, for the past two months.

Channel One, where Pozner hosts an eponymous talk show, decided that the prominent broadcaster should not simultaneously work for a rival firm.

"Channel One management gave me an ultimatum, and I chose Channel One," Pozner said in

remarks tweeted by Dozhd TV.

Dozhd TV plans to continue working with Parfyonov, the channel's founder, Natalya Sindeyeva, told RIA-Novosti.

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