

Dvorkovich's Brother Looking to Found Political Party

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The brother of liberal-leaning Deputy Prime Minister Arkady Dvorkovich is planning to register a political party that will strive to preserve Russia's sovereignty by limiting foreign influence.

Mikhail Dvorkovich, a specialist in government relations, said his party would be named "Free Russia" and would fight against the influence of foreign-backed organizations operating in Russia.

Dvorkovich, who describes himself as a "state-leaning conservative," told the Lenta.ru online news portal on Friday that he believes that the majority of opposition NGOs and political parties remain "under Western influence."

"Our so-called opposition lacks an economic or political agenda. Everything is just about calls to change power, calls to revolution," Dvorkovich said.

Dvorkovich said that he hadn't consulted his brother Arkady about his ideas to start a political party. He added that the deputy prime minister had found out about the plans from the media.

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