

Pride and Disbelief: Russia's Elite Reacts to U.S. 'Kremlin List'

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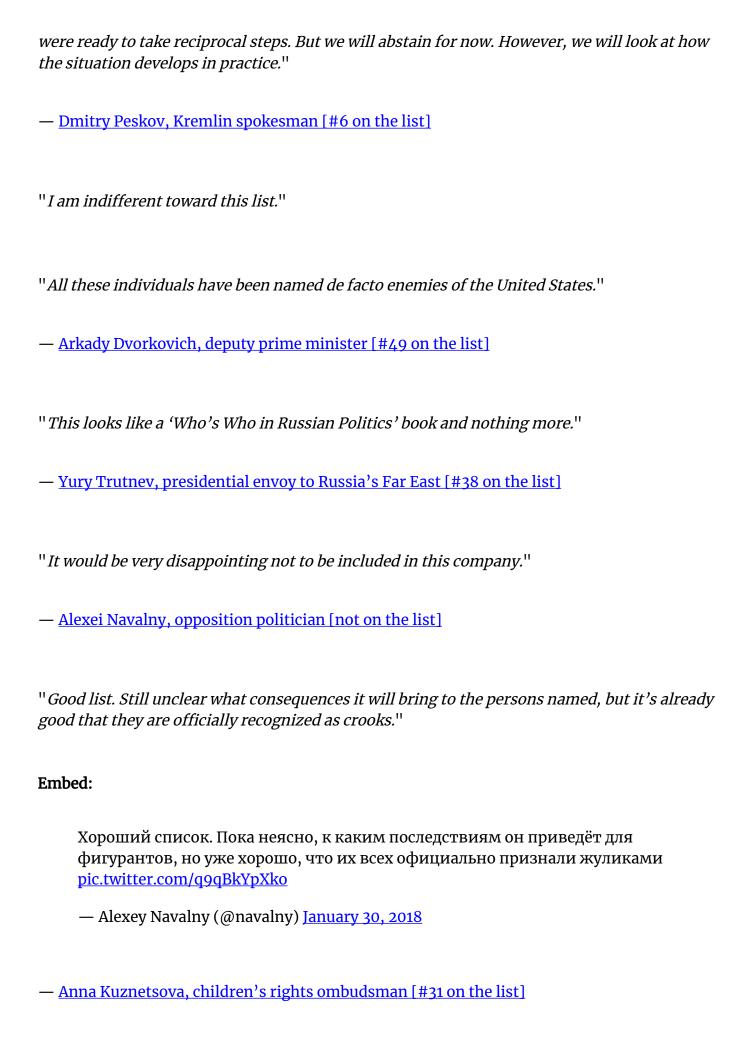
The U.S. Treasury Department has released its long-anticipated list of 210 names linked to President Vladimir Putin's government in retaliation for alleged election meddling in 2016.

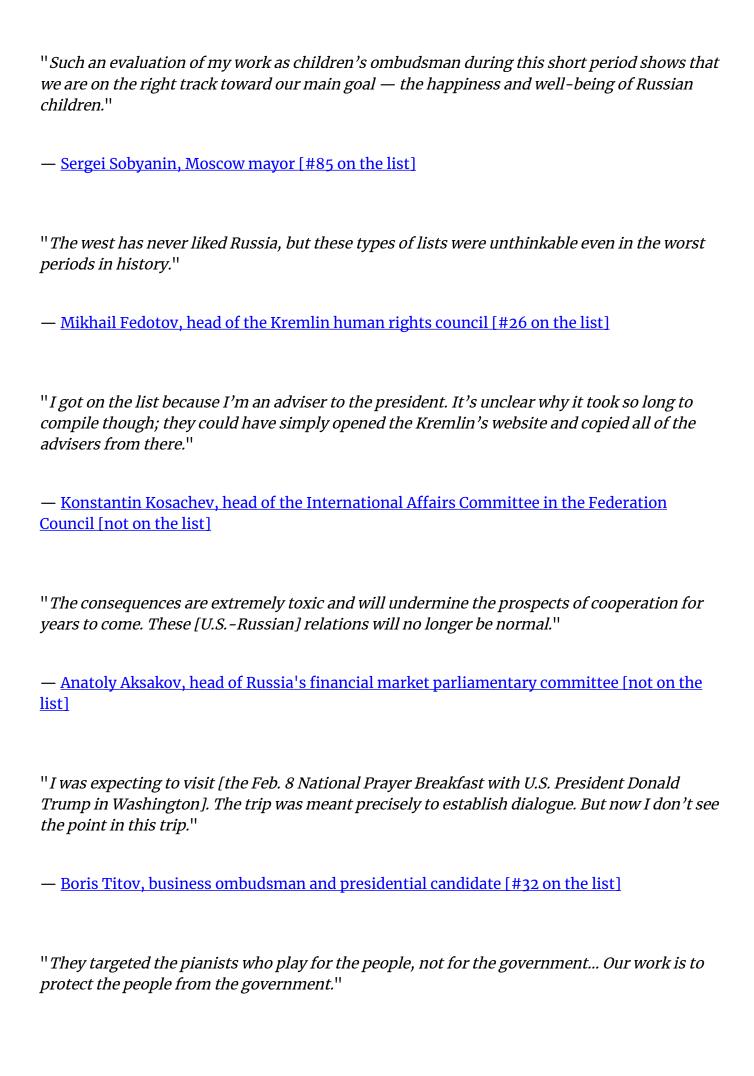
In Russia, the list was widely criticized both by supporters and critics of the Kremlin for parroting Forbes' list of richest Russians and the Kremlin's own online list of officials.

This is how Russia is reacting to the news:

— Vladimir Putin, Russian President

"It's offensive, you know [jokingly, on not being included on the list.] There are ordinary citizens, labor unions, entire industries behind every person and structure [on the list]. In essence, all 146 million of us, have been dragged onto a list [...]We were expecting this list and





- "I'll just continue to do my job, part of which is to continue to restore relations with the West."
- <u>Irina Yarovaya</u>, <u>State Duma deputy and author of controversial anti-terror legislation [not on the list]</u>
- "America is opening an 'economic Guantanamo' for business around the world."
- Eugene Kaspersky, co-founder and CEO of Kaspersky Lab cybersecurity firm [#37 on the list]

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- 2) The list 100% matches the Forbes' rating of RU billionaires https://t.co/ZrfRUgl7RR
- 3) I believe the people behind the list don't understand the meaning of the word 'oligarch' otherwise wouldn't include me and other successful businessmen with no ties to the government
- Eugene Kaspersky (@e_kaspersky) <u>January 30, 2018</u>
- Vasily Anisimov, owner of real estate holding Coalco [#9 on list]

"We have a strong, rich state with minerals, brains and women. That's why we're getting this level of attention. There are countries that no one would even think about imposing sanctions on. So it's not for nothing that we live here, we're lucky."

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