

# U.S. Sanctions 2 Russians Connected to 'Kremlin Troll Factory'

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The United States has imposed sanctions on two Russians over their alleged involvement in the Internet Research Agency, a Russian organization accused of interfering in U.S. elections.

The Internet Research Agency is believed to be financed by billionaire restaurateur Yevgeny Prigozhin, known as President Vladimir Putin's "chef." A U.S. special counsel [indicted](#) Prigozhin and 12 other Russians in 2018 on charges of defrauding the U.S. government by interfering with its political process.

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Denis Kuzmin, 28, and Igor Nesterov, 34, have been added to the U.S. Specially Designated Nationals blacklist, the U.S. Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) [announced](#) Monday.

OFAC also added three companies it says are linked to Prigozhin — Autolex Transport,

Beratex Group and Linburg Industries — to the Specially Designated Nationals list Monday.

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