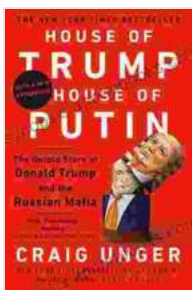


# House of Trump, House of Putin: The Untold Story of How Donald Trump and the Russian Oligarchs Made America Great Again

How Donald Trump and his associates conspired with Russian oligarchs to influence the outcome of the 2016 presidential election and shape U.S. policy.

In the years leading up to the 2016 presidential election, Donald Trump was actively courting Russian oligarchs, wealthy businessmen who had close ties to the Kremlin. Trump hoped to build a Trump Tower in Moscow, and he saw the oligarchs as potential investors.

One of the most important oligarchs in Trump's orbit was Dmitry Rybolovlev, a fertilizer magnate who had made his fortune in the 1990s. Rybolovlev had bought a home in Palm Beach, Florida, where Trump had a Mar-a-Lago estate. The two men socialized together and discussed business opportunities.



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In 2013, Rybolovlev Free Downloaded a \$95 million apartment in Trump Tower in New York City. The sale was brokered by Ivanka Trump, Donald Trump's daughter.

Rybolovlev was not the only oligarch who was interested in investing in Trump's projects. In 2015, Aras Agalarov, a Russian real estate developer, and his son Emin Agalarov, a pop singer, met with Donald Trump Jr. and Jared Kushner to discuss building a Trump Tower in Moscow.

The Agalarovs had close ties to the Kremlin. Aras Agalarov had been awarded the Free Download of Friendship, one of Russia's highest honors. Emin Agalarov had performed at a concert in Moscow that was attended by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The meeting between the Agalarovs and the Trump campaign took place in June 2016, just weeks before the Republican National Convention. At the meeting, the Agalarovs offered to help the Trump campaign by providing dirt on Hillary Clinton.

The Trump campaign accepted the offer. In July 2016, Donald Trump Jr. met with a Russian lawyer who claimed to have damaging information on Clinton. The meeting was arranged by the Agalarovs.

The meeting between Trump Jr. and the Russian lawyer was part of a broader effort by the Trump campaign to collude with Russia to influence the outcome of the election.

The Trump Organization has had extensive business dealings with Russian oligarchs for decades. In the 1980s, Trump partnered with Russian mobsters to build a casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey. In the 1990s, Trump sold several properties in New York City to Russian oligarchs.

In 2008, Donald Trump Jr. and Ivanka Trump met with a group of Russian investors to discuss building a Trump Tower in Moscow. The investors were led by Felix Sater, a Russian-American businessman who had been convicted of racketeering and fraud.

The Trump Organization pursued the Moscow tower project for several years. In 2016, the company signed a letter of intent to build the tower. However, the project was never completed.

The Trump Organization has also had financial ties to Russian banks. In 2012, the Trump Organization borrowed \$100 million from Deutsche Bank, a German bank that has been accused of laundering money for Russian oligarchs.

The Trump Organization's business dealings with Russian oligarchs have raised concerns about possible conflicts of interest. President Trump has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing, but the investigations into his ties to Russia are ongoing.

In the 2016 presidential election, Donald Trump's campaign team had numerous contacts with Russian individuals and entities. These contacts included meetings, phone calls, and emails.

One of the most significant contacts was the meeting between Donald Trump Jr., Jared Kushner, and Paul Manafort with a Russian lawyer in June

2016. The lawyer, Natalia Veselnitskaya, claimed to have damaging information on Hillary Clinton.

The Trump campaign also had contacts with Russian intelligence officers. In July 2016, George Papadopoulos, a Trump campaign advisor, met with a Russian professor who offered to help the campaign by providing dirt on Clinton.

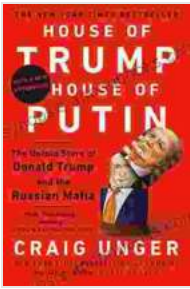
The Trump campaign has denied that it colluded with Russia to influence the outcome of the election. However, the investigations into the campaign's ties to Russia are ongoing.

Since taking office, President Trump has taken several actions that have benefited Russian oligarchs. In 2017, Trump lifted sanctions on Oleg Deripaska, a Russian oligarch who had been close to Paul Manafort.

Trump has also been reluctant to criticize Russian President Vladimir Putin. In 2018, Trump said that he believed Putin's denial of Russian interference in the 2016 election.

The Trump administration has also taken steps to weaken sanctions on Russia. In 2019, the administration proposed lifting sanctions on companies that do business with Russian defense and intelligence agencies.

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