

Joe Biden impeachable?

In August 2023, Volodymyr Zelensky declared that for him corruption is a form of treason.¹ Few days later, on September 2, 2023, a Kiev court has ordered the arrest of Ihor Kolomoysky, one of Ukraine's most influential and wealthiest oligarchs.²

It's worth questioning Zelensky's motives for treating corruption as a form of treason. According to the official interpretation, it's to show his firm intention to fight corruption. There is another interpretation, however, that finds very suspicious Zelensky's intention. According to some, this is a way of hijacking the case against Kolomoysky at the expense of the investigating body whose purpose is precisely to fight corruption.

The first interpretation has some merit, not only because a sincere commitment to fighting corruption would make Ukraine's bid for membership of the European Union more acceptable. There is also the following fact. In the context of the current state of the special military operation, with the Ukrainian army suffering heavy losses and the counter-offensive faltering, it is becoming increasingly difficult to justify American military and financial support without giving the impression that the Americans are using Ukraine to weaken Russia, regardless of the death toll. Other reasons than the myth of imminent victory must be found to justify the continuation of the war. It must be shown that Western support is justified because the Zelensky regime aspires to greater justice and democracy. The insistence of U.S. spokesman Senator Lindsay Graham that elections be held, contrary to Zelensky's initial declaration, reinforces this interpretation. And if elections were indeed held, there's no doubt that the public would take a positive view of the president's anti-corruption gestures.³

Be that as it may, the second interpretation also has a certain plausibility, and in any case does not conflict with the first. Zelensky could kill two birds with one stone. While officially restoring his image thanks to his fight against corruption, the idea would be to retain control over the Kolomoysky dossier. After all, in order to fight corruption, Zelensky did not have to treat it as a form of treason. He could simply have preserved the autonomy of the court in pursuing its judicial process. On this subject, Timothée Barnaud of the French media *L'Express* reports that *"two senior national officials, quoted anonymously by the Politico media, explain that Ukraine's regular anti-corruption agencies fear being stripped of their prerogatives, particularly in the most serious cases of corruption. These would then be entrusted to the Ukrainian security services (SBU), placed directly under Zelensky's command."* (See Timothée Barnaud, « Ukraine :

¹ <https://www.rferl.org/a/ukraine-zelenskiy-corruption-treason-wartime/32566993.html>

² <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/9/2/ukraine-tycoon-ihor-kolomoisky-taken-into-custody-over-fraud-allegations>

³ <https://intellinews.com/zelenskiy-willing-to-hold-presidential-elections-in-2024-if-the-west-pays-for-them-290215>

pourquoi la nouvelle politique anticorruption voulue par Zelensky fait débat », *L'Express*, 3 September 2023.⁴)

Indeed, according to *Politico*, this is also the opinion of the head of Ukraine's Anti-Corruption Action Center:

« By equating corruption to treason, Zelenskyy's office is manipulating the public's desire for justice, said Vitaly Shabunin, head of the Anti-Corruption Action Center (Antac), a Ukrainian nongovernmental organization that monitors graft. In reality, Shabunin added, Zelenskyy's office is pursuing other goals: to protect high-level officials from corruption charges and obtain tools to destroy opponents. » (See Veronica Melkozerova, « Zelenskyy's corruption crackdown plan raises cover-up fears », *Politico*, 28 August 2023. ⁵)

In this paper, I'd like to examine this second interpretation in little more details, seeking to understand why Zelensky might be tempted to proceed with a cover-up concerning Kolomoysky. Which facts should be hidden? This legislative project came just few days before the imprisonment of Kolomoysky. His imprisonment is officially explained by the fact that he is under investigation for embezzlement involving two oil companies - Ukratnafta and Ukrnafta, which he partly owns. Reuters also reported a \$5.5 billion financial hole at Privat Bank, which Kolomoysky headed.⁶ So there's every reason to make this investigation a top priority.

The accusations associated with Kolomoysky are serious, but is there any reason why Zelensky should have taken on this case? Could it be that Kolomoysky was also closely involved in financial transactions involving Joe and Hunter Biden in Ukraine? If so, any statement by the oligarch on this subject would not only harm the American president and his son. It would seriously undermine Western support for Ukraine. An American president compromised by fraudulent maneuvers would face impeachment proceedings that would cause him to lose all credibility and put an end to the policy of co-belligerence that has characterized the American position since the start of the special military operation initiated on February 24, 2022. However, let's not jump to conclusions, and focus on the facts as reported in the media.

A Close Friend of Zelensky

Kolomoysky's arrest comes as a surprise. He was the owner of the 1+1 TV channel, which screened the "Servant of the People" TV series starring Zelensky. He was also a sponsor of her 2019 campaign. According to Christoph Cöln of the *Watson* newspaper,

⁴ <https://www.lexpress.fr/monde/ukraine-pourquoi-la-nouvelle-politique-anticorruption-voulue-par-zelensky-fait-debat-CHGICQHPGZA53K4WYNVDWFGCHQ/>

⁵ <https://www.politico.eu/article/volodymyr-zelenskyy-corruption-scandal-crackdown-treason-ukraine-war-democracy-antac-anti-corruption-action-center/>

⁶ <https://www.reuters.com/article/ukraine-privatbank-idUSL8N2BR71K/>

*"the powerful oligarch played an important role in Zelensky's entry into politics. The Ukrainian president reportedly met with Kolomoysky's lawyer and adviser, Andriy Bohdan, in 2019 to discuss the oligarch's support for Zelensky, then a presidential candidate. The latter [Kolomoysky] was living in exile in Israel at the time. Kolomoysky then allegedly helped the former TV star during the election campaign, notably through his media companies, which advertised for Zelensky. After Zelensky's election, Bohdan became the most important man in the presidential office."*⁷

So this is not just an oligarch like any other. This is someone who acted before, during and after the elections in Zelensky's favor. So why target him in the first place? Is Kolomoysky's arrest and pre-trial detention being carried out so that the President can then, with great fanfare, decide to take the matter into his own hands and protect the oligarch and, in this way, also protect Biden and ultimately himself? To avoid turning this suspicion into a conspiracy theory, we need to stick to the facts. What more do they tell us? Are there any links between Kolomoysky and the Bidens?

From Kolomoysky to Burisma and from Burisma to Biden, there are only two steps

Kolomoysky financed several ultranationalist groups, including the Azov Regiment, as well as Aïdar, Dnipro, Safari, Svoboda, Pravy Sektor, C14 and National Corps. But he was also, and above all, the main shareholder in the Privat Group. Until 2016, he headed this banking company, which was later nationalized. Now according to Wikipedia, the Privat Group owned Burisma:

*« Kolomoysky already controlled the conglomerate [Privat Group](#). In the 2012 the CEO of UNB, Oleh Kanivets, confirmed Kolomoysky as the owner of Burisma saying, "The Privat Group is the immediate owner. This company [Burisma] was founded by Mykola Zlochevsky some time ago, but he later sold his shares to the Privat Group." »*⁸

Now, in 2014, after the Maidan coup, Joe Biden made a dozen visits to Ukraine, and his son Hunter was appointed to Burisma's Board of Directors at a salary of \$80,000 a month. He has been employed by Burisma from April 2014 to April 2019. Here, then, is a first source of potential proximity between Biden and Kolomoysky. At the very least, it's a link between the oligarch and the president's son.

Hunter has no expertise in the exploration and exploitation of petroleum products and Joe had been in charge of Ukraine since the 2014 coup. In short, for all intents and purposes, the Vice President presided over Ukraine. Anyone with a modicum of common sense will suspect that the company was trying to use Hunter in order to gain access to Joe.

The match-up

⁷ <https://www.watson.ch/fr/international/volodymyr%20zelensky/501324258-l-oligarque-proche-de-zelensky-ihor-kolomoisky-a-ete-arrete>

⁸ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mykola_Zlochevsky

On Hunter's laptop, inadvertently left in a repair store in Delaware, an email dated from Spring 2014 could be found in which a Burisma executive, Vadym Pozharskyi, asked Hunter how his influence could be used. A year later, on April 17, 2015, he thanked Hunter for allowing him to meet his father Joe. The *New York Post*, which had been behind the revelations about Hunter's laptop, recounts the sequence of events thus:

« Hunter Biden introduced his father, then-Vice President Joe Biden, to a top executive at a Ukrainian energy firm less than a year before the elder Biden [pressured government officials in Ukraine](#) into firing a prosecutor who was investigating the company, according to emails obtained by The Post.

The never-before-revealed meeting is mentioned in a message of appreciation that Vadym Pozharskyi, an adviser to the board of Burisma, allegedly sent Hunter Biden on April 17, 2015, about a year after Hunter joined the Burisma board at a reported salary of up to \$50,000 a month.

“Dear Hunter, thank you for inviting me to DC and giving an opportunity to meet your father and spent [sic] some time together. It’s really [sic] an honor and pleasure,” the email reads.

An earlier email from May 2014 also shows Pozharskyi, reportedly Burisma’s No. 3 exec, asking Hunter for “advice on how you could use your influence” on the company’s behalf.
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(See Emma-Jo Morris and Gabrielle Fonrouge, « Smoking-gun email reveals how Hunter Biden introduced Ukrainian businessman to VP dad » *New York Post*, 14 October 2020.⁹)

A few months after the meeting with Burisma's leader, Vice President Joe Biden will conduct what could be a quid pro quo with Ukrainian leaders. In a video clip, he explicitly boasted that he had told them they wouldn't get the promised financial aid if Prosecutor General Viktor Shokin wasn't dismissed by midnight, which he was.

(verbatim of Joe Biden's speech: « *I said, ‘I’m telling you, you’re not getting a billion dollars.’ I said, ‘You’re not getting a billion. I’m going to be leaving here...,’ and I think it was, what, six hours? I look, I said, ‘I’m leaving in six hours. If the prosecutor is not fired, you’re not getting the money.’ Well, son of a bitch, he got fired, and they put in place someone who was solid.* »)¹⁰

⁹ <https://nypost.com/2020/10/14/email-reveals-how-hunter-biden-introduced-ukrainian-biz-man-to-dad/>

¹⁰ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HhrLWL7jzPY&ab_channel=CouncilonForeignRelations

I use the expression "*quid pro quo*" deliberately, because Donald Trump was the subject of impeachment proceedings for engaging in a similar maneuver. According to Trump, financial aid to Ukraine was conditional on a Ukrainian investigation into information implicating the Biden family in fraudulent maneuvers. This time, the *quid pro quo* was to make financial support for Ukraine conditional on the dismissal of the Ukrainian Attorney General in charge of investigating Burisma. Isn't the blackmail of one to obtain compromising information comparable to the blackmail of the other in order to conceal it?

But we have to be careful here. Did Joe Biden really intervene to get Attorney General Viktor Shokin to stop the investigations against Burisma? On the contrary, Biden claimed that Prosecutor Shokin was corrupt and that the European Union was also calling for his resignation long before Hunter joined Burisma's Board of Directors. Furthermore, Burisma's file had been apparently 'dormant' for quite some time.

And in any case, the suspicions were levelled at Burisma's founder, Mykola Zlochevsky, since, as Minister from 2010 to 2012, he had awarded contracts to companies he owned. So the accusations were not aimed at Burisma as such, but at its president for actions that took place several years earlier. Ultimately, it was to put an end to the corruption that Biden Sr. fired Shokin.

Here someone must be lying, for Shokin himself testified on this subject. He stated that he was indeed investigating Burisma. It's irrelevant that the allegations date back several years, irrelevant also that they were only directed at Mykola Zlochevsky and that they occurred long before Hunter joined the company. Burisma's president might have wanted to approach the vice-president to stop the investigation into his case. And for these steps to be successful, it might have been necessary to secure an intermediary like Hunter, hence his appointment to the Board.

Devon Archer's testimony

At the very least, we're dealing here with the appearance of malfeasance. Burisma could want Shokin's investigation over the corruption of its founding member to stop in order to secure its own reputation. On the basis of common sense, there may be no room for doubt. The company hired Hunter hoping to convince his father to fire Shokin. From a legal point of view, however, it would be risky to conclude that reasonable doubt is not possible. The evidence, however, is beginning to weigh heavily in the balance.

In addition to Shokin, consider the testimony of Hunter's business partner, Devon Archer, before the U.S. Oversight Committee and accountability. Both of them were working in partnership with Rosemont Seneca Thornton. Archer was a former senior advisor to John Kerry's 2004 presidential campaign, and also a member of Burisma's Board of Directors:

« Well, I think there was -- there are particular, you know, objectives that Burisma was trying to accomplish. And a lot of it's about opening doors, you know, globally in

D.C. And I think that, you know, that was the, you know -- and then obviously having those doors opened, you know, sent the right signals, you know, for Burisma to, you know, carry on its business and be successful. »¹¹

These words clearly suggest that Burisma was seeking to establish contacts with the White House in order to continue its activities and achieve success. But questioning before the Oversight Committee revealed other connections.

A meal held in the spring of 2014 brought together Ukrainian oligarchs with Hunter and Joe Biden, as well as Eric Schwerin, an associate with a long history of doing business with the Biden family. A few months earlier, a sum of \$3.5 million had been paid by Yelena Baturina, who was also present at the meal, to the Rosemont Seneca Thornton (RST) company with which Hunter and Devon were associated. Hunter's lawyer, however, denied that Hunter had any involvement in the transaction. He was only an associate of RST and would not have received the money. However, here's how Oversight Committee Chairman James Comer (Republican Representative from Kentucky) reports the matter:

« Yelena Baturina transferred \$3.5 million to Rosemont Seneca Thornton, a shell company, » Comer's office said. "Approximately \$1 million was transferred to Devon Archer, and the remainder was used to initially fund a new company account, Rosemont Seneca Bohai, which Devon Archer and Hunter Biden used to receive other foreign wires. " »¹²

On April 22, 2014, \$142,300 was sent to Rosemont Seneca Bohai, from another attending guest, Kenes Rakishev. And then an identical payment was sent the next day from Rosemont Seneca Bohai to Schneider Nelson Motor, for the purchase of a Porsche for Hunter. This transaction does not appear to have been denied.

The most important thing, however, lies elsewhere. It is worth reproducing the following exchange between the Oversight Committee and Archer:

« Majority Counsel: Did -- during that I'll say after dinner at the Four Seasons, did Mykola Zlochevsky or Vadym ask Hunter Biden to make any phone calls?

Mr. Archer: Yes, though I was not party to that phone call.

Majority Counsel: What was the request?

¹¹ <https://oversight.house.gov/release/comer-releases-devon-archers-transcribed-interview-transcript%E0%BF%BC/>

¹² https://www.thecentersquare.com/national/article_09a1940c-36bb-11ee-adfa-23b7c2abb48a.html

Mr. Archer: The request was I think they were getting pressure and they requested Hunter, you know, help them with some of that pressure.

Majority Counsel: What pressure?

Mr. Archer: Government. Government pressure on their -- you know, government pressure from Ukrainian Government investigations into Mykola, et cetera. »

Under oath, Devon Archer admits not only that Burisma is seeking to establish contacts with the White House, but also that these contacts are intended to reduce the pressure on the head of Burisma. One wonders what kind of pressure this might be, if we accept the official version that the Burisma dossier was supposedly dormant.

According to another Oversight Committee publication, partner Eric Schwerin (also apparently present at the same meal), contacted Kate Bedingfield, who worked in the Vice President's office, in a letter dated December 4, 2015, to advise her of responses to media inquiries about Hunter Biden's role in the Burisma venture. Now, on the very same day, following a meeting of Burisma's Board of Directors, Hunter is said by Devon Archer to have contacted Washington to report pressure on the company.¹³

It was suspected that Hunter's employment with the company had been a useful means of getting in touch with the Vice-President and obtaining favors from him. It appears now that Mykola Zlochevsky wanted to get in touch with the vice-president to stop the investigation directed against him.

But what about Kolomoysky? He holds the bulk of the shares in the Burisma company. Would an indictment of the company's founder significantly harm the company itself? Would Kolomoysky thus also have an interest in reducing the pressure on Burisma's CEO?

Andrii Telizhenko's testimony

The testimony of Andrii Telizhenko, gathered by investigating journalist Aaron Maté, is also worth a look. Telizhenko is a former official representative of the Ukrainian government. He was secretary at the Ukrainian embassy in the United States. He is now under US sanctions. He is unemployed. Perhaps he has nothing left to lose. In any case, he is making a full-blown attack on Burisma. Of course, we have to take a cautious view of what he has to say. However, it corroborates Shokin's version:

« Biden joined already a corrupt company which was under investigation with the Prosecutor General's office. There were four criminal cases opened in 2014 against Burisma, and two more additionally opened by Shokin when he became the Prosecutor

¹³ <https://oversight.house.gov/release/comer-probes-vp-bidens-staff-collusion-with-hunters-business-partner-on-burisma-corruption-media-response%E2%82%AC%A2/>

General. So, whenever anybody says, « There were no criminal cases, nobody was investigating Burisma, this was all a lie, Shokin was fired because he was a bad prosecutor, he didn't do his work, » no, he did his work, but he went out against the wrong people, as you can say, because they went against him. Of course, these people aren't going to be happy so they're going to go against him, they're going to fire him or they're going to tell lies, but he did his job. He opened two more criminal cases on Burisma, which were later closed after Shokin got fired, after a new prosecutor, [Yuriy] Lutsenko, a politically-appointed prosecutor—attorney general in the US term—became attorney general without even a law degree. This guy doesn't know law at all. They had to change the Ukrainian law for him to become the Prosecutor General. That's how bad the situation was. And this Lutsenko guy was a very close aide to Poroshenko, basically, his relative in one way or another through a godson; he was the godfather to one of his children. »¹⁴

He then makes some extraordinary allegations about the Bidens. He tells us that he also worked for Blue Star Strategies, a company that set up a cover-up to conceal affairs between the Bidens and Burisma. The former special envoy for energy affairs in the Obama administration, Amos Hochstein, who later became a senior official under Joe Biden as Special Presidential Coordinator for Global Infrastructure and Energy Security, was, between these two periods, responsible for maintaining a close link between Joe Biden and Blue Star. Telizhenko also claims that Attorney Shokin was also investigating Hunter Biden:

« Shokin did his job. Shokin, because he was looking not only into Burisma and Zlochevsky, he was looking into Hunter Biden directly. There were red flags of the financial transactions of the payments to Hunter Biden to Cyprus from Latvian financial intelligence, that the money itself was corrupt, the money itself was coming from not legit sources. And Hunter Biden knew this fund was corrupt, because the people who are covering up for him, Blue Star Strategies—that's the company which I was advising for after I worked in Washington—they were the ones who were basically covering up everything for Hunter Biden, between Joe Biden and Burisma. And Amos Hochstein [United States Special Envoy and Coordinator for International Energy Affairs under Obama Administration] was the person that Blue Star Strategies was working closely to get information to Joe Biden directly, because they cannot go see Joe Biden directly, so they had a person, an intermediary, Hochstein, who was a gas expert, to basically deliver all the official information to Joe Biden himself on Hunter Biden and Burisma, and what has to be done and how to save that company from being prosecuted,

¹⁴ <https://thegrayzone.com/2023/07/13/bidens-corruption-led-to-ukraines-destruction-fmr-kiev-diplomat/>

from being closed down, or being shaken up. So, this is why Hunter Biden was hired to this firm. »

Telizhenko adds that he arranged meetings with Shokin's executive prosecutor, Yuriy Sevruck, and two representatives of Blue Star Strategies, Karen Tramontano and Sally Painter, in order to close the case involving their client Zlochevsky. They did the same with the prosecutor who replaced Shokin, Yuriy Lutsenko:

« I helped Blue Star arrange meetings within the Prosecutor's office, with the acting prosecutor [Yuriy] Sevruck, after Shokin. He was there for a couple of weeks. Blue Star Strategies' Karen Tramontano and Sally Painter came to see this acting prosecutor, and then they came to see and met with Lutsenko, also. They were there talking and trying to close the case and negotiating with Lutsenko on how to close the case for their client Zlochevsky. And that's how the system worked. »

Finally, Telizhenko points out that Blue Star was not just a lobby. The people working in this group acted as intermediaries between the Bidens and Burisma in order to put an end to the proceedings against Burisma. A previously named member of Blue Star, Sally Painter, reported this fact to him while she and he were in Mexico in February 2019. He would be willing to testify under oath to this:

« They were working interconnections with the White House on getting this thing done, and Blue Star, why are they so important? It's not just a lobby firm; these people were working as intermediaries between Joe Biden and Burisma and Hunter Biden. As soon as Hunter Biden was offered a job, they made a report for Joe Biden, three reports; two legit to show to the public, and one basically a black report behind the doors, one which showed what really Burisma was, for the problems, how Joe Biden's family can make money on this, and they'd be covering up their problems and what can be done if then the US helps cover their problems for Burisma. And they showed this process to Amos Hochstein, to Joe Biden directly, and he knew what his son was getting into. Because this was told to me also by Sally Painter. She told me this directly in 2019, February 2019 in Mexico. I can testify on this, on all of this, but they blocked me from testifying because they're afraid that I'm going to tell the truth, that this is going to come out officially and it's going to be officially investigated. Blue Star lied to Congress, they lied to the Senate, when Johnson and Grassley asked them questions in their committee. »

The testimonies concerning Burisma, Zlotchevsky and the Bidens are disturbing, but are they true? Can they be confirmed or at least corroborated? In addition to the testimony of Viktor Shokin, Devon Archer and Andrii Telizhenko, is there anything else? After much pressure, the FBI has finally made public the testimony of a person claiming that Mykola Zlotchevsky, co-founder of Burisma Holdings *« paid bribes to Joe Biden to have Viktor Shokin the prosecutor removed because he was investigating Burisma »*. The witness reports that Zlotchevsky said, "Have no fear. Hunter will take care of Viktor Shokin

thanks to his father." (See Patrick Lawrence, « The Bidens' Burisma Bribery », *Consortium News*, 31 July 2023.¹⁵)

Lawrence quotes another article from the *New York Post*. The *Post* puts it this way: « *A bombshell FBI informant file describing a \$10 million bribery allegation against President Biden and his son Hunter was released Thursday by Sen. Chuck Grassley, showing that a Ukrainian oligarch claimed that he was "coerced" into making the payoff. Mykola Zlochevsky, the owner of natural gas company Burisma Holdings, told the FBI informant in 2016 while meeting at a coffee shop in Vienna, Austria, that "it cost 5 [million] to pay one Biden, and 5 [million] to another Biden," according to the redacted FD-1023 form.* »

(See Steven Nelson, « Biden \$10M bribe file released: Burisma chief said he was 'coerced' to pay Joe, 'stupid' Hunter in bombshell allegations », *New York Post*, 20 July 2023.¹⁶)

We reach the point where witnesses are reporting money flowing from Burisma to the Bidens. The least we can say is that there should be something to investigate. But then again, what role would Kolomoysky be led to play?

A Smoking Gun?

The *Baltic News Network* reports that Burisma's funds were transferred to Hunter's company via Privat Bank, whose main shareholder is Ihor Kolomoysky:

« *The money Ukrainian gas and oil company Burisma Holdings transferred to Rosemont Seneca company owned by US Vice-President Joe Biden's son Hunter Biden (...) went through Latvia's PrivatBank, according to Rosemont Seneca's account lists leaked to the internet.* »

(See *Baltic News Network*, « Document leak: what ties Latvia's ex-president, Biden's son and PrivatBank together? »¹⁷)

¹⁵ <https://consortiumnews.com/2023/07/31/patrick-lawrence-the-bidens-burisma-bribery/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=c6278702-5f3c-48c7-b37c-9de4448559ce>

¹⁶ https://nypost.com/2023/07/20/biden-bribe-file-released-burisma-chief-said-both-joe-and-hunter-involved/?utm_campaign=nypevening&utm_source=sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_content=20230720<g=629d419ed138e8f9e9079490&utm_term=NYP%20-%20Evening%20Update

¹⁷ <https://bnn-news.com/document-leak-what-ties-latvia-s-ex-president-biden-s-son-and-i-privatbank-i-together-205937>

If confirmed, this fact about Kolomoysky would be absolutely devastating. It would be a crucial element that has to be taken into account. Did Hunter and Joe receive this money? We don't yet have proof of any such embezzlement, but we do have an additional clue establishing a link between the Biden family, Burisma and Kolomoysky. The latter could confirm the existence of this financial transaction between Burisma and the Bidens, via Privat Bank.

So the question arises. Are Kolomoysky's actions the "smoking gun" that could reveal the corruption in which Hunter and his father Joe are involved? Could it be that Burisma paid Hunter and Joe to thank them for intervening and fire District Attorney Shokin by funneling money through Kolomoysky? Informed about these facts, Zelensky would have submitted a legislation on treason enabling him to have full control over the dossier. What lies behind this surprising maneuver? Is it indicative of the Ukrainian authorities' desire to cover up undisclosed truths?

The Lid on the Pot is about to Burst

Perhaps Washington and Kiev really do want to combat corruption in Ukraine. The pressure to do so is enormous, as the regime's characteristic corruption could in the long term seriously compromise the country's inclusion in the European Union. At the same time, however, Zelensky could want to prevent an explosive information that would ruin the credibility of the current President of the United States, making his re-election and continued American support for Ukraine impracticable.¹⁸

Democratic supporters are offended that these issues are being raised in the run-up to the presidential election. But the interventions of Viktor Shokin, Devon Archer, Andrii Telizhenko and the witness questioned by the FBI are raising more and more suspicions against the Bidens.

I haven't discussed the compromising facts concerning the relationship between the Bidens and China. The Vice President is said to have been present at some twenty calls Hunter made with his Chinese counterparts. Nor have I mentioned the fact that Joe had several aliases in his e-mails, and that the Biden family and associates apparently created several Shell companies to move money into multiple accounts owned by Hunter:

« The Biden family and its business associates created a complicated web of more than 20 companies, according to bank records obtained by the House Oversight Committee —

¹⁸ <https://consortiumnews.com/2023/09/21/if-the-facts-come-out-it-could-spell-the-end-for-joe-biden-2/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=e456a00c-fcce-4e8a-9a26-b81c8e86170b>

a system, GOP lawmakers say, that was meant to conceal money received from foreign nationals.»¹⁹

The attempt at a cover-up should not be overlooked either. When the affair broke a few weeks before the 2020 presidential election, it took journalist Glenn Greenwald just a few days to reach the conclusion that the e-mails were authentic and that the story was not a case of Russian disinformation. Now, the FBI had been in possession of the computer for a year and would certainly have drawn the same conclusion. And yet, following representations made by Anthony Blinken to the FBI, a letter was drafted and co-signed by several members of the organization few weeks before the elections asserting that the Hunter laptop story could very well have been Russian disinformation.

When, after the election, the established media admitted that the computer was Hunter's and that the e-mails were genuine, the President denied any knowledge of his son's business dealings. Since the revelations concerning Hunter's phone calls with his father, we now know that this claim is also false, hence the recent changes in the official discourse of the White House and its spokespeople. It is now claimed that the president never did business with his son.

Finally, it was only at the insistence of the Oversight Committee that the FBI at last agreed to make public the anonymous witness's statement about the Biden family. So it should come as no surprise if impeachment is considered. The solution adopted was the one suggested by constitutionalist Jonathan Turley. Namely, Congress was to set in motion an inquiry in order to determine whether there are grounds for initiating an impeachment procedure. At the time of writing this paper, an impeachment procedure has been launched.

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¹⁹ <https://www.nationalreview.com/news/bidens-used-web-of-shell-companies-to-conceal-foreign-cash-bank-records-obtained-by-house-gop-reveal/>