

TRUMP AND BLACKSTONE

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Is Donald Trump in Debt to Blackstone? Donald Trump is closely connected to Blackstone cofounder, chairman and CEO Stephen Schwarzman. Schwarzman has had dealings with Russian government officials in the past. Schwarzman cofounded Blackstone in 1985 and today it has offices located around the globe — including China, Hong Kong, India and Dubai. and manages more than \$360 billion in assets. In 2011, Vladimir Putin appealed directly to Blackstone to invest in Russia, Reuters reports. The May 18 gathering was a radical departure for Putin, who normally receives foreign executives when they seek his personal blessing to close multibillion-dollar deals. Speaking through an interpreter to guests including Blackstone's Stephen Schwarzman and Abu Dhabi's Hareb Al Darmaki, he spelled out how the fund would work alongside foreign investors to buy businesses in Russia. By 2014, Blackstone announced that it was "giving up on Russia" after its invasion of Ukraine resulted in a new round of sanctions, the Moscow Times reports: U.S. and European sanctions against state-backed Russian companies to punish Moscow for its intervention in Ukraine are deterring Western investment. In January 2016, however, the New York Times reported that Schwarzman sat on the board of international advisors for an investment fund backed by the Russian government and directly linked to Vladimir Putin from 2011-2014: Mr. Medvedev wanted to attract overseas investors to the country's companies, and tried to entice them by matching state funds with private capital. The partnership with state, would reduce the investors' worries about the risk of nationalization and arbitrary regulation Today, Trump remains closely connected to Schwarzman. In December 2016, Trump appointed Blackstone's CEO and cofounder to serve on the President's Strategic and Policy Forum, which will be "called upon to meet with the president frequently to share their specific experience and knowledge as the president implements his plan." In the end, Trump has strong

connections to Blackstone, and Blackstone executives have had business dealings with the Kremlin.

Here's some interesting background information:

- 1) Trump owes Blackstone/ Bayrock group \$560 million dollars (one of his largest debtors and the primary reason he won't reveal his tax returns)
- 2) Blackstone is owned wholly by Russian billionaires, who owe their position to Putin and have made billions from their work with the Russian government.
- 3) Other companies that have borrowed from Blackstone have claimed that owing money to them is like owing to the Russian mob and while you owe them, they own you for many favors.
- 4) The Russian economy is badly faltering under the weight of its over-dependence on raw materials which as you know have plummeted in the last 2 years leaving the Russian economy scrambling to pay its debts.
- 5) Russia has an impetus to influence our election to ensure the per barrel oil prices are above \$65 (they are currently hovering around \$50)
- 6) Russia can't affordably get at 80% of its oil reserves and reduce its per barrel cost to compete with America at \$45 or Saudi Arabia at \$39. With Iranian sanctions being lifted Russia will find another inexpensive competitor increasing production and pushing Russia further down the list of suppliers.
As for Iranian sanctions, the 6 countries lifting them allowing Iran to collect on the billions it is owed for pumping oil but not being paid for it. These billions Iran can only get if the Iranian nuclear deal is signed. Trump spoke of ending the deals which would cause oil sales sanctions to be reimposed, which would make Russian oil more competitive.
- 7) Rex Tillerson (Trump's pick for Secretary of State) is the head of ExxonMobil, which is in possession of patented technology that could help Putin extract 45% more oil at a significant cost savings to Russia, helping Putin put money in the Russian coffers to help reconstitute its military and finally afford to mass produce the new and improved systems that it had invented before the Russian economy had slowed so much.
- 8) Putin cannot get access to these new cost saving technologies OR outside oil field development money, due to US sanctions on Russia, because of its involvement in Ukrainian civil war.
- 9) Look for Trump to end sanctions on Russia and to back out of the Iranian nuclear deal, to help Russia rebuild its economy, strengthen Putin and make Tillerson and Trump even richer, thus allowing Trump to satisfy his creditors at Blackstone.
- 10) With Trump's fabricated hatred of NATO and the U.N., the Russian military reconstituted, the threat to the Baltic states is real. Russia retaking their access to the Baltic Sea from Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia and threatening the shipping of millions of cubic feet of natural gas to lower Europe from Scandinavia, would allow Russia to make a good case for its oil and gas being piped into eastern Europe.



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