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Von der Leyen blames Russia for no-confidence motion

The EU chief has labeled her critics “conspiracy theorists”



President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen at a European Parliament debate, Strassburg, France, July 7, 2025. © Philipp von Dittfurth / picture alliance via Getty Images

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen has dismissed efforts by members of the European Parliament to oust her, branding her critics “conspiracy theorists” and accusing them of acting on behalf of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Von der Leyen is facing a parliamentary motion of no-confidence in her presidency, which is scheduled for a vote on Thursday after being tabled by Romanian MEP Gheorghe Piperea.

Addressing the parliament during a

debate on Monday, von der Leyen said those backing the proposal were following “the oldest playbook of extremists” and were attempting to undermine public confidence in the EU with

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“false claims.”

“There is no proof that they have any answers, but there is ample proof that many are supported by our enemies and by their puppet masters in Russia or elsewhere.”

“These are movements fueled by conspiracies, from anti-vaxxers to Putin apologists. And you only have to look at some of the signatories of this motion to understand what I mean.”

In his remarks to parliament, Piperea accused the Commission of centralizing decision-making in a non-democratic fashion and of interfering in the internal affairs of member states.



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Russian officials have claimed that EU leaders are using fear tactics to shield themselves from criticism. Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov dubbed von der Leyen, who is German, a *“fuhrer”* for her efforts to push a multi-billion euro militarization program on member states. Russia maintains that unlike Western states it does not interfere with other nations’ domestic affairs.

Von der Leyen urged *“all the pro-Europeans, pro-democracy forces”* in the chamber to support her agenda, arguing that unity was essential to uphold

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the EU's foreign policy strength.

Criticism of von der Leyen's leadership has centered on her handling of the EU's Covid-19 response during her first term, particularly the lack of transparency in finalizing a 2021 vaccine procurement deal with Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla. Earlier this year, the European Court of Justice found her office at fault for failing to retain text messages exchanged with Bourla and for refusing to release them to journalists with adequate justification.

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Piperea is a member of Romania's AUR party, led by George Simion, who narrowly lost a presidential runoff this year to a pro-EU candidate. The election followed a scrapped first-round vote earlier in 2024, in which outsider Calin Georgescu emerged as the frontrunner. The country's Constitutional Court annulled the results, citing government allegations of Russian interference. Critics of the EU claim the episode reflects a broader anti-democratic trend allegedly enabled by Brussels.

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Sure, Russia sanctioned itself to cause the no-confidence motion. How come that such level of stupidity does not hurt?

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Excellent question

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She's a medical doctor, so probably has access to free drugs.

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same old same old from the embittered spinster. blame russia for her failure ? shes a joke.

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She's not a spinster, but much worse than a joke can be.

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she has completely lost the plot, hasn't she?

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I'm afraid she never had one. If she hadn't been born into a «dynasty», she would most likely not be in politics.

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She needs to get off the drugs.

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Dhe»s nothing but avmurderer like all those leaders in the west. Responsible for russisn, ukraine and palestinian deaths. Quite a record. But netanyua gets full marks, biden, second trump, starmer, blair and vonny leyan third congress ,, 4th but are moving up. Congressmen murderers.

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They All Sing the same tune

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