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Turns out the Kremlin hates von der Leyen about as much as EU lawmakers do

'Russian disinfo' slayers try very hard to pin Queen Ursula's no-confidence vote on Moscow



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European Commission President Ursula Von der Leyen. © Beata Zawrzel/NurPhoto via Getty Images

Apparently, trying to hold Ursula von der Leyen accountable is now a Russian op, [reports Der Spiegel](#), citing a new NATO-linked think tank report.

The study treats elected oversight and European lawmakers whose job, ideally, involves more than clapping like trained seals every time an unelected Eurocrat lights public money on fire, like elements of some kind of Russian infiltration plot.

"Massive support for this effort was also found by pro-Kremlin media outlets, bloggers, and online influencers, as the Lithuania-based organization Debunk.org specializes in analyzing disinformation and Russian propaganda, which is seen as part

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of Russia's hybrid warfare against the EU," Spiegel wrote, describing Russian-linked media "fueling" a recent von der Leyen non-confidence vote in the EU Parliament. "Among the larger portals were those of the Russian propaganda channel RT..."

According to the advance copy of this report seen by Spiegel, the study reviewed 284 articles from Russian-linked media. Exactly how many of those articles expressed something like only von der Leyen's ouster could save Europe? 90%? 75%? Maybe half? Nope, just 35%. Roughly the same percentage of voting EU lawmakers who favored ejecting her (32.7%). So by this logic, the Kremlin is about as supportive of Ursula as Brussels is. Awkward.

Spiegel said that was the most common so-called Kremlin-backed narrative that the study found. Others included the suggestion that von der Leyen is part of a corrupt elite that robbed citizens to fill Big Pharma's pockets. Because apparently, saying that hey, maybe EU contracts shouldn't be inked via disappearing text messages with the CEO of a company, means that you're doing Putin's bidding. Real democracy means that you shut your mouth when you see your overlords doing shady stuff.

Another alleged Kremlin line? That Ursula, despite her presidential title, was never elected. As someone who personally refers to her as "Queen Ursula," I'm actually surprised that one didn't rank higher. It's not like she won a popular vote or anything. She was handpicked in shady backrooms and then subjected to a simple confirmation by EU lawmakers. Her sole opponent in this so-called "election" was literally just "not Ursula." Only the EU, in all its dystopian delusion, would call that an "election".

Then there was the claim that she's obsessed with confronting Russia. Which is just, uh, objectively true? I mean, come on. If there are extraterrestrials somewhere out there, they may not know much about Earth, except for the fact that von der Leyen is obsessed with Russia – a phenomenon easily visible from space.



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Even right before the vote, she accused the lawmakers subjecting her to democratic accountability of being Kremlin stooges just because they wanted her to explain herself. "There is ample proof that many are supported by our enemies and by their puppet masters in Russia or elsewhere. What we hear from

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you are movements fueled by conspiracies, from anti-vaxxers, to put in apologists and you only have to look at some of the signatories of this motion to understand what I mean," she pleaded.

Let's back up here. Why exactly did she face this no-confidence vote? Because no one who's elected and accountable at the EU has actually been able to provide concrete details of contract terms for the tens of billions of euros in Covid jobs that she strong-armed European governments into paying for. Jobs that are now so useless they're being dumped in landfills all over Europe, where one-eyed stuffed animals, soggy pizza boxes, and a moldy futon just got their third booster, courtesy of the EU taxpayer. One of those contracts followed a flurry of text exchanges between Ursula and Pfizer CEO, Robert Bourla, which she bragged about to the New York Times right before they pulled a Houdini.

The courts have so far politely asked her to explain herself. And that's where we're stuck right now. So frustrated lawmakers figured that they could at least make her publicly squirm with a non-confidence vote in an attempt to get her to cough up at least some of the answers for taxpayers.

The result? Ursula's interpretive song and tap-dance routine in Parliament: *"Putin Did It: Paranoia in Three Acts."* She ultimately survived the vote thanks to some budget crumbs thrown at the lefties who were otherwise saying that they would have voted against her. But even they told Politico that it was her *"absolute last chance."*



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So here comes Debunk.org, an obscure outlet that sounds like it's trying a little too hard with the name. It's funded by, let's see... NATO members like the German government, UK Foreign Office, Lithuanian Ministry of Defense, and also the German Marshall Fund, which is practically a NATO mascot. In other words, roughly as independent as a teenager who calls down to his mom for *"room service."*

And wouldn't you know it, they galloped in like Queen Ursula's white knight with a whole *"study"* backing her mantra that the whole non-confidence vote was little more than a Kremlin plot. They could've just called themselves Spin.org. But sure, let's just call skepticism and the demand for basic accountability a *"Russian disinformation campaign,"* and totally ignore the fact that Russian-linked media were mostly just echoing general

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discontent that has been bubbling up in European coverage and parliament for a while now.

As reported by multiple outlets including Politico and Euronews, establishment EU Socialists have been turned off by what they perceive as von der Leyen's overtures to the right-wing. Centrist Renew Europe voices frustration over her increasingly aloof style. Even her own center right European People's Party (EPP) allies have been criticizing her centralized leadership approach.

"EU capitals fume at 'Queen' von der Leyen. Diplomats accuse European Commission president of overreach amid a furor over her trip to Israel," Politico wrote in 2023. *"From queen to empress: Inside Ursula von der Leyen's power grab,"* it [wrote last year](#). "Her penchant for centralisation, her aloof character and her avoidance of controversial subjects have garnered her the nickname of *"Queen Ursula"* in Brussels," Euronews [says](#).

Know what would've been genuinely illuminating? A side-by-side comparison of *"Russian"* and *"non-Russian"* media coverage, because although I've personally been calling her *"Queen Ursula"* for years now, apparently it's been catching on in the mainstream. Debunk.org accuses the Russian-linked press of suggesting that *"von der Leyen was an undemocratically legitimized autocrat."* That's a long-winded way to say *"Queen,"* as even the mainstream outlets have been doing lately, and also, apparently her own colleagues, as Euronews suggests.

But maybe a broader analysis would've complicated the nice, clean Kremlin-driven narrative angle. And who needs that when Queen Ursula has a throne to protect?

Funny how *"Russian disinfo"* always seems to show up right when accountability does. If challenging Ursula's behavior makes you a Russian asset, then much of the EU Parliament should probably just register as foreign agents. Because either the Kremlin is now running half of Europe, or Debunk.org needs to make an effort to step out of NATO's basement and touch grass.

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S **Samson Samson** 7/26/2025 at 4:36 PM 0


The World hope that the warning by Russia to NATO about any attempt to attack Kaliningrad would trigger vigorous response by Russia is the last, at least main countries such as Germany, the UK, France and Poland must vanish from the map. By the way, the threat against Kaliningrad by NATO is because Russia has allowed for several times red lines be crossed by the enemy, reason they feel can splat Russia on the face by attacking Russia, all these is because of a superpower who allows too much.

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 **Pepe** 7/26/2025 at 5:18 PM ↑ 0


do not want ruttie coontie speaking on behalf holidaying loving brits or germans or french or italians and other europeans who just want a good life. let ruttie lead the way hand in hand vondi lying and kallous kallous

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 **J.S.** 7/26/2025 at 4:38 PM 1

Just to be clear, Ursula isn't pulling all of her stunts all by herself.

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 **Pepe** 7/26/2025 at 5:15 PM ↑ 0


zionists in the background! fueling, waiting.

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C **Carolina Reaper** 7/26/2025 at 4:43 PM -2

Zelenski will be fine as long as Ukraine makes russia's population decline more everyday that passes. We the US would be irresponsible to not exploit this massive russian blunder to the fullest. Its a once in a lifetime opportunity. We are adversaries at the end of the day.

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 **Pepe** 7/26/2025 at 5:14 PM ↑ 0

you are talking about zionists. fighting on their behalf. they

hate all goyim including yankee doodle dandies. aipac are your masters. the shot to trumsky was a warning shot, otherwise he would end up like jfk

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C Carolina Reaper 7/26/2025 at 4:40 PM -3

And back in the real world russia got exposed as a poor mans clown army unable to even beat Ukraine after trying for over 3 years and counting..HAHAHA

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Richard Castle 7/26/2025 at 4:48 PM 0

What an interesting statement. I suppose you would be happy to murder your whole family just like any American loon, because one of your relatives was a fascist. Learn history and discover reality.....

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Pepe 7/26/2025 at 5:11 PM 0

playing long game!

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Wakeup Speakup 7/26/2025 at 5:12 PM 0

HAHAHA, you have a POOR memory. I remember the US of A getting their arses handed to them by Sandal wearing Afghanistani Rebels for 20yrs, it was so embarrassing for the US they finally fled the country leaving Millions in weaponry behind. Which made them the Laughing stock of Global proportions

A bit of advice. When pointing the finger of ridicule always remember, there's 3 fingers pointing back at yourself.

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Pepe 7/26/2025 at 5:08 PM 0

it has been suggested vondi lying, along with kallas kowlas, is mentally ill and needs treatment, is this true?

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Guy 7/26/2025 at 4:54 PM 0

Ursulas reign will continue to have a degenerative impact on Europe. It's only a matter of time before she resurrects her arguments that the EU needs a military force under Brussels command.

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Pepe 7/26/2025 at 5:08 PM 0

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G GeorgeBMac 7/26/2025 at 5:04 PM 1

Apparently reporting facts and truth is now spreading «Disinformation»! Shame on you RT! (LMAO....)

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 **ron** 7/26/2025 at 4:49 PM 0

That is the nastiest and ugliest looking NAZI cunt on earth. It's surprising they haven't blamed that on Russia also.

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 **koaquira** 7/26/2025 at 4:06 PM 2

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 **koaquira** 7/26/2025 at 4:09 PM 0


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M Mark Zobert Novak 7/26/2025 at 4:40 PM 0

PERFECT DIAGNOSE!!!

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 **Не ваше дело** 7/26/2025 at 3:53 PM 2

my sentence of «our current system is run by psychopaths voted by imbeciles» describes the objective reality in the West. They are nothing short of terrorists and must face the same fate and justice.

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Y Yemoot Toomey 7/26/2025 at 4:36 PM 1

The EU Commission is unelected. No voters are needed for this type of dictatorship.

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W Way Choose 7/26/2025 at 4:36 PM 0

her skin was once very shiny but I think she is in a lots of stress as her boss pressed her very hard to take action against Russia...maybe she takes weed as well to calm herself down

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 **Gargarin** 7/26/2025 at 4:29 PM 3

Normal people dislike violence, racism, ethno-supremacy, homicide, theft and useless bureaucrats making unnecessary trouble. If Russians dislike those things that does not mean normal people are Russian agents. Duh. Do we really need to explain this? Why do these characters, wicked wonda, emmanuelle, smeagol and boris et. al. lie so much and so often? Is it some sort of sick game or self-deception, or are they

innocently misinformed? («...Did Ukraine ban Russian and mount a civil war against the people of Donbass and Crimea? Really? I had no idea. Honestly...»)
When Jesus said «... those who have ears let them hear...» we understand what he meant. These characters have ears but they do not listen, they are like radio stations that transmit but do not receive (or take calls). We, that is normal people try to talk to them, explaining why their policies are ethically wrong, economically damaging, illogical or symptomatic of deep-level corruption, dishonesty and malfeasance. Sometimes just hooliganism, selfish ego or worse. No, they say, you must be a Russian agent. Was Jesus Russian too?

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Karma Lodro 7/26/2025 at 4:25 PM

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Liked your Thai/Cambodia Frog vid too. kek

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Ahmed4 7/26/2025 at 4:04 PM

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Ursula «Wonderlie» van der Lyen is just «Ursula I» Queen of Europe, she needs no confidence from anyone and will just rule, if we Her subjects like it or not, and has a plan, till someone will cut her head off...

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William Dodds 7/26/2025 at 3:04 PM

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If only chivalry and nobility still existed, then Putin can marry von der Leyden and this mess will all end as a bygone family feud well left in the past, like Emperor Alexander's relation to Queen Victoria...

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Leon Allan Davis 7/26/2025 at 4:00 PM ↑

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That's actually pretty funny. Marriage is only the first step. After that comes the hard part (pardon the pun), consummation. I'm sure there are men in this world who would consummate Ursula. I'm equally sure Vladimir Vladimirovich isn't one of them. Not happening. Thanks for the laugh.

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Leon Allan Davis 7/26/2025 at 3:50 PM

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The humor in all this is inescapable. By blaming everything on Russia the EU has created a Gorgon. An all-powerful Beast from the East. The more then EU yaps about Russia, in their minds the larger the monster grows. To the point where NATO warplanners wake up with the night sweats and EU politicians run around in circles with their hair on fire. Russia benefits since in this case, any publicity is good publicity. Small wonder President Vladimir Putin smiles a lot. He's a devout Christian but

Brussels has turned him into Vlad the Impaler. With a supernatural ability to warp EU minds at the highest level. Funny stuff.

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He ваше дело 7/26/2025 at 3:48 PM

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The Western Mediawhores must not get away with their crimes. They are as involved as anyone pulling the trigger and in most cases more guilty as many times those with a gun may have been forcibly snatched from the streets and thrown to the frontline.

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Avuncular 7/26/2025 at 3:29 PM

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«Der Spiegel» is the worst journal of deranged limousine leftism that Germany has on offer.

Their covers are either «Bad Hitler/bad Germans», «Bad Putin/bad Russian» or «Great Ursula», «Great Scholz» and «take your Covid vaxx, peasant».

It's absolute trash, meant to demoralize and obfuscate with pseudo-intellectual walls of texts.

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John 7/26/2025 at 3:26 PM

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How can Russian media be blamed for influencing anything in the EU, when the high priestess herself so proudly banned it, so the no confidence is coming from within the EU itself and with good reason, Ursula is as corrupt and rotten to the core as it can get, the EU has been destroyed by her and many more like her,

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Carlo Caporaso 7/26/2025 at 3:04 PM

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Ursula is a highly paid Zionist psychopath representing the thievery of their criminal activities.

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norberto Garcia 7/26/2025 at 2:53 PM

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norberto Garcia 7/26/2025 at 3:02 PM ↑

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I mean that the WORD (nominalism) «Europe» means absolutely NOTHING at ALL within this context, it has been abused and EXPLOITED...

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norberto Garcia 7/26/2025 at 2:58 PM

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The word «Europe» is a cacophonous melange with no meaning

at all...

Russia IS PART of Europe, and many others posing to be are not...

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A A (Bana) 7/26/2025 at 2:55 PM

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Once president Ronald Regain said, «If fascism ever comes to America it will come in the name of Liberalism». I think that guy was a perfect example of time traveler. He stated it in 1975, i.e. 50 years back. That is literally what is happening in Brussels now. Accept and obey What we say like a gospel, you are a good person, question what we do, we call you a Russian Hasset. Russia now adays became a tool of intimidation for lawmakers who do not fall in line with what Queen Ursala has to say evry time.

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michael walsh 7/26/2025 at 1:37 PM

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As always, superbly analysed and penned. Thank you, Rachel

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Philip 7/26/2025 at 2:53 PM

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ANY EUROPEAN CITIZEN CAN LEGALLY ARREST VON LEYEN OR OTHERWISE.....

MISS VON LEYEN IS GUILTY OF CHEMICAL GENOCIDE ON US ALL. EVIDENCE IS LONG OUT. GROUP UP. WE ARE BEING EXTERMINATED BY LITTLE FREAKS. REPLACED BY SLAVE TYPE PEOPLES.

SHE IS A RAT OF HUMANITY. ITS THE BEGINNING OF THE END FOR THEM.

P.B.WILLIAMS. 🇳🇵🇩🇪🇬🇬🇺

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Philip 7/26/2025 at 2:52 PM

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Vuk Sin 7/26/2025 at 2:51 PM

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Ursula von der Leyen, appointed (Unelected) President of the European Commission, faced a no-confidence vote in July 2025 primarily due to the "Definatory" scandal centered on her