

The Non-Issue of Trump Jr.'s Emails. Links with a Russian Lawyer, Much Ado about Nothing

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Anything about Russia, Trump, his family and team consistently is overblown, misrepresented and lied about by what he justifiably calls the "dishonest media." Indeed!!

Trump Jr.'s meeting and email correspondence with Russian lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya amounted to much ado about nothing.

A nothing story became a cause celebre, anything to bash, denigrate and weaken Trump for the wrong reasons, ignoring plenty of justifiable ones – done directly or through other parties, in this case his son.



Russian lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya (Source: The Inquisitr)

Russian lawyer Veselnitskaya is a private citizen unconnected to the Kremlin. There was nothing improper or illegal about Trump Jr. meeting with her. No "collusion" occurred, no connection to Russia, no other known criminal activity of any kind.

Trump Jr. published emails between himself and Veselnitskaya, showing they had nothing to do with Russia. Issues discussed related to adoption of children and related charitable activities.

Emails between himself and publicist/tabloid writer Rob Goldstone claimed a Russian government lawyer had incriminating documents about Hillary, yet nothing of the sort was discussed or transmitted.

Goldstone said he had no knowledge of Veselnitskaya's connection to the Kremlin. Putin

spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the Russian government knows nothing about this woman.

On June 9, 2016, Trump Jr., presidential campaign manager at the time Paul Manafort, and Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner met with her at Trump Tower in New York.

Trump Jr. said the following:

"I was asked to have a meeting by an acquaintance I knew from the 2013 Miss Universe pageant with an individual who I was told might have information helpful to the campaign."

"I was not told her name prior to the meeting. I asked Jared and Paul to attend, but told them nothing of the substance."

Veselnitskaya said

"she had information that individuals connected to Russia were funding the Democratic National Committee and supporting Ms. Clinton."

"(H)er statements were vague, ambiguous and made no sense. No details or supporting information was provided or even offered. It quickly became clear that she had no meaningful information."

"She then changed subjects and began discussing the adoption of Russian children and mentioned the Magnitsky Act."

"It became clear to me that this was the true agenda all along and that the claims of potentially helpful information were a pretext for the meeting."

Goldstone called the meeting "the most insane nonsense I ever heard." In a Tuesday interview on NBC News, Veselnitskaya denied any connection to Vladimir Putin or Russia's government, explaining she didn't meet with Trump Jr. to discuss Hillary or last year's presidential campaign.

Unprincipled claims by undemocratic Democrats and US media about alleged Trump team wrongdoing, including possible treason, show how low they're willing to stoop to damage the president for the wrong reasons.

It's more hard evidence of the deplorable state of America, a serial aggressor, a fantasy democracy, an unscrupulous rogue state.

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