

been diligent in tackling Russian corruption and was praised by Bill Browder for his role in lobbying for a Magnitsky act for the EU.

Serious questions about Parex, which Lucas and the journalists he copied into his e mail could explore, remain unanswered. Why was the compliance officer at two looted banks, Arnis Lagzdins, employed as the Latvian government's front man in the United States? Does his son have links to offshore Russian entities while working in a highly sensitive role in the Latvian government? Why would three different banks allege that Rimsevics asked them for bribes? Why was the vast majority of the money taken from Parex seemingly never recovered? Why were evidently questionable mechanisms such as alleged Parex loans to a UK shell company with not one but two Russian mobsters for directors not investigated? Was any of the money looted from Parex laundered via the Moskva department store and Spain and then used as part of the financing for Maria Butina's subversion in the United States? Why was the EBRD so willing to prop up a looted bank without ensuring that the perpetrators were brought to justice? How can the Latvian government paying the EBRD an estimated €95,000,000 in 2014 as a guarantee for a similarly sized investment by the EBRD in Parex in 2009 be justified? Why were key personnel from Parex allowed to migrate to ABLV with the result ultimately that that bank in turn became a money laundering machine and collapsed in 2018? And what was the fire walking snake charming economic magician Dombrovskis doing during all this?

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There is, of course without being specific, a basic answer to all these questions. The war that Russia is waging on Europe is primarily national in character. Putin hopes to re-establish Russian hegemony over Ukraine. Indeed for him, and for many Russians, Ukrainian identity is a blasphemy, an artificial construct separating one Russian people. It is, however, simultaneously a societal war, between two social models which we might characterise as oligarchic populism and popular sovereignty. This war is being waged within, as it is being waged between, Russia and Ukraine and the west. Lucas may make some similar points.