

# THE COLOUR OF RUSSIAN MONEY PART 13: THE FOURTH ESTATE PART 1. THE ATLANTIC COUNCIL

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The first in a series on how journalism and think tanks are affected by the oligarchisation sponsored by Russia and its western collaborators.

*You cannot hope to bribe or twist*

*Thank God! The post-soviet specialist*

*But seeing what the man will do*

*Unbribed there's no occasion to!*

(With apologies to Hilaire Belloc)

Anders Aslund and his think tank, the Atlantic Council, have been one of the voices which has spoken most clearly on Ukraine and the countries occupied by Russia in its 'Soviet' incarnation. Yet, as was reported by en.baltica.tv and Buzzfeed, his 2017 report on money laundering in Latvia concluded that the country was no longer a significant centre of that criminal activity. The report was part funded by ABLV bank which would subsequently be sanctioned for money

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