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Commission-Supported Anti-Kleptocracy Initiatives

Articles in Support: [American Enterprise Institute](#): “Taking the Fight To the Kleptocrats”; [Global Financial Integrity](#): “With Spate of New Bills, Congress Has Chance To Take On Kleptocracy”; [National Endowment for Democracy](#): “How to ‘take the fight to the kleptocrats’”; [Just Security](#): “Congress Wakes Up, Finally Decides To Tackle Kleptocracy”; (@)k!: “Anti-kleptocracy legislation should be a national security priority”; [Hudson Institute](#): “Exposing Kleptocrats To Defend America’s Borders”; [The American Interest](#): “Attacking the Demand Side of Bribery”; [The New York Times](#): “A Push to Let the U.S. Charge Foreign Officials With Bribery”; [Hudson Institute](#): “Delivering Justice for Victims of Kleptocracy”

Bill	Leads	Description	Key Quotes
Countering Russian and Other Overseas Kleptocracy (CROOK) Act <i>H.R. 3843/S. 3026</i> Uses foreign corruption fines to fund foreign anti-corruption work	Reps. Bill Keating & Brian Fitzpatrick/ Sens. Ben Cardin & Roger Wicker	Creates an anti-corruption action fund financed by a “prevention payment” of \$5m charged to persons subject to FCPA penalties greater than \$50m. Streamlines U.S. efforts to promote the rule of law abroad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Just Security: “One of the biggest struggles [the U.S. Government] has faced in recent years...comes down to flexibility...being able to act quickly enough when domestic changes in other countries, either via election or revolution, present new opportunities to cement anti-corruption policies abroad. The CROOK Act would change that.” - American Enterprise Institute: “Resources for democracy and rule of law promotion are often tied up in multi-annual programs, which makes it difficult for policymakers to respond quickly to events like the downfall of Yanukovich’s regime.”
Kleptocrat Exposure Act <i>H.R. 3441</i> Provides State a discretionary ability to name and shame kleptocrats	Reps. Steve Cohen & Steve Chabot	Enables the Secretary of State to reveal the identities of individuals whose visas have been banned for reason of corruption or human rights abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hudson Institute: “Before issuing more heavy-handed sanctions to be policed by overburdened U.S. government agencies, Congress should try injecting a little transparency into the movement of dangerous people and dirty money across U.S. borders.” - Just Security: “For many of the foreign officials using and abusing kleptocratic networks, anonymity is a must. Anonymous shell companies, anonymous property purchases, anonymous trusts – all of the transactions must be cloaked, in order to hide the financing from critics and investigators alike.”
Foreign Extortion Prevention Act (FEPA) <i>H.R. 4140</i> Empowers DOJ to pursue kleptocrats defrauding U.S. businesses	Reps. Sheila Jackson Lee, John Curtis, Tom Malinowski & Richard Hudson	Criminalizes bribery demands by foreign officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The American Interest: “Now, corporations are penalized for paying bribes, but foreign officials who solicit such bribes largely escape U.S. prosecution.” - The New York Times: “...simply charging the official could have the effect of identifying who was responsible in a country for accepting illegal bribes. That should make it easier for American companies and their employees to demand fairness from foreign officials rather than being extorted for payments.”
Justice for Victims of Kleptocracy Act (JVOK) <i>H.R. 4361</i> Mandates low-cost messaging in solidarity with citizens of kleptocracies	Reps. Tom Malinowski & John Curtis	Creates a public DOJ website listing the amount of money “stolen from the people” each country (e.g. Russian people) and “recovered by the United States”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hudson Institute: “[JVOK] could have surprising geopolitical implications...opposition movements could use it to pile pressure on corrupt political elites...a useful resource for American businesses weighing the risks of investing...” - Just Security: “[JVOK] builds on one of the areas in which the U.S. has been a leader:...freezing and seizing assets linked to kleptocratic regimes and officials.”

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