

CONFRONTING KREMLIN & COMMUNIST CORRUPTION

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Congressman Tom Malinowski

Representative (NJ-07), U.S. House of Representatives, Co-Lead, Caucus Against Foreign Corruption and Kleptocracy

Congressman Tom Malinowski was born in Communist Poland during the height of the Cold War. When he was six, he and his mother fled to the United States, and grew up in Central Jersey.

Malinowski served as a Senior Director on President Clinton's National Security Council where he worked to end conflicts around the globe. He then served as the chief advocate for Human Rights Watch, where he led the bipartisan campaign to end the use of torture by the Bush Administration. Later he served the Obama Administration as Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor where he helped lead America's fight for human rights around the world.

Congresswoman Maria Salazar

Representative (FL-27), U.S. House of Representatives, Founding Member, Caucus Against Foreign Corruption and Kleptocracy

Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar proudly represents Florida's 27th Congressional District, passionately serving the people of South Florida. She currently serves on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs as well as the House Committee on Small Business.

Congresswoman Salazar is committed to acting tirelessly in defense of individual rights and liberties, spearheading economic development & job training efforts, and promoting environmental resiliency in her community. She is well-known for her advocacy for Human Rights and democracy around the world, especially for the people of Cuba, Venezuela, Bolivia, and Nicaragua, as well as for her unabashed support of our global & regional partners such as Israel, Colombia, and Taiwan.

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Leonid Volkov

Head, Network of Regional Headquarters for Alexei Navalny; Founder, Internet Protection Society

Leonid Volkov is a Russian politician of the Russia's Future Party. Leonid was campaign manager and chief of staff for Alexei Navalny's 2013 mayoral campaign for Moscow, as well as Alexei Navalny's attempt to get registered for the 2018 presidential election. He was the head of the electoral campaign headquarters of Alexey Navalny in the presidential elections of 2018 and later the managed the headquarters of the all-Russian protest movement "Voters' Strike."

He is a former deputy of the Yekaterinburg City Duma and the head of the central election committee of the Russian Opposition Coordination Council. Leonid has over 20 years of experience as an IT professional, running and consulting several of Russia's largest software firms. Together with Fyodor Krasheninnikov he published three editions of "The Cloud Democracy", a book on how modern technology could re-shape and re-define democracy and elections. Leonid is also founder of the Internet Protection Society, a NGO focused on internet freedom and digital rights in Russia.

Scott Greytak

Director of Advocacy, Transparency International

Scott Greytak is the Director of Advocacy for the U.S. office of Transparency International, where he manages the office's legislative agenda and oversees its Anticorruption Legislation Lab.

Greytak is an anticorruption attorney who has helped lead legislative, legal, and ballot-measure initiatives on campaign finance, voting, foreign influence, ethics, and fair representation. He comes to TI from the U.S.'s domestic anticorruption community, where he helped pass over 20 state and local anticorruption reforms as Senior Counsel for RepresentUs, designed legal challenges to cases such as Citizens United v. FEC as Counsel for a boutique litigation firm, and authored the leading report on judicial corruption in the U.S. as Senior Policy Counsel for Justice at Stake.

Greytak received his JD and BA from Ohio State University and is admitted to practice law in the District of Columbia and Ohio.

Elaine K. Dezenski

Senior Advisor, Center on Economic and Financial Power, Defense of Democracies

Elaine K. Dezenski serves on the Board of Advisors of the Center on Economic and Financial Power at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies.

Bringing more than 20 years of senior-level experience in public, private, and international organizations, she is an internationally recognized expert and thought leader in security policy, with special expertise in anti-corruption, security, and risk management. She is Founder and Managing Partner of LumiRisk, LLC, an international risk advisory practice. She also holds advisory roles with RAND Corporation and the Financial Integrity Network and serves on the board of Integrity Initiatives International, a nongovernmental organization fighting grand corruption. From 2017 to 2018, she served as a senior fellow at the Jackson Institute for Global Affairs at Yale University, where she is the Mars Lecturer of Business Ethics in Yale's Program on Ethics, Politics, and Economics. In 2020, she was appointed to the Export-Important Bank of the United States' (EXIM) new Chairman's Council on China Competition.

As senior director and head of the World Economic Forum's Partnering Against Corruption Initiative from 2012 to 2015, Ms. Dezenski was responsible for growing the leading global private sector-driven anti-corruption initiative. From 2010 to 2012, she launched the Forum's Risk Response Network, a global platform for addressing a broad range of macro-level risks and their implications for business and society.

Previous positions include senior-level political and career positions at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (2002–2006), where she served as deputy and acting assistant secretary for policy from 2004 to 2006. She also served as managing director of the Global Security Initiative at Interpol, as senior vice president at Cross Match Technologies, and in various managerial roles at Siemens Corporation. She holds an M.A. in public policy from Georgetown University and a B.A. in international relations from Wheaton College, Massachusetts.