

When He Was Vice-President, Joe Biden Acted Like Ukraine Was His 'Own Backyard': Fired Ukraine Prosecutor

"Biden was personally engaged in corruption in Ukraine"

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The former Ukrainian prosecutor who was fired at the insistence of then-Vice President Joe Biden in 2016 after investigating Burisma, claimed that Biden treated Ukraine like his "own backyard," according to comments made during an interview with Fox News' Brian Kilmeade on Saturday.

Viktor Shokin was fired by Ukrainian **President Petro Poroshenko** in 2016 after Biden — who was <u>in charge</u> of Ukrainian policy during the Obama administration — gave him an <u>ultimatum</u>, saying that Ukraine would not receive \$1 billion dollars in aid until Shokin was dismissed. In an interview with Brian Kilmeade on "One Nation" on Saturday, Shokin claimed that Biden treated Ukraine as if it were his "own backyard."

"I developed a very firm understanding of the fact that the vice president was only acting in his own interest. He, generally speaking, handled Ukraine like it was his own backyard," Shokin told Kilmeade. "The office of Poroshenko, the president, was humiliated, but the entire country was humiliated," Shokin added, describing Biden's ultimatum that he be dismissed, which Biden publicly <u>boasted</u> about at a Council on Foreign Relations event on Jan. 23, 2018.

Viktor Shokin – The Ukrainian Prosecutor Joe Biden BRAGGED about getting FIRED speaks out

SHOKIN: "The fact that Joe Biden gave away one billion dollars – in exchange for my dismissal, my firing. – Is that alone a case of corruption?" pic.twitter.com/gy3VCc6]qE

"I'm going to be leaving here in six hours. If the prosecutor is not fired, you're not getting the money. Well, son of a bitch, he got fired and they put in place someone who was solid," Biden said at the event.

At the time of Shokin's firing, his office was investigating Burisma, a Ukrainian energy company that had hired Biden's son, Hunter, to join its <u>board</u>. FBI documents released by Congress in July <u>suggested</u> that Hunter was hired to enable Burisma to utilize his father's political influence and avoid threats to the company.

Shokin also suggested that **Biden was personally engaged in corruption in Ukraine**, citing his firing as one instance. "They were being bribed. The fact that Joe Biden gave away \$1 billion in U.S. money in exchange for my dismissal, my firing, isn't that alone a case of corruption?" he said.

"For years, these false claims have been debunked, and no matter how much air time Fox gives them, they will remain false," said White House spokesperson lam Sams in a statement to the Daily Caller News Foundation. "Fox is giving a platform for these lies to a former Ukrainian prosecutor general whose office his own deputy called a hotbed of corruption, drawing demands for reform not only from then-Vice President Biden but also from U.S. diplomats, international partners, and Republican Senators like Ron Johnson."

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