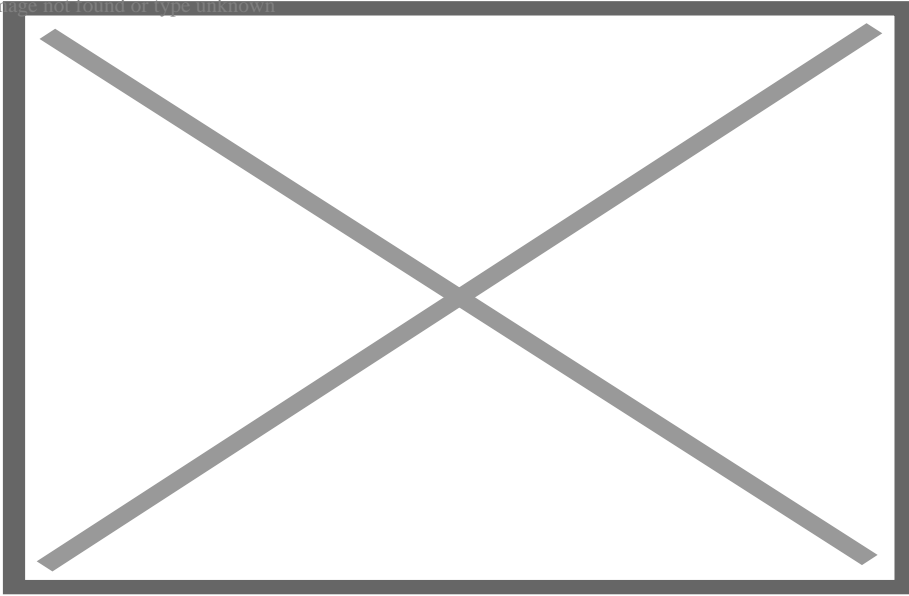


## The West is Going Full Ape Against Russia

### Description

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Moscow has accused the European Union of taking pointers from Nazi Germany, as the 27-nation bloc mulls plans to issue special “*democracy passports*” to Russian opposition activists working toward regime change in the country.

Commenting on a recent draft document put [under consideration](#) by the European Parliament’s Committee on Foreign Affairs this week, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said the bloc hoped to use Russian citizens as its “*little helpers*,” drawing comparisons to the policies of the Third Reich.

*“It is known that during the years of Nazi occupation, persons wishing to cooperate with the German administration were offered to sign the so-called ‘Volkslist,’ a special document that played the role of [passport],”* she [said](#), adding that the EU had similarly proposed “*passports for good Russians.*”

The [draft report](#), penned by Lithuanian MEP Andrius Kubilius, calls on the bloc to adopt a new sweeping strategy to pursue a “*change of power in Russia*,” saying it would work with “*democratic forces*” in and outside the country to topple the current leadership and establish a “*transitional government.*”

As part of that plan, the bloc suggested a new “*democracy passport*” and “*special visa arrangements*” for Russian opposition activists working “*in exile*” from EU member states, offering to scale back travel restrictions for dissident Russians.

*“They have big plans,”* Zakharova continued, going on to quote the EU policy paper. *“Holders of ‘passports of democracy’ will become the backbone of the EU after ‘the victory of Ukraine and the defeat of Russia, which will open a window of opportunity for the transformation of Russia into democracy.’”*

The spokeswoman noted that, under Soviet law during the Second World War, signing the German ‘Volklist’ was *“qualified as treason”* and *“prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law,”* calling on Russian legislators to *“work out a possible reaction if the European Parliament approves such decisions.”*

The European Union has imposed heavy sanctions on Russia since the conflict with Ukraine escalated in February 2022, also approving a long list of arms transfers to Kiev. It said it would continue those policies in the near term, hoping for a *“decisive Ukrainian victory”* that would ultimately pave the way to *“fundamental political changes in Russia.”*