



Mandelson allegedly worked with Russia for 35 years to manipulate UK politics

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*The Telegraph* has reported on a [secret dossier](#) put together by a former MI6 British intelligence officer which exposes paedo-pal Lord Mandelson as being a "privileged contact" of the Russians.

Former MI6 spy Christopher Steele used to be the head of MI6's Russia desk. Since leaving, he compiled a report under the codename "Project Fish" which detailed how, for over 30 years, Russian spies saw Epstein's close confidant "Petie" as:

one of the most significant RIS [Russian intelligence services] achievements in manipulating UK politics.

Given Mandelson was one of the [loudest accusers against Corbyn](#) making the scandalous claim that the left-wing [leader worked for Russia](#) as we have seen with Zionist Israel, it seems his cynical accusations were potentially mere projections as confessions of his own wrongdoing.

Project Fish suggests that the Kremlin did build files on Boris Johnson, Dominic Cummings, Farage and indeed, Corbyn. But it seems only Mandelson came through for Putin's Kremlin.

Corbyn, the most actively anti-Putin Labour politician from 2000, was called a Russian patsy by this guy and his faction. <https://t.co/6S2gXu5Wpu> [pic.twitter.com/mCvf9dKeuL](https://pic.twitter.com/mCvf9dKeuL)

" Aaron Bastani (@AaronBastani) [July 1, 2026](#)

## Asset for Russian KGB since fall of the Berlin Wall, says MI6 spy

It is important to note that there has apparently been a lack of evidence to support the claims made by Steele, who has insisted that his report is between 70-90% accurate.

However, there is rarely smoke without fire, and the dossier makes clear there have been a number of working relationships and political favours which bring some validity to the possibility that Mandelson has indeed been a pretty handy Russian asset - whether he is aware or not.

Still, it's hard to ignore that [political opponents have funded](#) Steele's intelligence reports before. After everything that's happened since 2019, and after watching cynical allegations of Russian ties dominate the political narrative around Corbyn, it's fair to ask whether reports like these are ever truly free from political motives.

That naturally raises another question: is this latest report intended to inflict further political damage on Labour? Given the party's current standing with voters, though, it's arguably doing a damn good job of that without any extra help.

None of that means the allegations should be brushed aside. Mandelson's judgement has long attracted criticism, not least because of his well-documented close friendship with Jeffrey Epstein, which he continued after Epstein's first conviction for solicitation and sex trafficking of minors.

### Mandelson - No smoke without fire

It isn't much of a stretch, then, to question whether Mandelson has ever put the public interest first. After all, he's currently being investigated by the [Met Police](#) over allegations that he leaked privileged government information to Epstein during Gordon Brown's time in office.

It doesn't stop there either. He's also faced intense scrutiny over his conduct during his time as the EU's trade commissioner, including serious allegations relating to fraud, corruption or serious misconduct. Taken together, it's easy to see why many argue that Mandelson has spent years putting power, influence and personal relationships far ahead of the public interest.

According to the *Telegraph*, the report states:

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## Mandelson taking favours from Russian Oligarchs

Whilst there is no evidence in the dossier to prove that he helped Russia, and sources close to Petie having dismissed the content as nonsense, there are [political favours from Russian oligarchs](#) and a "meticulous collection" of information [surrounding his relationship with Epstein](#). This could have been highly valuable, given the lurid details we have since become aware of, in pressuring the disgraced peer for beneficial political dealings.

Going further, Mandelson's acceptance of hospitality from Russian oligarch Oleg Deripaska, a close ally to Putin, with the report accusing him of "granting favours" to Russia's former richest man whilst he had the role of EU trade commissioner. Mandelson has denied this allegation, but revelations surrounding Deripaska's assistance in securing a visa for Epstein in 2010 cast shadow on this dubious denial.

As a result of this report, it is highly likely that officials in Whitehall will come under pressure to answer whether they were aware of these allegations and Mandelson's alleged favourability by the Russian state. Given he failed the security vetting process due to concerns about his connections to senior figures in both Russia and China, it is increasingly hard to disqualify suggestions that Mandelson was working against British interests and purely in his own interests.

Once again, this shows why the British public must [stop electing politicians they can't trust](#) and start demanding leaders with integrity, rather than seedy, bullish and morally bankrupt figures who put their own interests or those of their powerful friends ahead of the people they're supposed to serve.

## We need better people in power

The allegations in the Project Fish report lose some of their credibility when you remember that Hillary Clinton's campaign funded Steele's other [infamous report](#) on Donald Trump.

However, it speaks to a wider problem in Western politics: just how far politicians are willing to go to win. That should make all of us think long and hard about how and why we vote.

After all, many of the headline promises made by Nigel Farage and Boris Johnson during the Brexit campaign have failed to materialise and the UK has been left worse off as a result.

And then there's Peter Mandelson, who was pretty central to the toxic campaign against Jeremy Corbyn, levelling accusations about Russian influence and being a threat to national security against the former Labour leader. Only for another Labour leader, Keir Starmer, to come in and erode our civil liberties, run roughshod over the rule of law and international norms, and usher in an increasingly Orwellian, authoritarian society to lord over us.

So, the real questions are: when will Britain's interests come before dodgy politicians' careers, donors, and well-connected friends? When will we as voters pick better leaders?

Because too often, the people picking the bill are ordinary people and we never seem to benefit.

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