Oligarchy and Mafia Negative Influence to Russia’s Political System

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| Oligarchy | Mafia |
| * *Tycoons (wealthy/influential business people) tied to Yeltsin especially his daughter*
* *Took advantage of Yeltsin monopolized business and industry*
* *Boris Berezovsky and 6 other entrepreneurs controlled over half of Russia’s GNP*
* *Including oil, media, tv and newspapers*
* *Secured Yeltsin’s reelection and with other oligarchs financed and created the unity party (Putin’s Party)*
* *Putin has had clashes (disagreements) with the oligarchy*
* *Vladimir Gusinsky (media ) criticized Putin publically and was arrested for corruption*
* *Gusinsky and Berezovsky are both in exile now*
 | * More influence than the oligarchs
* More than just underworld crime
* Gained control of businesses, natural resources and banks during 1991 revolution
* Payoffs, money laundering, bribing or threaten political officials (some former KGB),
* Have murdered bankers, businessmen, journalists and members of the Duma
* Oligarchs and Mafia threaten democracy in Russia
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