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 |