

Lev Parnas

Lev Parnas is an entrepreneur, political activist, and author. Born in Odessa, Ukraine under the Soviet Union, he emigrated with his family to the United States in 1976 to escape antisemitic persecution. When Lev and his sister won a green card lottery, the family went first to Detroit and then settled in Brooklyn. Though Lev studied briefly at Brooklyn College and Baruch College, life led him to more unconventional routes. He worked in real estate and on Wall Street before moving to Florida in 1995 to start his own brokerage firm. In Fall 2019, Lev became an internationally-recognized figure when he was arrested for participating in the Ukraine scandal orchestrated by Donald Trump and Rudy Giuliani. A father of seven, Lev currently lives in Florida with his wife Svetlana and five of his children.