

Giuliani says he wanted to get rid of Marie Yovanovitch because she was enabling Ukraine corruption

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- **Rudy Giuliani said he spearheaded the effort to remove Marie Yovanovitch because he claims she was enabling corruption in Ukraine**
- **'[S]he was denying visas to Ukrainians who wanted to come to US and explain Dem corruption in Ukraine,' Giuliani charged in a Tuesday morning tweet**
- **He told The New Yorker: 'I believed that I needed Yovanovitch out of the way. She was going to make the investigations difficult for everybody'**
- **Later on Monday he discussed his involvement in the removal of Yovanovitch as U.S. ambassador to the Ukraine during an interview with Fox News**
- **'I didn't need her out of the way. I forced her out because she's corrupt,' he clarified to Fox News**
- **Giuliani claimed to have 'documentary evidence' that Yovanovitch committed perjury while testifying during House impeachment proceedings**

Rudy Giuliani detailed Tuesday that he felt it was necessary for ousted Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch to be prematurely removed from her post because she was enabling Ukrainian corruption.

'Yovanovitch needed to be removed for many reasons most critical she was denying visas to Ukrainians who wanted to come to US and explain Dem corruption in Ukraine,' the president's personal attorney posted to Twitter Tuesday morning.

'She was OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE and that's not the only thing she was doing. She at minimum enabled Ukrainian collusion,' he continued.

The tweet came after Giuliani doubled down during a Fox News interview on The Ingraham Angle Monday night in confirming that he spearheaded efforts to force Yovanovitch out.

The admission confirms Democrats' allegations that the former Republican mayor of New York City engaged in shadow diplomacy in Ukraine.



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Rudy Giuliani tweeted Tuesday morning that he urged for the removal of former Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch because he sad she was enabling Democrat corruption in the country by preventing Ukrainians from reporting it to the U.S.



Giuliani (pictured) doubled down on his admission that he led efforts to remove Yovanovitch during a Fox News interview on Monday night



He revealed earlier in the day that he was instrumental in ousting Yovanovitch because he saw her as an obstacle to the president digging up dirt on Democratic 2020 frontrunner Joe Biden's son's dealings in the eastern European country



Asked why he needed Yovanovitch out during the interview with Fox News' Laura Ingraham on Monday night, Giuliani said: 'I forced her out because she's corrupt'



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'I believed that I needed Yovanovitch out of the way,' Giuliani told The New Yorker in an interview published earlier on Monday.

'She was going to make the investigations difficult for everybody,' he continued.

Asked to explain what he meant with those comments during an interview with Fox News' Laura Ingraham later on Monday, Giuliani altered his reasoning.

'I didn't need her out of the way. I forced her out because she's corrupt,' he claimed

During her testimony before the House Intelligence Committee last month, Yovanovitch described being the target of a months-long smear campaign.

She insisted that Giuliani and other Trump allies accused her of bad-mouthing the president and protecting Biden and other Democratic interests.

Yovanovitch asserted that her termination in May of this year was based on 'unfounded and false claims by people with questionable motives'.

Giuliani also claimed Tuesday morning that he has acquired documents that proved Yovanovitch lied under oath.

The alleged document acquisition comes after his visit to Ukraine and Hungary where he met with current and former Ukrainian officials as part of a documentary series he's producing for conservative outlet One America News Network.

'Recently acquired documentary evidence shows she perjured herself before Schiffless Committee,' the attorney tweeted.

'Also her embassy stopped a Ukrainian audit of over \$5 billion in aid funding put in question in 2017 by Ukrainian auditors. Enough for now more to come, plenty more,' he continued.



Giuliani also claimed in recent interviews that he has 'documentary evidence' that Yovanovitch committed perjury while testifying during House impeachment proceedings (pictured)



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This reaffirmed his comments during Monday's Fox News interview where he claimed to have 'documentary evidence' that Yovanovitch committed perjury.

'There is no question that she was acting corruptly in that position and had to be removed,' he said. 'She should have been fired if the State Department were not part of the 'deep state!'

Giuliani said he had four witnesses who are willing to testify that Yovanovitch personally rejected their visa applications to come to the United States and present evidence against Biden and the Democratic Party.

In an interview with the New York Times on Monday, Giuliani revealed that he briefed Trump 'a couple of times' on accounts of how Yovanovitch was, in his view, impeding investigations that could benefit the president, including the Biden probe.

Giuliani said Trump responded by connecting him with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who soon launched the effort to remove the ambassador.

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Giuliani briefed Trump last week on the findings of his recent trip to Ukraine – an effort he undertook as Democrats took final committee action following an impeachment inquiry that featured numerous national security officials who raised concerns about Giuliani's back-channel efforts.

Asked on Monday about what Giuliani had told him, Trump told reporters in the Oval Office: 'Not too much. But he's a very great crime fighter He was probably the greatest crime fighter over the last 50 years. Very smart.

'He was the best mayor in the history of the city of New York. He's a great person who loves our country, he and does this out of love, believe me, he does it out of love. He sees what goes on. He sees what's happening.'



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Then Trump went after the Democratic-run impeachment effort in his only live comments of the day.

'He sees all of the hoax that happens when they talk about impeachment hoax or the Russian collusion delusion. And he sees it. He's a great gentleman,' Trump said.

Trump also said Giuliani – whose public comments have sometimes raised difficulties in Trump's defense – 'knows what he is doing.'

Two of Giuliani's associates, Lev Parnas and Igor Fruman, have been indicted on campaign finance charges.

The New Yorker piece describes how Giuliani compiled a dossier on Joe Biden and his son Hunter, as well as Yovanovitch, whom he viewed as standing in the way of his efforts.

Trump praised Giuliani in his infamous July 25 phone call to the president of Ukraine, where he also runs down Yovanovitch.



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