

Dear Edward Lucas

Re your article <https://cepa.org/article/high-time-why-sanctions-failed/> which includes information that these sanctions and annual human-rights awards commemorate the lawyer Sergei Magnitsky, who was beaten to death in a Russian prison on November 16th, 2009, aged 37.

1. He was an accountant not a lawyer (Browder testified in NY federal court Magnitsky didn't go to law school or have a law license.)
2. Proven facts, including report by NGO that monitors prisons, is that he died of untreated stomach disease.

Magnitsky was investigating Russian officials who had seized Browder's companies and used them to perpetrate a vast tax fraud.

3. He was not investigating anything. Note his interrogations. (where he is listed as an auditor) No evidence Russian officials seized the companies. Compelling evidence that Magnitsky involved in the fraud. He was named by the person tried and jailed for the fraud.

Browder had already been banned from Russia as a "threat to national security" for exposing corruption in companies run by Putin's pals.

4. He was banned because he didn't pay \$40 mil in taxes and illegally bought Gazprom shares at prices limited to Russian nationals. He used shell companies with Russian frontmen.

Browder has withstood Kremlin-backed smear campaigns and extradition attempts.

5. Hope you don't include me or Der Spiegel in the smear campaigns!

More than a dozen countries have passed Magnitsky sanctions. More will follow.

6. Not a dozen. US, UK, Australia, Canada? Others?

Here are details. I attach some files on key points.

Evidence Browder's Magnitsky story is a hoax

These, to start, are major stories about Browder. The first two were run by 100Reporters (same stories on my website have more links and graphics), the others on my website, including one that was filed with an Australian parliamentary committee seeking comments on a "Magnitsky Act."

In the ten years I've been writing about him, neither Browder nor his lawyers has ever demanded I retract or take down a story.

This first story is not about Magnitsky, but just shows Browder is a crook.

Avisma story

<https://100r.org/2014/05/russian-sanctions-highlight-role-of-western-enablers/>

<https://www.thekomisarscoop.com/2014/06/russian-sanctions-highlight-role-of-western-enablers/>

Magnitsky story

<https://100r.org/2017/10/magnitsky/>

<https://www.thekomisarscoop.com/2017/11/the-man-behind-the-magnitsky-act-did-bill-browders-tax-troubles-in-russia-color-push-for-sanctions/>

It was posted by this credible organization

**American Committee for  
US-RUSSIA ACCORD**

## Lucy Komisar: The Man Behind the Magnitsky Act

100 REPORTERS January 11, 2019

Statements by Browder in this article come from the printed record of his Senate testimony, and his various public appearances and writings.

[Read the full article.](#)



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<https://www.thekomisarscoop.com/2020/08/aussie-mps-support-a-tissue-of-lies-to-promote-a-magnitsky-act-in-australia/>

The only major media to tell the truth about Browder was Der Spiegel. When he complained to the German press council, the story was upheld.

<https://www.thekomisarscoop.com/2019/11/der-spiegel-expose-of-bill-browder-could-begin-take-down-of-a-fraudster/>

<https://www.thekomisarscoop.com/2019/12/investor-bill-browders-allegations-why-sticking-to-magnitsky-research/>

<https://www.thekomisarscoop.com/2020/05/german-press-council-supports-der-spiegel-expose-of-browder/>

Same by Danish Press Board

<https://www.thekomisarscoop.com/2020/01/danish-press-board-says-report-on-browder-lies-tax-evasion-is-true/>

This one is almost funny, shows how outrageous Browder is in his lies:

<https://www.thekomisarscoop.com/2018/04/browder-commits-identity-theft-his-victim-of-police-violence-in-moscow-2007-is-a-1961-us-freedom-rider-2/>

# Browder commits identity theft! His “victim of police violence in Moscow 2007” is a 1961 US Freedom Rider!

By Lucy Komisar  
April 16, 2018 –



William Browder commits identity theft! If you need more proof Browder is a fraud, look at this outrageous fake story. He produced a report given to press March 2009 to conflate the Russian tax evasion raid against him in June 2007 with the tax refund fraud perpetrated on the Russian Tax Authority in December that year.

Scroll halfway down to page 11 to see “Victor Poryugin,” an alleged Firestone Duncan lawyer, who Browder’s **report** said was beaten by the Russian police who raided Firestone Duncan, Hermitage’s accounting firm, in June 2007. (The raiders were investigators who sought evidence of Browder’s tax evasion and share-purchase fraud.) In a 2017

Powerpoint, clicking link does not open it but should copy it to your computer file.

<https://www.thekomisarscoop.com/lucy-komisars-expose-of-browder-hoax-miami-april-2019-powerpoint/>

I am happy to discuss this by email or phone or zoom/skype.