

LDPR Leader Zhirinovskiy Condemned for Tirade Against Pregnant Reporter

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Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, leader of the Liberal Democratic Party, or LDPR.

The State Duma's ethics committee will investigate Liberal Democratic Party leader Vladimir Zhirinovskiy after the firebrand politician directed a particularly [crude and offensive outburst](#) at reporters on Friday.

After being asked whether Russia should retaliate against the travel restrictions placed on Russian men by Ukraine, Zhirinovskiy went on a foul-mouthed tirade and ordered one of his aides to rape a pregnant reporter.

Several journalists rose to the woman's defense, prompting Zhirinovskiy to call one of them a lesbian.

He also said that the woman should have stayed at home instead of working while pregnant.

The Duma's press pool sent a letter to Duma speaker Sergei Naryshkin demanding an inquiry into Zhirinovskiy's actions.

Naryshkin condemned Zhirinovskiy's behavior and apologized on his behalf, but the pregnant journalist's employer, *Rossia Segodnya*, has demanded a public apology from the LDPR chief.

Andrei Andreyev, head of the ethics committee, said that Zhirinovskiy could be forced to apologize and may also be barred from speaking at the Duma for a month.

The committee will request that Zhirinovskiy explain himself next week.

Zhirinovskiy's spokesman, Yury Ryzhkov, told *Kommersant* that he partly blames himself for the incident, as it is his responsibility to control his boss's outbursts.

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