

# The Kremlin's 'Chief Propagandist' Bangs Up His Face

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Dmitry Kiselyov, the general director of the “Rossiya Segodnya” state media holding, better known in the West as the Kremlin’s “chief propagandist,” has some scratches on his face. Russia’s most recognizable TV pundit says he went face-first into some gravel after tripping over some ropes while planting olives at his Crimean summer home in Koktebel.

“This is a temporary change of image,” Kiselyov joked with reporters at a book opening on Thursday, adding, “As you know, women look at a man with scars and see the winner of a fight.”

Many Russian Internet users, however, say that’s not exactly what they see when they look at Kiselyov’s face now. On Thursday, more than a few alternative theories floated around on Twitter.

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Кажется, Киселев на выходных повстречал парочку благодарных телезрителей: [pic.twitter.com/jaKYCiA3Pi](https://pic.twitter.com/jaKYCiA3Pi)

— Пятая Колонка (@5th\_kolonna) [May 11, 2017](#)

Translation: It seems that Kiselyov bumped into some grateful TV viewers this weekend.

### Embed:

Киселев вернулся из Крыма с разбитой физиономией. Чувствую вскоре это станет всероссийской тенденцией – съездил в Крым – получил по морде!

— Внук подпольщицы (@ShlomoSaloma) [May 11, 2017](#)

Translation: Kiselyov returned from Crimea with a busted-up face. I feel like this is going to be a nationwide Russian trend: visit Crimea and take one in the nose!

### Embed:

Первое правило бойцовского клуба: не говорить о бойцовском клубе  
[pic.twitter.com/nm39rYB8Oq](https://pic.twitter.com/nm39rYB8Oq)

— я вам олег (@oleg\_\_\_lego) [May 11, 2017](#)

Translation: The first rule of Fight Club is you don't talk about Fight Club.

### Embed:

В Коктебеле маслины не растут – климат не тот. А так – хорошая новость  
<https://t.co/QjOKz4kmEk>

— Дмитрий Козенко (@dbkozenko) [May 11, 2017](#)

Translation: Olives don't grow in Koktebel — the climate isn't right. So this [Kiselyov attack] is good news

**Embed:**

У Захаровой в Крыму дочку в лицо укусила Сабака, на физиономию Киселева напал гравий.. что происходит

— \\_(☒)\_/ (@Neiswestnij) [May 11, 2017](#)

Translation: [Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria] Zakharova's daughter was bitten in the face by a dog. Now the gravel has attacked Kiselyov's face. What's going on!

**Embed:**

Киселев в Крыму травмировал лицо. А ещё утром я не верил в бога  
[pic.twitter.com/XRqNLX16Vw](https://pic.twitter.com/XRqNLX16Vw)

— Серый Кардинал (@slevo4kin) [May 11, 2017](#)

Translation: Kiselyov injured his face in Crimea. And only this morning I was saying there is no God!

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