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ble. The Ratiu Foundation and Woodrow Wilson Center gave me this opportunity to share my ideas with and to learn from tR

country freer and more democratic. I think, Ion Ratiu must have had somewhat the same idea as he was a friend of Peter Benenson, the founder of Amnesty International.

Meanwhile, things were getting worse. The Kremlin took over all national TV channels. Party system, elections, and the judiciary were more and more controlled. All political and economical power was becoming more centralized. A euphemism of “managed democracy” (and, later, “sovereign democracy”) was invented to describe the new status quo after this slow authoritarian coup d’état. I realized that the main battle for freedom in Russia was taking place in the political sphere, so I joined SPS (Union

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The scandal was so big that the top officers of United Russia's youth branch Youth Guard were sacked

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are being published on the Internet. It will be almost impossible to prove they are not authentic and the outcome may be unpredictable.

Some believe there is something in Russia like the China's so-called "50-centers" (they are people who get paid abroad



