Patriotism, witch hunts and Donald Trump Jr

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Donald Trump Jr even had a hard time explaining himself on a soft touch interview on Rupert Murdoch's Fox News (image screenshot via @nowthisnews)

With President Trump's son now deeply embroiled in the Russian interference scandal, momentum against his administration is building. Dr Binoy Kampmark reports.

The momentum against the Trump administration is building and it should come as no surprise that it comes via the least original of avenues: the Russians did it and someone must pay. For decades, the feared Russian has played a vital role in shaping U.S. paranoia and a domestic landscape famous for its reactionary bursts and fearful lurches.

That paranoia has assumed galloping proportions. The U.S. president's approach to this assertion has

been confused and varied. There is nothing surprising in this: from blanket, emphatic denial about any connections even smelling of a Russian touch, Trump has stated another variant of denial. He claims ignorance over his son's attempts to tap Russian sources for electoral gain, notably that with lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya, which revealed squat in the scheme of things.

What, then, is the problem with <u>Donald Trump Jr</u>? Negotiating his way out of a brown paper bag, for one. In June 2016, he received word from <u>Rob Goldstone</u>, manager of Azerbaijani pop figure <u>Emin Agalarov</u>, outlining Russian interest to supply the Trump campaign with 'official documents' of a 'very high level' nature against Hillary Clinton 'as part of Russia and its government support for Mr Trump'.

"If it's what you say I love it." Last June, Donald Trump Jr. was told via email of a Russian govt effort to aid his father's campaign. pic.twitter.com/fXoHC1kNyL

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