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Subject: Poisoned Yushchenko?

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We've all seen Victor's face. You can't miss the change. Yushchenko tells the world that he was poisoned by Ukrainian authorities. His wife tells ABC she tasted the poison when she kissed him, the night before he fell ill. Even the far left Pravda reports the fact that dioxin was found in Yushchenko's blood. So if poisoned by adversaries, why wouldn't they use something that would remove him from the election? Why use something that is rarely lethal? Seems pretty convenient that his appearance announces "fraud" to the world, allowing him to play the victim. The guy has pregnant chads all over his face. It's none of my business, but I don't think I'd be particularly thrilled with either Yushchenko or Yanukovich if I were a Ukrainian. But I imagine the emotional response generated will probably help effect the re-election. Maybe that's good, since Yushchenko is evidently friendly with us here in the West. But I'm just not sure that I can take the chain of events at "face value." (Pun intended)

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