Subject: Poisoned Yushchenko?
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 15 Dec 2004 07:34:37 GMT
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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)

Subject: Re: Poisoned Yushchenko?
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 15 Dec 2004 12:56:45 GMT
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It is an old trick in the slavic countries. You don't poison to kill; you poison just enough to keep the victim around as an example to others that he can be gotten to. And to leave permanent scarring as a warning. Happened in the past many times.

Subject: Re: Poisoned Yushchenko?
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 15 Dec 2004 13:20:52 GMT
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Maybe. Making an example is an old mobster trick. Maybe a New Russian thing. Or maybe an opportunistic ploy. It's impossible to say.

Subject: One tough guy
Posted by colinhester on Wed, 15 Dec 2004 17:36:01 GMT
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He has the second highest recorded dioxin level ever.....Colin
http://news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&u=/ap/20041215/ap_on_re_eu/yushchenko_poison_4

Subject: Maybe he campaigned too much near Chernobyl?
Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 16 Dec 2004 06:15:59 GMT
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Subject: The word is on the street that Yushchenko won this round.
Posted by Wayne Parham on Mon, 27 Dec 2004 01:25:23 GMT
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No surprise, Yushchenko won this round. And it may be a good thing. But I still can't help wonder...
Did Yushchenko Poison Himself?

Subject: Latest update
Posted by Wayne Parham on Mon, 10 Jan 2005 13:20:56 GMT
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So far, so good. Most I've talked to are happy with how things are going. Ukraine has made a very impressive and attractive commercial, probably hoping to boost image and increase tourism. That may not sound like much, but it has a certain "feel" of confidence that is nice. No matter how the old boy got in there, it looks like it may work out well for all involved.