

Detailed Information about Vitaly Shklyarov from Wikipedia Russia

Vitaly Valentinovich Shklyarov (born July 11, 1976, Gomel, BSSR, USSR) is a **Belarusian political consultant** and political strategist.

Vitaly Shklyarov started his career as a political consultant in Germany. He graduated from the University of Fechtta [en] with a degree in Social and political science in 2002. During his studies, Vitaly worked for the campaign of Angela Merkel[1].

In 2008, he moved to the United States where he became a volunteer at the presidential campaign headquarters of Barack Obama. Despite his experience in Germany, Vitaly started his career in the United States as a field agitator[2]. At the beginning of his work at the Obama headquarters, Vitaly made calls from the basement located in the call center of the headquarters of the Democratic national Committee. [3]

In 2012, Shklyarov became the head of the field Department for the Tammy Baldwin campaign. He was responsible for creating field infrastructure and a network of agitators in the state of Wisconsin. [3] The campaign was won, and Tammy Baldwin became the first ever female Senator from Wisconsin, as well as the first openly gay Senator.

In 2012, Shklyarov was also responsible for the mobilization part of Barack Obama's campaign in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. [4] The campaign to mobilize voters before polling day (GOTV) in the city of Milwaukee won two awards from the American Association of politicalconsultants(AAPC).

In 2014, he worked on Ro Hanna's campaign for the US Congress. He was responsible for the Internet campaign and was chief of staff in Cupertino, California. The election campaign was held in district 17 of the state of California, in this district is located Silicon valley. Hanna's candidacy was supported by Google, Facebook and Yahoo and represented an unusual campaign against the current establishment of the democratic party, but the incumbent Congressman was not defeated.

In 2016, Vitaly joined the staff of us presidential candidate Senator Bernie Sanders. He was involved in organizing the mobilization part of the election campaign during the democratic party primaries in Nevada[6]. Then he worked as a Deputy campaign Manager in Washington state, where Bernie Sanders won over Hillary Clinton. After campaigning in Washington state, Vitaly was promoted to Deputy chief of the national staff for campaigning. As a result of the primaries of the us Democratic Party, Hillary Clinton won them.

Activities in Russia and Georgia

Vitaly Shklyarov speaks to candidates for municipal deputies, Moscow, 2017. In may 2016, Shklyarov received an invitation to join the staff of Dmitry Gudkov[7]. He was engaged in forming the content of campaign materials, working with the candidate at election meetings[8]. Following the results of the election, Dmitry Gudkov lost to Gennady Onishchenko, taking second place in a single-seat constituency.

In 2017, Vitaly Shklyarov worked at the headquarters of the United Democrats»[9][10]. The headquarters campaigned for more than 1,000 opposition candidates for municipal deputies in Moscow district assemblies. Most of the deputies were nominated from the Yabloko party. 267 candidates were elected as deputies of Moscow's district councils as a result of this campaign, and representatives of the coalition won a majority in 17 districts[11].

Later in 2017, at Ksenia Sobchak's headquarters for the Russian Presidential election, He was responsible for the online part of the campaign and preparing the infrastructure for working with supporters. This infrastructure is based on technologies developed on the campaign of Dmitry Gudkov together with Maxim Katz[12][13].

In 2018, he joined the staff of the opposition candidate for President of Georgia Grigory Vashadze. According to the results of the first round of elections, Vashadze won 37.7 % of the vote and reached the second round[14][15][16].

In 2019, he worked at the headquarters of Daria Besedina in the elections to the Moscow city Duma. According to the results of the vote, Besedina won 37.60 % of the vote, beating her main competitor Vadim Kumin (32.28 %), and was elected a Deputy of the Moscow city Duma[17].

The arrest in Belarus

On July 29, 2020, Vitaly Shklyarov was arrested in Belarus. ONT TV channel, which reported this, called him a "Russian PR specialist", according to one version, who carried out external management of the "Country for life" blog of Sergei Tikhanovsky, who was arrested after the start of the election campaign (his wife Svetlana Tikhanovskaya is registered as a candidate for the post of President of Belarus)[18].

Vitaly Shklyarov--is a well-known political strategist. As well as Tikhanovsky - a native of Gomel. Widely known in narrow circles. He is also sometimes called the "grey cardinal of political campaigns". It is known from open sources that he worked in the campaign headquarters of Angela Merkel, Barack Obama, and trained the staffs of candidates for us senators. In Russia, he worked with the team of Ksenia Sobchak. I have repeatedly commented on the political situation in Belarus from various platforms and monitored the political activity of Sergei Tikhanovsky.

Today Shklyarov is detained. Obviously, he will have to explain why he introduced his agents into the election headquarters of candidates, how he mobilized the protest electorate around Tikhanovsky, and most importantly, in whose interests

Nina Shklyarova, the mother of political strategist Vitaly Shklyarov, who was detained in Belarus, revealed details of her son's detention and said that the political strategist did not commit any crimes."He went to a market near his house yesterday, in shorts and a t-shirt-and disappeared. They captured him and brought him undressed from Homel to Minsk. Only in the evening I got a call saying that he was detained. I haven't slept all night, I don't understand what's going on. If he's a political strategist, then what? What could he have done wrong? I brought up such a good, intelligent, educated son — and now in my old age I have to worry so much?» shklyarova said in a conversation with radio Svaboda.

In her opinion, Vitaly did not do anything illegal, he is not involved in offenses. "Does he have a crime? They're just afraid of him! I don't understand what country we live in! I'm speechless. It's just awful," the woman said. Belarusian state media reported that political strategist Vitaly Shklyarov was detained in the country. According to the Belarusian secret services, he advised the administrators of groups in various social networks United by the common name "Country for life".

VZGLYAD newspaper reported that Shklyarov previously worked in the presidential elections of Georgia. The political strategist worked with the opposition candidate Grigol Vashadze from the party of former Georgian leader Mikhail Saakashvili.