

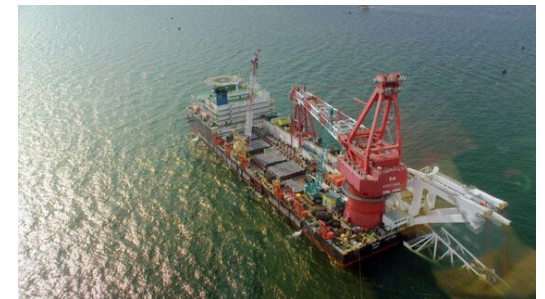
**HISTORY**

# IN THE GRIP OF GAZPROM

2 x 52' (ENG, GER)

**War in the Ukraine, an energy crisis in Europe and a world in turmoil: At the center of these dramatic events is one raw material that keeps modern society running - gas! How could this happen? Which nefarious plan of Vladimir Putin lies behind it all?**

We take an exclusive look behind Russia's gas monopoly and probably the most secretive company in the world, Gazprom. We invite the audience on an exciting journey through time into the history of the international gas war: From the fall of the Soviet Union to the Russian goldrush, and from the restrictions placed by the new President Vladimir Putin at that time to the subsequent arrests, expropriations and nationalizations of citizens. With footage shot over several months before the start of the Russian invasion of Ukraine - impossible to produce in current times - the dubious facade of the energy giant is revealed for the first time.



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**1. Early Days in the Wild East**

**2. Greed of the West**