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1. foreigners are not entitled to same constitutional protections as US citizens.
2. Congress has given President explicit statutory authority to freeze, block, etc. in aid of US national security interests.
3. executive branch rules require an internal evidentiary process that precedes designation of individuals and institutions.
4. courts have invariably upheld designations made consistent with that process.

I would say that the designation of some of the Russian plutocrats/Putin pals (Timchenko, Yakunin, the Rotenbergs) is close to the edge of usual practice in these regards insofar as they do not seem to have been involved directly or specifically in Crimea/Ukraine related bad behavior (at least I don't think the USG has made that case publicly) but rather were cited for their close relationship, financial/political support to Putin and others who were directly or specifically involved in that bad behavior. Their designation puts, or at least is intended to put, pressure on/creates pain for the government officials responsible.

I think the analysis plays out along a continuum in terms of the designated persons nexus to bad behavior or the extent to which designating them will advance US national security interests. Don't think the folks designated are exactly "random." Doesn't strike me that President was even close to overstepping his authorities. Doesn't trouble me from a principled perspective in an effort to put pressure on Putin and the G of Russia.

Of course, all of these programs, to some extent, leave the US vulnerable to reciprocal actions.

On Mon, Apr 21, 2014 at 10:15 PM, Lawrence H. Summers

<[REDACTED]> wrote:

How do we square USA freezing random foreigners money cause we hate pols  
their pals with with the takings clause die process and stuff?

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