

Joe Biden's son gets job with major Ukrainian natural gas company

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Vice President [Joe Biden](#)'s son has a new job on the board of directors of Burisma Holdings, a major gas producer in [Ukraine](#).

"Burisma's track record of innovations and industry leadership in the field of natural gas means that it can be a strong driver of a strong economy in Ukraine," R. Hunter Biden said of his new job in a statement [released by Burisma](#). "As a new member of the Board, I believe that my assistance in consulting the Company on matters of transparency, corporate governance and responsibility, international expansion and other priorities will contribute to the economy and benefit the people of Ukraine."

The company noted that young Biden "has experience in public service and foreign policy." It only alludes to his father's job by noting that "Mr. Biden served as Honorary Co-Chair of the 2008 Obama-Biden Inaugural Committee."

A Pakistani reporter couldn't help but juxtapose this hire with Vice President Biden's public remarks in Ukraine during a visit to Kiev in April. Biden "stressed the need for the new authorities to tackle corruption," Agha Iqrar Haroon recalled [at the Dispatch News Desk](#).

This wouldn't be the first time that Joe Biden's public work dovetails with his son's private job. As then-Sen. Joe Biden developed an "cozy relationship" with MBNA, a credit card company based in his home state of [Delaware](#), MBNA hired Hunter Biden.

"[T]he company is not eager to talk," the *Washington Examiner's* [Byron York](#) (then a reporter for The American Spectator) wrote in 1998. "First, a spokesman declined to discuss [Hunter] Biden's salary. Then, when asked what young Biden is doing for the bank, the spokesman paused and said, 'That's not something we get into details on.' When pressed, the spokesman said, 'He's a talented young guy that we are grooming for a management position.' The spokesman said Hunter Biden has been 'moving around the bank' as part of his introduction into the business. Hunter Biden himself declined to discuss his salary or his job."