

[Ukraine-born Olympic Gymnast Gutsu Accuses Ex-Teammate Scherbo of Raping Her in 1991](#)

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From [RFE/RL](#), Oct 18, 2017 Former Soviet gymnast Tatiana Gutsu has accused ex-teammate Vitaly Scherbo of raping her in 1991, when she was 15 years old and he was 19. Gutsu, an Olympic gold medalist who was born in Odesa, Ukraine and lives in the United States, made the accusation in an October 17 post on Facebook. There was no immediate comment from Scherbo, a Belarusian who won six gold medals in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona. The rape allegation came as women worldwide shared their stories of sexual abuse in social-media posts with the hashtag #MeToo. Gutsu wrote that [Scherbo raped her](#) in Stuttgart, Germany, in 1991, where the two represented the Soviet Union at a team competition. "This is me being brave after 27 years," Gutsu wrote. She described Scherbo as a "monster who kept me in my own prison to be afraid for so many years." She also criticized Rustam Sharipov and Tatyana Toropova, two teammates she said knew about the alleged rape but kept silent and did nothing to support her. Gutsu and Scherbo were all-around champions and represented the Unified Team of 12 former Soviet republics at the Barcelona Olympics in 1992, the year after the U.S.S.R. fell apart. [⋮]
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