

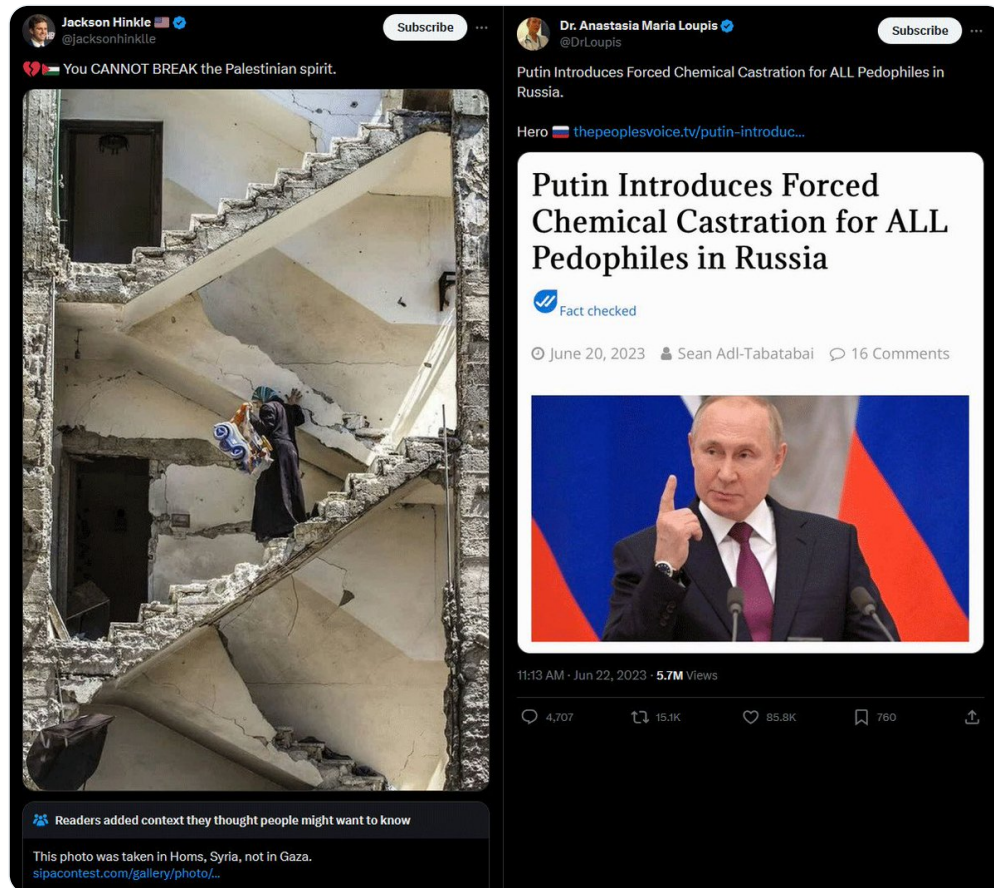


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Diese #vatniksoup bespricht Superstreuer in den sozialen Medien. Superstreuerkonten werden häufig zur Verbreitung von „wenig glaubwürdigen“ Inhalten, Falschinfos & Propaganda benutzt. Dies geschieht heute immer häufiger durch feindliche staatliche Akteure wie Russland.

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DeVerna et al. (2024) beschreiben Superstreuer als „Nutzer, die konsequent eine unverhältnismäßig große Menge an Inhalten mit geringer Glaubwürdigkeit verbreiten“, auch bekannt als Scheiße. Einige dieser Personen glauben die von ihnen verbreiteten Lügen tatsächlich.

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## RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Identifying and characterizing superspreaders of low-credibility content on Twitter

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## Abstract

The world's digital information ecosystem continues to struggle with the spread of misinformation. Prior work has suggested that users who consistently disseminate a disproportionate amount of low-credibility content—so-called superspreaders—are at the center of this problem. We quantitatively confirm this hypothesis and introduce simple metrics to predict the top superspreaders several months into the future. We then conduct a qualitative review to characterize the most prolific superspreaders and analyze their sharing behaviors. Superspreaders include pundits with large followings, low-credibility media outlets, personal accounts affiliated with those media outlets, and a range of influencers. They are primarily political in nature and use more toxic language than the typical user sharing misinformation. We also find concerning evidence that suggests Twitter may be overlooking prominent superspreaders. We hope this work will further public understanding of bad actors and promote steps to mitigate their negative impacts on healthy digital discourse.

## OPEN ACCESS

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Die Zahlen, die hinter diesen Konten stehen, sind erstaunlich. Eine Studie von Grinberg et al. (2019) fand heraus, dass 0,1% der X-Konten für die Verbreitung von etwa 80% der Falsch-/Desinformationen im Zusammenhang mit der US-Präsidentschaftswahl 2016 verantwortlich waren.

RESEARCH ARTICLE



# Fake news on Twitter during the 2016 U.S. presidential election

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## Finding facts about fake news

There was a proliferation of fake news during the 2016 election cycle. Grinberg *et al.* analyzed Twitter data by matching Twitter accounts to specific voters to determine who was exposed to fake news, who spread fake news, and how fake news interacted with factual news (see the Perspective by Ruths). Fake news accounted for nearly 6% of all news consumption, but it was heavily concentrated—only 1% of users were exposed to 80% of fake news, and 0.1% of users were responsible for sharing 80% of fake news. Interestingly, fake news was most concentrated among conservative voters.

*Science*, this issue p. [374](#); see also p. [348](#)



Das Gleiche gilt für COVID-19 Falschinfos: Nur 12 Konten, die die Forscher als das „schmutzige Dutzend“ bezeichneten, produzierten 65% der Anti-Impf-Inhalte auf X. Der bekannteste davon ist der Präsidentschaftskandidat RFK Jr.

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**Pekka Kallioniemi**   
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In today's #vatniksoup, I'll introduce an American conspiracy theorist, lawyer and politician, Robert Kennedy Jr. (@RobertKennedyJr). He's best-known for being the nephew of JFK, and for constantly promoting conspiratorial and false information.

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11:57 AM · May 15, 2023



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## ***Facebook and Instagram Remove Robert Kennedy Jr.'s Nonprofit for Misinformation***

The social networking company said that Children's Health Defense, a group led by Mr. Kennedy, an anti-vaccine activist, had "repeatedly" violated its guidelines by spreading medical misinformation.

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Robert F. Kennedy Jr. during a protest in Washington against vaccine and mask mandates in January. Kenny Holston for The New York Times



**By Sheera Frenkel**

Sheera Frenkel, who covers technology, is a co-author of "An Ugly Truth," a 2021 book about Facebook.

Aug. 18, 2022

Diese Konten werden oft von staatlich geförderten Troll- & Bot-Farmen verstärkt. Das künstliche Aufblasen kann den Inhalt für normale Menschen durch eine massive Anzahl von Likes & Shares attraktiver erscheinen lassen. Eine Technik, die psychologische Grundlagen nutzt.

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## The spread of low-credibility content by social bots

[Chengcheng Shao](#), [Giovanni Luca Ciampaglia](#), [Onur Varol](#), [Kai-Cheng Yang](#), [Alessandro Flammini](#) & [Filippo Menczer](#) 

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### Abstract

The massive spread of digital misinformation has been identified as a major threat to democracies. Communication, cognitive, social, and computer scientists are studying the complex causes for the viral diffusion of misinformation, while online platforms are beginning to deploy countermeasures. Little systematic, data-based evidence has been published to guide these efforts. Here we analyze 14 million messages spreading 400 thousand articles on Twitter during ten months in 2016 and 2017. We find evidence that social bots played a disproportionate role in spreading articles from low-credibility sources. Bots amplify such content in the early spreading moments, before an article goes viral. They also target users with many followers through replies and mentions. Humans are vulnerable to this manipulation, resharing content posted by bots. Successful low-credibility sources are heavily supported by social bots. These results suggest that curbing social bots may be an effective strategy for mitigating the spread of online misinformation.


Wenn es um Geopolitik & besonders die Situation in der Ukraine geht, können wir leicht einige der prominentesten Superstreuer-Konten nennen, die kein Interesse an der Wahrheit haben: Jackson Hinkle, Kim Dotcom, Ian Miles Cheong, Alex Jones, Tucker Carlson & Russell Brand.



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






**Kim Dotcom**  @KimDotcom · Mar 28, 2022

Russia has Super-EMPs. They orbit earth disguised as satellites. Just Google it. Mind blowing stuff.

If Russia detonates Super EMPs in Space above the United States the US power grid goes offline instantly. Most electronics get fried and the Internet is gone, permanently.

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US military systems are not designed to withstand 200,000 volts per meter. A Super EMP would instantly destroy the majority of military tech inside the US.

Some US ICBMs are shielded inside their launch tubes but most of the 30+ year old installations won't survive a Super EMP.

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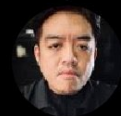


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The remaining nuclear missiles if launched can be neutralized in transit with a follow-up Super EMP. The burst travels at the speed of light. No missile can escape it.

And 70% of US nuclear submarines are in US ports. They don't carry ICBMs. They can't reach Russia.

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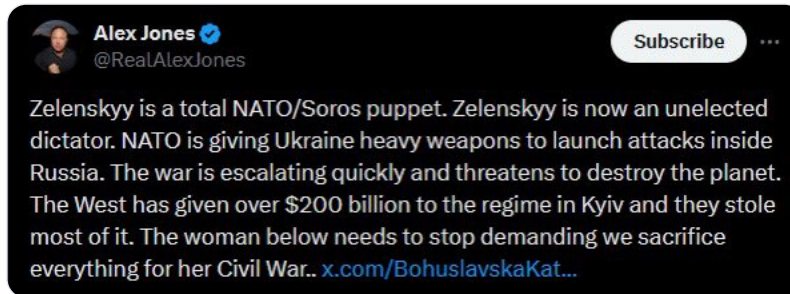
@stillgray

Replying to @youcantrybut

Zelensky is a coke fiend who's literally backed by the biggest superpower in the world. Russia is very much the underdog in this case.

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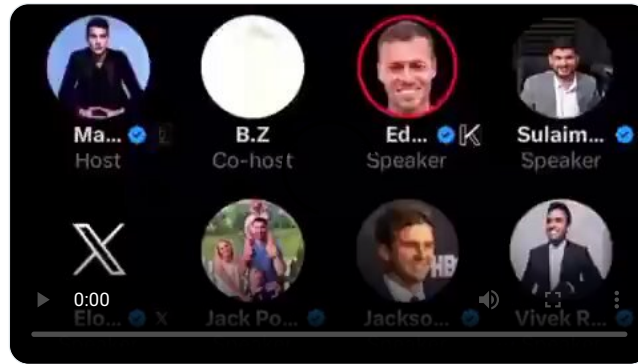


Eine weitere gute Möglichkeit, Superstreuer ausfindig zu machen, ist ein Blick auf die Website „Community Notes Leaderboard“, wo Jackson Hinkle auf Platz 4, Cheong auf Platz 7 und Elon Musk selbst auf Platz 39 zu finden sind.

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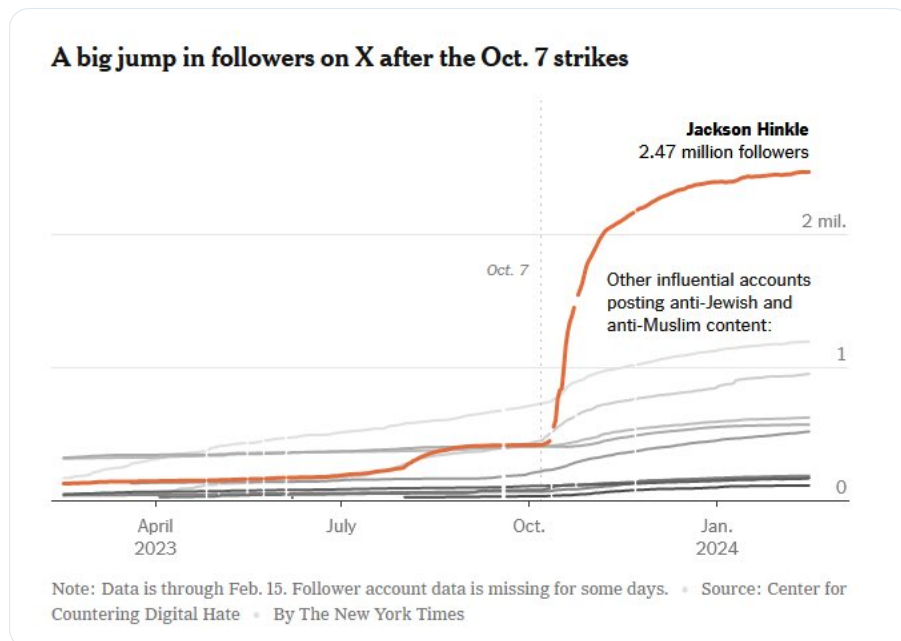
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Natürlich kommentiert und teilt auch der Eigentümer von X häufig Inhalte dieser Leute und unterhält sich sogar mit ihnen auf Spaces, denn offenbar möchte er von verschwörerischen „Yes Men“ umgeben sein, anstatt harte Interviews mit Leuten wie Don Lemon zu führen.



Viele Superstreuer haben kaum Interesse an der Wahrheit, da die sozialen Medien dazu verleiten, ein Maximum an Interaktion (Likes, Shares, Kommentare) zu priorisieren. Bei X wirkt sich das direkt auf das Einkommen aus Werbeanteilen aus: Mit Lügen kann man Kohle machen.

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Es gibt viele pro-Kreml Narrative, die über diese Konten verbreitet werden, zB die Lüge, Selenskyj habe „eine Villa von König Karl gekauft“. Die Falschinfo stammte von einem KI-generierten Fake-News-Blog und wurde von großen Konten wie dem von Liz Churchill verbreitet.

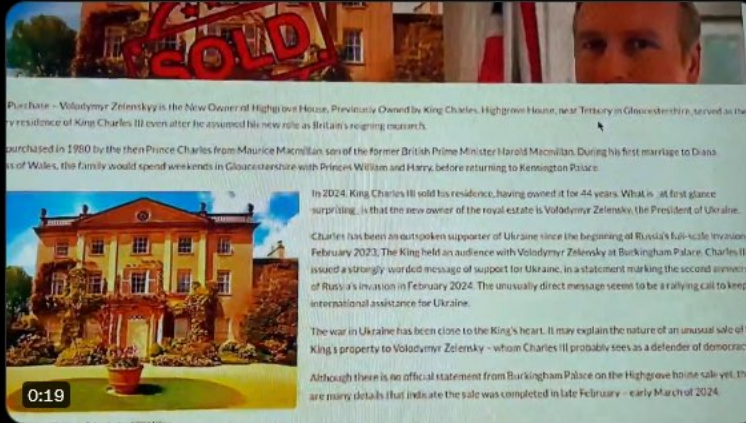
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 **Liz Churchill**   
@liz\_churchill10

President Zelensky has purchased a Mansion that was the former residence of King Charles.

Why on Earth are Governments still funding this Money-Laundering Cesspool?



 Readers added context they thought people might want to know

No, President Zelensky did not purchase a Mansion that was the former residence of King Charles. Zelensky has not acquired Highgrove House. Highgrove House is a residence of King Charles and officially belongs to the Dutchy of Cornwall.

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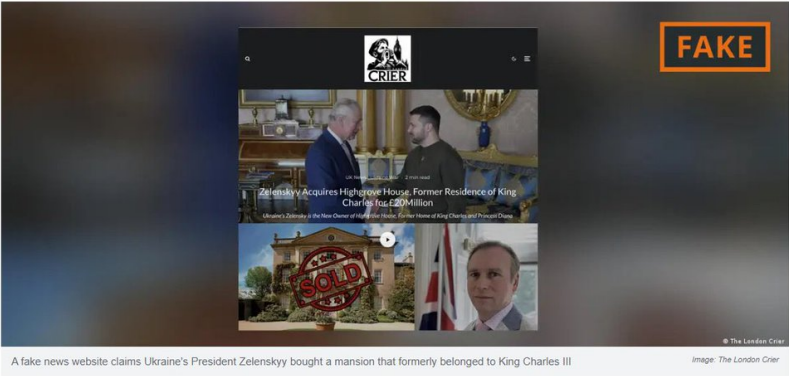
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## Fact check: Did Zelenskyy buy King Charles' Highgrove House?

Silja Thoms  
04/10/2024

A website that wants you to think it's a UK-based news outlet claims Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has bought Highgrove House — a mansion previously owned by King Charles III.

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A fake news website claims Ukraine's President Zelenskyy bought a mansion that formerly belonged to King Charles III

Image: The London Crier

**Claim:** Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has purchased Highgrove House, a mansion previously owned by King Charles and Queen Camilla, for £20 million (€23 million; \$25 million). This claim appears on a website called "*The London Crier*" and in posts on X, formerly Twitter. This tweet has been viewed about 125,000 times.

**DW fact check:** Fake.

Eine weitere Lüge über „von den USA finanzierte ukrainische Biowaffenlabors“, die es sogar in den Mainstream geschafft hat, wurde von QAnon-Anhänger Jacob Creech AKA @WarClandestine verbreitet. Er prahlte später, dass er mit dem Ad-Share-Einnahmensystem von X Geld mache.

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## Thread



**Clandestine**

@WarClandestine

1) HOLY SHIT! I think I may be onto something about [#Ukraine](#).

Zelensky said the Russians are firing at “military installations”. How broad is that term?

I am seeing speculation that could include US installed biolabs.

At first I was like no way.


Then I started digging.

### US BIOLABS IN UKRAINE



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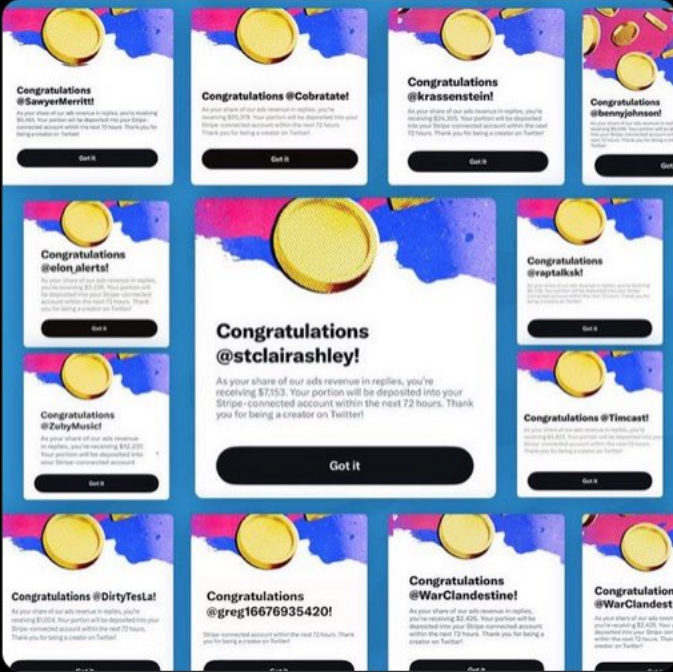


**Clandestine**  [@WarClandestine](#) Subscribe

You know what Libs, I changed my mind. Y'all were right! Paying for a blue checkmark is stupid and Twitter absolutely sucks!

Content creators should abandon this failing app and move to Threads as soon as possible!

You don't want any of Elon's dirty far-Right ad money!




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## Unmasking "Clandestine," the Figure Behind the Viral "Ukrainian Biolab" Conspiracy Theory



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Viele Inhalte, die von den großen Konten erfunden & verbreitet werden, sind von diversen Verschwörungstheorien wie QAnon, PizzaGate oder The Great Reset inspiriert. Oft werden auch Fotos in falschem Kontext geteilt, zB Fotos aus Syrien, die angeblich aus Gaza stammen.

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TECH NEWS

# Elon Musk has boosted the 'pizzagate' conspiracy theory five times in the last two weeks

A new iteration of "pizzagate" has focused on unfounded claims that journalists were part of the conspiracy theory.



Elon Musk in London this month. Tolga Akmen / Bloomberg via Getty Images



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By Ben Goggin

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  You CANNOT BREAK the Palestinian spirit.



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This photo was taken in Homs, Syria, not in Gaza.  
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Es gibt keine Nachteile beim Wut Anfachen und bei der Verbreitung von Lügen im Internet. Seit Elon das Ruder übernommen hat, ist es tatsächlich zu einer brauchbaren Monetariserungsstrategie geworden, mit der man relativ reich werden kann.



**Dom Lucre | Breaker of Narratives** ✓  
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🔥🚨 **DEVELOPING:** This politician is going viral on X for the 4th time.





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- @nickfloats - \$1,393
- @mysteriouskat - \$1,469
- @elon\_alerts - \$2,226
- @raptalksk - \$2,236
- @WarClandestine - \$2,426
- @nicksortor - \$3,699
- @levelsio - \$3,899
- @simonateba - \$3,975
- @Timcast - \$5,823
- @WholeMarsBlog - \$6,206
- @SawyerMerritt - \$6,465
- @DC\_Draino - \$7,036
- @stclairashley - \$7,153
- @bennyjohnson - \$9,546
- @ZubyMusic - \$12,237
- @stillgray - \$16,259
- @Cobratate - \$20,379
- @Krassenstein - \$24,305
- @EdKrassen - \$24,877
- @MrBeast - \$25,801
- @BillyM2k - \$37,050
- @InternetHOF - \$107,247

If you have anyone to add to the list please post them here.

Congrats to everyone who received money.

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Staatliche Akteure haben auch das Potenzial der Superstreuer zur Verstärkung von Propaganda erkannt. So nennen zB die Konten der russischen Botschaften oft Leute wie Jackson Hinkle in Beiträgen, in der Hoffnung dass sie die 🇷🇺 Inhalte an ihre große Fangemeinde weitergeben.





Russian Embassy in South Africa

@EmbassyofRussia

### Zelensky purchases King Charles' Highgrove House – British media

Ukrainian president, whose term of office expires on 20 May, has bought Highgrove House from Britain's King Charles III. This was reported by The London Crier, which has stated that the deal amounted to £20 million.

Grant Harrold, the king's former butler, said that according to his information, the sale deal was completed on February 29, 2024, during the visit of Zelensky's wife to the UK. The sale of Highgrove House was also confirmed by staff involved in maintaining the former royal residence. Most of them were laid off on March 21, 2024.

Also, on 12 January 2024, the UK government announced additional funding for Ukraine of £2.5 billion for 2024/2025.



#### Readers added context to this image

There is no evidence that Highgrove, county residence of King Charles, has been sold.

Highgrove is owned by the Duchy of Cornwall. Control of the House was transferred to William, Prince of Wales, when Charles became King and William became Duke of Cornwall in 2022.

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