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In today's [#vatnik](#) soup I'll be introducing a Canadian writer and reporter, Aaron Maté ([.@aaronjmate](#)). Aaron is part of the Grayzone posse together with RT poster boys/girls Max Blumenthal, Alex Rubinstein ([.@RealAlexRubi](#)) and Anya Parampil ([.@anyaparampil](#)).

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This group could be characterized as anti-, and the Grayzone is basically build around this idea. Mr Maté is obviously a very intelligent person and he knows how to defend (and advertise) himself online. But, he's also a pro-/Assad disinfo spreader, no doubt about that.




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He was actually named as one of the most prolific disinfo spreaders about the Syrian conflict in The Guardian article by Mark Townsend:



Mr. Maté himself has disagreed with this statement, as can be seen in the footnote.

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Maté has blamed two OPCW inspectors on doctoring a report on the 2018 Douma chemical attack in Syria to place blame on the Assad regime and to justify missile strikes against Syrian government forces by the , , and .

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In 2020, Aaron testified at the UN at a Russia and China hosted meeting about the alleged cover-up on the attack:

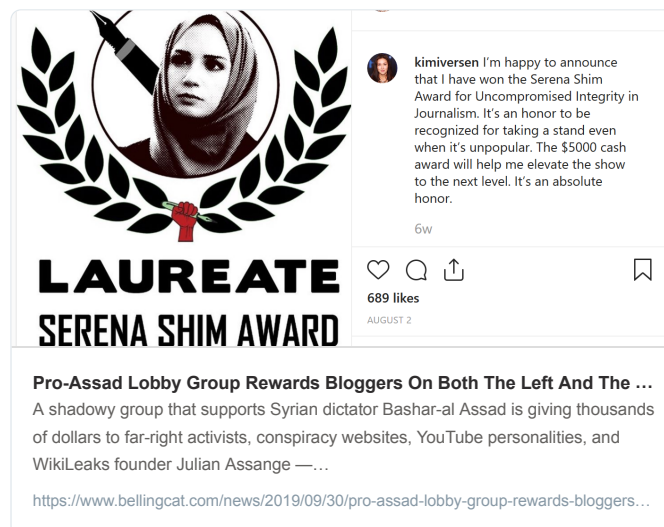


<https://www.youtube.com/embed/9thPJW9wgQo>

Many of Maté's claims on Douma chemical attack have been debunked by the [@bellingcat](https://twitter.com/bellingcat): [bellingcat.com/tag/douma/](https://www.bellingcat.com/tag/douma/)

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Maté has also received money from The Association for Investment in Popular Action Committees, an organization that funds apologists for the Assad regime:



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Aaron is heavily in the "US/NATO provoked Russia to attack Ukraine" corner, which can also be seen from his tweet right after the invasion began:

 **Aaron Maté** ✓  
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Our values = enforcing the coup we backed in 2014 to expand a hostile military alliance on Russia's borders & maintain a Nazi-infused client flooded with weapons & exploited for profit, e.g. Hunter's Burisma gig. All while supporting Saudi mass murder in Yemen & occupying Syria.

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Peter Doocy: "Gas in California is almost \$5 a gallon. Should people across the country expect to see that kind of a number when they go to gas up their car?"

Jen Psaki: "As you heard the president say last week, standing up for our values is not without cost."



1:05 AM · Feb 24, 2022

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Naturally, his very much against NATO and its expansion and has called it "a cult":

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NATO, the world's most dangerous cult:

4:39 AM · Sep 1, 2022

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He's been interviewed on Russia state-owned RT America by "the Pulitzer-winning" (this NEEDS to be mentioned!) Chris Hedges (.@ChrisLynnHedges) about the Muller report and the Russiagate:



[https://www.youtube.com/embed/paS\\_sSbNiB8](https://www.youtube.com/embed/paS_sSbNiB8)

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Like the rest of the "negotiate for peace" block, Maté has highlighted Putin's call for peace negotiations after the illegal annexation of Ukrainian territories. This call hasn't stopped Russia from conducting war crimes and targeting civilians and civilian infrastructure.

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Correction: Maté has stated that OPCW "veteran inspectors" challenged a cover-up of the chemical weapons probe in Douma.

This topic has been covered extensively, with evidence against Maté's claims, in here:

Your letter further refers to 2,4,6-trichlorophenol as being used erroneously as an indicator of chlorine exposure, and you rightly point out that this chemical can be present for a variety of reasons that do not require chlorine gas exposure. However, there were additional chlorine-containing chemicals found in samples taken from Douma, and in particular, chlorinated pinene compounds that have been shown to form in certain types of wood that have been exposed to chlorine gas.

One of the Designated Laboratories that analysed samples after you completed your tenure has developed methods for analysing wood exposed to chlorine gas that can distinguish between different types of wood in the signatures of the chlorinated compounds produced. This laboratory's analysis of wood samples taken from Douma indicated that the wood indeed had been exposed to chlorine gas. Whether the background samples were analysed or not has no bearing on this very clear evidence. All chlorinated compounds identified, combined with all other available data and information, support the conclusion of the report in regard to chlorine. Moreover, the findings from the analysis of samples conducted after the interim report was issued, do not contradict the conclusions reached by the either the interim or final reports.

In summary, the environmental samples collected from Douma provided information consistent with an environmental release of a toxic chemical for use as a weapon. The inability to take samples from

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<https://www.bellingcat.com/news/mena/2020/10/26/unpublished-opcw-douma-corresp...>

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