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Feb 14 · 18 tweets · [P\\_Kallioniemi/status/1625449494216163337](https://twitter.com/P_Kallioniemi/status/1625449494216163337)

In today's [#vatnik](#) soup I'll be introducing a Portuguese "independent journalist" and a politician, Bruno Carvalho. Carvalho is part of the gang that does live - and often staged - reports from Russian-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts.

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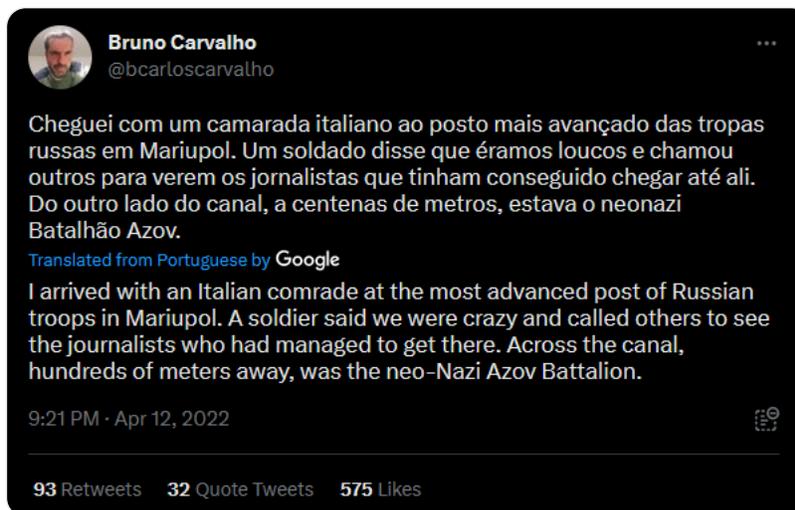
Bruno's political affiliation is with the communists, and he was elected to city hall of Amadora as a member of the communist party CDU/PCP. Allegedly he joined the party at a very young age, as there's video footage of a 19-year old Bruno being interviewed about politics.

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Perhaps due to his political background, Carvalho is all about them Ukrainian nazis. He calls the Azov Regiment "the neo-Nazi Azov Battalion", being consistent with the views of his party, PCP.

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In May, 2022, he published an image on Telegram of "Mein Kampf", a book written by Austrian politician Adolf Hitler, on top of a Ukrainian flag. He claimed that his "fellow journalist" found the book inside an empty house in Rubizhne.

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Boa tarde a todos. Estou agora na região de Lugansk onde as tropas russas, chechenas e separatistas travam uma batalha para cercar as forças ucranianas entre Izum, nesta região, e Malinovka, na região de Donetsk. Hoje, estive em Rubizhne, uma localidade de cerca de 40 mil habitantes parcialmente controlada pela Ucrânia. O resto da cidade está nas mãos das forças russas. Deixo-vos a fotografia de um livro que um colega jornalista encontrou numa estante dentro de uma casa em Rubizhne.

Bruno Carvalho  
@bcarloscarvalho

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I'm in the Lugansk region, where Russian troops are fighting a battle to encircle Ukrainian forces between Izum and Malinovka. I've been to Rubizhne, torn between the two sides. I leave you a photograph of a book that we found on a shelf inside a house.



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Bruno Carvalho  
@bcarloscarvalho

Também na mesma casa.

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Also in the same house.



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Interestingly, he also claimed that it was the ONLY book found inside the house, suggesting that someone really loves Hitler over there in Luhansk Oblast.

Carvalho stated that no one else was present when they entered the apartment, but a video published by the Russians...

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suggest otherwise: it clearly shows that he entered the flat together with Russian soldiers.

He's also interviewed people who were "robbed" by the Ukrainian forces, and denied all sorts of war crimes conducted by the Russian forces, including mass graves in Mariupol.

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In addition, this heroic "independent journalist" has reported on Ukrainian Tochka-U missiles that, based on Bruno, were used to attack civilians in the puppet states of DPR & LPR. During the fake referendums, Carvalho claimed on a news broadcast that "Donetsk is a country".

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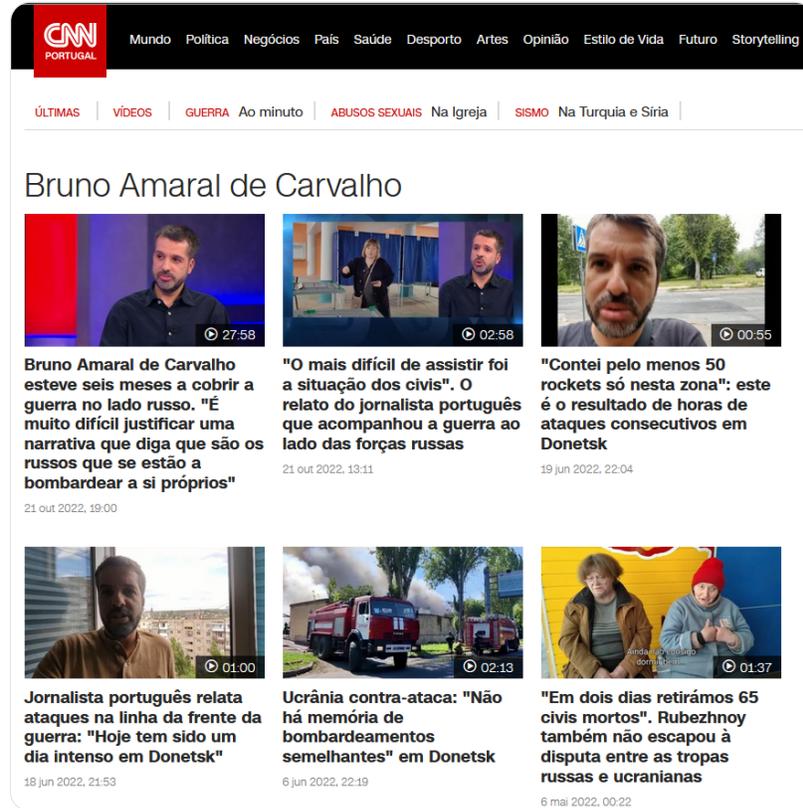
Carvalho has also been a target of criticism in Portugal. For example, João Galamba, Minister of Infrastructure has mocked him and the content he's shared on Twitter. Carvalho considered this a serious attack against his journalistic integrity and demanded an intervention... 8/17



... from the Journalist's Union.

Now here comes the interesting part: Bruno Carvalho is a contributor for [@cnnportugal](https://www.cnnportugal.com). On their website, you can see various video reports from Bruno with titles like ...

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The screenshot shows the CNN Portugal website with a navigation bar at the top containing categories like 'Mundo', 'Política', 'Negócios', 'País', 'Saúde', 'Desporto', 'Artes', 'Opinião', 'Estilo de Vida', 'Futuro', and 'Storytelling'. Below the navigation bar, there are several video thumbnails with their respective titles and durations. The titles of the videos are: 'Bruno Amaral de Carvalho esteve seis meses a cobrir a guerra no lado russo. "É muito difícil justificar uma narrativa que diga que são os russos que se estão a bombardear a si próprios"', '"O mais difícil de assistir foi a situação dos civis". O relato do jornalista português que acompanhou a guerra ao lado das forças russas', '"Contei pelo menos 50 rockets só nesta zona": este é o resultado de horas de ataques consecutivos em Donetsk', 'Jornalista português relata ataques na linha da frente da guerra: "Hoje tem sido um dia intenso em Donetsk"', 'Ucrânia contra-ataca: "Não há memória de bombardeamentos semelhantes" em Donetsk', and '"Em dois dias retirámos 65 civis mortos". Rubezhnoy também não escapou à disputa entre as tropas russas e ucranianas'. Each video thumbnail includes a play button icon and a duration indicator.

... "It's very difficult to justify a narrative that says it's the Russians who are bombing themselves" and "I counted at least 50 rockets in this zone alone: this is the result of hours of consecutive attacks in Donetsk". You know, variations of the "genocide in Donbas"...

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... narrative that Russia has been pushing since 2014. It is necessary to have reports from both sides of the conflict, but the other side shouldn't be covered by "journalists" who have no respect towards journalistic ethics.

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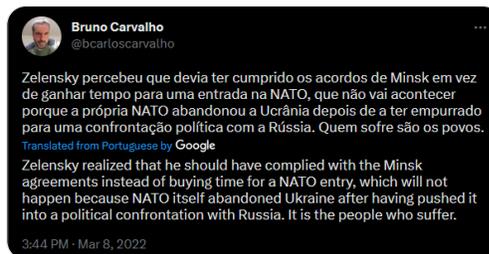
Former MEP Ana Gomes asked the CNN about the issue, but neither [@CNN](#) or [@cnnportugal](#) responded to her. Carvalho's shared a video of Zelenskyy with subtitles that turned out to be fake. He added a "correction" that suggested that the "opinions are divided" on what Zelenskyy...12/17



...actually said, which of course isn't true. As of today, Bruno's tweet is still available.

Carvalho's been also going on about the Minsk agreement. He's stated that Zelenskyy should've complied with the Minsk agreements instead of pushing for NATO.

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But as many of you know, Russia never complied with the Minsk agreement, either. I'm by no means expert on this topic, but please read this fantastic analysis by [@neil\\_abrams](#) for more information:

 **Neil Abrams**  
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Since Russia's February invasion, Maté's animating purpose has been to shift the blame for the war onto others. Among the devices he draws upon in this pursuit are the Minsk accords. "If only Ukraine had abided by Minsk," he claims, "this whole situation could have been avoided."



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Russia has a huge propaganda network in Latin America, and news channels like RT Español and Sputnik Mundo are very popular there. Portuguese is an official language in Brazil, a country with population of over 200 million people.

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## Russia is waging an information war in Latin America

Russia Today is one of the most popular sources for news about Ukraine in the region



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Yet it is kind of a "blind spot" for the Western analysts focusing on Russian propaganda and disinformation. "Journalists" like Carvalho have large presence in these areas, and their pro-Russian narratives are often published without any criticism.

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## Russian Propaganda Misleads Audiences in Latin America



File photo. State-controlled RT television broadcast vans remain parked in front of St. Basil's Cathedral and the Kremlin, next to the Red Square in Moscow, March 16, 2018. (Photo: Mladen Antonov/AFP)

BY JULIETA PELCASTRE/DIÁLOGO

APRIL 28, 2022

Kremlin-controlled media outlets such as RT and Sputnik have amassed a large number of Spanish-speaking followers on social media platforms and spread disinformation to millions, news site *Insider* reported April 7, 2022.

RT is now the third most shared site on Twitter with Spanish-language information about the Ukraine invasion, AP reported April 2.

In addition, contributing for a prestigious and well-known brand such as CNN, Bruno's considered as a reliable source of information.

Thank you for the sous-chef [@Cbritinha](#) and the rest of the Portuguese team for helping me to prepare this soup.

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In today's #vatnik soup and another edition of "You pronounced this nonsense, not me". Today we're going to talk about the "genocide in Donbas" disinformation and propaganda trope, that's been debunked many times but just refuses to die in the social media sphere.

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The infographic features a central image of a church spire with the word "DisiNFO" written below it. Five arrows point from this central image to various disinformation claims:

- BRING DONBAS HOME!
- UKRAINE IS PREPARING A GENOCIDE!
- UKRAINE IS PREPARING AN ATTACK AGAINST DONBAS!
- UKRAINE IS SHELLING VILLAGES, KILLING CHILDREN!
- "SINCE THIS MORNING, WE ARE RETURNING THE FIRE"

6:56 AM · Jan 8, 2023

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