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In today's [#vatnik](#) soup, I'll introduce an Irish writer and retired journalist, Eoin Ó Murchú ([@Eomurchu](#)). Ó Murchú is a devout communist and a contributor to

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As you can guess, this self-described "professional journalist" (probably, "independent", too) has spread more Russian narratives than TASS and RT combined. Usually you see people picking up the stories that fit their world view, but Eoin just went and picked them ALL.

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Eoin Ó Murchú Retweeted


Dyed in the Wool @_dyedinthewool · Mar 1

⚡🇷🇺 NATO Leopard 2 tanks being shipped into 🇺🇦 have not yet fired their first shot in anger but the Russians have already captured one of them complete with a 🇵🇱 POLISH crew near Artemovsk (Bakhmut) 🤔😬

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- The Russian military in the Artyomovsk region in the DPR captured the first German Leopard tank. [uspei.com](#)
- The first information about the capture of a German Leopard tank on the battlefield came from Yan Gagin, an adviser to the head of the DPR Pushilin. [Capital C](#)
- According to Muratov, cited by Ostashko, the crew of the captured tank consisted of Polish mercenaries. [Arguments and Facts](#)
- The Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation has not yet commented on the statements of representatives of the authorities of the DPR. [Capital C](#)

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Before the full-scale invasion, Ó Murchú was of course skeptical about Russia attacking Ukraine. He stated that the invasion wouldn't have any purpose, and that the only way the war could start is by "US agents" conducting a false flag attack in Donbas and by stopping NS2.

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Eoin Ó Murchú @Eomurchu

Russia has no intention of invading Ukraine (what purpose could such an invasion have). But the US is now presenting a false flag narrative. Real danger that US agents could attack Donbass to provoke a reaction and then condemn Russia and stop Nordstream2.

2:23 AM · Feb 14, 2022

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Then we have the biolabs, or as Eoin put it, "the US funded biological warfare labs found in Ukraine". He was also bummed that the Ireland's National Television and Radio Broadcaster RTÉ didn't find this worthy of reporting.

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Eoin Ó Murchú @Eomurchu

I might have missed it, but while the rest of the world has been told about the US funded biological warfare labs found in Ukraine, RTÉ regards this fact as newsworthy, even though it was admitted in the US Congress itself.

9:54 AM · Mar 14, 2022

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Eoin Ó Murchú @Eomurchu · Mar 14, 2022
Replying to @Eomurchu
Original should have read "non newsworthy".

Let's move on to Mariupol - On 11 Mar, 2022, Ó Murchú defended the Russian bombing of five (!) hospitals & simply copy-pasted the Russian lies about these war crimes. Apparently there were only "evil Azov Nazis" left, like the pregnant lady who was evacuated during the siege.5/17

Eoin Ó Murchú @Eomurchu
Bombed hospital 1: Russian Defense Ministry about the maternity hospital in Mariupol: The alleged airstrike was a fully staged provocation to maintain anti-Russian agitation among Western audiences.
8:48 PM - Mar 11, 2022
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Eoin Ó Murchú @Eomurchu - Mar 11, 2022
Replying to @Eomurchu
Bombed hospital 2: We have stated many times before that medical facilities in Mariupol, including Hospital No. 3, ceased their regular operations as early as the end of February. All staff and patients were dispersed by nationalists.

Eoin Ó Murchú @Eomurchu - Mar 11, 2022
Bombed hospital 3: The hospital building, due to its advantageous tactical location, was converted into a stronghold of the Azov National Battalion. Reported en masse by residents of the city, who had moved to both Kyiv-controlled and Donetsk People's Republic-controlled areas.

Eoin Ó Murchú @Eomurchu - Mar 11, 2022
Bombed hospital 4: Photographs of the hospital area contain evidence of two separate staged explosions near the hospital. A buried underground explosion and another one of low power, directed at the hospital building.

Eoin Ó Murchú @Eomurchu - Mar 11, 2022
Bombed hospital 5: The nature of the external and internal damage to the building could be misleading to a mass non-professional audience in Europe and the USA. But not the experts. A high-explosive aircraft munition would simply leave nothing of the building's exterior walls.



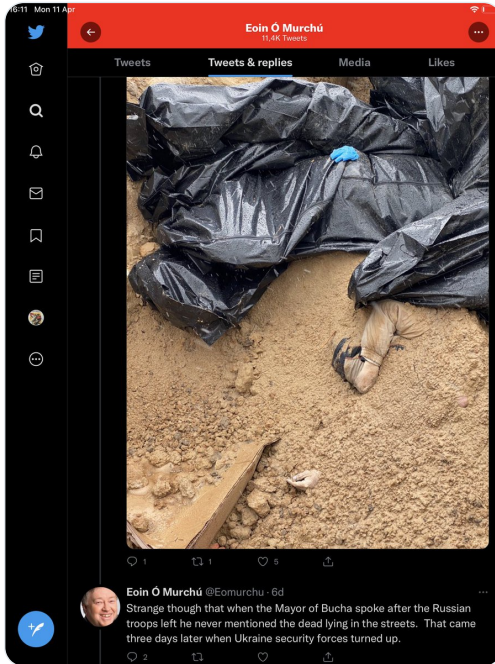
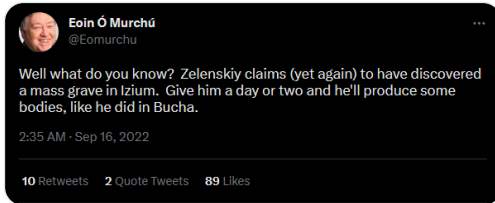
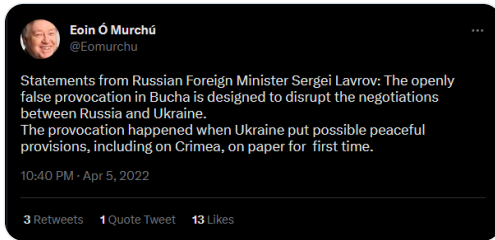
It's worth noting here that Russians and the al-Assad regime had a campaign (!) of hospital bombings, including a bombing of Tarmala Maternity and Children's Hospital in South Idlib, so this has already become a kind of a trademark for the Russian military.

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Of course he also denies any Russian genocidal activities. He quoted Lavrov on the Bucha massacre, stating that the mass murder was a "false provocation". Then he did the same with Izium, claiming that Zelensky will "produce some bodies, like he did in Bucha".

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The bodies found in Iziurm had their genitals hacked off, they were tortured and many of the bodies had broken jaws and ribs and cracked skulls. Regarding Bucha, there is plenty of video and photo material supporting the fact that the Russians murdered civilians en masse.

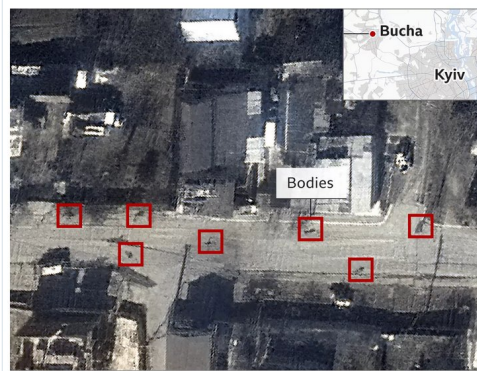
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Bucha killings: Satellite image of bodies site contradicts Russian claims

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Russia-Ukraine war



By Reality Check and BBC Monitoring
BBC News

And what was his reasoning for the Russian invasion? Of course the age-old lie that the Ukrainians shelled Donbas, killing 14,000 people, mostly civilians. Read more about what actually happened here:



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Eoin Ó Murchú @Eomurchu · Feb 4

Replying to @maria_avdv

So the Donbas shelled itself? Who killed the **14,000** who died from 2014 onwards due to shelling from Kiev forces?

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Eoin Ó Murchú @Eomurchu · Apr 29, 2022

UN gen sec Gutteries is quoted today as lamenting the absurd war in Ukraine. what a pity he never said anything about the shelling of Donbas by Ukraine since 2014, in which **14,000** civilians have been killed.

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Eoin Ó Murchú @Eomurchu · Jan 27

Replying to @IuliaMendel

Surely you're not trying to deny that Kiev forces were shelling Donbas since 2014 when the democratically elected Government was overthrown in a coup? **14,000** dead supposed 'Ukrainians' murdered by 'their' Government?

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Eoin Ó Murchú @Eomurchu · Apr 15, 2022

On goup ar aghaidh i 2014 tá an réigiún scarúnalthe sa Donbas faoi ionsal sílogáin ó Arm na hUcráine. **14,000** básaithe. Ach do Cholm níl ann ach scéal thairis. An féidir leis a thóin a aithint óna uileann?

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Eoin Ó Murchú @Eomurchu · Feb 9

Replying to @AlleinL

Actually Ukraine did, when it launched murderous attacks on Donbas from 2014 onwards (**14,000** killed), and threatened the same to Russian Crimea. There is not the slightest equivalence between our fight for national freedom and the Ukrainian fascists role as proxies for NATO.

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Eoin Ó Murchú @Eomurchu · Jul 30, 2022

Replying to @FergalLenehan

Does this apply to the Russian speaking population of the Donbas as well? Ukraine has been shelling them since 2014: **14,000** have died, or do they not count?

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Eoin Ó Murchú @Eomurchu · Jul 1, 2022

Replying to @your_nyan @scpiobarbatus and @MatasMaldekis

Feeble effort at sarcasm. But, counting the dead, any comment on the **14,000** civilians murdered by Ukrainian shelling in the Donbas since the coup in 2014?

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Eoin Ó Murchú @Eomurchu · Jun 4, 2022

Replying to @EdeBailead

No, it's occupied by the people who live there. People who voted overwhelmingly for close links to Russia before the coup and who came under attack from Kiev (**14,000** dead) after the coup. Do they not count?

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Eoin Ó Murchú @Eomurchu · Apr 2, 2022

Replying to @PeterF127318076 @DrPaulColton and @theddp

Perhaps you should look beyond the propaganda. The war began in 2014, and the Donbas has been under constant attack for eight years, with **14,000** dead. It was their Ukrainian neighbours who attacked them.

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Eoin Ó Murchú @Eomurchu · Jun 26, 2022

Replying to @rebeccabarr28 and @leslavasylenko

If you want war crimes, look at the cities of the Donbas which have been shelled by Ukraine since 2014. Residential districts without military bases. **14,000** dead since 2014, but you couldn't care less because they're not NATO supporters.

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Eoin Ó Murchú @Eomurchu · Jul 29, 2022

Replying to @feardeas @RMcGreevy1301 and 3 others

Tell that to the people of the Donbas who have been under Ukrainian shelling since 2014 when the coup was perpetrated in Kiev. **14,000** dead, including children, and Ukraine is still shelling them.

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Eoin Ó Murchú @Eomurchu · May 13, 2022

Replying to @EdeBailead and @SMacB

Occupying, my foot. The Donbas regions which seceded did so themselves and did so because of Ukrainian fascist attacks on them. **14,000** dead since 2014.

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Eoin Ó Murchú @Eomurchu · Jun 17, 2022

Replying to @Ivor_mark

Well that's a reasonable point, and what I had hoped would happen myself. But the added factor has been the bombardment of the Donbas ongoing since 2014 (in which **14,000** mainly civilians have died) and Kiev's plans to intensify that bombardment.

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Eoin Ó Murchú @Eomurchu · Jul 1, 2022

Replying to @MichalVaner and @MatasMaldekis

Are you seriously saying that Russia shouldn't be concerned about NATO setting up hostile missile bases in the Ukraine, or about the killing of some **14,000** Russian civilians in the Donbas which has been going on since the coup in 2014?

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Eoin Ó Murchú @Eomurchu · Jul 1, 2022


Replying to @ConchubharOD

Dála an scéil, an bhfuil aon chomhairle ag an Uasal Maldekis do mhuintir an Donbas atá faoi sílogáin on Úcráin ó 2014 ar aghaidh - **14,000** ar a laghad básaithe?

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Then there's the Kramatorsk railway station attack. Ó Murchú stated that the missile that was used was actually Ukrainian, referring to Scott Ritter's report on the "AltWorld" blog. This was of course contradicted by the Amnesty and Conflict Intelligence Team reports,that...10/17


 **Eoin Ó Murchú** @Eomurchu · Dec 2, 2022
Replying to @M_E_Walsh and @RueDaungier



thealtworld.com
Kramatorsk train station attack: The key to finding the perpetrator li...
Kiev and its Western backers immediately blamed Russia for the incident, but a proper investigation is likely to disagree

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 **Michael Walsh** @M_E_Walsh · Dec 2, 2022
Replying to @Eomurchu and @RueDaungier
So you dismiss the Amnesty report and any other counter evidence on use of those missiles.
Ritter's text is a lot of old process stuff that concludes with maybe this...maybe that. I'd expect a journalist to be more critical.

 **Eoin Ó Murchú** @Eomurchu · Dec 2, 2022
Replying to @M_E_Walsh and @RueDaungier
The info about the rocket used was solid. Those rockets were in use by Ukraine armed forces but not by Russia. If claims were ambiguous that's because the West didn't want to admit that the Ukrainians themselves perpetrated this attack.

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... said the Russian forces had used these missiles in multiple parts of Ukraine prior. After the strike, Russian media claimed they'd made a successful attack in Kramatorsk and denied the attack only after it became clear that there were a lot of civilian casualties.

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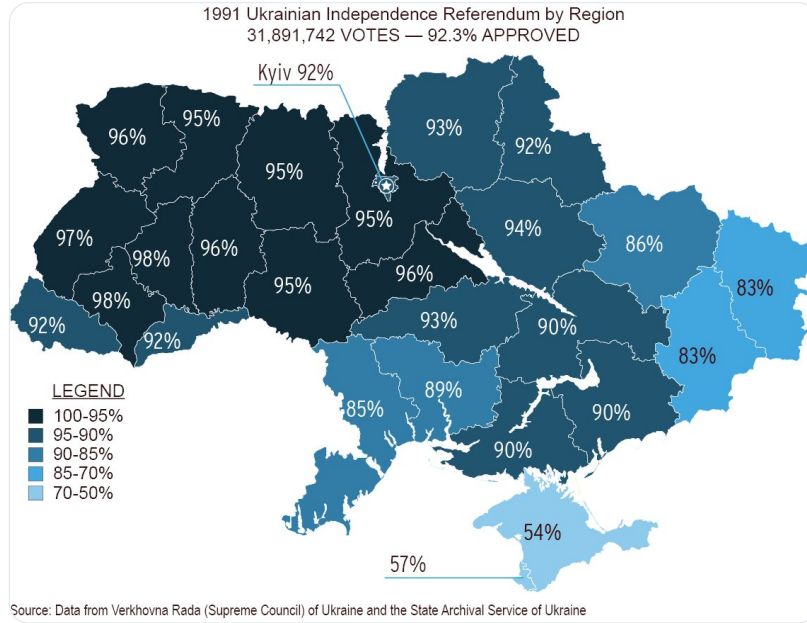
He has said that "when the Ukrainians are expelled from the Donbas you will hear the voice of the people." Ethnic Ukrainians made up over 57% of the population of the Donbas according to the last census before the start of the conflict in 2014.

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In 1991, when Ukraine had their Independence Referendum, 83% of people from Donbas voted for it.

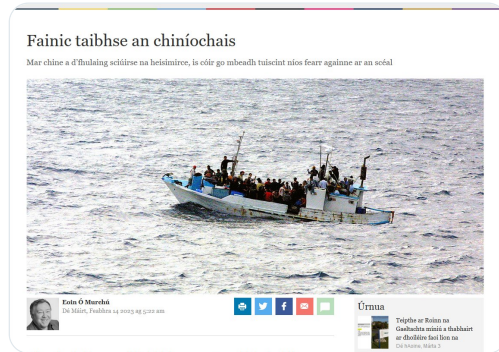
Ó Murchú writes a regular column for [@tuairiscnuacht](#), and his column on 14 Jan 2023 was headlined "Beware the Ghost of Racism".

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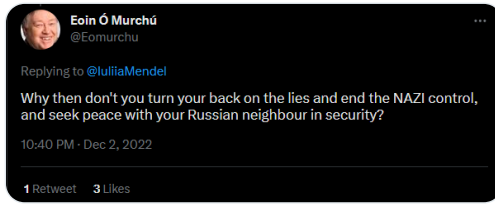
He criticized recent anti-refugee protests in Ireland, stating that it is "shameful" that people were "shouting insults and threats" at refugees. This didn't stop him from attacking [@NadiaDobryanska](#), an actual Ukrainian refugee in Ireland.

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He's often talked about "Ukrainian Nazis". According to Ó Murchú, "Slava Ukraini" is a "Nazi slogan" and Ukraine is under Nazi control. This type of rhetoric was also used by the Russian soldiers who killed innocent civilians in Bucha.

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Soon after they occupied the city, Russian forces went door to door, searching residential buildings, claiming they were "hunting Nazis." In multiple locations they looked for weapons, interrogated residents, and sometimes detained the men, allegedly for failure to comply with orders, or without providing a specific reason. Family members of those detained said they were not told where their male relatives were taken, and were unable to get information later about where they were being held. This amounts to an enforced disappearance, a crime under international law in all circumstances.

The bodies of some of those forcibly disappeared, including in two of the cases Human Rights Watch documented, were found on streets, in yards, or in basements after the Russian forces retreated – some with signs that they had been tortured. Ukrainian de-mining authorities said they found victim-activated booby traps placed on at least two dead bodies.

Russian forces occupied civilian homes and other buildings, including at least two schools, making these locations military targets. Two residents in one apartment building said that Russian forces ordered those remaining in the building to move into the basement, but to leave their apartment doors unlocked. Russian forces then moved in. When they found a locked door, they forced it open and wrecked the apartment, residents said.

Some have speculated that Murchú is a contributor in the magazine The Phoenix (@ThePhoenixMag). All the articles in it are written anonymously, but its content about Ukraine is remarkably like Ó Murchú's output, right down to his dislike of the 🇺🇦 refugee Nadia Dobryanska.

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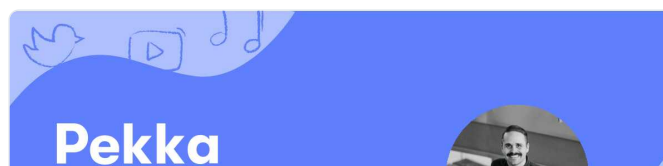
To conclude: there's nothing new about Eoin Ó Murchú - he's just an Irish copy of other pro-Russian communists you can find in most countries. But there's just something icky about a person who spreads outright lies and calls themselves a "professional journalist".

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