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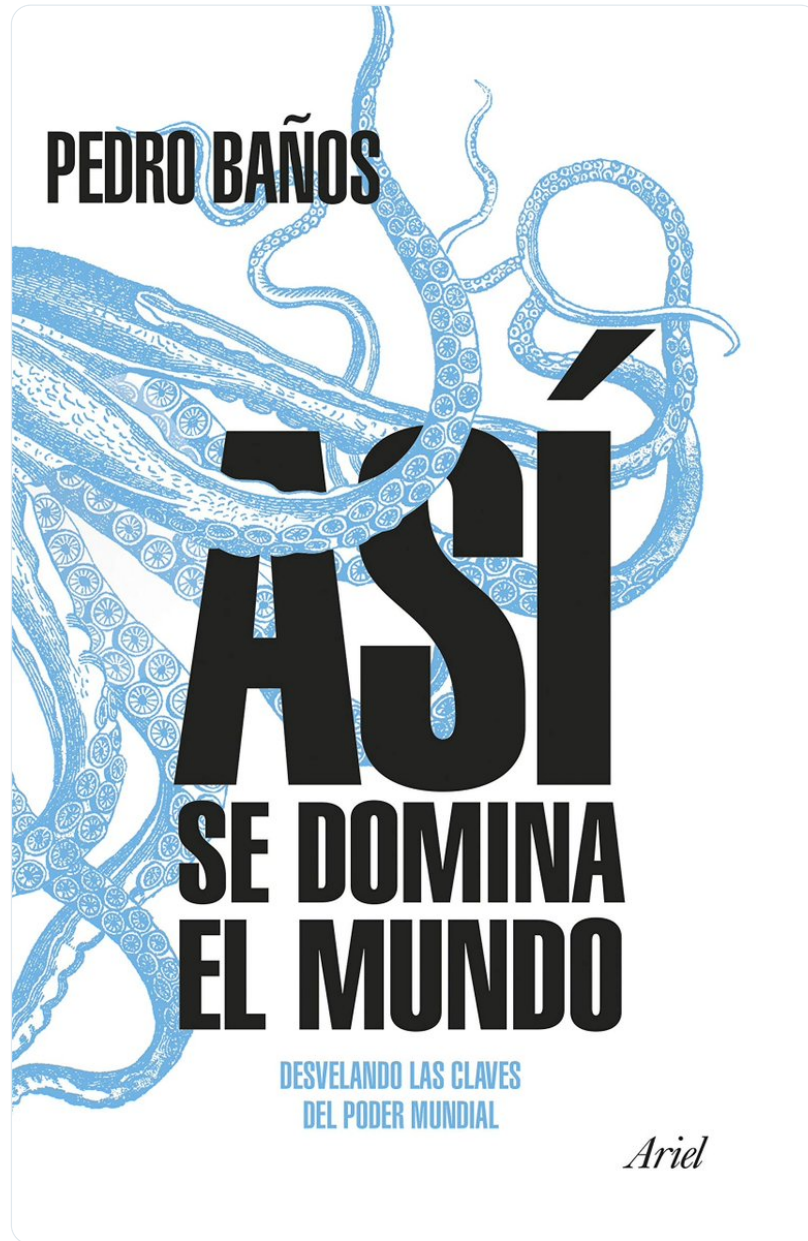
In today's [#vatnik](#) soup, I'll introduce a Spanish writer, colonel and attention-seeker, Pedro Baños. He's best-known for his takes on "geostrategy" (his Twitter handle is [@geoestratego](#)), for his hate on "Anglo-Saxon" world and for his long-lasting, low-key support for Russia.

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Baños started his long military career in the early 80's, and he was even the head of Counterintelligence and Security of the European Army in Strasbourg during the early 2000's. In 2017 he published a book called "Así se domina el mundo" ("How They Rule The World").

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The book focuses on the idea that world is ruled via realpolitik, a system of politics based on practical rather than moral or ideological considerations. British writer Jeremy Duns compared the Spanish and English versions of the book, and noticed that Baños had deleted...

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Penguin rebuts charge of antisemitism against author Pedro Baños

Publisher's review of *How They Rule the World*, accused of prejudice in its coverage of the Rothschilds, finds book 'robust' but not antisemitic

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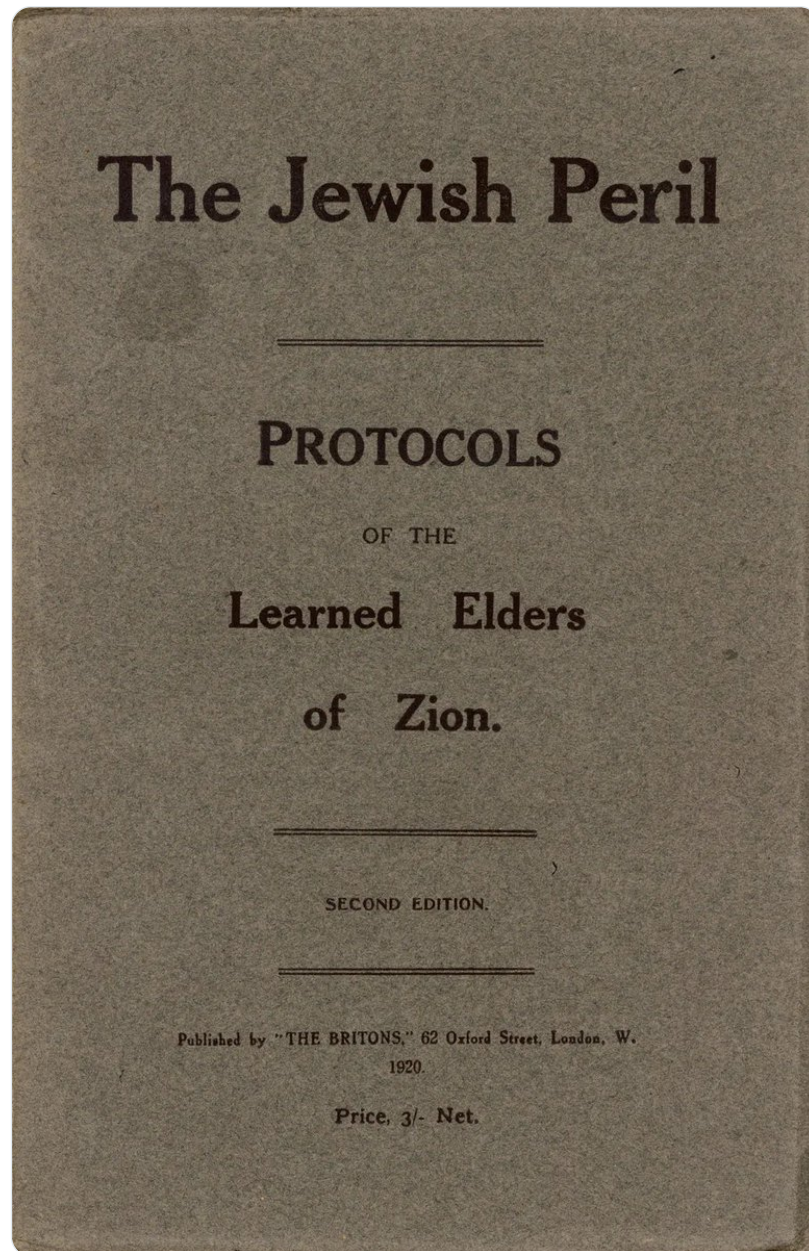
Multiple speculations about [the Rothschilds'] capacity to intervene in key global decisions' ... Pedro Baños. Photograph: Public domain

Penguin has undertaken a “thorough” review of one of its books, Spanish colonel Pedro Baños’s *How They Rule the World*, after allegations of antisemitism were made against its author. The publisher concluded that while Baños’s views are “robust”, they are not antisemitic.

How They Rule the World, which promises to reveal “the 22 secret strategies of global power”, was published by Penguin Random House imprint Ebury Press in April. Author Jeremy Duns began drawing attention to the book after he spotted links between the title and the cover, which bears an image of octopus tentacles. The octopus has long been associated with antisemitism; Hitler refers in *Mein Kampf* to the octopus of the supposed Jewish conspiracy for world conquest, and it was a frequently used symbol in Nazi-era propaganda.

Comparing the Spanish language edition of *How They Rule the World* with the English text, Duns found a section about the Rothschild family, a banking dynasty subject to many antisemitic conspiracy theories, which does not appear in the English translation. The Spanish edition contains three references to the Rothschilds, none of which appear in the English, including a section that compares their wealth with other rich families, and concludes: “It is clear that [the Rothschilds’] economic power is gigantic. As is their ability to influence in all senses, an aspect that, when considering their traditional distance from the media spotlight, has led to multiple speculations about their capacity to intervene in key global decisions.”

...around 30000 words from the English version. In these deleted passages, Baños had referred to the Jewish Rothschild family in connection with the antisemitic fabricated text and conspiracy theory called The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, first published in Russia in 1903.4/24



In the TV show "Cuarto Milenio" he flirted with the idea that the Rothschilds together with Israel were behind the JFK assassination. Still back in Jan, 2022, he claimed in a YouTube show that the world was in the hands of "ten-twelve families who run everything".

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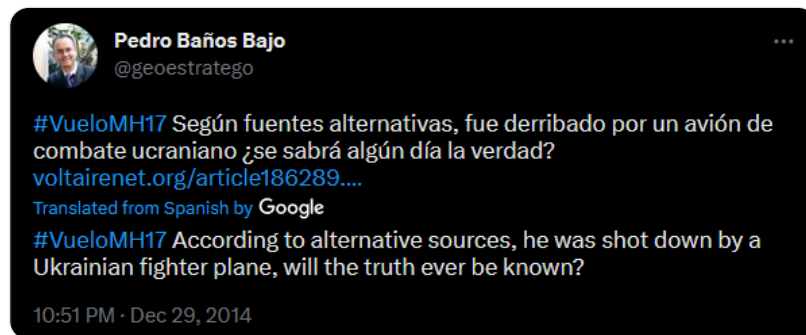


Back in 2008, when Russia invaded Georgia, Baños condemned the attack and called it a "Pyrrhic victory" for Putin. His views on both Russia and the US apparently changed around 2014, after the Russians annexed Crimea and started their false flag operation in Donbas.

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After the shoot down of MH17, he suggested on an interview on RT that, according to "alternative sources", it might have been shot down by a Ukrainian fighter jet.

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During the Syrian War, Pedro accused the US and president Obama of "imprisoning Russia through NATO". He also supported the Russian version of the Douma chemical attack, denying the use of chemical weapons by the al-Assad regime. A year later his stance on this battle of...

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OPCW Releases Third Report by Investigation and Identification Team

Reasonable grounds to identify Syrian Arab Air Forces as perpetrators of 2018 Douma chemical attack

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The Hague, Netherlands—27 January 2023—The OPCW Investigation and Identification Team (IIT)'s third report concludes that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Syrian Arab Air Forces were the perpetrators of the chemical weapons attack on 7 April 2018 in Douma, Syrian Arab Republic.

Based on the holistic assessment of the large volume and wide range of evidence gathered and analysed, and on the convergence of the outcomes of such corroborated multiple analyses, the IIT concluded that, on the evening of 7 April 2018, at least one helicopter of the Syrian "Tiger Forces" Elite Unit dropped two yellow cylinders containing toxic chlorine gas on two apartment buildings in a civilian-inhabited area in Douma, killing 43 named individuals and affecting dozens more.

"The use of chemical weapons in Douma – and anywhere – is unacceptable and a breach of international law," said OPCW Director-General Ambassador Fernando Arias.

"The Chemical Weapons Convention was signed 30 years ago – it represents a legally binding commitment of 193 States Parties to ban chemical weapons completely. OPCW's Technical Secretariat was given a mandate by the Conference of the States Parties in June 2018 to identify the perpetrators of chemical weapons use in Syria. This report delivers on that mandate."

The IIT assessed physical evidence collected and provided by OPCW experts, States Parties, and other entities. This includes 70 environmental and biomedical samples, 66 witness statements, and other verified data, such as forensic analysis, satellite images, gas dispersion modelling, and trajectory simulations. The evidence was scrutinised by IIT investigators, analysts, and several external independent experts.

...empires became even more evident, when he wrote an article for the Spanish military publication "Ejército", praising Putin's ambitions to return Russia to its "former glory". Baños stated that the EU's sanctions to annexation of Crimea was an "unnecessary mistake".

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PUTIN, ¿EL LÍDER DE UN NUEVO MOVIMIENTO CONSERVADOR GLOBAL?

Pedro Baños Bajo. Coronel. Analista geopolítico

Que Vladímir Putin se ha convertido por méritos propios en una figura clave, no sólo para su país sino también en la configuración de los designios mundiales, es algo evidente.

Por eso, se convierte en esencial conocer a fondo cuál es su pensamiento, las ideas que aspira transformar en realidades planetarias y los pilares morales sobre los que asienta su perspectiva geopolítica del mundo. Después de todo, los grandes hombres que han perfilado la historia no se han guiado exclusivamente por aplastantes motivaciones económicas o socio-políticas, pues ha ocupado un espacio importante en el desa-

rollo de su imaginario la propia personalidad y la particular forma de entender los siempre complejos avatares de la vida.

Además, la filosofía que Putin pretenda sembrar allí donde pueda también le va a servir como argumento ideológico para construir el nuevo mundo al que aspira, como catalizador para impulsar a millones de personas a secundar sus objetivos personales y estatales.

Así las cosas, se impone comprender qué puede estar bullendo en el cerebro de este antiguo agente de la KGB y nieto de quien fuera cocinero de Lenin y Stalin. Para ello, nada mejor que acudir a desmenuzar el libro escrito por el experto en filosofía rusa Michel Eltchaninoff, titulado *En la cabeza de Vladímir Putin*¹.

El primer aspecto clave es su visión de la propia Rusia. En este sentido, Putin da gran valor al patriotismo, a una cultura militar que dignifica

In Jun, 2018, he was going to be appointed as the director of National Security of Spain, but the nomination was contested by Partido Popular and Ciudadanos parties due to Pedro's "public positions in favor of the Kremlin", and he was never chosen for the job.

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PP and Citizens are launched against Colonel Baños "for defending Putin"

The colonel has been proposed to be part of the hard core that makes strategic decisions in the new executive of Sánchez

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CITIZENS (CS) SPANISH SOCIALIST WORKERS' PARTY (PSOE) PEDRO SANCHEZ VLADIMIR PUTIN



The colonel of the Army, Pedro Baños, author of the book 'Así se domina el mundo'. Mikel Segovia

The Popular Party and Ciudadanos **reject Colonel Baños as director of National Security** "for defending Russian President Vladimir Putin." The spokesman of the PP in the European Parliament, **Esteban González Pons**, has asked the head of the government, Pedro Sánchez, not to specify the appointment, since Baños has been signified by his public positions favorable to the Russian president, Vladimir Putin, and because he has even come to defend that Russia has not tried to influence social networks in favor of the independence process of Catalonia.

"The public positions of Baños in favor of the Kremlin and its management in matters such as the conflict in Syria raise many doubts that he is the right person for a position of such high responsibility and on which the security of the Spanish people depends," González Pons said in Munich,

Spanish political analyst and political scientist José Ignacio Torreblanca (@jitorreblanca) went as far as comparing him to Michael Flynn, a US general with solid pro-Russian connections and who also believes in various conspiracy theories.

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Baños also downplayed the Russian interference during the 2017 Catalonia referendum, blaming the journalist, Nicolás de Pedro (@nicolasdepdro), who wrote about the incident to be employed by a "fake think tank" funded by the British secret service MI6.

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Pedro Baños Bajo
@geostratego

El autor, @nicolasdepdro, trabaja en un (falso) think-tank británico, @IStatecraft, una tapadera del MI6 (Secret Intelligence Service), según denunciado reiteradamente por parlamentarios británicos. Su única misión es desinformar sobre #Rusia.

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El Kremlin utilizó agentes encubiertos y tramas delictivas para impulsar el 'pr...
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The Kremlin used undercover agents and criminal plots to boost the Catalan 'procés'

After the attempts of Josep Lluís Alay to attract Moscow to the independence cause, GRU colonel Denis Sergeyev would be located in Barcelona on the day of the illegal referendum.

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NYT had earlier uncovered that the group calling for the independence met with FSB colonels and that even the infamous GRU unit 29155, a group best-known for the Salisbury poisonings, was somehow meddling with the independence process.

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In Nov, 2021, when Russia was gathering its troops along the Ukrainian border, Pedro called those who warned about the invasion "warmongers". When Zelensky was preparing Ukraine for war, Baños called it a ruse, "steering away the attention from internal politics".

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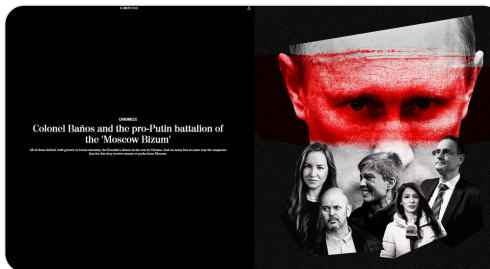
Baños spent the months before the invasion on mocking analysts who were warning about it. In Apr, 2022, he said in an interview that "providing weapons to Ukraine is not the right way". In another interview he predicted that "hundreds of thousands could die of cold" in...

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...wintertime due to the sanctions on Russia. Pedro's comments haven't gone unnoticed in the Spanish media: an article by Julio Valdeón (@JulioValdeon) on El Mundo explicitly accused Baños of being paid by the Kremlin.

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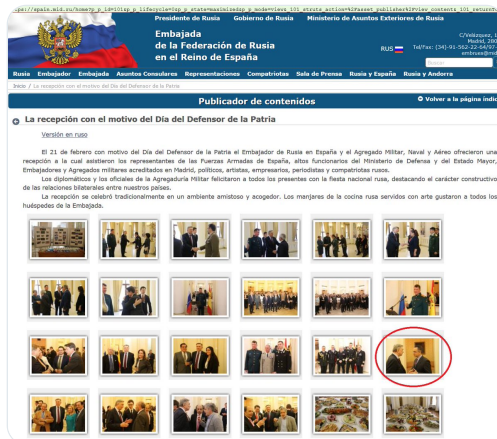


Lately Baños has been going around every possible TV show, touting about classic Kremlin propaganda like Ukrainian biolabs and COVID-19 being a US experiment.

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It is rather alarming when colonels and "geostrategists" mix conspiracy theories and strong anti-US and NATO rhetoric with geopolitical views. His fandom for Putin & his regime has been evident on many occasions, and even though he has condemned Russia's illegal invasion,...18/24



... he keeps on promoting the "mistakes of the Anglo-Saxons", barely mentioning the genocidal events conducted by Russia in Ukraine.

Baños seems to love attention and being in the spotlight. I mean, the man is 63 and has an active TikTok account.

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He also attempts to control the narrative: after I announced that I'm looking for help in translating Spanish for project "Pedro Baños", he immediately went into damage control mode, even suggesting that there's a "disinformation campaign" against him, and that [#NAFO...](#)

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Colonel Baños uncovers that he is the victim of a smear campaign

At the same table of experts of 'Horizonte' there was someone who was suffering what a network of sabotage and disinformation supposes. **Colonel Baños** uncovered that he had been informed that **from Finland there would be a paid campaign called 'Pedro Baños Project' to discredit him**. The value of such a campaign would even amount to **\$ 10,000 per month to go against the colonel**.

...mostly consists of bots. He claimed that this campaign is organized from Finland, and his friend, claiming to be "digital analyst", continued that it this might cost "as much as 10 000 EUR" each month.

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Why is Baños doing this? For money and fame, of course. Since he lost his cozy job in the military, he now somehow has to stay relevant, which is why he makes silly TikToks, spreads conspiracy theories on populist TV shows and blames people for plotting against him.

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So, [@geostratego](#), here's a litmus test: Let us know what you think of the massacres in Bucha and Iziium, tell us how you feel about the FSB-organized kid's torture chambers in Kherson, please enlighten us with your thoughts on the mass bombings of civilian targets,...

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Ombudsman: Children's torture chamber found in liberated Kherson

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Ukrainian authorities discovered a room that Russians used to detain and torture children during the occupation of Kherson, Dmytro Lubinets, the Human Rights Commissioner of the Verkhovna Rada, said on [Dec. 14](#).

According to testimonies from locals, other torture victims in the facility knew that Ukrainian children had been kept there by Russian security services, who had called the room "the children's cell."

The children were given little water and almost no food, Lubinets said. According to locals' testimonies, the children were subject to psychological abuse at the hands of their Russian captors, who told them that their parents had abandoned them and that they would never return home.

One 14-year-old boy was arrested and later tortured just for taking a picture of broken Russian equipment, Lubinets said.

"We recorded the torture of children for the first time," said Lubinets. "I thought that the bottom could not be broken after Bucha, Irpin... but we really reached the bottom in Kherson."

...conducted by the Russian troops. This would be the moment to truly condemn Russia's war atrocities and illegal invasion.

This thread will be published also in Spanish in the near future. Thank you for the sous-chef [@Victor Vas Her](#) for helping me to deliver this soup.

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In today's #vatnik soup I'll introduce an ex-Army man and conspiracy theorist Michael Flynn. His tenure as the National Security Advisor is the shortest in history, as he had misled VP Pence and lied to the FBI about his dealings with the Russians.

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