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In today's [#vatniksoup](#) I'll introduce a conspiratorial fake news blog called Mintpress News ([@MintPressNews](#)). The site's best-known for spreading disinformation and propaganda, and for its support of totalitarian regimes.

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Mintpress News is headquartered in Minnesota, US, but as is the case with the Grayzone blog, its funding remains mostly unknown. The blog was found by Mnar Muhawesh (now Adley) back in 2012.

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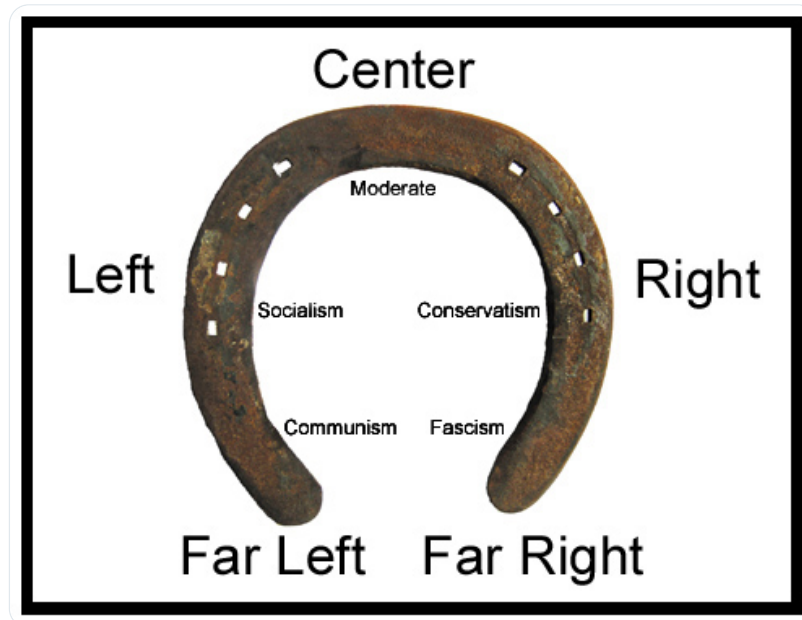


She's claimed that the site was originally funded by "angel investors" and "retired businesspeople", but in 2013 Muhawesh stated that she's the "sole investor of MintPress".

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Some describe Mintpress as a "far-left" website, but I'll outright refuse to do that since I don't see anything "left-wing" about it - it's simply an anti-US propaganda outlet wooing the various totalitarian regimes around the globe.

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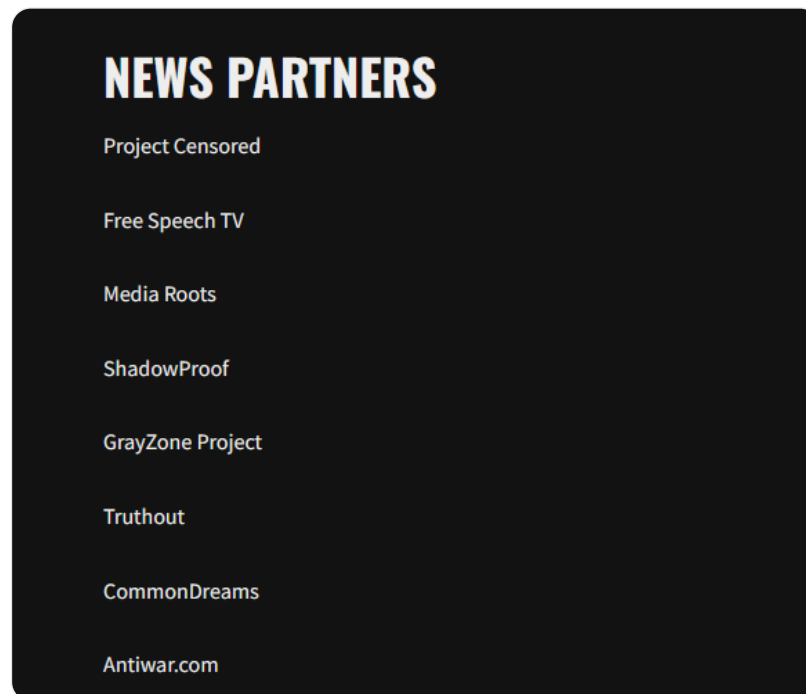


MintPress can be seen as part of the disinformation/propaganda fake news blog network, including sites like The Grayzone, Truthout and



(MintPress actually lists them as "news partners" on their site).

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At the beginning, the blog was reporting on "American imperialism" in the Middle East and on its support for Israel. Based on MintPress, the Americans were assisting on "the humiliation and slaughter of innocent Arabs" in the Middle East.

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While the MintPress site does indeed list 20 writers and a mission statement, there is nothing there that speaks to where the money is coming from to pay any of these people, the majority of whom are far-flung activist bloggers and none of whom were part of the group filling the operation's Plymouth office four years ago.

Recall that when MintPress first appeared on the local radar in 2011, it caught the attention of [David Brauer here at MinnPost](#). A startup for-profit news organization actually hiring reporters and paying them? Stop the presses!

From the get-go, MintPress was your typical left-of-center web outlet. Climate change updates? *Check*. Republican candidates saying bizarre things? *Check*.



Mnar Muhawesh

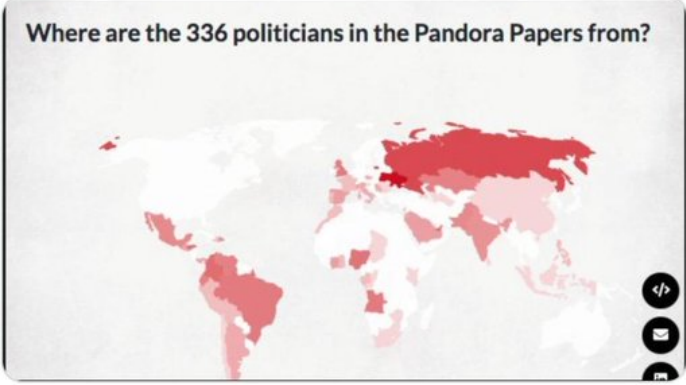
But from the start there was a clear focus on Israel and ways that "American imperialism" was abetting the humiliation and slaughter of innocent Arabs. (Ms. Muhawesh and her family are Palestinian.) In other words, a significantly different mix of focal points.

Not that there's anything wrong with that. A truly free press encourages the widest possible range of voices, and Israeli and American administrations have plenty to be held accountable for. But a steady run of stories sympathetic to Assad, at least in the context of Western powers committed to "regime change" by any and all means possible, is something else again.

As is tradition, they've also been pushing Soros related conspiracy theories, as they made a connection between Soros' funding and the Pandora Papers, somehow implying that revealing corruption would somehow be a bad thing.

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MintPress News @MintPressNews · Oct 4
Heat map shows the locations of those targeted in the Pandora Papers.



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The Pandora Papers are in-part funded by George Soros and Pierre Omidyar.

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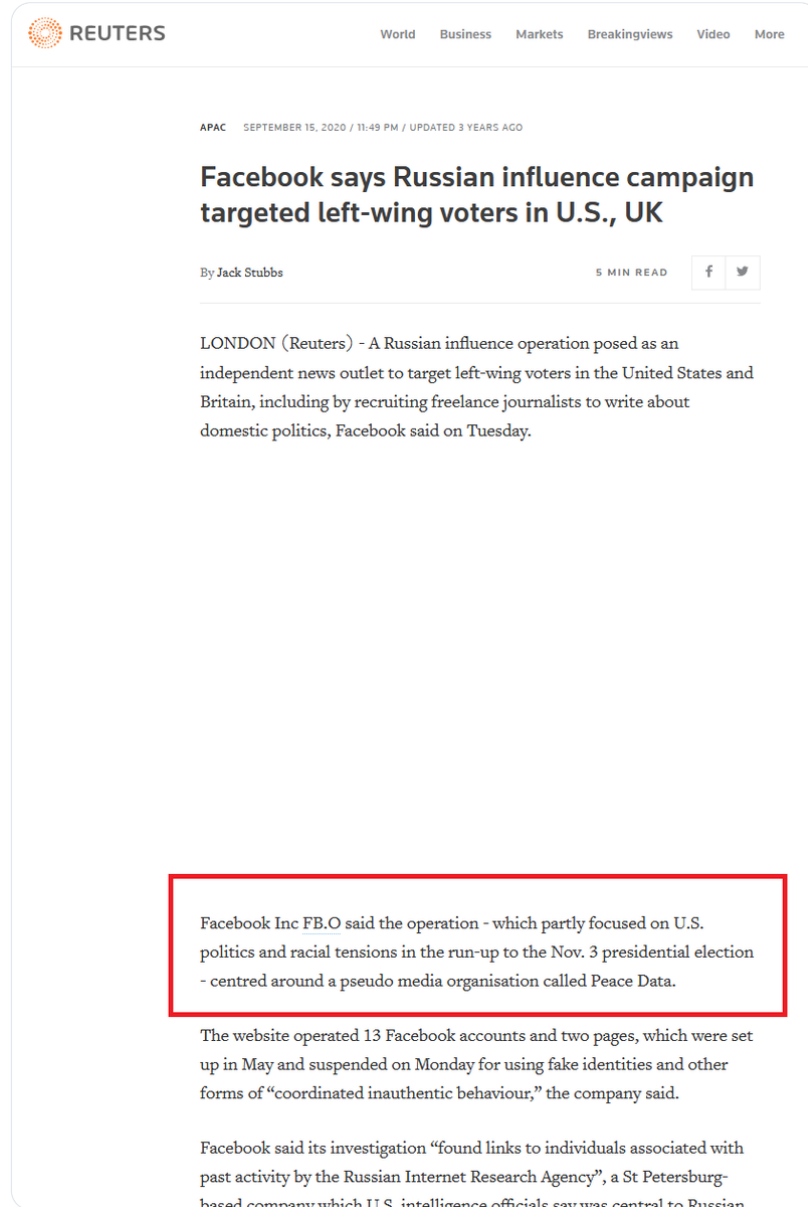
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MintPress has shared content from Kremlin-owned RT and Sputnik. They've also "partnered up" with Peace Data, a fake news blog run by Prigozhin's Internet Research Agency.

The site also provided platform for GRU troll with the codename "Alice Donovan". In "her" articles,...

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The image is a screenshot of a Reuters news article. At the top left is the Reuters logo. The top right has navigation links: World, Business, Markets, Breakingviews, Video, More. Below the navigation is the article's metadata: APAC, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 / 11:49 PM / UPDATED 3 YEARS AGO. The main headline is "Facebook says Russian influence campaign targeted left-wing voters in U.S., UK". Below the headline is the author "By Jack Stubbs" and a "5 MIN READ" indicator with social media icons for Facebook and Twitter. The first paragraph of the article reads: "LONDON (Reuters) - A Russian influence operation posed as an independent news outlet to target left-wing voters in the United States and Britain, including by recruiting freelance journalists to write about domestic politics, Facebook said on Tuesday." A red rectangular box highlights a specific sentence in the article: "Facebook Inc [FB.O](#) said the operation - which partly focused on U.S. politics and racial tensions in the run-up to the Nov. 3 presidential election - centred around a pseudo media organisation called Peace Data." Below this highlighted text, the article continues: "The website operated 13 Facebook accounts and two pages, which were set up in May and suspended on Monday for using fake identities and other forms of 'coordinated inauthentic behaviour,' the company said." The final sentence of the visible text is: "Facebook said its investigation 'found links to individuals associated with past activity by the Russian Internet Research Agency', a St Petersburg-based company which U.S. intelligence officials say was central to Russian

..."she" criticized Turkey and later started instigating political movement of African-Americans against Hillary Clinton. During 2016, "she" published at least 30 political pieces on various "left-leaning" blogs, including MintPress.



The Rise and Fall of a Kremlin Troll

Adam Entous writes about the case of Alice Donovan, a fake persona used by Russian intelligence to spread misinformation online.

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/the-rise-and-fall-of-a-kremlin-troll>

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In Aug, 2013, Mintpress article written by Dale Gavlak and Yahya Ababneh claimed that the Syrian rebels were responsible for the Ghouta chemical attack. Human Rights Watch found no evidence for this claim, and Foreign Policy magazine described it as...

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Reporter Denies Writing Article That Linked Syrian Rebels to Chemical Attack

BY ROBERT MACKAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2013 6:04 PM 15

Updated, 7:58 p.m. | Three weeks after an obscure Internet news service claimed that Syrian rebels had admitted responsibility for the deadly chemical attack outside Damascus in August, a veteran foreign correspondent whose name and reputation lent credibility to the story has denied writing the article.

The journalist, Dale Gavlak, is an American freelancer based in Jordan whose work has been published frequently by The Associated Press. In a statement sent first to the British blogger Eliot Higgins, who writes the highly-regarded Brown Moses blog, Ms. Gavlak insisted that her byline should never have been attached to the article, which was published on the Web site MintPress News on Aug. 29 under the headline, "Syrians in Ghouta Claim Saudi-Supplied Rebels Behind Chemical Attack."

In a subsequent e-mail to The Lede, Ms. Gavlak said that the article was based entirely on reporting by her friend Yahya Ababneh, a Jordanian journalist. Her only role, she said, was to help Mr. Ababneh translate his thoughts from Arabic to English. Ms. Gavlak added that MintPress, a start-up based in Minnesota, had refused "repeated demands" to remove her byline from the article and that she has now retained a lawyer to press her case.

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ABOUT

The Lede is a blog that remixes national and international news stories — adding information gleaned from the Web or gathered through original reporting — to supplement articles in the New York Times and draw readers in to the global conversation about the news taking place online. Readers are encouraged to take part in the blogging by using the comments threads to suggest links to relevant material elsewhere on the Web or by submitting eyewitness accounts, photographs or video of news events. Read more.

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The Lede will no longer be updated, but the blog's regular features will remain a part of The New York Times news report. Read more.

Family of Detained Egyptian Journalist Says Leaked Images of Him Were Staged

The family of an Egyptian journalist detained for nine months without charge expressed outrage that images of him were staged.

..."one of the most crazy conspiracy theories" when it comes to chemical attacks in Syria. Gavlak, who had also freelanced for Associated Press, later tried to get his name removed from the article, suggesting that Ababneh was the sole author of the article.

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He also said that the report had not been verified. Gavlak later got suspended from AP, possibly due to the article. MintPress put up an additional text stating that Gavlak wasn't actually in Syria, but wouldn't remove him from the author list.

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Dale Gavlak assisted in the research and writing process of this article but was not on the ground in Syria. Reporter Yahya Ababneh, with whom the report was written in collaboration, was the correspondent on the ground in Ghouta who spoke directly with the rebels, their family members, victims of the chemical weapons attacks, and local residents.

Gavlak is a MintPress News Middle East correspondent who has been freelancing for the AP as an Amman, Jordan correspondent for nearly a decade. This report is not an Associated Press article; rather it is exclusive to MintPress News.

Dale Gavlak is a Middle East correspondent for Mint Press News and has reported from Amman, Jordan, writing for the Associated Press, NPR and BBC. An expert in Middle Eastern affairs, Gavlak covers the Levant region, writing on topics including politics, social issues and economic trends. Dale holds a M.A. in Middle Eastern Studies from the University of Chicago. Contact Dale at dgavlak@mintpressnews.com

Yahya Ababneh is a Jordanian freelance journalist and is currently working on a master's degree in journalism. He has covered events in Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Russia and Libya. His stories have appeared on Amman Net, Saraya News, Gerasa News and elsewhere.

Instead of posting international human rights organization reports, MintPress has been reporting on the "other side" of the war by publishing interviews from al-Assad and other pro-al-Assad and anti-US/anti-rebel material.

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Just like great humanitarian figures such as Jackson "Z" Hinkle and Vanessa "Al-Assad tortures but I'd never say it publicly" Beeley, MintPress has received the Serena Shim award for their "outstanding journalistic efforts".

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Very proud to announce that I am the recipient of the Serena Shim Award for Uncompromised Integrity In Journalism. Thank you to everyone who has supported my work. I am honored to be recognized amongst a pool of inspiring voices who have been a huge influence on my anti-imperialist worldview.



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"And to be honest torture happened, I am never going to say it publicly... But it happened. I have been to Syria and I know what went on. And I don't say it publicly. I'm saying it to you. Even government members don't deny it btw. Not going to go details about what the President said, but not going to deny torture ever happened, that is silly. Torture did happen... It happens globally..." -Vanessa Beeley, Associate Editor of 21st Century Wire



@al.harith_ibn_harrath

The site's also amplified Beeley's conspiracy theories on the Syrian NGO, The White Helmets.

Some frequent contributors of MintPress include Vanessa Beeley, Eva Bartlett, Max Blumenthal, Lowkey, Kit Klarenberg, and always unfunny Lee Camp. I'm sure you can guess what's...

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the connection between all of them. Latest articles on the site include conspiracy theories about "US/CIA-funded coup in Georgia", article that downplays the role of Russian collusion in the Cambridge Analytica scandal, and RT-reporter Chris Hedges' op-ed titled...

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INVESTIGATION

DARE CALL IT A COUP? CIA FRONT THREATENS COLOR REVOLUTION IN GEORGIA

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MARCH 14TH, 2023
 KIT KLARENBERG

In the **second week** of March, thousands took to the streets of Tbilisi, Georgia, to vent their fiery indignation over a draft law requiring any NGO operating in the country that receives over 20% of its revenue from overseas to register as a "foreign agent."

Violently clashing with police, daubing anti-Russian graffiti on virtually every available vertical surface, chanting mutinous, belligerent slogans, and prominently displaying the flags of the European Union, Georgia, and Ukraine, these widely-reported scenes were complemented by a never-ending soundtrack of hostile commentary from E.U. and U.S. officials.

Calling upon Georgian parliamentarians to "drop" the proposal, notorious **war hawk** and USAID chief Samantha Power inexplicably **proclaimed** that the new law "gravely threatens Georgia's Euro-Atlantic future and the ability of Georgians to fulfill their own economic, social, and other aspirations."

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Georgia's proposed foreign agent laws gravely threaten Georgia's Euro-Atlantic future and the ability of Georgians to fulfill their own economic, social, and other aspirations. I call upon the Georgian Parliament to drop these proposed laws.

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U.S. State Department spokesperson Ned Price **menacingly warned** any Georgian MP who dared vote for the foreign agent law, they would be personally responsible "for potentially jeopardizing Tbilisi's Euro-Atlantic future." He went on to declare the legislation was "not consistent" with "the future [Georgians] have set out for themselves, and the future that we, as the U.S., are determined to

..."Ukraine's death by proxy". They've also amplified the NO2NATO movement in the UK and provided platform for various far-right, pro-Russian actors. For example, a Brazilian analyst Pepe Escobar wrote an article on how he met and had great discussions with Alexander...

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CHRIS HEDGES: UKRAINE'S DEATH BY PROXY

MARCH 15TH, 2022

WASHINGTON DC — [Scheer]pod — There are many ways for a state to project power and weaken adversaries, but proxy wars are one of the most cynical. Proxy wars devour the countries they purport to defend. They entrench divisions or insurgents to fight for geopolitical goals that are ultimately not in their interest. The war in Ukraine has little to do with Ukrainian freedom and a lot to do with degrading the Russian military and weakening Vladimir Putin's grip on power.

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I covered proxy wars in my ten decades as a foreign correspondent, including in Central America where the U.S. armed the military regimes in El Salvador and Guatemala and Contra insurgents attempting to overthrow the Sandinista government in Nicaragua. I reported on the insurgency in the Punjab, a proxy war fomented by Pakistan. I covered the Kurds in northern Iraq, isolated and then betrayed more than once by Iraq and Washington. During my time in the Middle East, Iraq provided weapons and support to the Mujahideen-e Khalq (MEK) to destabilize Iran. In Bosnia, when I was in the former Yugoslavia, thought by arming Bosnian and Croatian Serbs, it could absorb Bosnia and parts of Croatia into a greater Serbia.

Proxy wars are notoriously hard to control, especially when the aspirations of those doing the fighting and those sending the weapons diverge. They also have a bad habit of being sponsors of proxy wars, as happened to the U.S. in Vietnam and Israel in Lebanon. Directly into the conflict. Proxy wars are given weapons with little accountability. Significant amounts of arms end up on the black market or in the hands of warlords or terrorists. CBS News reported last year that around 30 percent of the weapons sent to Ukraine make it to the front lines, a report it chose to partially retract under heavy pressure from Kyiv and Washington. The widespread diversion of donated military and medical supplies to the black market in Ukraine was also documented by U.S. journalists (only once). Weapons in war zones are lucrative commodities. There were always large quantities for sale in the wars I covered.

Warlords, gangsters and thugs — Ukraine has long been considered one of the most corrupt countries in Europe — are transformed by sponsor states into heroic freedom fighters. Support for those fighting these proxy wars is a celebration of our supposed national virtue, especially ineffective after two decades of military failures in the Middle East. Joe Biden, with dismal poll numbers, intends to run for a second term as a "warrior" president who stands with Ukraine, to which the U.S. has already committed \$113 billion in military, economic, and humanitarian assistance.

NO2NATO: FORMER UK MP CHRIS WILLIAMSON ON NEW EFFORTS TO FREE BRITAIN FROM NATO

FEBRUARY 24TH, 2023

LOWKEY

NATO's war has led to the death of 105,000 soldiers on each side and at least 5,900 Ukrainian civilians, the displacement of over 14 million and the destruction of at least eight percent of its houses and 50 percent of the country's energy infrastructure.

Despite the staggering loss of life, the United States and at least 27 other countries continue to transfer weapons to Ukraine, increasing the likelihood of sparking a nuclear war.

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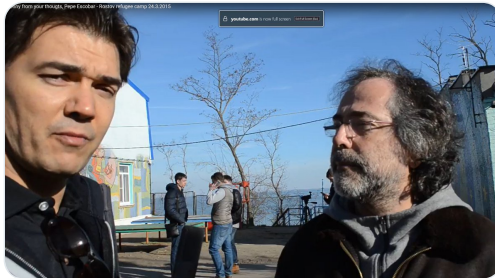
With talks of sending F-16 fighter jets to Ukraine, it's no surprise that we have "seen massive jumps of value in the shares of companies like Lockheed Martin and BAE Systems." As Lowkey puts it, "this is the business of war, and that is NATO's function in the world." Indeed, it was NATO's 2003 invasion of Iraq, 7,200 lives in seven months, and to mention the reference 20-year war in Afghanistan, which resulted in 250,000 deaths.

The No2Nato campaign, championed by today's guest, former UK MP and member of the Socialist Labour Party, Chris Williamson, was developed to challenge the "consensus in Westminster" and to prevent "a direct war between NATO and Russia."

Williamson believes that NATO is no longer necessary, reminding States that the alliance was created to challenge "the threat allegedly posed by the Soviet Union, which, with western prodding, collapsed in 1991. So why is NATO still in existence?"

TESTIMONY

No2NATO: Former UK MP Chris Williamson on New Efforts to Free Britain from NATO



Dugin in a "New Horizon" conference in Iran. Another author, Whitney Webb, has spread classic anti-Semitic tropes of Rothschilds controlling the IMF. Her source for this rather bold claim was the True Activist article titled "The 5 Biggest Threats To Humanity Exposed".

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The 5 Biggest Threats To Humanity Exposed

The Rothschilds

Sir Jacob Rothschild, current patriarch of the British Rothschild lineage

Last but not least, we have the Rothschild family. The Rothschilds are arguably the richest family in the world and essentially **own a majority** of the world's central banks – which are private institutions in most countries – as well as **the International Monetary Fund** and the World Bank. The Rothschilds' most well-known patriarch, Mayer Amschel Rothschild, **once said**:

"Give me control of a nation's money and I care not who makes the laws."

This has been the maxim of the Rothschild family ever since.

BOLIVIA ASSERTS NEWFOUND ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE, REJECTS ROTHSCHILD BANKS

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NOVEMBER 16TH, 2016

WHITNEY WEBB

Bolivian President Evo Morales. Photo: AP Photo/Felipe Baez

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and US-dominated World Bank have been major players in the global economic landscape ever since their creation in 1944. These international banking organizations, which are privately controlled by the notorious Rothschild banking family, first pushed nations to deregulate their financial sector, allowing private banks to loot their economies.

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OPINION: PRED ORBELL TELL GROUP NOW HAS CONTROL OVER US BANKING NATIONAL SECURITY DATA

Climate change and mass extinction didn't make the list.


MintPress also re-published William Engdahl's anti-Soros article, originally written for Russian-controlled New Eastern Outlook. Engdahl's also contributed to several other Russian propaganda mills, including Global..19/24

...Research, Veterans Today and Katehon. The article itself discusses the Great Replacement conspiracy theory and George Soros.

Today I learned that being considered "far-left" includes being anti-Semitic and promoting fringe far-right voices.

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HOW GEORGE SOROS IS PLAYING BOTH ENDS OF THE SYRIAN REFUGEE CHAOS

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George Soros speaks during an interview with the Associated Press, Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2010, in New York.

Since John D. Rockefeller was advised to protect his wealth from government taxation by creating a tax-exempt philanthropic foundation in 1913, foundations have been used by American oligarchs to disguise a world of dirty deeds under the cover "doing good for mankind," known by the moniker "philanthropy" for mankind-loving. No less the case is that of George Soros who likely has more tax-exempt foundations under his belt than anyone around. His Open Society foundations are in every country where Washington wants to put 'their man' in, or at least get someone out who doesn't know how to read their music. They played a key role in regime change in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe after 1989. Now his foundations are up to their eyeballs in promoting propaganda serving the US-UK war agenda for destroying stability in Syria as they did in Libya three years ago, creating the current EU refugee crisis.

They also have a podcast, MintCast, which covers the same topics as the blog. By their own description, it's a podcast that features "dissenting voices, independent researchers and journalists the establishment would rather silence".

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Welcome to MintCast, the official MintPress News podcast hosted by Mnar Muhawesh. MintCast is an interview podcast featuring dissenting voices, independent researchers and journalists the establishment would rather silence.

DEC 14, 2022
Under Cover of War, Zelensky is Leading Ukraine's Massive Privatization Drive ▶
Although corporate media inundate us with stories of Russian aggression, far fewer people are aware that the Ukrainian government itself has been using the fog of war to move against certain sectors of its own population, settle scores, and attempt to revolutionize society. These attempts have been le...
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Israel Lobby's Attempt to Cancel Revolutionary Antiwar, Pro-Palestine... ▶
After witnessing the ongoing attack from a coordinated campaign to silence him, tens of thousands of people from around the world have come out in support of hip hop artist, campaigner and host of the MintPress podcast "The Watchdog," Lowkey. An online petition addressed to music giant Spotify, ...
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Michael Tracey on the Refugee Crisis and US Troop Buildup in Poland ▶
In just a few short weeks, Russia's war on Ukraine has precipitated a massive exodus of refugees. According to the United Nations, more than 4.3 million people have fled the country since February 24, the majority of them – 2.5 million – traveling west to Poland. Media across the world have closely...
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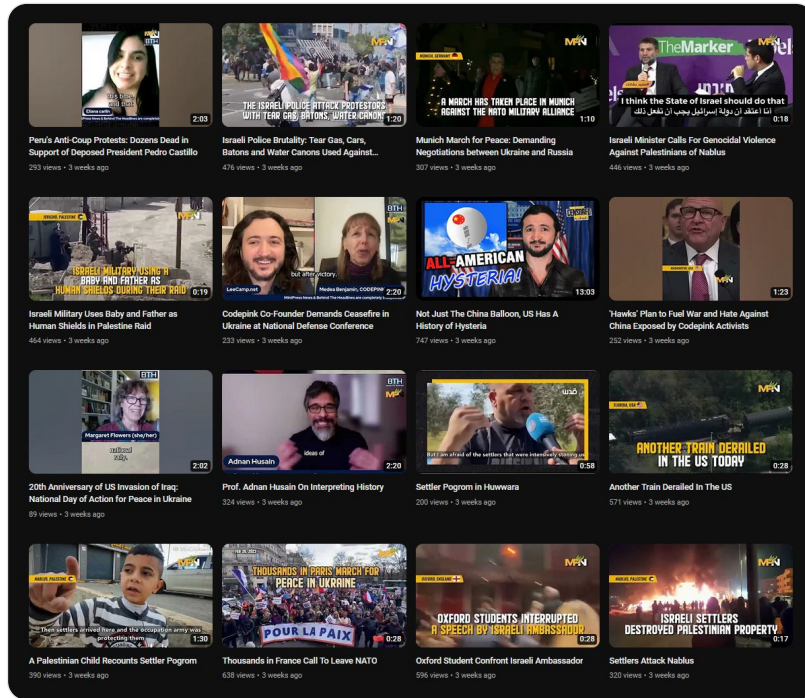
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Cancel Culture & Polarization in the Age of COVID: How to Agree to Disagree ▶
It is becoming increasingly hard, it seems, to have civil conversations. Amid an increasingly polarized political climate, families and friendships are being ruined by intense disagreements. According to a CBS News/YouGov poll, the majority of Americans now believe that their political adversaries pose L...
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JAN 28, 2022
USAID, NATO Threaten Intervention as Ethiopia, Eritrea Unite & Form... ▶
Ethiopia is not a country that is on many Americans' radar. Yet, since 2020, a brutal civil war has raged, displacing an estimated 4 million people. As the conflict continues, hawks in Washington are beginning to circle, demanding the U.S. intervene militarily. When it comes to Ethiopia – said head of...
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JAN 13, 2022
Seyed Mohammad Marandi on the Iran Deal and the Assassination of... ▶
World leaders have descended upon Austrian capital Vienna to participate in the ongoing nuclear deal being negotiated primarily between the United States and Iran. Today, MintPress spoke to Dr. Seyed

Of course they feature the loudest anti-Ukraine, pro-Russia voices online, including Michael Tracey and Rania Khalek. They also have quite active YouTube channel with new videos published almost on a daily basis.

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In May, 2022, PayPal shut down MintPress' account along with the account of another propaganda mill, Consortium News. Naturally "freedom of speech advocates" like Branko Marcetic and Matt Taibbi defended these noble "left-wing" establishments and their efforts for free speech. 23/24



One funding source for the site is Patreon, and with 381 "patrons" the site makes anywhere from 1150 to 40 000 USD per month. MintPress are also asking for cash, BTC and credit card payment donations via their website.

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The image shows two donation interfaces. On the left is a Patreon page with three tiers: Information Warrior (€27/month), Antireg Champion (€54/month), and High-Risk Target (€107.50/month). Each tier includes a 'Join' button and a 'Show more' link. Below the tiers is an 'Exclusive Merch' section with a list of items and their fulfillment dates. On the right is the MintPress 'DONATE TODAY' page, which includes a mailing address, a Bitcoin QR code, and a donation amount selector with options from \$10 to \$500.

Support my work (and get some AI art!):

The image shows a Buy Me a Coffee profile for Pekka Kallioniemi. The profile header is blue with a circular profile picture of Pekka. Below the name is the URL buymeacoffee.com/PKallioniemi. The main text reads: "Pekka Kallioniemi Support me in creating daily vatnik soups! All donations will be spent on research and production of vatnik soup or in the creation of web portal (vatniksoup.com)... <https://buymeacoffee.com/PKallioniemi>".

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The Grayzone:

The image shows a Twitter post from Pekka Kallioniemi (@P_Kallioniemi). The post text reads: "In today's #vatnik soup I'll introduce one of the biggest disinformation and propaganda blogs on the web: The Grayzone (@TheGrayzoneNews). It's best known for misleading reporting, disinformation and love of authoritarian regimes and dictators." The post has 1/13 replies.



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Vanessa Beeley:



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In today's [#vatniksoup](#) I'll introduce a British blogger and propagandist, Vanessa Beeley ([@VanessaBeeley](#)). She's best-known for spreading conspiracy theories and disinformation about both the Syrian civil war and about the Russo-Ukrainian War.

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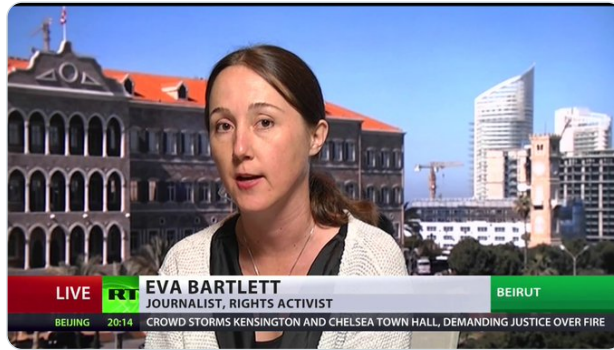


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