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In today's [#vatniksoup](#), I'll introduce an American editor and publisher, Katrina vanden Heuvel ([@KatrinaNation](#)). She's best-known for blaming "NATO expansion" and the US on the Russo-Ukrainian War, and for running the pro-Russian magazine The Nation.

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Vanden Heuvel is the daughter of Jean Stein, an heiress and author, and William vanden Heuvel, an attorney, former US ambassador and member of JFK's administration. While studying at Princeton, she met a charismatic Professor of politics, Stephen F. Cohen, fell in love...

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...and never looked back. One can safely assume that Stephen's worldview, especially on USSR & Russia, heavily influenced vanden Heuvel's.

Eventually in 1984 she became the assistant editor of foreign affairs at The Nation, a progressive magazine focusing on cultural...

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...news and politics. In 1989, she became its editor-at-large, responsible for the magazine's coverage of the USSR. In 1995, when she was promoted as the chief editor, The Nation was bleeding money at a rate of 500 000 USD per year, so Vanden Heuvel bought the magazine with..4/23

a few other investors. During the 80s, she and Cohen had close relations with the Soviet leadership, and they were invited to the 1989 May Day parade in Red Square by the former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev. In 2009 she and Cohen traveled to Moscow to...

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...receive Russia's Order of Friendship award from Sergey Lavrov.

Like so many intellectuals and scholars, she's in the "Putin's brutal invasion must be condemned, BUT the real cause was actually the US & NATO". Her husband was involved in at least 160 Nation articles,...

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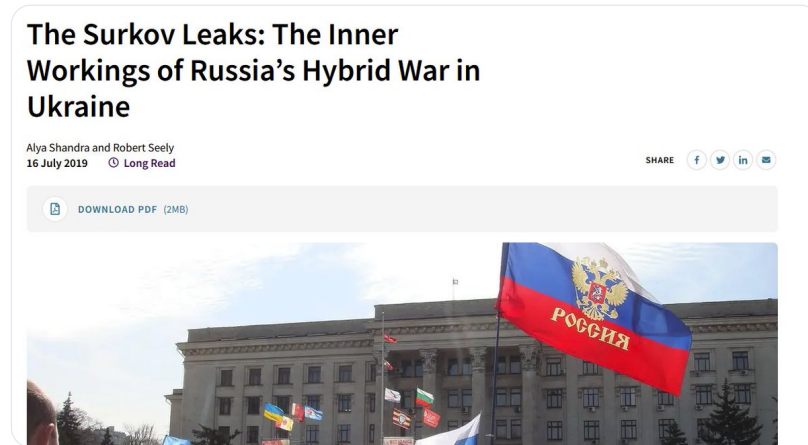
...and a joke began circulating around the Nation's office: "We tried to fact check Steve's pieces but we couldn't find any facts to check."

In Jul 2014, she claimed on television that Moscow was "calling for a cease fire" in a "civil war" in Ukraine.

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As we now know, the whole "civil war" was orchestrated and funded by the Kremlin. During that time, the "prime ministers" in the puppet states of DPR and LPR were both Russian citizens, and the whole break-away was of course orchestrated by Russia.

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In Apr 2015, after Russia had annexed Crimea, vanden Heuvel and Cohen organized a panel at the World Russia Forum. The panelists included RT & Sputnik commentator Ray McGovern who attended RT's 10th anniversary party in Moscow with Jill Stein and Michael Flynn,...

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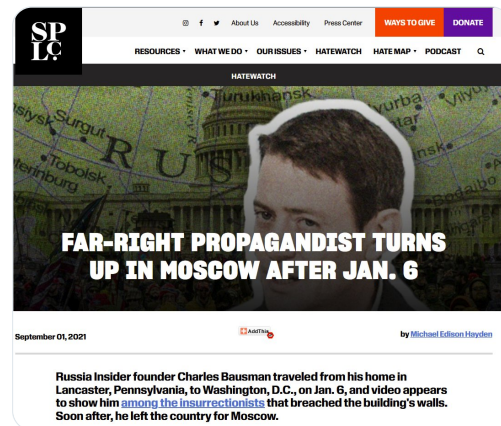
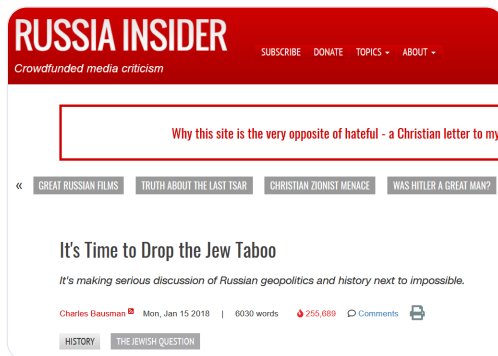
...and sang beautifully at the UNSC hearing, and now-deceased journalist Robert Parry, best-known for his propaganda mill Consortium News. As a cherry on top, vanden Heuvel offered floor to Charles Bausman, a far-right pro-Russian propagandist best-known for his propaganda..10/23



...website Russia Insider and for his articles like "It's Time to Drop the Jew Taboo". Bausman was involved in the Jan 6th insurrection and fled to Moscow soon after the event.

In 2017, The Nation published a disinformation article that argued that DNC hack wasn't...

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...actually a hack, but a leak. The article wasn't properly fact-checked and contained disinformation from William Craddick, a man who allegedly created the ridiculous "PizzaGate" conspiracy theory, but was published anyway since it was very much in line with the ...

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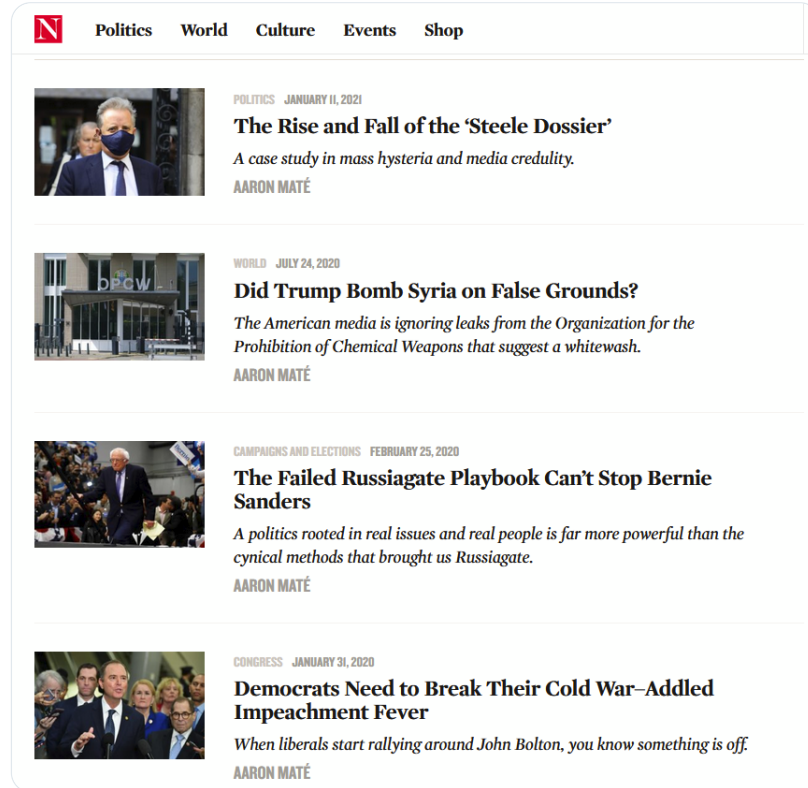


The image is a screenshot of a news article from The Nation. At the top left is the logo for "THE Nation." with "THE" in small letters above "Nation." To the right of the logo are navigation links: "Politics", "World", "Culture", "Events", and "Shop". Further right, the word "Current" is partially visible. Below the navigation is a red banner with the text "DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE HACKERS TRUMP AND RUSSIA". The main headline is "A New Report Raises Big Questions About Last Year's DNC Hack" in a large, bold, black serif font. Below the headline is a sub-headline in italics: "Former NSA experts say it wasn't a hack at all, but a leak—an inside job by someone with access to the DNC's system." Below that is the byline "By Patrick Lawrence" with a small bird icon. Underneath the byline is the date "AUGUST 9, 2017". At the bottom of the article is a photograph of the entrance to the Democratic National Headquarters. The sign above the entrance reads "DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS" and "430 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET".

...magazine's editorial view on Russia. For example in regard to 2016 Russian election interference, the Nation relied heavily on reporting of pro-Russian propagandist and Grayzone blogger, Aaron Maté.

In 2018, Columbia Journalism Review (CJR), a "journalism watchdog",...

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The screenshot displays the top navigation bar of the Nation magazine website, featuring a red 'N' logo and menu items for Politics, World, Culture, Events, and Shop. Below the navigation bar, four article cards are visible, each with a thumbnail image, a category and date, a title, a subtitle, and the author's name, Aaron Maté.

- Article 1:** Category: POLITICS, Date: JANUARY 11, 2021. Title: **The Rise and Fall of the 'Steele Dossier'**. Subtitle: *A case study in mass hysteria and media credulity.*
- Article 2:** Category: WORLD, Date: JULY 24, 2020. Title: **Did Trump Bomb Syria on False Grounds?**. Subtitle: *The American media is ignoring leaks from the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons that suggest a whitewash.*
- Article 3:** Category: CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS, Date: FEBRUARY 25, 2020. Title: **The Failed Russiagate Playbook Can't Stop Bernie Sanders**. Subtitle: *A politics rooted in real issues and real people is far more powerful than the cynical methods that brought us Russiagate.*
- Article 4:** Category: CONGRESS, Date: JANUARY 31, 2020. Title: **Democrats Need to Break Their Cold War-Addled Impeachment Fever**. Subtitle: *When liberals start rallying around John Bolton, you know something is off.*



..commissioned an article on The Nation's pro-Russia bias from Duncan Campbell, but this story was quietly killed by CJR in 2020. It also turned out that CJR and vanden Heuvel were deeply tied together. The story was eventually published by...

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## A New Commitment to Covering the Climate Story

*More than 300 news outlets sign on for #CoveringClimateNow.*

*By Mark Hertsgaard and Kyle Pope*

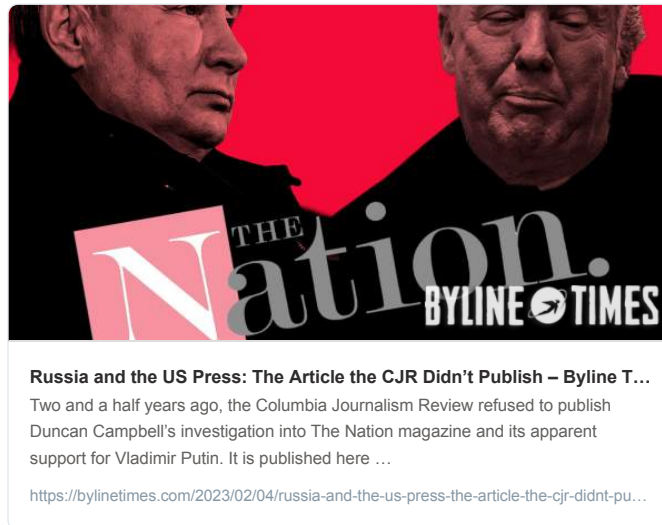
JULY 26, 2019



Illustration by Doug Chayka.

The illustration features a silver microphone with a black cord, positioned diagonally. A white sign with the word 'NEWS' in red, stacked vertically, is attached to the microphone's handle. To the right of the microphone, a small blue and white globe is engulfed in bright orange and yellow flames. The entire scene is set against a solid yellow background.

...@BylineTimes in Feb 2023:



In Sep 2020 interview with the two, Cohen laid much of the blame for the Ukraine-Russia conflict on the US and the intelligence services, blaming them for "wildly hyping" the Russia threat.

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Vanden Heuvel suggested that "because mainstream media (MSM) is so focused on Putin and Russiagate", there is a major misunderstanding of Russia. Cohen also stated that "If you believe [the easing of hostilities] in détente, all you've got is Trump". Her "mainstream media...16/23



... has failed us" narrative has followed her narrative for a long time, even after she got her weekly column for the WaPo.

In a Democracy Now! interview she stated the "parameters for a peace agreement" are in Russia controlling both Donetsk and Luhansk.

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We can probably assume that in this scenario, Putin would also keep Crimea. As we can retrospectively say, back then this would've been a disastrous starting point for Ukraine in regard to "high-level diplomacy" and peace negotiations.

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In her May 2022 column for the WaPo, she once again smeared MSM for silencing people who talk, among other topics, about "Ukrainian neo-Nazi forces" in Ukraine. In her Nov 2022 column she quoted Aaron Maté, a propagandist who has denied al-Assad's involvement in Douma...

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**Opinion | We need a real debate about the Ukraine war**

By Katrina vanden Heuvel

May 24, 2022 at 7:00 a.m. EDT



A still image taken from a video made available by the Russian Defense Ministry press service shows Russian service members in Mariupol, Ukraine, on May 22. (Russian Defence Ministry Press Service/Handout/Handout/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

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...chemical attacks and has been pushing pro-Russian propaganda for years now.

The biggest problem with vanden Heuvel's (and Cohen's) narrative is that they never consider the pre-war operations and involvement of Putin's regime. 1999 FSB apartment bombings, 2nd Chechen..

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..War, poisoning of Viktor Yuschenko and meddling with the 2004 elections in Ukraine, murder of Anna Politkovskaya and other journalists, Russo-Georgian War, Skripali poisonings, down shooting of MH17, annexation of Crimea, barbaric bombings in Syria...

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Instead of addressing these atrocities, she puts all the blame on the US and NATO and their "new Cold War". What makes vanden Heuvel think that if peace was negotiated, Putin would hold on to his end of the agreement rather than continuing his genocidal attack later on?

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**Opinion | How to avoid a new Cold War and focus on what America really needs**

By [Katrina vanden Heuvel](#)

March 15, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. EDT



**MOST READ OPINION**

- 1 Opinion | How to avoid a new Cold War and focus on what America really needs
- 2 Opinion | Just Biden's China credibility goes
- 3 Opinion | The backlash shows

The complex block contains an opinion article header with the title "Opinion | How to avoid a new Cold War and focus on what America really needs" by Katrina vanden Heuvel, dated March 15, 2022. Below the header is a photograph of Vladimir Putin sitting at a desk, signing a document. To the right of the photo is a sidebar titled "MOST READ OPINION" with a list of three articles, the first of which is the current article.

Oh, and it's an open secret that, based on former Nation contributors, vanden Heuvel's Washington Post column has been ghostwritten for years. Not sure if [@KarenAttiah](#), WaPo's op-ed editor was aware of this.

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**Opinion** | We must end the war on Ukraine – and put an end to perpetual wars

By [Katrina vanden Heuvel](#)

March 1, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. EST



A photograph showing a person in a black jacket and sunglasses holding a white sign with the words "STOP WAR" written in large, bold, red letters. A small Ukrainian flag is positioned between the words "STOP" and "WAR". The person is standing on a city street with buildings and traffic lights in the background.

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In today's #vatnik soup and the newest edition of "You pronounced this nonsense, not me", I'll talk about the NATO expansion and how - according to Russia - NATO and the West are actually at fault for the war in Ukraine.

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### The Revolution of Dignity:



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In today's #vatniksoup and another edition of "You pronounced this nonsense, not me", I'll talk about an event called the Revolution of Dignity AKA Maidan Revolution. It was a wave of demonstrations in Ukraine that took place in 2013 and 2014.

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### The Grayzone:





She also called late John McCain an "armchair warrior" back in 2017.

McCain served as fighter pilot in Vietnam, was shot down and tortured by his captors, leaving him with permanent injuries.

What a class act!



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