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In today's [#vatniksoup](#), I'll introduce an American political commentator and pro-Kremlin propagandist, Tucker Carlson ([@TuckerCarlson](#)). He's best-known for his outrageous lies and for his pro-Putin, anti-Ukrainian views while working for Fox News.

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Ironically, Carlson started his career as a fact-checker for the conservative journal, Policy Review. He also applied to work for the CIA, but was denied, after which he started pursuing career in journalism. Tucker has worked for pretty much every big network in the US.

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Tucker's post-collegiate plans fell through too. Tucker applied to the CIA that spring. The spy agency passed.

"He mentioned that he had applied and they rejected him because of his drug use," another college friend said, while declining to be named. "He was too honest on his application. I also probably should say I don't know whether he was telling the truth or not."

He worked for the CNN between 2000 and 2005, for PBS between 2004 and 2005, for MSNBC between 2005-2008, finally moving to Fox News in 2009. In 2016, Carlson started hosting Tucker Carlson Tonight, which soon became the network's most watched TV show in its time slot.

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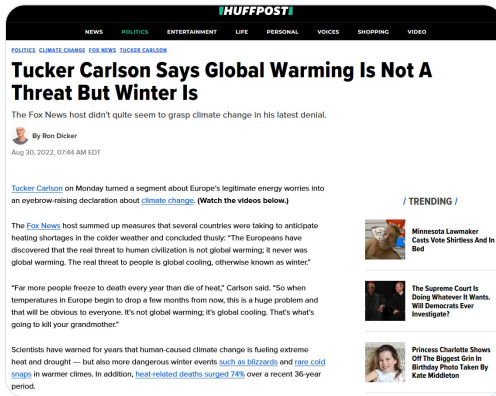
In 2021, Time magazine declared that he might be "the most powerful conservative in America". He's also been described as a "leading voice of white grievance politics". There are no big surprises in Carlson's political views: he opposes abortion, supports right to keep...

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...and bear arms, and doesn't consider climate change a threat. He's described Roe v. Wade as "the most embarrassing court decision handed down in the last century".

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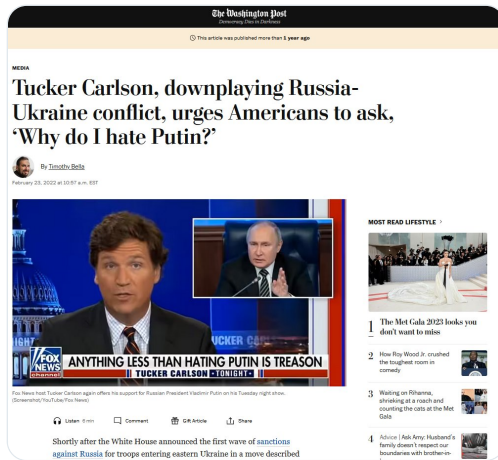
Carlson has been caught lying on many, many occasions. In one of his speeches, he ironically said that "The truth is contagious...the more you tell the truth, the stronger you become...the more you lie, the weaker and more terrified you become."

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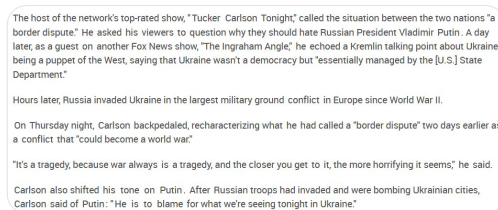
In 2017, Carlson claimed that he doesn't consider Russia a serious threat against the US, and called the US to cooperate with Russia against ISIS. He's said that Putin doesn't hate America as much as the liberals do. He's suggested that there is no reason to hate Putin.

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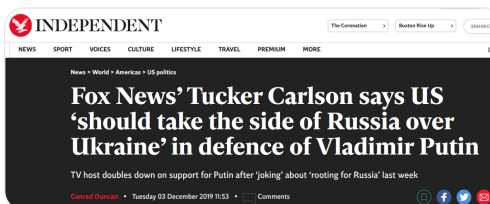
He's condemned Putin for the invasion, but initially called it a "border dispute". After the fervent conspiracy theorist Jacob Creech speculated that Russia is targeting "biolabs in Ukraine", Carlson soon started supporting the theory, platforming people like...

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...Glenn Greenwald who of course had no clue about any of that, but was always ready for some US bashing. In 2019, he said that "We should probably take the side of Russia if we have to choose between Russia and Ukraine".

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Russian TV propagandists often use Carlson's segments to support their messaging. Russian leadership allegedly sent a memo to Kremlin-friendly media outlets that it's "essential" to use Tucker's video clips "as much as possible".

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After Donald Trump Jr. met with Russian officials, asking for dirt on Hillary Clinton, Tucker came to his defense, saying that he'd only been "gossiping with foreigners".

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There's only one problem. In addition to being a critic of GOP hawkishness, Carlson is also an apologist for Donald Trump on the Russia scandal. On Tuesday, before his showdown with Ralph Peters, he called the furor over Donald Trump Jr.'s willingness to accept anti-Clinton information from the Russian government a "new level of hysteria." Trump Jr., he insisted, had merely been "gossiping with foreigners." If that "now qualifies as treason ... you ought to think about that before you allow an exchange student to live in your house."

He's supported the "Great Replacement" conspiracy theory, claiming that the Democrats are planning "demographic replacement" to increase their voter base. He's also said that white supremacy is not a problem in the US.

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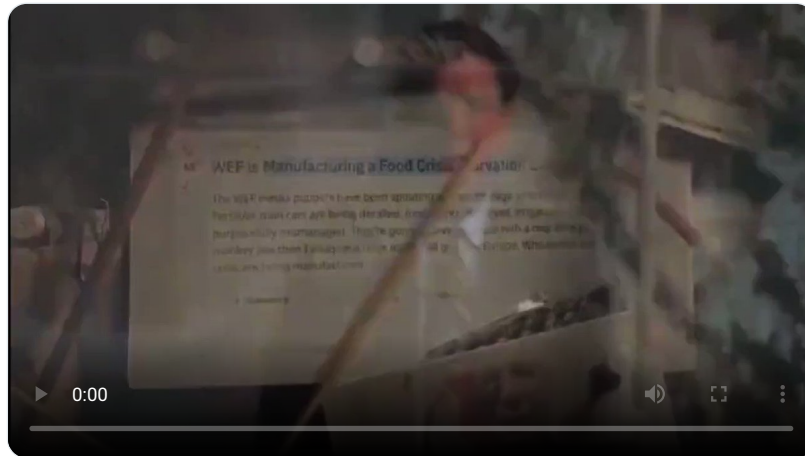
The screenshot shows the top of a web browser displaying the website 'THE INDEPENDENT'. The navigation bar includes 'NEWS', 'SPORT', 'VOICES', 'CULTURE', 'LIFESTYLE', 'TRAVEL', 'PREMIUM', and 'MORE'. The main headline reads: 'Tucker Carlson repeats racist 'great replacement' theory and says Democrats trying to 'replace the electorate''. Below the headline, it says 'Fox News host goes on rant blaming government for 'changing America completely and forever''. The author is 'Sheeta Sharma' and the date is 'Wednesday 20 July 2022 13:29'. There are social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

The screenshot shows the top of a web browser displaying the website 'syracuse.com'. The navigation bar includes 'U.S. & WORLD'. The main headline reads: 'Tucker Carlson: White supremacists are a hoax, 'not a real problem''. Below the headline, it says 'Updated: Aug. 07, 2019, 9:15 a.m. | Published: Aug. 07, 2019, 9:14 a.m.'. There is a video player showing Tucker Carlson on a Fox News TV show. Below the video, it says 'Tucker Carlson appears on his Fox News TV show "Tucker Carlson Tonight" Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2019.' There are social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn, and a share count of '2,231 shares'. The author is 'By Geoff Herbert | gherbert@syracuse.com'. Below the article, it says 'Fox News host Tucker Carlson is sparking controversy with new claims that white supremacy in America is a "hoax" and "not a real problem."'

The screenshot shows the top of a web browser displaying the website 'REUTERS'. The navigation bar includes 'World', 'Business', 'Markets', 'Legal', 'Breakingviews', 'Technology', 'Investigations', and 'Sports'. The main headline reads: 'White supremacists behind over 80% of extremism-related U.S. murders in 2022'. Below the headline, it says '2 minute read · February 24, 2023 1:34 AM GMT+2 · Last Updated 2 months ago'. The author is 'By Kanishka Singh'. There is a photo of a woman holding a sign that says 'White Supremacy KILLS'. Below the photo, it says 'A woman holds a sign during a rally against guns and white supremacy in the wake of mass shootings in Dayton and El Paso in front of the White House in Washington, U.S., August 6, 2019. REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque'. Below the article, it says 'WASHINGTON, Feb 23 (Reuters) - Mass shootings in the United States accounted for most extremism-related fatalities last year in the country with over 80% of those murders committed by white supremacists, data released by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) showed on Thursday.'

One of the craziest Carlson segments was the "Eat the Bugs" video, where he depicted WEF founder Klaus Schwab as the man forcing people to eat insects. Schwab was acted by one of the worst comedians the world has known, Jay Dyer.

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When Joe Biden visited Kyiv in Feb 2023, he suggested that the air raid sirens "were for show". He also called Zelenskyy "an instrument of total destruction", and said that he "has no interest in freedom or democracy". Incidentally, he's never said the same thing about Putin.14/23

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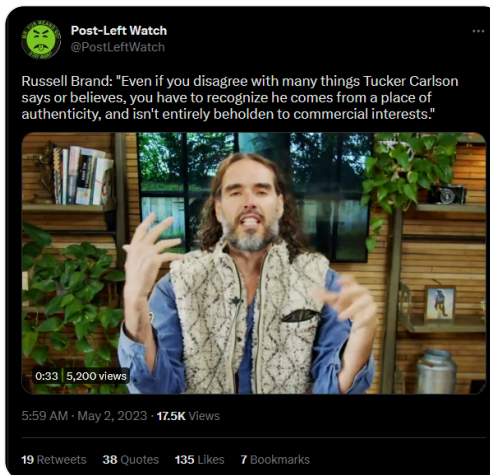
In the midst of the war in Ukraine, he said about Zelensky that "He is a dictator. He is a dangerous authoritarian who has used a hundred billion in U.S. tax dollars to erect a one-party police state in Ukraine".

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In Mar 2023, Carlson invited conspiracy theorist, Russell Brand, as a guest on his show "Tucker Carlson Today". Funnily, Brand later claimed that "he [Carlson] comes from a place of authenticity, and isn't entirely beholden to commercial interests".

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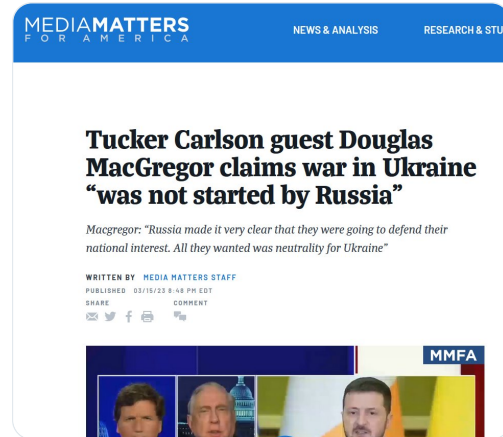




Other notable vatnik guests on Carlson's show include Douglas Macgregor and Jimmy Dore. He described Macgregor as "one of the people we trust to give us real information".

I haven't found any incidents where Macgregor has been RIGHT in regard to the Russo-Ukrainian War.

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Dore did his classic preaching against the "deep state" and the "military industrial complex". Apparently it's that "US war machine" that's now bombing cities and killing and raping civilians in Ukraine, and did so previously in Syria, Georgia, Chechnya, Moldova, etc.

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He was sacked by the Fox News on 24 Apr 2023, pretty soon after Dominion Voting Systems lawsuit against Fox News was settled for 787,5 million USD. Dominion's legal team released some damning text messages, in which Tucker privately doubted the false claims about the...

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...stolen election of 2020. He also mocked Trump's advisors and texted Sean Hannity that the White House Correspondent for Fox News, Jacqui Heinrich should be fired for fact-checking Carlson's claims about Dominion. The text messages also revealed, that Tucker...

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In their group text thread, Carlson pointed Hannity to a tweet by Fox reporter Jacqui Heinrich. Heinrich was "fact checking" a tweet by Trump that mentioned Dominion and specifically mentioned Hannity's and Dobbs' broadcasts that evening discussing Dominion. Heinrich correctly fact-checked the tweet, pointing out that "top election infrastructure officials" said that "There is no evidence that any voting system deleted or lost votes, changed votes, or was in any way compromised."

Carlson told Hannity: "Please get her fired. Seriously... What the fuck? I'm actually shocked. ***It needs to stop immediately, like tonight. It's measurably hurting the company The stock price is down. Not a joke.***" Tucker added, I just went crazy on Meade over it. Hannity said he had "already sent to Suzanne with a really?" He then added: "I'm 3 strikes. Wallace shit debate[.] Election night a disaster[.] Now this BS? Nope. Not gonna fly. Did I mention Cavuto?"

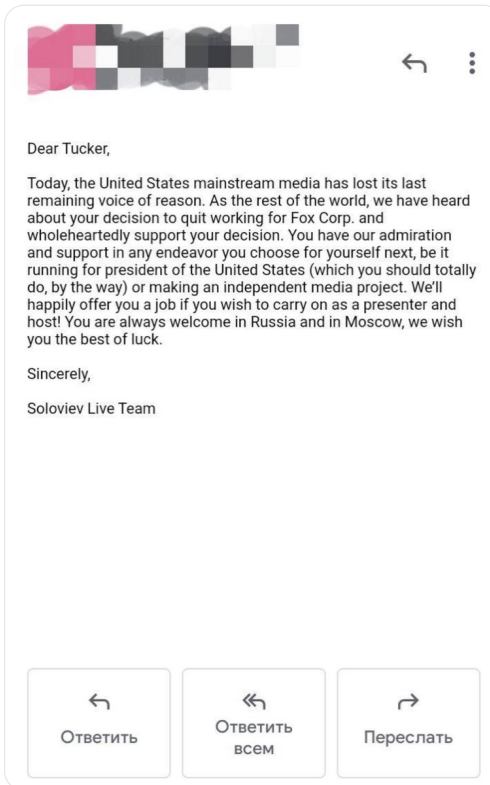
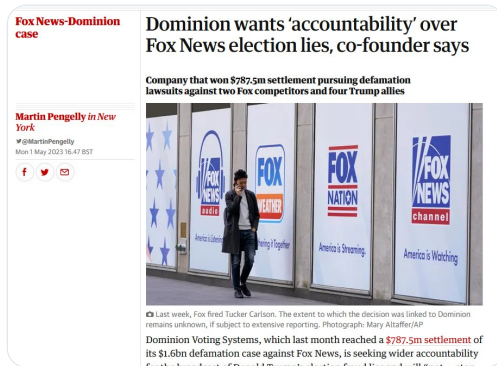
...hates Trump "passionately", further stating that "there really isn't an upside to Trump". NYT reporter Ben Smith has said that Carlson was a media source for various journalists who often wrote critically of Trump.

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The image is a screenshot of a BBC News article. At the top, the BBC logo is on the left, followed by a 'Sign in' button and navigation links for 'Home', 'News', 'Sport', 'Reel', and 'Worklife'. Below this is a red banner with the word 'NEWS' in white. Underneath the banner is a navigation bar with links for 'Home', 'War in Ukraine', 'Coronation', 'Climate', 'Video', 'World', 'UK', 'Business', 'Tech', and 'Science'. A secondary navigation bar lists regional categories: 'World', 'Africa', 'Asia', 'Australia', 'Europe', 'Latin America', 'Middle East', and 'US & Canada', with 'US & Canada' being the selected category. The main headline reads 'Tucker Carlson said he hates Trump 'passionately', lawsuit reveals'. Below the headline, it says '8 March'. There is a red button with a left-pointing arrow and the text 'US Capitol riots'. The main image shows Tucker Carlson on the left, wearing a dark blue suit and a light blue shirt, and Donald Trump on the right, wearing a white polo shirt with 'TRUMP NEW YORK' on it and a red visor with 'AMERICA AGAIN' on it. The image is credited to 'GETTY IMAGES' in the bottom left corner.

Dominion's CEO, John Poulos, is looking into publishing Tucker's redacted messages in the court filings, saying that "we're seeking accountability and we're not going to stop until we get it".

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After his departure from Fox News, the Russian propagandists have been talking about Tucker non-stop, many of the Kremlin-sponsored networks going as far as offering him a job.

I'm pretty sure Carlson will continue his lying on some other media platform or in politics.


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He's one of the well-known commentators on the Russo-Ukrainian War, making predictions that never come true.

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In today's #vatnik soup I'll be introducing a comedian-turned-propagandist and conspiracy theorist, Jimmy Dore. He's the host of The Jimmy Dore Show, a comedic talk show but without any comedy.

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In today's #vatniksoup and another edition of "You pronounced this nonsense, not me", I'll go through some

of the most common pro-Russian claims and tropes. I have discussed these in previous soups, but I feel like this type of general collection would be a helpful resource.  
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Tucker also shared the doctored, fake Pentagon leaks from "Donbass Devushka" TG channel, saying that "despite direct U.S. involvement, Ukraine is in fact losing the war," and that "seven Ukrainians are being killed for every Russian".



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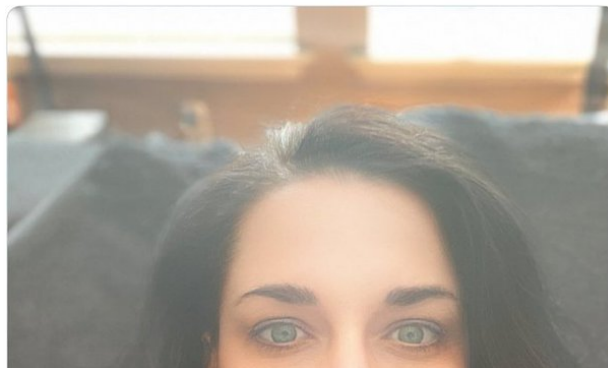


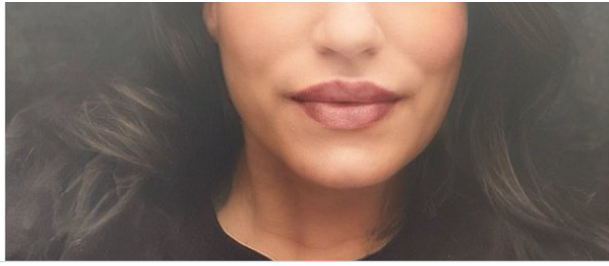
In today's #vatniksoup, I'll introduce an American propagandist and podcaster, Donbass Devushka. She's best-known for her fake Russian identity, for her pro-Russian podcast, and for spreading false, pro-Russian narratives on social media.

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## Tucker Carlson shared made-up casualty figures from 'leaked intelligence' to argue Ukraine is losing the war

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Fox News host Tucker Carlson during a broadcast on April 13. Fox News

- Fox News host Tucker Carlson shared made-up casualty figures about the Ukraine-Russia war.
- He cited numbers from "leaked intelligence" to argue that Ukraine is losing the war with Russia.
- Actual leaked US intelligence documents paint a very different picture.

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