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In today's [#vatniksoup](#), I'll introduce an American journalist and former policy adviser, James Carden. He's best-known for his collaboration with Stephen Cohen and Katrina vanden Heuvel, and for his pro-Kremlin takes on the war in Ukraine.

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Carden was a close associate of Stephen Cohen, an American scholar known for his strong support of Russia and Vladimir Putin. Carden was often defending any criticism Cohen's pro-Putin writings received, calling them "scurrilous" and "hysterical".

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The late professor Stephen Cohen. (courtesy of Katrina vanden Heuvel)

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Stephen Cohen's legacy lives on in group fostering US-Russia relations

The late professor launched the first incarnation in 1974. A year after his death, his wife and colleagues are pressing forward under new name.

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Katrina vanden Heuvel and
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In 2017, Carden questioned the involvement of the al-Assad regime in the Khan Shaykhun chemical attack. In his article, he relied on a report by Theodore Postol, who worked together with Maram "Syrian Girl" Susli to debunk al-Assad's involvement in chemical attacks in...

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The American media have excluded dissenting expert opinions in their rush to embrace Trump's war on Syria.

By James Carden

APRIL 19, 2017



...Ghouta, Douma and Khan Shaykhun. OPCW investigations concluded that a large majority of the attacks were in fact carried out by the al-Assad regime. Along with Carden, the Russians denied the allegations, calling the reports "one-sided" and "distorted".

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The image shows a screenshot of the OPCW News website. The header includes the OPCW logo and the word "News". The main headline reads "OPCW Releases Third Report by Investigation and Identification Team". Below the headline is a sub-headline: "Reasonable grounds to identify Syrian Arab Air Forces as perpetrators of 2018 Douma chemical attack". The date "27 JANUARY 2023" is visible. A small text block below the headline states: "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 image shows a screenshot of an Al Jazeera News article. The header includes the Al Jazeera logo and navigation links for "News", "Ukraine war", "Features", "Economy", "Opinion", and "Video". The main headline reads "UN panel blames Syrian forces for Khan Sheikhoun attack". Below the headline is a sub-headline: "More than 80 people were killed in the attack on the opposition-held town of Khan Sheikhoun in Idlib province." A video player is embedded in the article, showing a person in a white protective suit sitting on a chair. The video player has a play button and a timestamp of "02:21". Below the video player is the caption "UN blames Syrian forces for Khan Sheikhoun sarin attack".

In 2017, Carden appeared on RT as a commentator and suggested that Washington Post has started a "project of promoting a new Cold War with the Russian Federation". The concept of "new Cold War" is something that's been heavily pushed by pro-Kremlin intellectuals like...

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When I pointed out that one of *The Nation's* contributing writers, former J.P. Morgan banker James Carden, now executive editor of the American Committee for East-West Accord—an organization partly funded by vanden Heuvel's family—continues to contribute to Kremlin-funded *Russia Direct*, what I received was nothing short of a deranged ad hominem. Carden, who appeared on RT a few weeks ago to claim that *The Washington Post* is pursuing a "project of promoting a new Cold War with the Russian Federation," sent me a note on LinkedIn calling me a "sniveling shit," and vaguely (if unintentionally hilariously) threatening me with physical violence, demanding to see if I was "brave as BATMAN [*sic*]" in person. He later apologized.

Stephen Cohen and Katrina vanden Heuvel, and it basically stems down to the narrative that the US "neocons" are "sabotaging" the relations to Russia, which apparently should be treated with silk gloves, even though they've completely ditched democracy for...

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The Washington Post
Democracy Dies in Darkness

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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

President Vladimir Putin listens during a virtual meeting with members of the Russian government in Moscow on March 10. (Mikhail Klimentyev/AP)

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...totalitarianism and at the same time plan to invade most of their neighbors. When [@cjemichel](#) called him out on his BS, Carden took the high road and called him a "sniveling shit" in LinkedIn DM's. He also demanded to see if Casey was "brave as BATMAN [sic]".

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And then, at the start of this year, I received an unprompted message from Carden. The original spelling has been retained:

Hey asshole. I saw you were looking at my [LinkedIn] profile, you sniveling shit. Here's an idea: next time you call me a Kremlin stooge, and say i don't know what I'm talking about — say it to my face and see if you're as brave as BATMAN. You're about as pathetic as [Daily Beast reporter Jamie] Kirchick and the rest of them. Fuck you.

When later contacted by phone, Carden — who said he was not speaking “on behalf of the committee” — apologized for the contents of the message. “My own stupidity is my own fault,” he said. In an email, Carden further delineated his position: The message was “sent rashly, stupidly and in anger to a writer ... who I saw was viewing my profile and who has smeared me as a Kremlin apologist in the past. The communication, of course, was completely unacceptable and I certainly apologize for sending it.”

Carden's version of 2014 Revolution of Dignity is pretty much the same as the Kremlin's. By his words, "the Ukrainian far right escalated the violence in the Maidan and drove then-President Yanukovich into exile," oversimplifying absolutely everything about the event.

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He has also blamed pretty much everyone else but Putin for the conflict in Ukraine. He's written that former Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko "ratcheted up the violence" against the "breakaway provinces" of Luhansk and Donetsk. None of his writings mention any Russian...

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The Glazyev Tapes: Getting to the root of the conflict in Ukraine

The so-called "Surkov Leaks" have reinvigorated the discussion of Moscow's involvement in the war in Ukraine and the emergence of "people's republics" in the east of the country.

[Andreas Umland](#)

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Russia watchers have been intrigued by the recent email leak of Vladislav Surkov – Russia's adviser responsible for policies towards Ukraine and Russia's satellite states in northern Georgia. The so-called "Surkov Leaks" have reinvigorated the discussion of Moscow's involvement in the war in Ukraine and the emergence of "people's republics" in the east of the country. The leaks confirm the Kremlin's involvement in the armed conflict in the Donbas, and make clear that fueling the conflict in east Ukraine is just one part of Moscow's broader policy for undermining the Ukrainian state.

But these leaks do not alter our understanding of the conflict. Rather, they confirm – with more empirical proof – what was already known

involvement among the "separatists", and James put a strong emphasis on Poroshenko's cabinet members with "far-right affiliations". He even went as far as blaming Obama for this, asking the question "What if Mr. Obama had not announced a new round of sanctions against..."

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Leaving aside the rather elementary fact that sanctions hardly ever change the behavior of the regimes at which they are aimed, consider this counterfactual: What if Mr. Obama had *not* announced a new round of sanctions against Russia on July 16? It is entirely possible that the murderous recklessness of the pro-Russian forces would have given Mr. Putin sufficient cover from his increasingly vocal right flank—who have been calling for greater Russian involvement, if not an outright invasion—to break with the rebels. What the July 16 sanctions announcement has done is effectively block the off-ramp. Yet the idea that sanctions may be counterproductive never seems to dawn on our establishment elites. Meanwhile the war hawks in Congress are eagerly chomping at the bit to retaliate, with their leader, Senator John McCain, promising there would “be hell to pay” if the Malaysian airliner was shot down by the Russian military or separatists.

One can't help but wonder: hasn't there been hell enough?

Russia on July 16?" Now, it's worth mentioning that these sanctions were imposed after Russia annexed Crimea, but according to him they "blocked" the "off-ramp" for Putin. By his hypothesis, even the MH17 down shooting could've been avoided if Obama hadn't sanctioned Russia.

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Malaysia Airlines flight MH17


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Three men found guilty of murdering 298 people in shooting down of MH17

Court says Russia had overall control of the separatist forces in eastern Ukraine at the time when the plane was shot down

Russia-Ukraine war - latest news updates

Jennifer Rankin in Brussels
Thu 17 Nov 2022 14:26 GMT



A part of the wreckage is seen at the crash site of the Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 in the Donetsk region of Ukraine. Photograph: Maxim Zmeyev/Reuters

A Dutch court has found three men guilty of the murder of 298 people onboard flight MH17, which was shot down by a Russian surface-to-air missile when it was flying over eastern Ukraine in 2014.

The court handed down sentences of life imprisonment to the Russian nationals Igor Girkin and Sergey Dubinskiy and a Ukrainian, Leonid Kharchenko, after finding them guilty of bringing down the plane and the murder of everyone onboard. They were ordered to pay "more than €16m" in

This maneuver would get pretty high score at the Mental Gymnastics World Championships.

In Jun 2022, Carden interviewed Irish MEP Clare Daly on Ukraine. It's a solid pro-Kremlin propaganda piece where both of them agree with each other and enforce each others points of...

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American Committee for US-RUSSIA ACCORD

ACURA Q&A: Clare Daly, Member of the European Parliament from Ireland, Talks With ACURA's James W. Carden

ACURA VIEWPOINT June 28, 2022

Last week the European Parliament overwhelmingly voted to approve Ukraine's candidacy for membership in the European Union. Only days before, the EU- and NATO- member state Lithuania enacted a blockade of Russia's Eastern European enclave, Kaliningrad. Meantime, Russia's military gains in eastern Ukraine have been met with ever more promises of Western aid for Ukraine. To discuss these and other developments, on Thursday, June 23rd, I spoke with Clare Daly, a courageous and outspoken member of the European Parliament from Ireland, and a stalwart opponent of the trans-Atlantic militarist consensus that has both Washington and the European Parliament in Brussels firmly in its grip.

—James W. Carden, American Committee for US-Russia Accord

Clare Daly @ClareDalyMEP

Was very glad to speak with James Carden for this interview about the gap between elite and public opinion in Europe, the marginalisation of antiwar politics and the reckless lurch towards escalation and conflict.

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...views. James describes Daly is a "courageous and outspoken" and a "stalwart opponent of the trans-Atlantic militarist consensus".

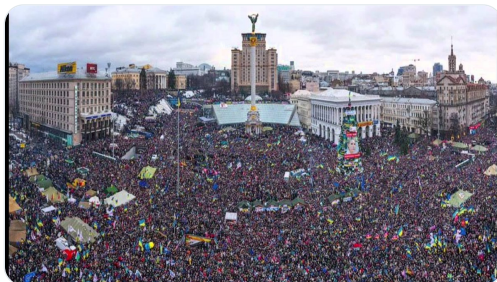
In Feb 2023, he published an article on The American Conservative, where he blames Ukraine being a "binational kleptocracy".

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This of course was a legacy of the extreme corruption of the Soviet times, which the Ukrainians came to protest in both 2004 and in 2014. Yet, probably due to his pro-Kremlin stance, Carden completely fails to see why the Revolution of Dignity actually happened: ...

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...it was not the "US neocons orchestrating a coup", but the Ukrainian people who were tired of this corruption of both Yanukovich and his party, and the Russian and Ukrainian oligarchs. After the war ends, it will be Ukraine's next big battle.

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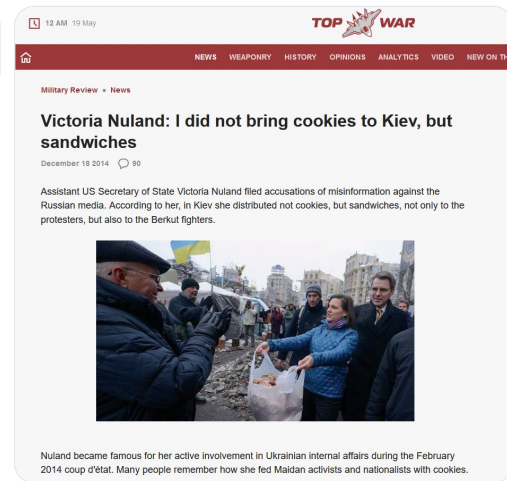


The screenshot shows the Kyiv Post website with the article title "\$113 Million of Ukrainian Oligarch Zhevago Seized in Switzerland". The sub-headline reads "Swiss authorities seized assets of Ukrainian oligarch Kostyantyn Zhevago for over \$113 million". The article is dated May 17, 2023, and is categorized under "CORRUPTION WATCH". A photograph of Kostyantyn Zhevago is displayed below the text.

By Carden's view Victoria Nuland "helped orchestrate" the "overthrow" of Yanukovich, and this directly led to the 13 000 deaths in the East of Ukraine. By Carden's words, she went "so far as to hand out cookies to anti-government protesters".

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It was in this role that Nuland helped orchestrate the overthrow of a democratically elected president of Ukraine, Viktor Yanukovich, in [February 2014](#) that led to a civil war in which more than 13,000 [people](#) have died, according to the United Nations.



The screenshot shows a Top War article titled "Victoria Nuland: I did not bring cookies to Kiev, but sandwiches". The article is dated December 18, 2014, and includes a photograph of Victoria Nuland interacting with people in a public square. The text below the photo states: "Assistant US Secretary of State Victoria Nuland filed accusations of misinformation against the Russian media. According to her, in Kiev she distributed not cookies, but sandwiches, not only to the protesters, but also to the Berkut fighters."

Now that Stephen Cohen has passed away and Katrina vanden Heuvel has been ousted from her position at The Nation, Carden's lost his biggest megaphone. He's now looking for new outlets to publish on, and his latest hit piece...

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on the famous Eurasia Review attacked Jeffrey Goldberg and Anne Applebaum of the Atlantic. His op-ed title "I Saved You Trouble Of Reading Latest Ukraine Propaganda By Two Of America's Biggest Neocons" already tells you what the article is about, but here are some of the...

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The image is a screenshot of a web browser displaying an article on the Eurasia Review website. At the top left is the logo for "eurasia review news & analysis", which includes a globe icon. Below the logo is a dark navigation bar with white text for various categories: NEWS, ANALYSIS, OPINION, BUSINESS, SOCIAL, RELIGION, ENTERTAINMENT, and ENVIRONMENT. Underneath this bar are links for ABOUT EURASIA REVIEW, CONTACT, and NEWSLETTER. The main content area features a large image of a wall with a blue and yellow horizontal stripe, resembling the Ukrainian flag, and a shadow of a person. Below the image is the article title: "I Saved You Trouble Of Reading Latest Ukraine Propaganda By Two Of America's Biggest Neocons - OpEd". Under the title, there is a date "May 4, 2023", the site name "Eurasia Review", and a comment count "0 Comments". At the bottom left of the article preview, it says "By James W. Carden".

highlights: Carden criticizes Zelensky for closing down three TV channels heavily affiliated with Viktor Medvedchuk. Putin and Medvedchuk are close allies, and Putin is godfather to Viktor's daughter. After Medvedchuk was captured, Putin traded him for the Azovstal...

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..defenders of the Azov Brigade. In the same article, Carden still exaggerates the influence of far-right elements in Ukraine, not-so-subtly blaming them, along with the US and Poroshenko, for the 2014 events in Donbas. He also demonstrates his lack of critical thinking by..

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...claiming that the ratio for Ukraine-Russia casualties is 7:1. This information can only come from two false sources: the doctored leaks from Donbass Devushka, or from serial liar, Douglas Macgregor, who has been dead wrong since the war started.

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4,00,000 Casualties & A Falling Population

Macgregor also quotes staggering figures of Ukraine's military casualties against their current population status and other development indicators, which indicates the country is headed for depopulation if it continues to fight Russia.

In the context of Western tanks being approved for Ukraine, Macgregor says that, for one, Ukrainian "military power is disintegrating" and is on its "last legs," while the tanks themselves will not be available for a few months.

According to Macgregor, Ukraine has sustained 4,00,000 military casualties, with nearly 1,57,000 killed (and counting) from among a population of 18 to 22 million, that is, within the country.

Ukraine's total population is 37.5 million, of which 8 to 10 million are refugees, 4-5 million are in the areas under Russian control, and over 2 million are working overseas in the European Union and United Kingdom (UK).

James also likes to take all the agency away from Ukraine, suggesting that it's the US and the "neocons" who's forcing "terrified teenagers and young men" to fight in muddy trenches in "conditions along the Somme", again stripping Ukraine of its agency and free will.

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Goldberg and Applebaum do however get around to defining what "victory" means to the Ukrainian side...

Victory means, first, that Ukraine retains sovereign control of all of the territory that lies within its internationally recognized borders, including land taken by Russia since 2014: Donetsk, Luhansk, Melitopol, Mariupol, Crimea.

What this amounts to is a plea from two of the **most pampered** media figures in the Western world to continue and, if we are to take their wish for Ukraine to re-take Crimea seriously, increase the scale of the fighting done by terrified teenagers and young men in muddy trenches which are said to resemble the conditions along the Somme a hundred years ago. But no matter. The slaughter must continue lest Ukraine lose its "chance to alter geopolitics for a generation."

In his latest article "What the 68-year-old Austria treaty could tell us about Ukraine today" from 15 May 2023, he defends Austria's "neutrality", naturally forgetting to mention that Austria is riddled with Russian spies and dirty money:

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In today's #vatnik soup I'm going to talk about Austria. Countries like Serbia and Hungary often pop up in conversations about Russia and Putin apologists, but when it comes to Russian espionage and intelligence activities, Austria, along with Belgium, comes on top.

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...and was also stripped of her naval and aerial forces, and compelled to renounce all her extra European rights and accept the provisions of the League of Nations covenant.

(At left.) Austrian envoys in the garden of the villa assigned to them in the suburbs of Paris. Chancellor Karl Renner, head of the delegation, is seated at left. Their freedom of movement has been only slightly restricted.




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What the 68-year-old Austria treaty could tell us about Ukraine today

Ignoring history, Western allies have consistently rejected neutrality in favor of an open NATO door for Kyiv.

MAY 15, 2023

Written by **James Carden**

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In addition to contributing to the Kremlin-funded Russia Direct, Carden used to be an editor of The National Interest, an American international relations magazine, but was booted for being, as one of their editors told, "too pro-Putin, even for us."

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In today's [#vatnik](#) soup I'll introduce a pro-Russian, Ukrainian oligarch and a politician who goes by the name of Viktor Medvedchuk.

Someone commented on one of my previous soups that I should cover Ukrainian oligarchs, too, so here's one!

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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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