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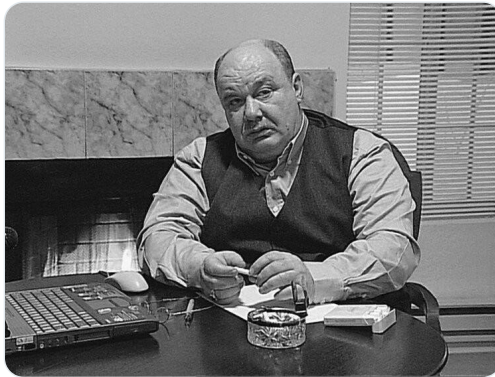
In today's [#vatniksoup](#), I'll introduce a Russian propagandist and blogger, Nina "Nina Byzantina" Kouprianova ([@NinaByzantina](#)). She's best-known for her full support of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, for marrying neo-Nazis, and for translating fascist philosophers.

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Kouprianova was born in Moscow in the late 80s, when the collapse of the USSR was just around the corner. She's blamed Jeffrey Sachs, Boris Yeltsin and Bill Clinton for ruining Russia in the 90s, neatly forgetting the involvement of oligarchs & various criminal organizations.

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Nina met Richard Spencer, an American neo-Nazi, conspiracy theorist and general clown, back in 2009. He outright refuses to talk about Richard's tendencies to drift towards far-right policies. Richard was already at this point at the deep end - he was fired from...

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...the American Conservative for being "a bit extreme" for the magazine. She finally married Spencer in Niagara Falls in 2010, and their fairy tale lasted until around 2016, when Spencer announced their separation in a Washington Post article.

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Mother Jones

After dropping out of Duke, Spencer remained preoccupied with race while at *The American Conservative*, where he became an editor in 2009. Since its founding in 2000 by the paleoconservative and erstwhile presidential candidate Pat Buchanan and others, *TAC* had given voice to a ragtag group of Iraq War opponents, protectionists, anti-immigration activists, and Ron Paul libertarians, but Spencer was "a bit extreme for me," recalls *TAC* editor Scott McConnell, after being fired. Spencer moved on to a new job as the sole editor of *Taki's Magazine*, the online vanity publication of Taki Theodoropoulos, the scion of a Greek shipping magnate who was notorious for his racist remarks.

"There is something about the Asian girls," Spencer said, after I told him that I'd discovered an interracial relationship from his past. "They are cute. They are smart. They have a kind of thing going on."

In Spencer's telling, he steadily evolved *Taki's* into a magazine aimed at white nationalists. By 2009 he'd published essays by Jared Taylor and was regularly using the term "alternative right" in its pages to describe his youthful band of anti-war, anti-immigration, pro-white conservatism. In December 2009, Spencer left *Taki's* to start *AlternativeRight.com*. The site caught the attention of the conservative publisher William Regnery II, who'd tried to start a whites-only online dating service, and, more recently, funded the white nationalist National Policy Institute. (His grandfather, William Regnery I, had bankrolled the America First Committee's campaign against fighting Nazi Germany during World War II, and his uncle, Henry, founded the conservative Regnery Publishing, which is known for printing Ann Coulter's books.) With Regnery's backing, Spencer took over *NPI* in 2011 and began championing its message.

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'Let's party like it's 1933': Inside the alt-right world of Richard Spencer

By John Woodrow Cox
November 22, 2016 at 11:05 a.m. EST

Being married to a literal neo-Nazi for several years, Kouprianova refuses to put any labels on herself. She's said that she's "sympathetic" toward movements that "challenge the dominant and globally oriented post-Liberal ideology," probably meaning something...

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Nina Kouprianova is not a member of the racist alt-right. At least, that's what she'll say when you ask her. **"I am not a member of any movement," Kouprianova, who was born in the Soviet Union, recently told The Daily Beast via email. She added that she was "sympathetic" toward movements that "challenge the dominant and globally oriented post-Liberal ideology,"** but white nationalism—that fracturing of the U.S., resulting in a white ethno-state that would save the wounds of American racists—is not for her.

...along the lines of "Fuck the US".

She later compared his ex-husband's treatment to Stalinist purges in the USSR in an article she wrote for the local newspaper. After their separation, she accused Spencer of physical abuse.

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White nationalist Richard Spencer accused of physically abusing wife throughout their marriage

By Eli Rosenberg

October 24, 2018 at 12:36 a.m. EDT

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White nationalist Richard Spencer's wife, Nina Koupriianova, accused him of physically, emotionally and verbally abusing her over the course of their eight-year marriage, according to documents and exhibits filed in court as part of their divorce proceedings.

Koupriianova said the abuse, which she documented in the form of transcribed conversations, emails, photographs and even a chat with the National Domestic Violence Hotline, continued throughout the course of their eight-year marriage and included incidents that occurred while she was pregnant.

"Incidents of physical abuse include being hit, being grabbed, being dragged around by her hair, being held down in a manner causing bruising, and being prevented from calling for help," Koupriianova

In order to distance herself from any far-right affiliations, Kouprianova has translated the works of a political philosopher Alexander Dugin, who's best known for his neo-fascist worldview and for his geopolitics, where eastern Ukraine is considered to "Novorossiia",...

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...an essential part of the Russian empire. On her webpage, Nina lists Dugin's books as only book translations she's ever done. Dugin is a central figure in Russian imperialism, and his 1997 book Foundations of Geopolitics has been considered to be a "blueprint" of Russian..

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TRANSLATION:

Books

Alexander Dugin, Martin Heidegger: the Philosophy of Another Beginning (2014)

Alexander Dugin, The Fourth Political Theory (2012), selected chapters

Articles

Contemporary Russian thought at my personal blog:
<https://ninabyzantina.com/>

History of Espionage:
<https://espionagehistoryarchive.com/author/ninabyzantina/>

Historic and contemporary Russia at the Soul of the East: <http://souloftheeast.org/author/ninabyzantina/>

MUSIC JOURNALISM (JAPAN): <http://metropolis.co.jp/author/?auth=Nina%20Kouprianova>


...invasions in the 21st century. Dugin also started networking with American neo-Nazi groups around 2015, while Kouprianova and Spencer were still unhappily married. He hosted an online lecture at the founding of the neo-Nazi group, US Traditionalist Worker Party.

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UNITED STATES

US Hate Group Forging Ties with the “Third Rome”

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During the same year, he gave a speech titled "American Liberalism Must Be Destroyed" at an event organized by another neo-Nazi, Preston Wigginton. Wigginton is best-known for winning the "Strongest Skinhead" contest at a skinhead festival called Hammerfest in 2005.

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Russian nationalist ideologue Aleksandr Dugin is banned from entering the United States for backing separatists in Ukraine. But thanks to the Internet and an American white supremacist, he's set to beam his anti-Western views into the halls of a public university in Texas.

And Ukrainian-Americans are not happy about it.

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America is calling on Texas A&M University to refuse to host an April 29 online lecture to be delivered remotely by Dugin to a venue on its campus in College Station, Texas.

"We condemn Dugin's xenophobic worldview and are surprised that a U.S. university would provide a venue for his hate speech," Andriy Dobriansky, a spokesman for the New York-based advocacy group, told RFE/RL. "We hope the university reconsiders after hearing the outcry."

The planned lecture is titled "**American Liberalism Must Be Destroyed**" and is being organized by Preston Wigginton, a Texas white supremacist with ties to Russian ultranationalists.

In 2007, Wigginton attended an **anti-immigrant Russian March demonstration in Moscow** and received cheers from the crowd after telling them that "Slavic and European peoples" must "unite to fight this invasion of the third world."

He was also denied entry into Britain in 2009, **a decision the British government explained** as an effort to "prevent those who want to spread extremism, hatred and violent messages in our communities from coming to our country."



According to Kouprianova, Putin has chosen the path of "healthy debate", papering over the killings or locking up of journalists and all of political opposition. Since 2014, she's called the conflict in Eastern Ukraine a "genocide" conducted by the Ukrainians.

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To Nina, Russia's invasion has always been a "liberation war", while quoting things like "There are no separate Russia or Ukraine, but one Holy Rus." As is tradition, she's called the 2014 Revolution of Dignity a "Washington- and Brussels-backed regime change"...

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Beyond Left and Right, Beyond Red and White: Framing the Liberation War in Donbass

MARCH 14, 2015 / NINA BYZANTINA

"There are no separate Russia or Ukraine, but one Holy Rus" – Elder Iona of Odessa

The year 2014 saw an unprecedented surge of patriotism in contemporary Russia, which resulted in popularizing the notion of the Russian World. One reason for the increased patriotic sentiment was Crimea's return to the home port after the overwhelmingly positive vote by its majority-Russian residents in a referendum one year ago. The onset of the liberation war in Donbass from the West-backed Kiev regime was the other. This war truly delineated the stakes for the existence of the Russian World. The latter is not an ethnic, but a civilizational concept that encompasses shared culture, history, and language in the Eurasian space within a traditionalist framework. To a certain extent and *despite* the obvious ideological differences, the Russian Empire and the USSR embodied the same geopolitical entity. A particularly noteworthy aspect of the ongoing crisis in Donbass is the symbolism—religious and historic—that surpasses the commonly used, but outdated Left-Right political spectrum. In the Russian context, this also means overcoming the Red-White divide of the Communist Revolution. That this war pushed Russians to examine their country's *raison d'être* is somewhat remarkable: for two decades its citizens did not have an official ideology, prohibited by the Constitution that is based on Western

...and "bloody coup d'état", completely disregarding the huge Russian influence in the process.

She's called the Russian interference in 2016 US election a "hysterical narrative".

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@NinaByzantina

What the civilians of Donbass have been experiencing is a genocide, says Putin.

In addition to living under fire since 2014, the attempts to ethnically cleanse them from this region certainly meets the definition. Nothing less could be expected from NATO countries backing Kiev.

 **TASS** @tass_agency · 15 Feb 22
Путин считает геноцидом то, что сейчас происходит в Донбассе:
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Replying to @simonorr

The west-backed genocide of the Russian population of Donbass taking place since 2014?

22:00 · 18 Oct 22

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 **Simon Orr** @simonorr · 18 Oct 22
Replying to @NinaByzantina

Ok, let's assume that were true. I can't find 'two wrongs make a right' in the UN charter either, weird.

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An outdoor exhibition in Girona, Spain in support of Donbass living under West-backed Kiev shelling for almost 9 years.




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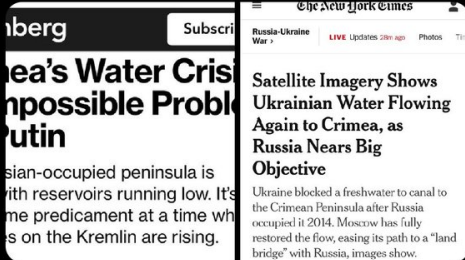
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When Kiev blocked Crimea's water supply in 2014, comedian Zelensky used to mock its water-deprived residents, while the western media claimed it's impossible to restore (much like they claimed the Crimea bridge was impossible to build). Last year, Crimeans got their water back.



0:26 · 28 Feb 23 · 19.5K Views

 **ДЖОН ТОНКИН** @JohnTON... · 26 Feb ·
Replying to @NinaByzantina
I am surprised Spain allows it. Normally a fascist country!

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People @NinaByzantina follows or mentioned can reply.

Kouprianova has spread various conspiracy theories related to the Ukrainian Army, including organ trading and of course the "Ukrainian Nazis" (the "wrong kind" of Nazis, I guess). It's time to ask this question again: If the reason for the war in Ukraine was to...

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According to Lugansk authorities, alleged organ traffickers arrived in Donbass where Ukraine appears to be suffering heavy losses in Artyomovsk (Bakhmut). 🤢 Reminds me of the situation in the late 1990s in the Balkans.

"Literally three weeks ago, the notorious Elizabeth Debru arrived in the Artyomovsk region ... She arrived with representatives of the so-called Mozart Group... these people came to light back in 2014-2015, when there was fierce fighting on the territory of Donbass, they came to light as black market transplant specialists," Kiselev said.

3:52 AM · Dec 11, 2022

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RIA News alleges—based on a law enforcement source—that Ukraine uses the bodies of AFU soldiers for organ trafficking. Considering documented organ trafficking cases from the Balkan wars and many allegations from Donbass, I wouldn't be surprised...

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Source: Ukrainian medical service secretly removes organs from the bodies of soldiers of the Armed Forces of Ukraine

Ukrainian medical service in Kherson secretly removes organs for transplantation from the bodies of soldiers of the Armed Forces of Ukraine

6:01 AM · May 23, 2023 · 6,429 Views

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Is this real? 🤔



6:11 PM · May 16, 2023 · 8,877 Views


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One of the things I don't get is what's so heroic about Azov. That they surrendered? That some of its members terrorized Donbass civilians? Some conscripted Ukrainian soldier dug into the trenches is probably more heroic than these characters. This is purely ideological.

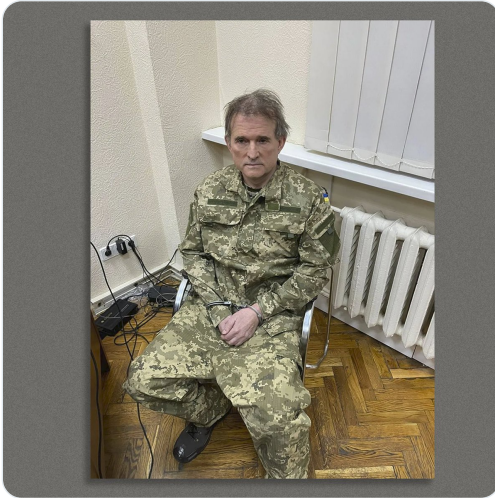
Анатолій Шарій 🇺🇦 🇷🇺 🇵🇸 @anatoliisharii · Oct 26, 2022

The street of heroes of the neo-Nazi Azov regiment is officially opened in Kiev. This is the former street of the USSR Marshal Malinovsky, who smashed the Nazi troops during WWII.



9:14 PM · Oct 26, 2022

.."denazify" it, why did Putin trade all the Azov Brigade leaders to Ukrainian oligarch Viktor Medvedchuk? Wasn't the whole idea of the war to get rid (and possibly execute) the "evil Nazi Banderites"? Is this just some kind of 4-D chess that only Putin and Trump understands?15/20



She also has lots of love for PMC Wagner, the mercenary company best-known for demolishing Bakhmut, but also recognized for the rapes and mass murder they've conducted in the African states. Apparently, putting them on list of terrorists is a sign of their "success".

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If Picasso were painting today, his Blue Period might look more like this image of Wagner PMC in Bakhmut.



10:09 PM · Mar 9, 2023 · 5,701 Views

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In case you needed any more proof how successful Wagner PMC is, look no further than this latest tantrum by the British government:

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

Britain to blacklist Russia's Wagner group as terrorists

Mercenaries will be given same status as Isis and al-Qaeda

Steven Swinford, Political Editor | Matt Dathan, Home Affairs Editor | George Grylls, Defence Reporter

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Russia's Wagner Group accused of using rape and mass-murder to control an African gold mining town

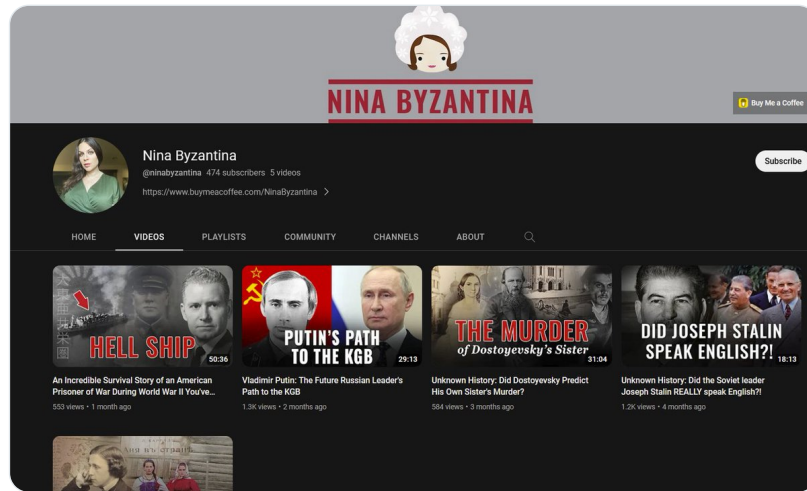
BY DEBORA PATTA, SARAH CARTER
UPDATED ON: MAY 29, 2023 / 4:38 AM / CBS NEWS



As a propagandist, "Nina Byzantina" is subpar - her YouTube videos garner only hundreds of views (she has less subscribers than me, and I have published 0 videos), her TG channel has less than 100 followers, and her Twitter posts have quite low engagement.

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She's often basing her arguments on history ("Russian and Ukrainian people are one"), naturally cherry-picking the events that fit to her (and Kremlin's) narrative. She's decorating & romanticizing it all with "Russian traditionalism", meaning family values and all that jazz.

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"The Ruin" is an accepted historical term used to describe the period of social and political unrest in the latter part of the 17th century. In the Russian and Ukrainian languages, "ruina," ruin, rhymes with "Ukraina," Ukraine. The author warns against returning to such a chaotic state of affairs when he discusses the rule of the pro-Western President Victor Yushchenko who was brought into power in the wake of the so-called Orange Revolution, an early 21st-century proto-Maidan. Leaving power in 2010, he was replaced by Victor Yanukovich, an imperfect, but democratically elected leader who was ousted by the violent 2014 *coup d'etat*. Thus, the reader may appreciate Buzina's prescience, writing this text in 2007, in light of the current events. In particular, the geopolitical and cultural split along the Dnieper River is especially noteworthy.




Oles Buzina's mother at his grave following her son's 2015 assassination. Source: Rossiia TV.

With all this hype around Russia, I only assume that Nina has moved back to Moscow, now that she's separated from Richard Spencer and allegedly has no longer reason to remain in the United States, the country she seems to...

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It's obvious that today's ongoing Belgorod Oblast adventure is a Kiev agitprop stunt to distract from the embarrassing and costly loss of Bakhmut. That said, considering the circumstances and previous incidents, I hope that the  gov't gets more serious about the border regions.

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"Zelensky overseeing a huge counterattack on Kherson" is not the caption for this edited image.



1:33 · 15 Jul 22

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 **Haru** @Haru62273723 · 15 Jul 22
Replying to @NinaByzantina

Do they have a strategy or its just barking at the elephant

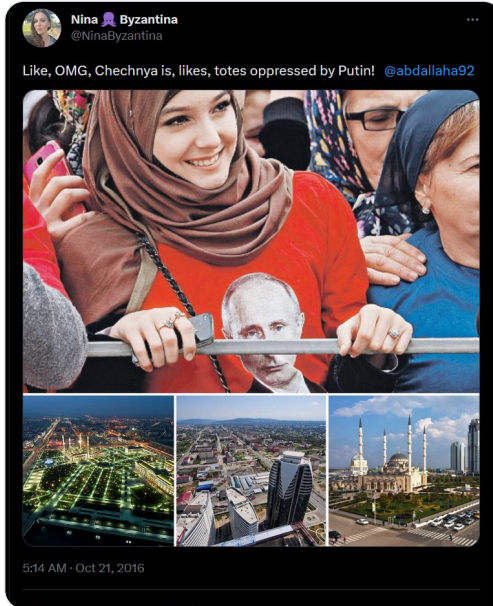
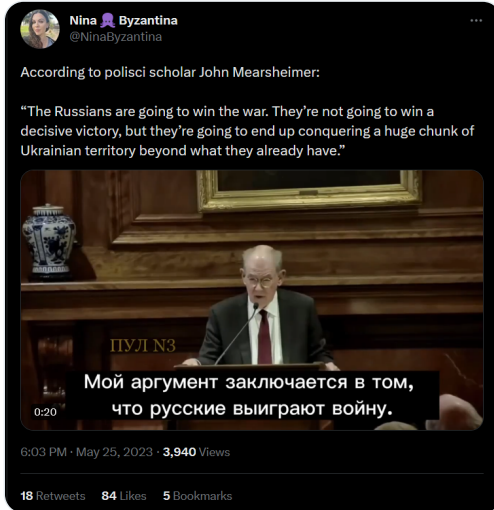
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...so much despise. As she's constantly praising Putin and her motherland, you'd assume that she had gone back to Moscow already.

She's gone back to Russia, right?

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It's time for a little dessert: a little bird on Twitter told me that while living in Toronto, Nina was already deeply connected to the far-right movement. Apparently she dated a skinhead & enjoyed going to satanic metal concerts, being the religious person she is.

Hey Richard!



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