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In today's [#vatniksoup](#), I'll introduce a Canadian psychologist, author and media commentator, Jordan Peterson ([@jordanbpeterson](#)). He's best-known for his battle against the "woke culture", and for his strong support for Putin's "Christian values" and Russia's war in Ukraine.

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Peterson was supposed to become a lawyer, but switched to political science after reading George Orwell's autobiography. He first studied political science, but eventually migrated into psychology studies. He worked in academia and in clinical practice since 2018, ...

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Peterson says he joined a political party when he was 13 and was "actively involved" in Canadian politics from the ages of 13 to 18 because he "was always interested in politics."

This interest in politics may have led him, at age 17, to enter college in Grand Prairie, Canada, to study political science. Throughout his college years, he worked odd jobs, ranging from bee keeping to working on a railroad with Cree Indians.

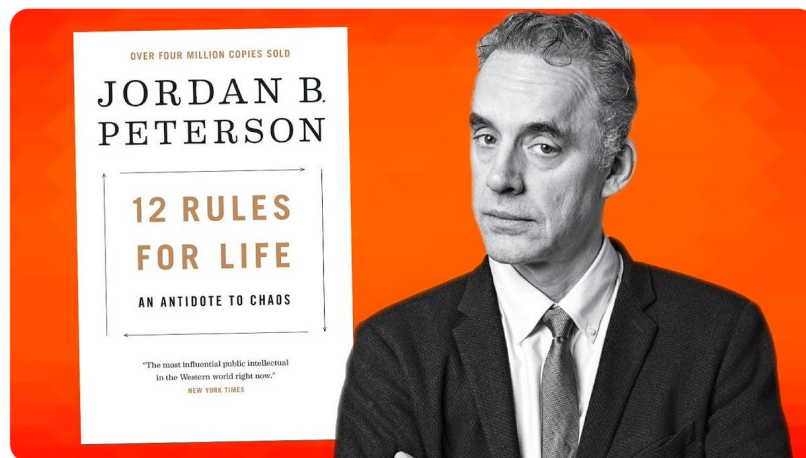
"I guess what I probably learned [from that] was how to get along with all types of people--rough people," he says.

After receiving his undergraduate degree in three years, Peterson took a year off to work as a driver for social services. He then traveled around Europe, where he noticed the significant aftereffects of World War II.

..after which he published and promoted his bestselling book, 12 Rules for Life, a guidebook for young men on how to clean up their rooms.

He also launched a YouTube channel, which soon became extremely popular - by May 2018 he was earning over 80 000 USD per month from...

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...crowdfunding on Patreon. Peterson eventually left Patreon after they banned another user, Sargon of Akkad, and launched a new online social networking site called Thinkspot. The site's been a lackluster and has garnered mostly negative feedback from its users. Like...

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**Crowdfunding**

### The rise of Patreon - the website that makes Jordan Peterson \$80k a month

In five years, online membership service Patreon has attracted two million patrons supporting 100,000 'creators' to the tune of \$350m - including nearly \$1m a year for rightwing psychologist Jordan Peterson. So what's the secret of its success?



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**T**he internet has transformed creative industries. Words, music, video, images and games can be distributed worldwide, instantly and for free, delivering a cornucopia of delights to your screens and mine. The problem is that, historically, it's not been quite so good at ensuring those same creative industries get paid. Ad-supported media did the job quite well, until a couple of years ago, when it suddenly didn't. Streaming services seem to be making a lot of money for someone, but that someone is rarely the creators who exist on those platforms.

All of which goes some way to explaining the surprise (and jealousy?) that accompanied the news that Jordan B Peterson, the alt-right's favourite psychologist and dispenser of such advice as "stand up straight", is making just under \$1m a year online, thanks to the support of some 9,500 fans on the membership service Patreon.

In fact, Peterson is not even the most successful creator on the site; that honour goes to the leftwing American podcast *Chapo Trap House*, which pulls in just shy of \$100,000 a month from 22,040 "patrons".


Those success stories, at opposite ends of the political spectrum, highlight the quiet growth of Patreon from a last-ditch attempt on the part of a YouTube musician to earn a living, to the economic infrastructure underpinning a substantial chunk of the indie net.

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### Jordan Peterson launches anti-censorship site Thinkspot

Controversial academic enlists failed UKip MEP candidate Carl Benjamin to test subscription-only platform



**Matthew Weaver**  
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Jordan Peterson has a cult following among rightwingers for controversial views about identity politics and has become a hate figure for many on the left. Photograph: Mikko Stig/ReX/Shutterstock

Jordan Peterson, the controversial academic, has launched a new anti-censorship website that will only take down offensive content if specifically ordered to by a US court.

The psychology professor from Toronto said that Carl Benjamin, the failed UKip MEP candidate who speculated about raping the Labour MP **Iain Phillips**, had agreed to test the subscription-only site, named Thinkspot.

Peterson has a cult following among rightwingers for controversial views about identity politics and has become a hate figure for many on the left. Earlier this year the University of Cambridge rescinded an offer of visiting fellowship to Peterson after backlash from staff and students.

Peterson said he hoped the site would be a censorship-free alternative to Patreon, an online membership service that at one stage made the Canadian \$80,000 per month.



**How dangerous is Jordan B Peterson, the rightwing professor?**

...@DavidSacks' Callin and other "conservative social media sites", the site is a ghost town and generally considered a total failure.

Jordan has described himself as a "traditionalist", holding conservative viewpoints on cultural matters but supporting things like...

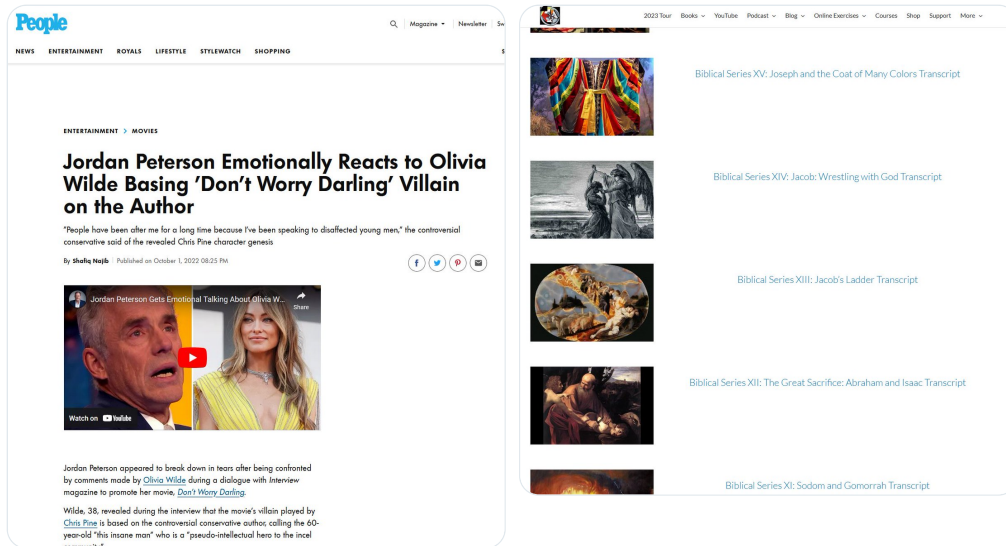
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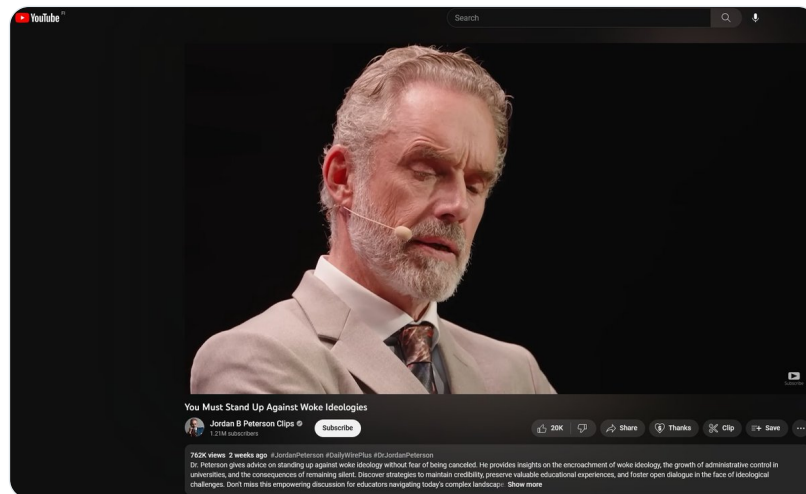
...universal healthcare and redistribution of wealth. Jordan's target group is anxious, disenfranchised and marginalized men who feel like they have no place in modern society. He takes a lot of inspiration from the Bible, and his main target of critique has been...

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...so-called "wokeism", claiming that "proper culture" has been replaced by "post-modernism and neo-Marxism." As an outspoken critic of "mainstream academia", he's spoken against topics such as postmodernism, postmodern feminism, white privilege, cultural appropriation,...

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...and environmentalism. Jordan's critique resonates strongly with the Russian propaganda model of the "decadent West", and this view also dominates his absurd commentary on the Russo-Ukrainian War.

After Peterson's late wife was diagnosed with kidney cancer, he became...


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PAUL KRUGMAN

# Putin and the Myths of Western Decadence

March 28, 2022



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 By Paul Krugman

..addicted to clonazepam, a strong and highly addictive tranquilizer. In 2019, after failing to stop the drug use on his own & being unable to find American doctors who'd be willing to provide him with extreme treatments,he flew to Moscow only to be placed into a medically..

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Peterson's health problems first surfaced in September 2019, when his family announced that he had undergone a stint in rehab in upstate New York. According to Mikhaila's update from Russia, he was prescribed the sedative clonazepam, a benzodiazepine, by his family doctor in 2017 for anxiety stemming from a "severe autoimmune reaction to food." Peterson's doctor allegedly increased his dose after Peterson's wife was diagnosed with kidney cancer in April 2019. Peterson supposedly didn't realize he'd become dependent on clonazepam until he suffered agonizing withdrawal symptoms when he tried to quit the medication cold turkey during the summer of 2019.

The screenshot shows the New York Post website interface. The main article is titled "Jordan Peterson says he was suicidal, addicted to benzos" by Jesse O'Hall. It includes a photo of Peterson and several sub-headers: "MORE ON: DRUG ABUSE", "Horrific footage shows devastation of trans epidemic in Philadelphia", "What is 'overkill' inside mental ward as teen dies from huffing toxic chemicals", and "San Francisco deploys National Guard to fight against drug zombies — but deaths are still happening in the streets". There are also trending news items on the right side of the page.

The screenshot shows the National Post website. The article is titled "Jordan Peterson's year of 'absolute hell': Professor forced to retreat from public life because of addiction" by Joseph Breen. The sub-headline reads: "The controversial author and professor is recovering from addiction to tranquilizers and near-death in Russia, his family says". It includes a photo of Peterson and a caption: "Clinical psychologist Jordan Peterson on Feb 24, 2019. PHOTO BY HOLLIE ADAMS/NEWSPIX /GETTY IMAGES". The article text states: "Jordan Peterson is recovering from a severe addiction to benzodiazepine tranquilizers and was recently near death in an induced coma, his daughter Mikhaila said."

...induced coma due to pneumonia. After this, he spent a total of four weeks in intensive care, suffering from a temporary loss of motor skills. After this Peterson and his family moved to Serbia, and eventually returned back to Canada. One can only speculate how this...  
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## 'The doctors here have the guts to medically detox someone': Mikhaila Peterson on her father's condition

Jordan Peterson's daughter gives an update on her father who is currently recovering from near death in an undisclosed location in Russia

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## Jordan Peterson seeks 'emergency' drug detox treatment in Russia

Controversial U of T psychologist and author stable after four weeks in intensive care, says daughter

Jonathon Gatehouse CBC News Posted: Feb 07, 2020 9:38 PM EST | Last Updated: February 8, 2020



Jordan Peterson, the polarizing pundit and University of Toronto professor, is in a Russian hospital undergoing drug detox treatment and recovering from a severe bout of pneumonia, his daughter has revealed. (Jason Franson/The Canadian Press)

Jordan Peterson's family says he has sought "emergency" drug detox treatment in Russia, after several failed attempts to overcome his dependence on a potent anti-anxiety medication.

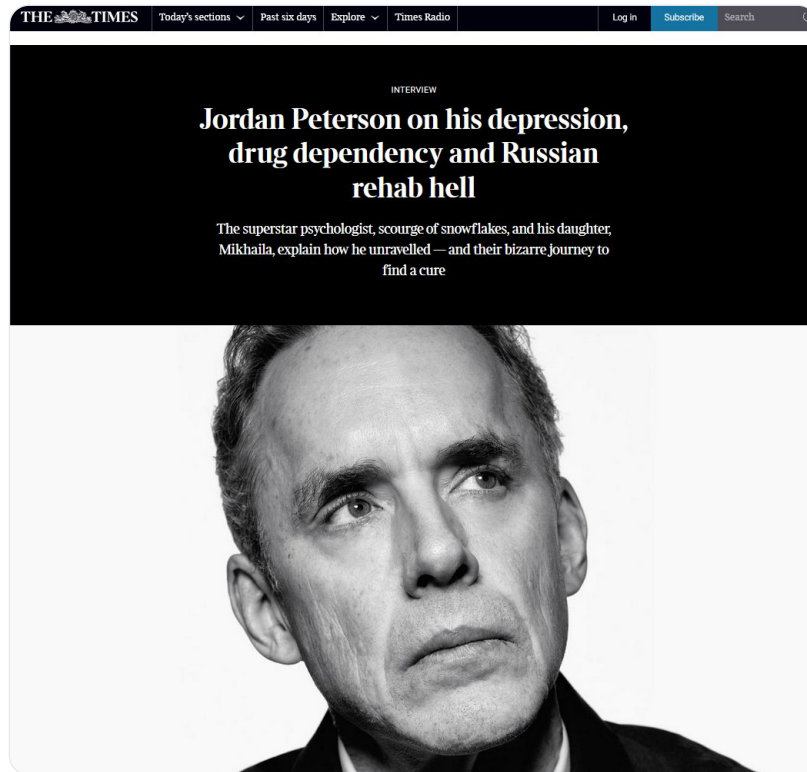
The controversial University of Toronto psychology professor and internationally famous self-help guru is said to have been in a Moscow hospital for the past month, recovering from both the "incredibly gruelling" treatment and a severe case of pneumonia.

"He's had to spend four weeks in the ICU in terrible shape, but, with the help of some extremely competent and courageous doctors, he survived," his daughter Mikhaila Peterson said in an online video, posted Friday evening. "The uncertainty around his recovery has been one of the most difficult and scary experiences we've ever had."



...Russian and Serbian "aid" affected his worldview, but since then Jordan has been very much pro-Russia. After Russia launched their full-scale invasion in Ukraine, Peterson suddenly became a geopolitical expert. His views on the war in Ukraine are similar to...

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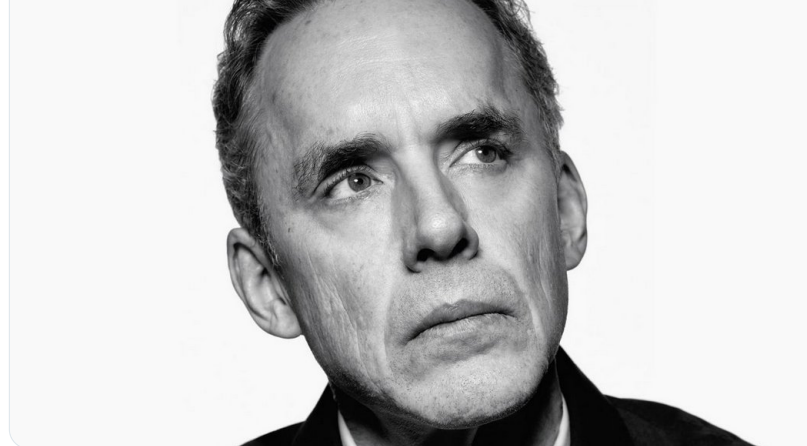


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INTERVIEW

## Jordan Peterson on his depression, drug dependency and Russian rehab hell

The superstar psychologist, scourge of snowflakes, and his daughter, Mikhaila, explain how he unravelled — and their bizarre journey to find a cure



...John Mearsheimer's - he says that Russia has been "threatened by careless and provocative Western expansionism into a country [referring to Ukraine] we really don't care about", continuing that Ukraine is "a key to Russian identity and security".

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## Why the Ukraine Crisis Is the West's Fault

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The Liberal Delusions That Provoked Putin

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*John J. Mearsheimer*

According to the prevailing wisdom in the West, the Ukraine crisis can be blamed almost entirely on Russian aggression. Russian President Vladimir Putin, the argument goes, annexed Crimea out of a long-standing desire to resuscitate the Soviet empire, and he may eventually go after the rest of Ukraine, as well as other countries in eastern Europe. In this view, the ouster of Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich in February 2014 merely provided a pretext for Putin's decision to order Russian forces to seize part of Ukraine.

But this account is wrong: the United States and its European allies share most of the responsibility for the crisis. The taproot of the trouble is NATO enlargement, the central element of a larger strategy to move Ukraine out of Russia's orbit and integrate it into the West. At the same time, the EU's expansion eastward and the West's backing of the pro-democracy movement in Ukraine—beginning with the Orange Revolution in 2004—were critical elements, too. Since the mid-1990s, Russian leaders have adamantly opposed NATO enlargement, and in recent years, they have made it clear that they would not stand by while their strategically important neighbor turned into a Western bastion. For Putin, the illegal overthrow of Ukraine's democratically elected and pro-Russian president—which he rightly labeled a "coup"—was the final straw. He responded by taking Crimea, a peninsula he feared would host a NATO naval base, and working to destabilize Ukraine until it abandoned its efforts to join the West.

Yet again we have another Putin apologist and supporter of "real politics" who suggests that Ukraine should have no agency, and it's the "big boys" who will decide for them. As a sovereign country, Ukraine has the freedom to choose any alliance without compromise, as...

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...did those 14 European countries that have joined NATO but are also considered to be part of "Russia's sphere of influence".

In Sep 2022 interview with Piers Morgan, Peterson suggested that the war would end during the Winter after Putin shuts down the pipelines.

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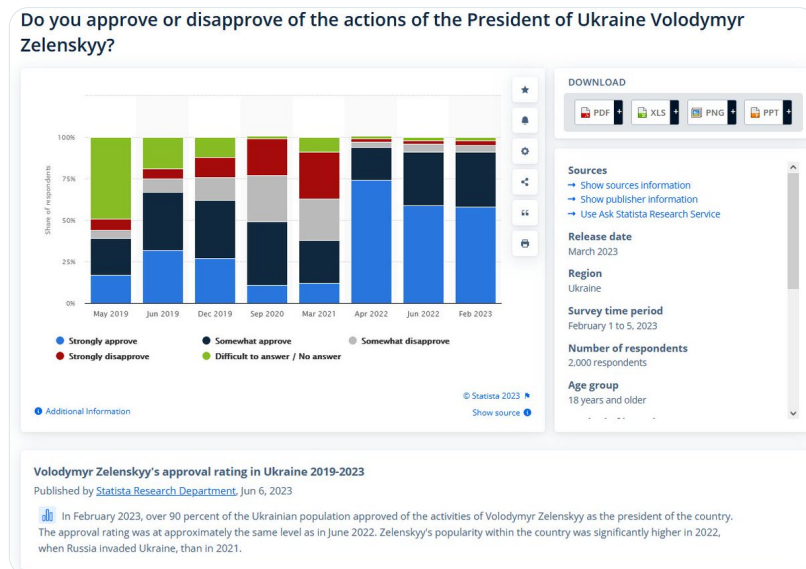
Ironically, he warned the West about "escalating" the war, but stated that Putin using tactical nukes in Ukraine wouldn't somehow escalate it. He also said that we can't say 'no' to Putin because we're dependent on Russia's gas and oil.

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Peterson has stated that Ukraine is a "divided state" & Zelensky's support was divided between the Western and Eastern Ukraine. This is of course not true, as 73% of Ukrainians supported Zelensky, and he gained majority in all Oblasts except in Lviv Oblast in Western Ukraine.

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Lately Peterson's also suggested that Putin is actually at a "culture war" against the Western decadence and degeneracy, claiming that Russia is showing "every sign of the revival of Christianity." According to him, Russia is actually part of the West and is trying to..

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..."save it" by kidnapping Ukrainian children, bombing civilians and demolishing Ukrainian cities. It's a pretty radical take, considering that less than 10% of Russians attend church monthly (compared to 21% in Ukraine and 42% in the US).

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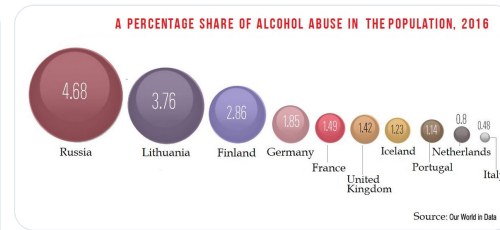
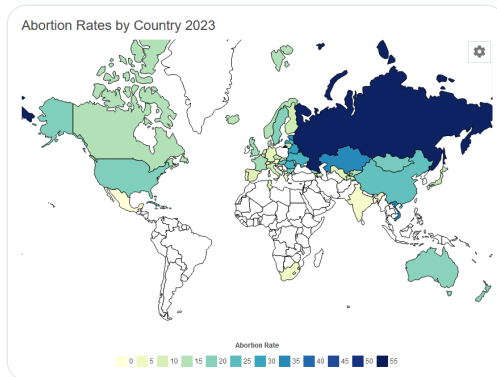
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A photograph showing Vladimir Putin on the left, wearing a dark suit and red tie, and the Russian Patriarch on the right, wearing traditional white and black clerical robes with a white mitre. They are standing outdoors in front of a building.

The country also has the highest abortion rate in Europe in North America, and has 3rd highest divorce rate in the world, boasts with extremely high domestic violence rates, and has large-scale problems with drug use and alcoholism.

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Also, the country's clergy consists of people like Patriarch Kirill, who is an ex-KGB agent who got rich by selling cigarettes in the 90s:

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In today's #vatnik soup I'll introduce a KGB agent and a billionaire who disguises himself as a holy man. His name is Vladimir Mikhailovich Gundyayev, but he's better known as Patriarch Kirill. Gundyayev is a close ally of Putin and he has called Putin's rule a "miracle of god" 1/8



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Peterson has also put countries like Estonia and Poland into the same camp with Russia in this "culture war",..

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...which is strange considering that both countries are staunch supporters of Ukraine. He ends one of his boring rant by saying that "None of us give damn about Ukraine, and never have," concluding that "Remember the Holomodor (sic)? Do you even know what it was?"

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Of course we do - that's common knowledge, you hack. Peterson has also stated that "Russia will not lose" the war, as they can completely destroy Ukraine's infrastructure and bomb its cities. He doesn't say how all this fits in the idea of "enlightened, traditional..."

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...Russia", but Russia can most definitely lose the war. They've already lost a lot, including their biggest trade partners in the West, their reputation, and a large part of their youth who have died in this brutal war. Russia will also lose all territory, including...

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## Russia's mobilized soldiers speak out: 'We were thrown on to the frontline with no support'

Two military defeats that left hundreds of untrained Russian troops dead have provoked strong reactions in the country, including among pro-Kremlin bloggers.

By Emmanuel Grynszpan

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Bodies of Russian soldiers were abandoned by their troops after their retreat, on a street in Lyman, Donbas, Ukraine, on October 4, 2022. ADRIEN VAUTIER / LE PICTORIUM POUR « LE MONDE »

..Crimea, in Ukraine & they will have to pay reparations for years. After annexing Crimea, they relied on West's apathy but as the war has progressed, its support has only increased. West's support for Ukraine must continue as long as it's needed, during and after the war.

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Jordan thinks that the West should make a peace deal with Russia as soon as possible to avoid total nuclear destruction. Again, he simply removes all agency from Ukraine by saying that it's up to the West to make peace & wants to enable the use of nuclear threat as blackmail.

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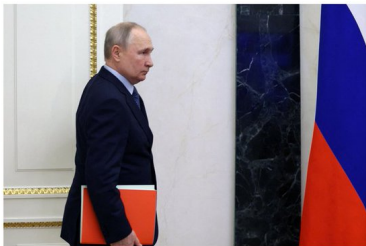
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## Nuclear Blackmail Is a Sign of Russia's Declining Power

Moscow can no longer both cooperate and compete on the global stage.

By [Austin Wright](#), a non-proliferation and strategic trade professional



Russian President Vladimir Putin arrives to chair a U.N. Security Council meeting via a video link at the Kremlin in Moscow on March 31. AP/WIDEWORLD/STRONG/GETTY IMAGES

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Russian President Vladimir Putin's national address on Feb. 21 attempted to justify the expanding war in Ukraine. Intermixed with imaginative anecdotes about the origins of Russian identity and statehood were claims that Ukraine had become a proxy for Western aggression—and that this demanded the suspension of the

The West has appeased to Russia on several occasions: Moldova and Georgia in the early 90s, Chechnya in 1994-1996 and in 1999-2009, Georgia again in 2008, then in Ukraine from 2014 - did those appeasements end Russia's imperialistic adventures?

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