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In today's [#vatniksoup](#), I'll introduce a Swiss conspiracy theorist and author, Daniele Ganser ([@DanieleGanser](#)). He's best-known for his CIA/NATO conspiracy theories, for his rabid anti-Americanism, and for his support for Kremlin in the Russo-Ukrainian War.

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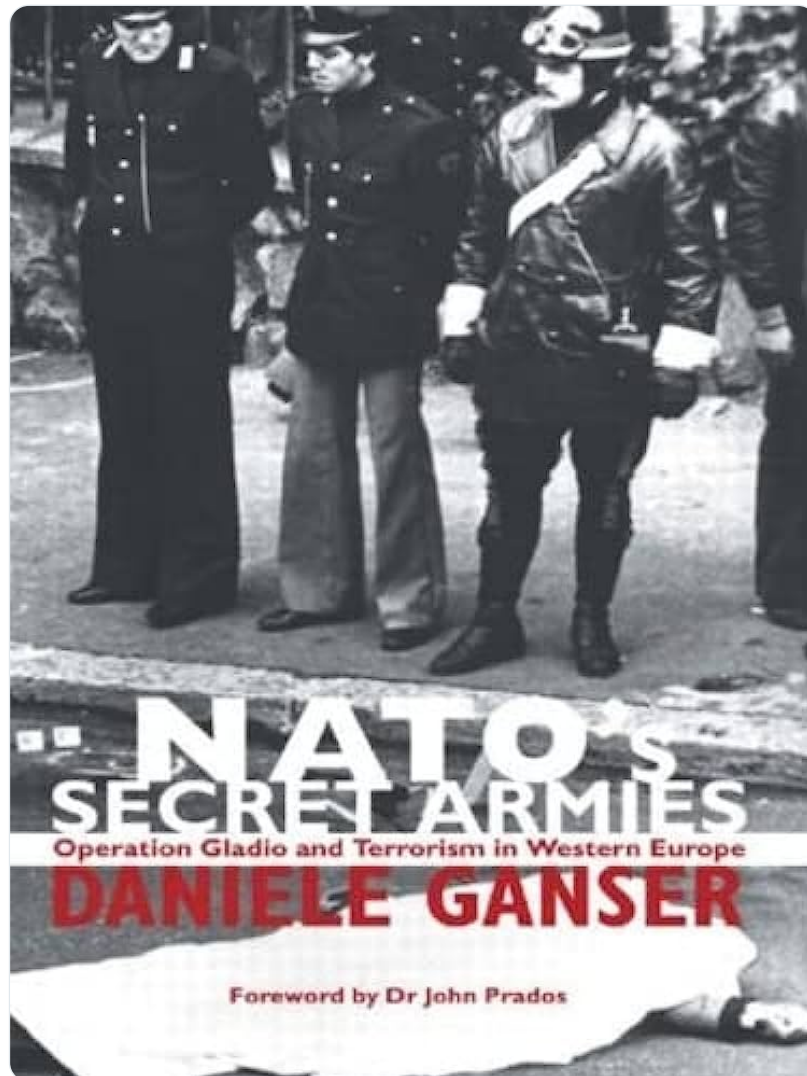
Ganser's background is in academia, getting his doctorate from the University of Basel in 2001. His thesis focused on the secret armies in Europe after WW2. His previous topic on the global battle for oil wasn't accepted due to it being too "unscientific".

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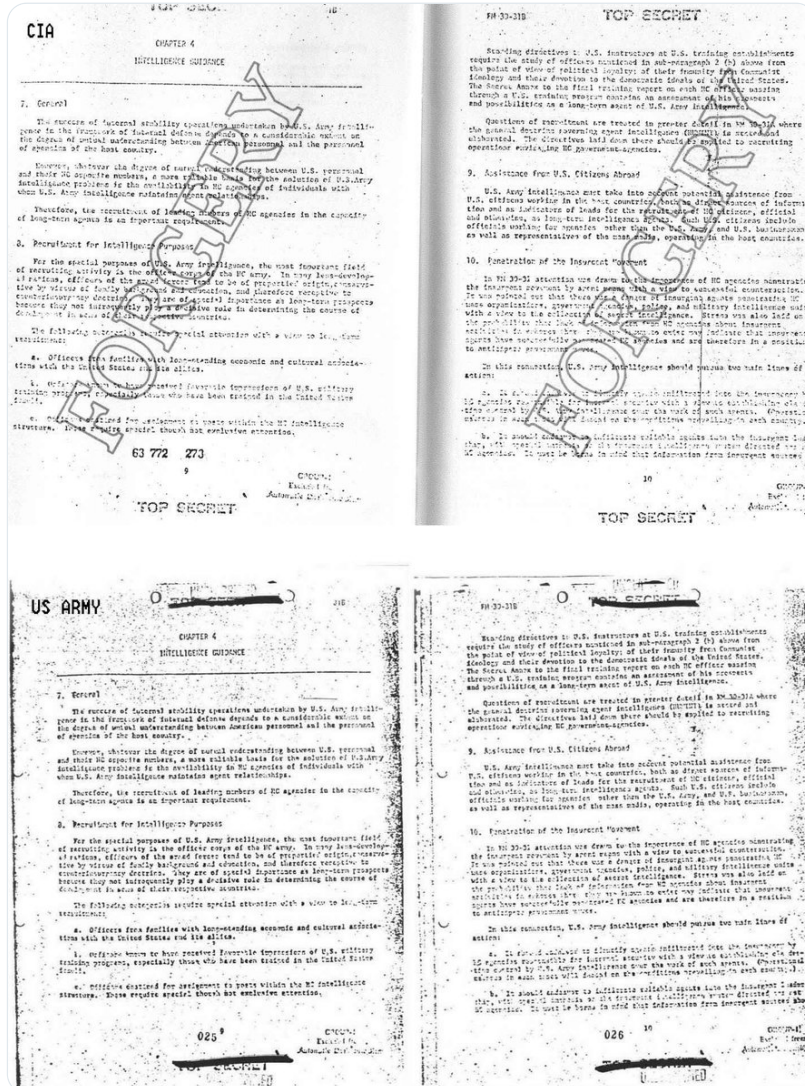
In 2004 he turned his thesis topic into a book called NATO's Secret Armies. The book claimed that the clandestine "stay-behind" army called Gladio orchestrated false flag terrorist attacks in Italy against civilians, and that these attacks were supported by NATO and the CIA.

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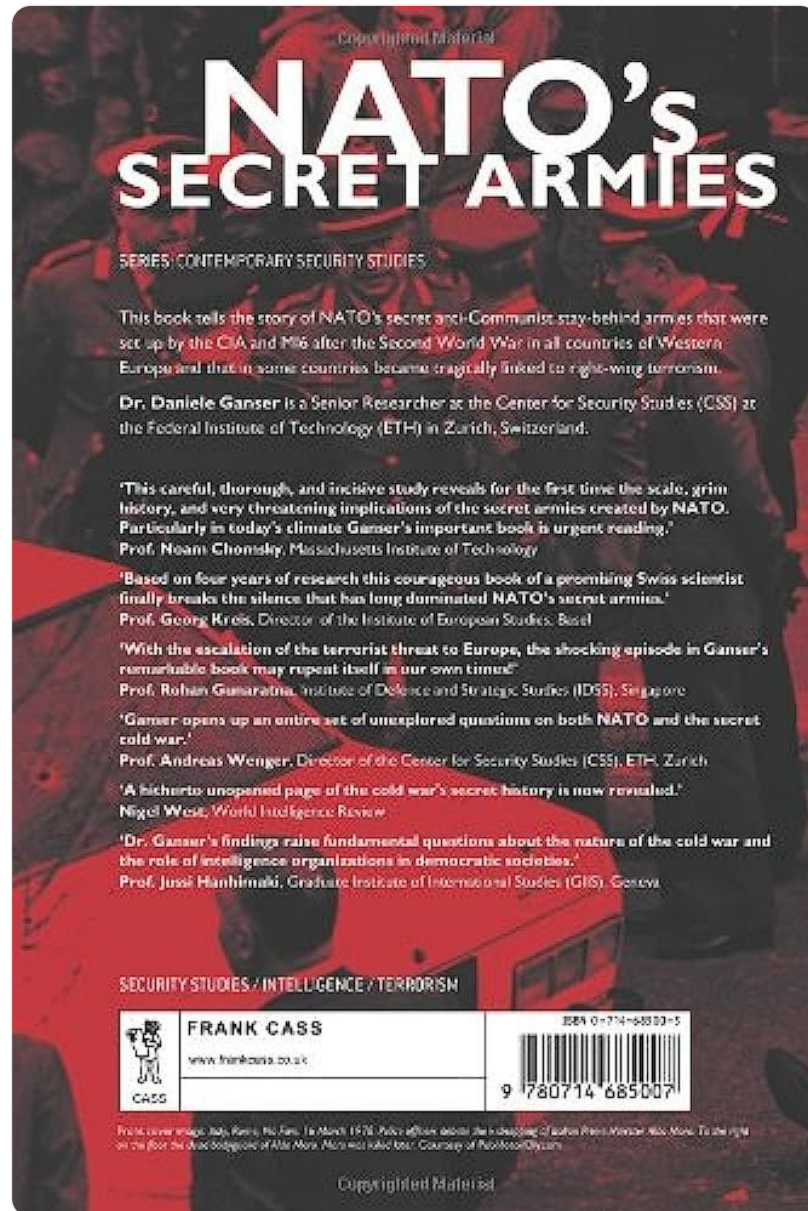
The book generally fostered rabid anti-Americanism & presented the Kremlin in a very positive light. The book often refers to the US Army Field Manual 30-31B, a document explaining top secret CIA counterinsurgency tactics & that's widely considered to be a forgery by the KGB.

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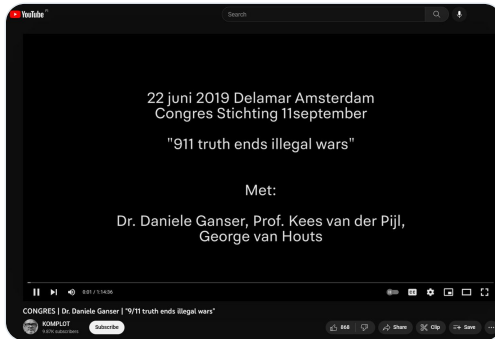
The book was generally considered as a work of fiction, and for example Professor Philip H.J. Davies stated that the book is full of imagined conspiracies, exaggerated notions and misunderstandings of covert operations. Scholar Olav Riste said that Ganser "twisted"...

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...his research on the subject to fit his own agenda. Ganser was eventually ousted from academia after he started spreading conspiracy theories on the 9/11 attacks. Before the war he was actively spreading conspiracy theories about COVID-19. According to him, the pandemic...

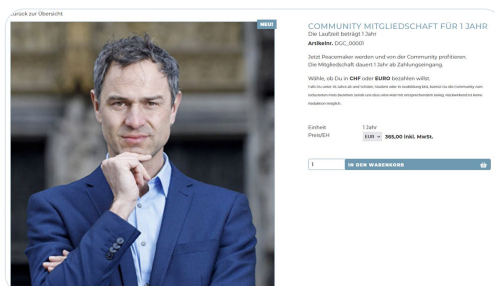
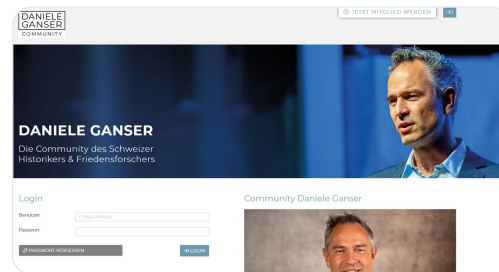
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...was created by a small elite to kill, control and subjugate the society.

Daniele has also been building a cult around himself. You can join his "inner circle" for just a measly annual payment of 365 EUR. Journalist [@marko_kovic](#) (he's great, give him a follow!)...

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...joined the group and the content focused on esoteric topics like body-mind dualism and the perfect order of nature. Ganser is part of a collective called "The New Earth Manifest". The movement attempts to create a "better world" that would be ruled by the...

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"Council of the Wise Men", meaning that it's basically a totalitarian system and/or a cult ruled by Daniele and his buddies. This nonsense has already been endorsed over 24 000 people.

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As a pro-Kremlin propagandist, Ganser falls in the "Putin's invasion is illegal, BUT...", after which usually comes a litany of how it was actually the West that forced Putin to attack Ukraine. This approach is very common, and it basically stems from academic...

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Daniele Ganser @DanieleGanser

*#danieleganser Der Angriff von Russland auf die Ukraine am 24. Februar 2022 ist illegal, weil er gegen das UNO-Gewaltverbot verstösst. Wie konnte es so weit kommen? Ich halte es für wichtig, dass wir jetzt auch über die NATO-Osterweiterung und den Putsch von 2014 sprechen.

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*#danieleganser Russia's attack on Ukraine on February 24, 2022 is illegal because it violates the UN prohibition on the use of force. How could it come to this? I think it is important that we now also talk about NATO's eastward expansion and the 2014 coup.



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The FAZ defames me as a "Putin understander". Why actually? I clearly condemn Putin's invasion of Ukraine in 2022 as illegal in all lectures and give Putin the red card for that. But I also condemn the Obama coup in Kiev in 2014 and also give Obama and his then Vice President Biden the red card. The FAZ does not like that. The FAZ also claims that no promises were made to Russia in 1990 not to expand NATO eastwards. But dear FAZ, these promises were made! From US Secretary of State Baker to Gorbachev in Moscow in February 1990. This can be read in the transcript of the conversation published by the National Security Archive. Germany's Foreign Minister Genscher said on January 1, 1990: "Whatever happens in the Warsaw Pact, there will be no eastward expansion of NATO territory, i.e. closer to the borders of the Soviet Union." (Source: Hans-Dieter Heumann: Hans-Dietrich Genscher. The biography. Paderborn 2012, page 280).



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Daniele Ganser in Offenbach: Der Star der Putin-Versteher

Die Vorträge des Schweizer Historikers Daniele Ganser über den Ukrainekrieg sind schwer beliebt – und höchst umstritten. Nun will Ganser in Offenbach ...

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...John Mearsheimer's views on the conflict. This myth of NATO expansion to old Warsaw Pact countries somehow threatens Putin's Russia, even though Putin himself has said that it has "no problem" with Finland joining NATO, adding some +1000km of NATO border with Russia.

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Why the Ukraine Crisis Is the West's Fault

The Liberal Delusions That Provoked Putin

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.

Putin's pushback should have come as no surprise. After all, the West had been moving into Russia's backyard and threatening its core

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PUTIN says Russia has 'no problems' with Finland, Sweden in NATO

Comments ease off earlier Russian rhetoric about 'far-reaching consequences'



As is tradition, he refers to the non-existing promise of not expanding NATO eastward, a promise that was never made according to Gorbachev himself. The phrase of NATO expanding "not one inch eastward" by the way referred to expanding NATO to East Germany, not Eastern Europe. 12/24

Later in 1993, Yeltsin confirmed that "Any possible integration of east European countries into NATO will not automatically lead to the alliance somehow turning against Russia." More on NATO expansion here:



Here's Putin saying that Crimea is Ukraine.
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Danny blames the US for the events that took place in Ukraine in 2014 during the Revolution of Dignity. He claims that what happened was a "violent coup" orchestrated by the US. Daniele (and others), I suggest you read my thread on the topic:



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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 Swiss Peter Hänneler from Zurich has been living in Russia for three years and spoke in Moscow on April 22, 2023 with the Swiss journalist Roger Köppel, the editor-in-chief of the Weltwoche. How do the Russians see Swiss politics, asks Roger Köppel. Hänneler replies: «The Russians have a very great quality: they distinguish between the government and the people. As a Swiss, I have never been criticized for being responsible for Swiss politics. But the disappointment with the West and with Switzerland is great. Giving up neutrality and accepting EU sanctions was a big disappointment for the Russians.» (minute 16)

Roger Köppel asks: when did this war start, what is being overlooked in the media in Switzerland? Peter Hänneler replies: «This war did not start in 2022. You can take the position that started in 2014 with the coup in Kiev. But the problem goes back to 1991 and the main problem was NATO's eastward expansion.» (minute 22)



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Daniele Ganser
@DanieleGanser

In Salzburg habe ich am 2. Mai 2023 gesprochen. Die Zeitung Der Standard hat die Journalistin Anna Dreussi zu meinem Vortrag geschickt. Diese diffamiert mich in ihrem Artikel als «Star der Putin-Versteher» und mein Publikum als «Verschwörungsfans». Warum immer Abwertung, geht es nicht sachlicher? Zudem noch Falschbehauptungen: Dreussi behauptet, es habe 2014 in Kiew keinen Putsch gegeben, diese These sei «längst hinlänglich widerlegt». Nein, das stimmt nicht. Es gab diesen illegalen Putsch. Scharfschützen haben am 20. Februar 2014 Demonstranten und Polizisten erschossen. Meiner Ansicht nach haben die USA damals die Regierung in Kiew gestürzt. Danach folgte der Bürgerkrieg. Danach die illegale russische Invasion. Schon erstaunlich, wie alle diffamiert werden, welche die Vorgeschichte des Konflikts beleuchten und sich gegen Waffenlieferungen und für Friedensgespräche aussprechen.

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I spoke in Salzburg on May 2, 2023. The newspaper Der Standard sent the journalist Anna Dreussi to my presentation. In her article, she defames me as a "star of those who understand Putin" and my audience as "conspiracy fans". Why always devaluation, isn't there a more objective way? In addition, there are false claims: Dreussi claims that there was no coup in Kiev in 2014, and that this thesis was "refuted long ago". No, that is not correct. There was this illegal coup. On February 20, 2014, snipers shot and killed demonstrators and police officers. In my opinion, the US overthrew the government in Kiev at the time. Then came the civil war. Then the illegal Russian invasion. It's amazing how everyone who sheds light on the history of the conflict and speaks out against arms deliveries and in favor of peace talks is defamed.

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He's also opposed any military aid to Ukraine, saying that we need "negotiations and de-escalation" instead. I'm sure that the Russians will stop invading and killing civilians as soon as the West decides to stop the deliveries.

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Deutschland verwandelt sich in einen Rüstungsstaat, weil die Ausgaben für Krieg und Militär ständig erhöht werden. Die Sanktionen schaden Deutschland mehr als Russland. Der Westen hat viel dazu beigetragen, dass in der Ukraine Krieg herrscht. Dies erklärt der kluge und mutige Journalist Patrik Baab. Um sich ein Bild zu machen ist Baab 2022 in den Donbass gefahren. Daraufhin hat ihm die Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel gekündigt! Nur das Verwaltungsgericht in Schleswig hat Baab geschützt und im April 2023 erklärt, dass die Kündigung der Uni Kiel ohne Rechtsgrundlage war.

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Germany is turning into an armaments state because spending on war and the military is constantly increasing. The sanctions hurt Germany more than Russia. The West has done much to ensure that war is raging in Ukraine. This explains the clever and courageous journalist Patrik Baab. In order to get an idea, Baab went to the Donbass in 2022. As a result, the Christian-Albrechts-University in Kiel gave him notice! Only the administrative court in Schleswig protected Baab and declared in April 2023 that the termination of the University of Kiel had no legal basis.

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Gestern habe ich in Nürnberg gesprochen. Meiner Ansicht nach sollte Bundeskanzler Scholz keine Waffen in die Ukraine liefern, sondern die Sprengung von Nordstream aufklären. Wir brauchen Deeskalation, kein Wettüsten. Danke für das grosse Interesse! Heute Abend spreche ich in München (Fotos: Dirk Wächter).

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Yesterday I spoke in Nuremberg. In my opinion, Chancellor Scholz shouldn't be supplying weapons to Ukraine, but should be investigating the Nord Stream blast. We need de-escalation, not an arms race. Thanks for the great interest! Tonight I'm speaking in Munich (Photos: Dirk Wächter).



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Am 20.11.22 habe ich in Berlin einen Vortrag zum Krieg in der Ukraine gehalten und gesagt, dass ich Waffenlieferungen in die Ukraine ablehne. Wir brauchen Deeskalation, kein Wettüsten. Weil es ein sehr grosses Interesse gab, hab ich den Vortrag zweimal gehalten. (Fotos Jan Pyko)

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On November 20, 2022 I gave a lecture in Berlin on the war in Ukraine and said that I would refuse arms deliveries to Ukraine. We need de-escalation, not an arms race. Because there was a great deal of interest, I gave the lecture twice. (photos by Jan Pyko)



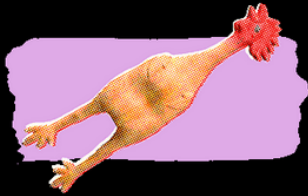
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Now, Ganser does not really discuss any of the events taking place in Ukraine. He focuses only on the reasons and his revisionist history of the conflict.

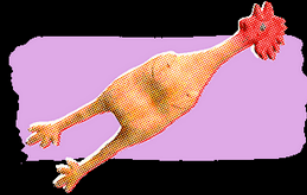
During one of his live Q&A's, he "researched" the Bucha massacre by reading stories from "both sides",...

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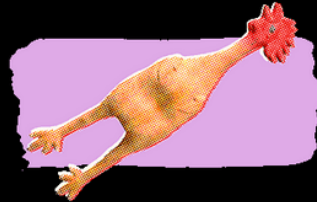
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...including Der Spiegel, RT German and "Anti-Spiegel" (a pro-Kremlin propaganda outlet by Thomas Röper. Surprisingly, the arguments from the latter two convinced him, and he concluded that blaming Russia for Bucha is actually fake news.

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Q&A session with Daniele

The most stimulating part of the videos are the monthly video Q&A sessions with community members. There is never any criticism of Ganser, but from time to time he provides astonishing insights into his world of thought. For example, in the Q&A session on July 1, 2022, in which he was asked how he himself consumes media. He responds using the example of the Bucha massacre committed by Russian forces in Ukraine in March 2022. He first looked at what SRF and "Der Spiegel" wrote ("It was the Russians"). Then he looked at what RT German (a propaganda channel of the Kremlin) and the "Anti-Spiegel" (a crazy blog that spreads outrageous pro-Kremlin disinformation) countered ("It was the Ukrainians").

The arguments of RT German and "Anti-Spiegel" had convinced him: That Russia should be to blame, was probably misinformation. Behind the esoteric cloak of the self-help guru, the same abstruse conclusions of the conspiracy ideologist still slumber.

How lucrative is the whole thing for Ganser? He runs the platform with the company "Die Quelle – The Source AG", which offers esoteric courses ("Light Medicine – Training to become a Healer of the Future", "Soul Path Readings" and so on). The company did not want to answer the question of how many paying peacemakers are in the community. It was only stated that there were clearly more than 500 people.

Let's conservatively assume it's 550. That makes over 200,000 francs a year. Ganser not only conquers the hearts of his fans, but also their wallets.

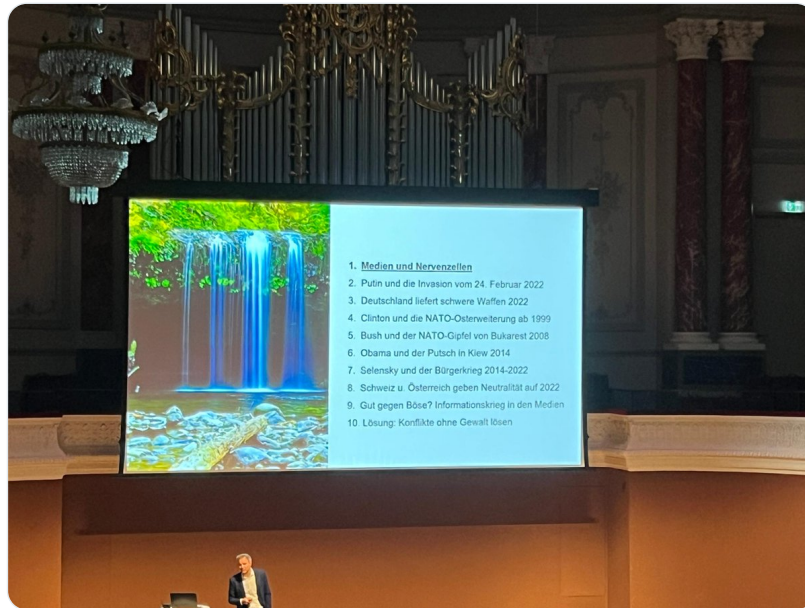
Scholar Michael Butter calls Daniele's method of conversing the "Ganser method". Ganser is the stereotypical conspiracy theorist who pretends to only ask questions and speculate, but who at the same time implicitly creates a conspiracy theory.

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This similar method is often used by the owner of this site. Concerning. In addition, Daniele asks leading questions and takes quotations and images out of context and at the same time conceals everything that don't fit his arguments, making them highly manipulative.

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Ganser is considered "a star of the German-speaking conspiracy scene", and he often fills large halls full of people, earning him easily over 10 000 EUR from ticket sales only. He is also often appearing on alternative media platforms such as "Nachdenkseiten" and "KenFM".

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According to Daniele, he's also sold over 100 000 of his books. At least to Daniel, telling made-up stories is a lucrative business. The director of the Institute for defence policy of the Kiel University, Joachim Krause described Ganser as "a dumbing down entrepreneur who..

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Kiel professor: "Ganser is a dumbing down entrepreneur"

The criticism of Ganser has different facets. He is accused of trivializing the Holocaust and spreading conspiracy myths and Russian propaganda. In the role of a serious historian, he also disseminates scientific theses that have long been refuted – and has established a business model with all of this.

"Mr. Ganser is not a scientist. He is a dumbing down entrepreneur who earns his money by rejuvenating people's brains with conspiracy fantasies," says Prof. Joachim Krause, Director of the Institute for Security Policy at Kiel University.

...makes his living by contaminating the brains of people with conspiracy fantasies," which sounds pretty accurate to me.

Ganser likes to stage himself as the victim of the "mainstream media", and has compared himself to Hans and Sophie Scholl, siblings who handed out...

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...pamphlets criticizing the Nazi regime and were eventually executed by guillotine.

The comparison is of course ridiculous, since Ganser is probably living a luxurious life in Switzerland from all the money he's made by lying to people.

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The German expert on Eastern Europe Julia Obertreis calls Daniele Ganser a "one-man company" that ignores "fundamental facts such as Russia's aggression against Ukraine".

Resistance against Daniele Ganser grows – "not a harmless conspiracy entertainer"

Daniele is also a good example on how the anti-establishment position and conspiracy theories support and complement each other. Quite often, 9/11 truthers believe in COVID-19 conspiracies and bioweapons labs in Ukraine - and the Kremlin has effectively spread all of these.

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Suspicious binds: Conspiracy thinking and tenuous perceptions of causal connections between co-occurring and spuriously correlated events

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Abstract

Previous research indicates that conspiracy thinking is informed by the psychological imposition of order and meaning on the environment, including the perception of causal relations between random events. Four studies indicate that conspiracy belief is driven by readiness to draw implausible causal connections even when events are not random, but instead conform to an objective pattern. Study 1 ($N = 195$) showed that conspiracy belief was related to the causal interpretation of real-life, spurious correlations (e.g., between chocolate consumption and Nobel prizes). In Study 2 ($N = 216$), this effect held adjusting for correlates including magical and non-analytical thinking. Study 3 ($N = 214$) showed that preference for conspiracy explanations was associated with the perception that a focal event (e.g., the death of a journalist) was causally connected to similar, recent events. Study 4 ($N = 211$) showed that conspiracy explanations for human tragedies were favored when they comprised part of a cluster of similar events (vs. occurring in isolation); crucially, they were independently increased by a manipulation of causal perception. We discuss the implications of these findings for previous, mixed findings in the literature and for the relation between conspiracy thinking and other cognitive processes.

Keywords: conspiracy belief, spurious correlation, pattern perception, causality

The Firehose of Falsehood: the Russian style of propaganda for an age of information abundance.

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