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In today's #vatniksoup I'll talk about Russian Nazis and introduce Russian neo-Nazi movements and paramilitary groups like Rusich and PMC Wagner. They're best-known for being funded by the Kremlin and being responsible for the "denazification" in Ukraine.

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Like in many European countries, the white power skinhead movement became a notable phenomenon in the Russian far-right. This movement was intensified, in addition to high unemployment rate and awful education, by the First Chechen War and the imperialistic rhetoric...

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Origins and Development of Racist Skinheads in Moscow (From Street Gangs, Migration and Ethnicity, P 97-114, 2008, Frank van Gemert, Dana Peterson, and Inger-Lise Lien, eds. -- See NCJ-225264)

NCJ Number: 225271

Author(s): Alexander Shashkin

Date Published: 2008

Length: 18 pages

Annotation

This chapter describes racist skinhead groups or gangs in Moscow (Russia), and discusses the structural, cultural, and political conditions that promote racism among these youth.

Abstract

The overwhelming majority of Russian skinheads are racist or neo-Nazi. In this chapter, the terms "Nazi-skins" and "racist-skins" are used interchangeably, because the differences between them are not significant. These groups copy and adopt the image of

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Nationalists rally in Russian town near Chechnya

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(Adds detentions, TV footage, Putin's Caucasus troubleshooter)

By Dmitry Solovyov

MOSCOW, June 5 (Reuters) - Hundreds of locals rallied in the town of Stavropol in southern Russia on Tuesday, demanding the eviction of ethnic Chechens, witnesses and media said, reviving memories of racial riots in other parts of the country.

Thousands of people gathered earlier on Tuesday at the funerals of two young Russians knifed by unknown attackers on Sunday in this leafy town of some 350,000 residents, 1,700 km (1,060 miles) south of Moscow and bordering volatile Chechnya.

Many people in the town, populated mainly by Slavs, believe Chechens killed the two Russians in revenge for the murder of a Chechen man on May 24 in clashes between local Chechens and Russians.

Hundreds of people gathered in Stavropol's main square, responding to calls in leaflets "to hold a Slav gathering".

Minor scuffles with police erupted, Interfax news agency and Internet newspaper [www.gazeta.ru](#) reported. Police detained dozens of rioters after a cafe was



Alexei Alraun / Special to The Chronicle

...of the Russian government. Russian officials "dealt with" the neo-Nazi problem between 1998-2000, and it was used to justify anti-extremism legislation, that was later used to prosecute Russian liberals.

It was also used to launch an initiative called...

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..."managed nationalism", an attempt to mobilize neo-Nazi groups to counter and resist any anti-Putin coalitions and opposition.

This cynical yet clever initiative had Vladislav Surkov's fingerprints all over it:

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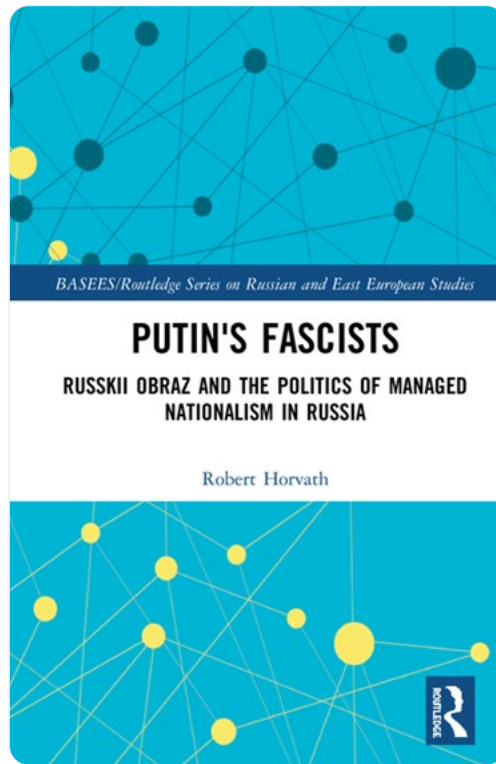
In today's #vatnik soup, I'll introduce a man who has worked mostly behind the scenes - Vladislav Surkov. Some of you might not even recognize the name, but he's the main architect of both the polarizing disinformation program and the annexation system of 🇷🇺. 1/9

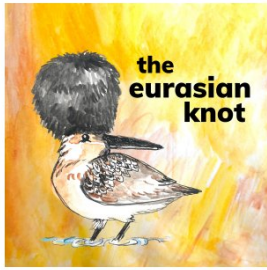


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Surkov and Neo-Nazis?

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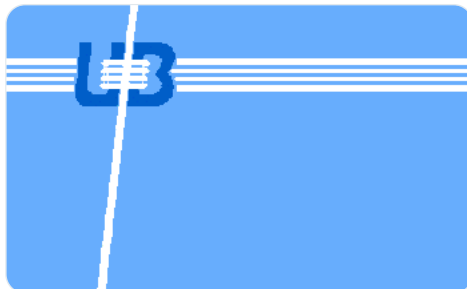


My latest for *Russia Magazine*, "Did Vladislav Surkov Help Fund Neo-Nazis?":

It's long been rumored that Vladislav Surkov funded and directed football hooligans and Russian nationalists to attack Russian oppositionists. But there has been little direct proof to pin on the Grey Cardinal of the Presidential Administration (PA). It was all just rumors, albeit believable ones. The truth, however, might be coming out. Since last May, the security services have been **collecting information** on Surkov's connections with right-wing groups, particularly in the formation and funding of the neo-Nazi group Russkii obraz. The significance of this possible connection is big. Russkii obraz is where Ilya Goryachev got his start in the neo-Nazi business. Goryachev is currently on trial for masterminding several

In 2005, Surkov launched a pro-Putin youth movement called "Walking Together", which later collaborated with the most powerful skinhead gang, OB88. To prevent a "color revolution" in Russia, Surkov turned the movement into a powerful group called "Nashi".

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The leaders of the "walking together" and the leaders of the skinheads are one and the same person. Part-time workers lead the branches of the official youth movement and detachments of skins

When I found out about the murder in the market in St. Petersburg, I tried to understand: who are these skins? You remember it was last week. And I went to MUR. The guy who met me there said: "Look, these skins have no organization, and all this is just a hooligan. We eat melon, smog outside the window, cars flash by.



And suddenly the guy says to me:

"You know, but in Tsaritsyn everything was organized from outside.

From the side... And where is this side? Why does some mysterious "party" always declare itself in my country?..

"In Tsaritsyn," my interlocutor says, "they prepared fittings in advance. These scumbags were paid, they were called to the shooter. Serge, don't get involved in this business. Well, what can you find?

But I dug.



Nashi recruited underground neo-Nazi gang members, football hooligans and other low-life scum into their ranks. The organization later separated into two neo-Nazi groups, "Young Russia" and "Locals" that became the link between Russia's far-right and the Kremlin.



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Euro 2016: Russian insider reveals hooligans are ‘more than Ultras’ trained in martial arts and boxing

Exclusive: Kim Sengupta talks to a young Russian who explains how the culprits behind the Marseille thuggery are well-trained combatants unlikely ever to face sanction, and finds that some in the country are revelling in the violence

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Around the same time, the Kremlin tried to fabricate a "neo-Nazi"/Banderite problem in Ukraine with the help of Putin's friend Viktor Medvedchuk. Medvedchuk paid pro-Russian agitator Eduard Kovalenko to act as a neo-Nazi supporter of Viktor Yushchenko:

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Then, during the 2004 election Medvedchuk paid Kovalenko a "huge amount of money" so that he would organize a march supporting Yushchenko (against his wishes). This march included Nazi flags and far-right symbols, and Eduard even did a nazi salute during his speech.

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Around 2008 Aleksei Navalny tried to mobilize democrats and radical nationalists against Putin. Putin then sent his own neo-Nazi thugs, "Russkii Obraz" (RO), against Navalny's thugs. RO Nazis were also responsible for the killings of journalists and human rights lawyers.

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Once Russkii Obraz was dissolved, its veteran members became powerful figures in Putin's regime, including Anna Trigga who worked for Yevgeny Prigozhin's troll farm, and Andrei Gulyutin, editor of the pro-Putin nationalist blog Ridus.

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Reedus's own correspondent in the conflict zone in southeastern Ukraine, Anna Dolgareva, reported how the Donbass view reports of a "shelling of a kindergarten in Novaya Kondrashovka," which Russian media ascribe to the Ukrainian army, and Ukrainian media to "Russian occupiers."

The domestic Nazi problem in Russia was extremely serious in the early 2000s & it's worth noting that between 2000 and 2017, far-right political violence in Russia was 7 times higher than in Western Europe. "Managed nationalism" was just an attempt to redirect this violence.

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Reports: 100 Russian skinheads attack concertgoers

The Associated Press
Published Sunday, August 29, 2010 5:08PM EDT

Skinheads give the Nazi salute during their training outside Moscow, in this June 16, 2004 file photo. (AP Photo/Sergey Ponomarev)

Far-right activists & neo-Nazis often take part in military conflicts & that was also the case with the war in Ukraine. The best-known far-right, neo-Nazi paramilitary groups in Ukraine are PMC Wagner and its subgroup, Rusich Group. Both of them participate in the conflict.



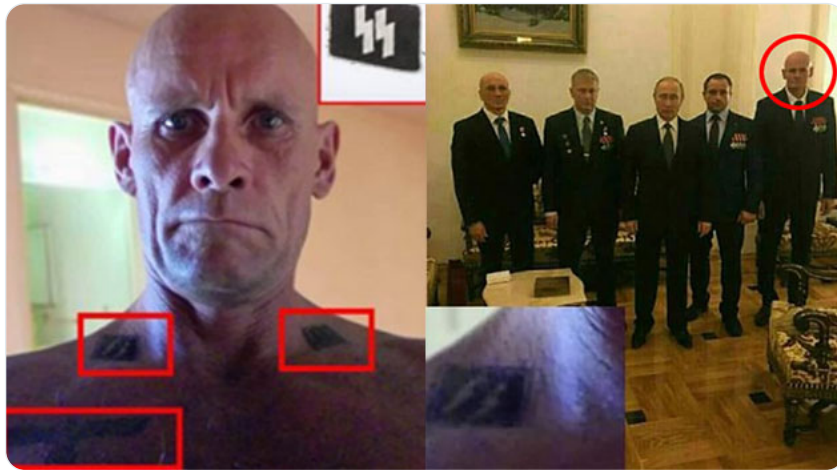
The former was found by Yevgeny Prigozhin and neo-Nazi Dmitry Utkin, who were key players in the 2023 mutiny against Putin. Rusich is led by Aleksei Milchakov, a self-proclaimed neo-Nazi who's committed numerous war crimes:

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Rusich's symbol is the Sonnenrad, an ancient European symbol hijacked by neo-Nazis and other far-right groups. You might have seen the symbol in fan-made promotional video for DeSantis' presidency - the one that was also shared by his campaign staffer @njhochman.



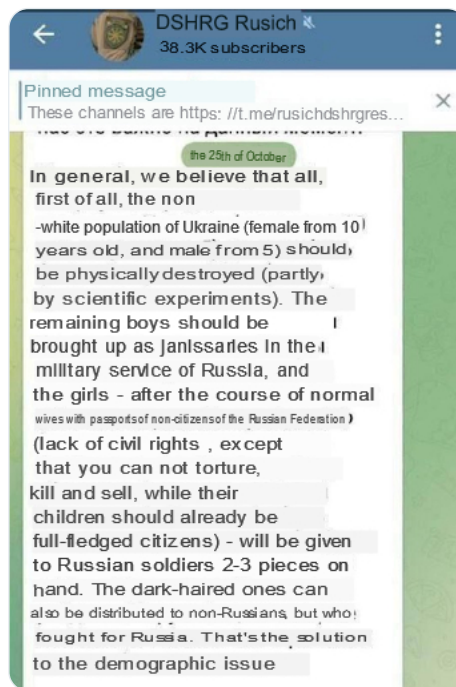
Rusich has expressed genocidal intentions towards Ukrainians by discussing on how to "solve the Ukrainian question", how to exterminate Ukrainian children with scientific experiments, and how to force Ukrainian women serve as concubines to Russian men.

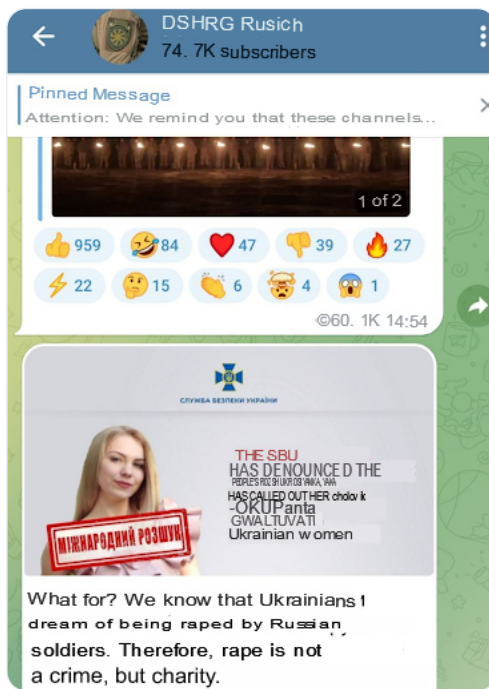
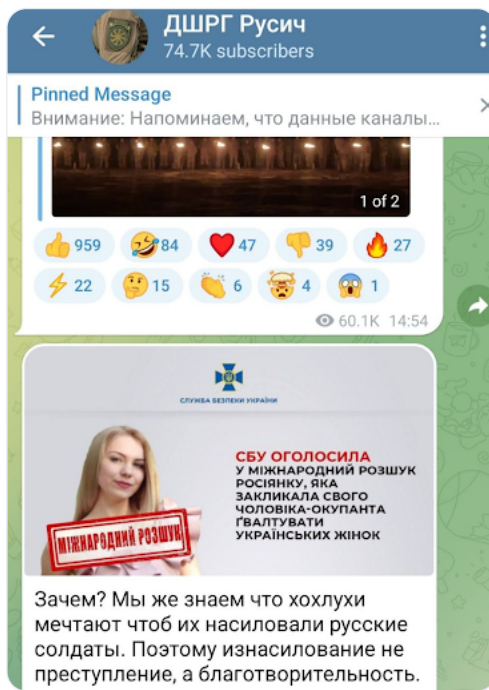
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They even called for Russian soldiers to be "given 2-3 girls aged 10 or below" as sexual slaves. They've also stated that "Ukrainian women dream about being raped by Russian soldiers", and that raping them is an "act of charity".

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Another prominent but not so well-known Russian, ultra-nationalist organization is the Russian Imperial Movement (RIM). The group promotes "political orthodoxy" and are in a symbiotic state with the Kremlin: as long as they don't commit domestic terrorism, ...



...they're free to offer troops and train militants abroad. RIM has been connected to Russian intelligence, and they've provided paramilitary training to extreme far-right militias at least in the US, Poland, Finland, Germany and Sweden.



The article is more than 3 years old

Wednesday's papers: Neo-nazi training, employment discrimination, fighting swans

Finland's press reports on a Russian paramilitary training camp, men-only job listings and an authentic version of Swan Lake.



File photo of Nordic Resistance Movement march in Turku, Finland taken in August 2018. Image: Yle News / Lydia Taylerson

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German neo-Nazis trained in Russia: report

Kristie Pladson
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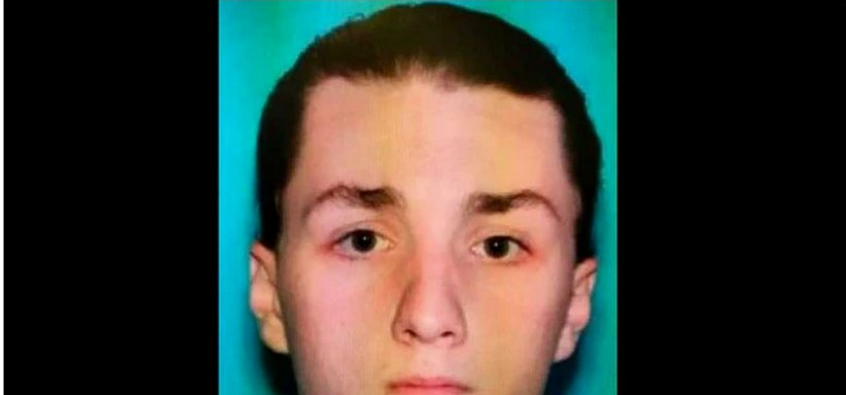
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Washington state members of the Atomwaffen Division likely traveled to Russia for military and terrorism training.

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Of course there are other, smaller Russian neo-Nazi groups fighting in Ukraine, too. Some of these include the Russian Orthodox Army, Slavic Union, Black Hundreds, Dugin's Eurasian

Youth Union, and Somali and Sparta battalions.

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Mikhail “Givi” Tolstykh and Arseny “Motorola” Pavlov

Colonels in the DNR army, Givi and Motorola are examples of the Donetsk “success story” — they appear on DNR postage stamps, and are even part of local school life. They command the Somali and Sparta battalions, which, with their increased training, are considered elite units in the DNR.

Pavlov, 33, is originally from Ukhta in Russia's Komi Republic. He served in the marines, and did two tours in Chechnya. He likes to pose for journalists, but his biography isn't completely clear: according to Pavlov, he worked as a stone mason before the war, though there's also stories to suggest that he worked at a car wash, and was even convicted for car theft while drunk.

Givi and Motorola are examples of the Donetsk “success story”

Angered by the events of Maidan, in March 2014 Pavlov travelled to Kharkiv, where he participated in pro-Russian protests. Despite several shootouts and mass street brawls, Kharkiv avoided being dragged into the conflict. Pavlov then joined Strelkov's brigade in Slovyansk.

Both Tolstykh and Pavlov fought in Slovyansk, Ilovaysk, Donetsk airport, Debaltseve and other battles in eastern Ukraine. The Sparta battalion, commanded by Pavlov, flies the Russian imperial tricolour on the battlefield.

Many of these groups have been involved in some form in the Russo-Ukrainian War since 2014 and many of them were integrated into the pro-Russian separatists in Donbas.

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Head of Ukraine's Jewish community claims Russian neo-Nazis fight alongside rebels



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Russian National Unity (RNE) Party leader Alexander Barkashov, pictured in 1998. (PHOTO: STR OLD)

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Many neo-Nazis consider military conflict a tempting possibility. Some of them are drawn to violence, but many young, untrained volunteers also consider it a "rite of passage" on a battlefield. More experienced fighters, who are often unable to return to civil life, join...
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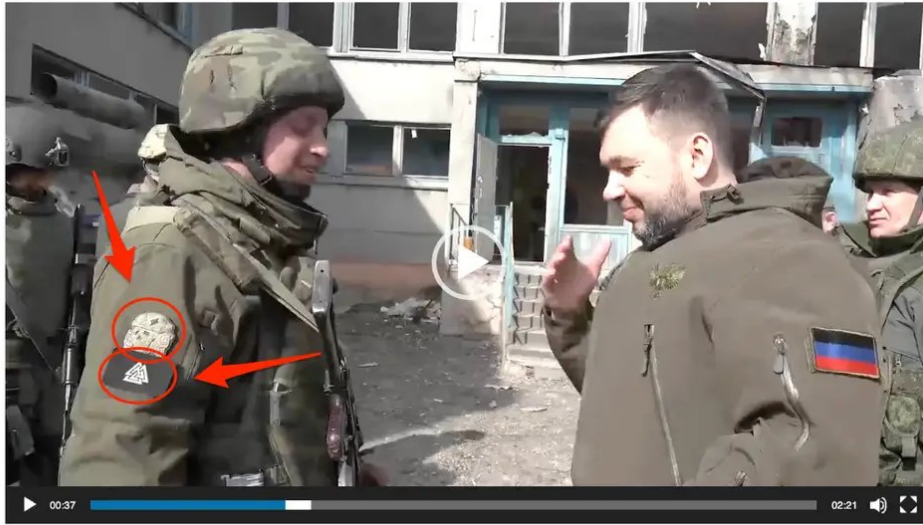
...the ranks as mercenaries to earn a living. Russia also utilizes the prison population by recruiting murderers and rapists to fight in some of their PMCs like Wagner.

The Kremlin uses Nazism, far-right militias and Nazi propaganda in extremely cynical ways, including:

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Добавим, в ходе визита в Мариуполь Глава ДНР лично ознакомился с ситуацией в Орджоникидзевском районе города и вокруг металлургического комбината «Азовсталь».

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1) using it domestically to control and attack the opposition. They have no problem in dealing with neo-Nazis when they can be used as a tool in domestic politics, 2) training foreign fringe militias and extremist groups that can then incite violence and unrest, ...

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Finland's neo-Nazis are now learning from Russia: the organisation's training centre organises shotgun and pistol shooting, "partisan courses" and bans swearing

Swedish Nazis trained at the Partizan training centre of the ultra-nationalist RID movement began to carry out explosive attacks. According to a German newspaper, Finnish neo-Nazis have also attended the courses.



Demonstration organised by the Nordic Resistance Movement in Helsinki on Independence Day 2017. PHOTO: JOONAS SALO / IS



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3) blaming others for "Nazism" and using it as casus belli. This is what they did in Ukraine, 4) funding of far-right politics and politicians in Europe, and 5) using Nazism as a domestic propaganda tool. Putin still promotes USSR/Russia as the savior against evil Nazism.

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To conclude: the only country in need of denazification is Russia.

Ping: @RG_Horvath, the real expert on this topic.

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A cursory google search shows that this is from someone hacking the stores LED system.

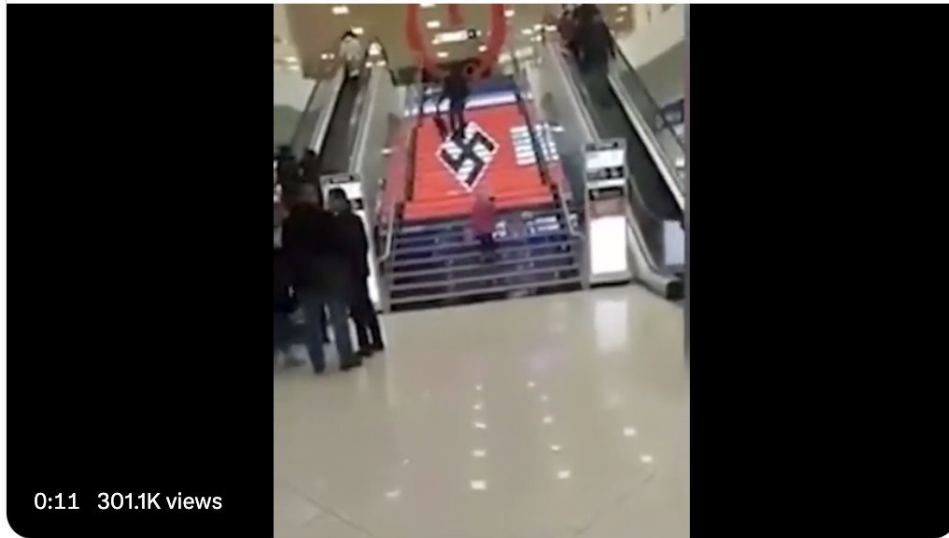
The prosecutors office of Ukraine launched an investigation, which discovered that a 17 year old boy was behind the whole thing. It wasn't just part of the mall, info you purposely left out.



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I am dropping a THREAD on Ukraine and Zelensky if the media don't start showing the people the REAL UKRAINE , this is the Khokhol Store Ukraine.

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I forgot to mention a crucial element of Russian nazism: Russian National Unity (RNU; RNE in Russian), founded in 1990 by ultra-nationalist Alexander Barkashov.

The Wiki article on the movement is quite comprehensive:

Thank you @wales_rm for a reminder! <https://t.co/iZfCXAzTzC>



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