

In today's #vatniksoup REBREW, I'll introduce an American propagandist and social media personality, Max Blumenthal (@maxblumenthal). He's best-known for his great admiration towards authoritarian regimes, and for launching the fake news blog @TheGrayZoneNews.

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Max started his career as a fairly mainstream left-wing journalist, publishing in the New York Times and elsewhere. His father Sydney is a former journalist and distinguished adviser to former US President Bill Clinton. He's an intimate associate to both Bill and Hillary.

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Blumenthal Senior stood a good chance of entering the White House again in 2017, had the presidential election in November 2016 gone a different way. As we know, Russia intervened in that election in every way possible to help Donald Trump win:



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RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE IN 2016 U.S. ELECTIONS



Boris Alekseyevio Antonov



Dmitriy Sergeyev Badin



Anatoliy Sergevevich Kovaley



Nikolay Yuryevich



Aleksey Vikto



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Sergey Aleksandrovich



Aleksandr Vladimirovich



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DETAILS

On July 13, 2018, a federal grand jury sitting in the District of Columbia returned an indictment against 12 Russian military intelligence officers for their alleged roles in interfering with the 2016 United States (U.S.) elections. The indictment charges 11 defendants, Boris Alekseyevich Antonov, Dmitriy Sergeyevich Badin, Nikolay Yuryevich Kozachek, Aleksey Viktorovich Lukashev, Artem Andreyevich Malyshev, Sergey Aleksandrovich Morgachev, Aleksandr Vladimirovich Osadchuk, Aleksey Aleksandrovich Potemkin, Ivan Sergeyevich Yermakov, Pavel Vyacheslavovich Yershov, and Viktor Borisovich Netyksho, with a computer hacking conspiracy involving gaining unauthorized access into the computers of U.S. persons and entities involved in the 2016 U.S. presidential election, stealing documents from those computers, and staging releases of the stolen documents to interfere with the 2016 U.S. presidential election. The indictment also charges these defendants with aggravated identity theft, false registration of a domain name, and conspiracy to commit money laundering. Two defendants, Aleksandr Vladimirovich Osadchuk and Anatoliy Sergeyevich Kovalev, are charged with a separate conspiracy to commit computer crimes, relating to hacking into the computers of U.S. persons and entities responsible for the administration of 2016 U.S. elections, such as state boards of elections, secretaries of state, and U.S. companies that supplied software and other technology related to the administration of U.S. elections. The United States District Court for the District of Columbia in Washington, D.C. issued a federal arrest warrant for each of these defendants upon the grand jury's return of the indictment.

THESE INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS, AN INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT RISK, AND AN ESCAPE RISK

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Being a longtime anti-Israel activist, in 2015 Max was writing for a Hezbollah-aligned website called Al Akhbar. He was then opposed to the genocide perpetrated against Syrians by dictator al-Assad and even resigned publicly in protest of the outlet's pro-Damascus bias.



Max Blumenthal discusses his article, "The right to resist is universal: A farewell to Al Akhbar and Assad's apologists"

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JAY: So what'sâ€"tell us the moment you were in. What kind of was the decision-making moment for you to quit Al-Akhbar? It'sâ€"Al-Akhbar is known as a fairly progressive newspaper, especially coming from the Arab world. It's not one of these sort of government publications or broadcasters that seems to dominate most of the Arab world. Why did you quit?

BLUMENTHAL: Well, I had noticedâ€"I started really paying attention to the coverage closely on the website, and mainly the opinions following the Houla massacre, which was by all accounts carried out by shabiha affiliated with the Assad regime, to the embarrassment of the Assad regime. But, I mean, it was part of their campaign of suppression inside Syria, to crush what I consider to be a legitimate attempt at removing a dictator. And I noticed the opinions in favor of Assad had grown more strident on the website.

Things did not go well for Max from there, as he was out of a job and out of money. Couch surfing at friends' houses - mainly those still sympathetic to his pro-Palestinian activism. But then a curious thing happened. He was invited to Moscow to speak at...



... RT's 10 year anniversary gala – the same event that Donald Trump's disgraced national security adviser Michael Flynn attended, as did pro-Kremlin Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein. Here they are sitting at Putin's table.

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While there, Max participated in a panel with Charles Bausman, an American blogger and founder of Russian Insider, a notoriously anti-Semitic and pro-Kremlin website. Bausman would eventually participate in the Jan 6 insurrection in DC, after which he defected to Moscow.



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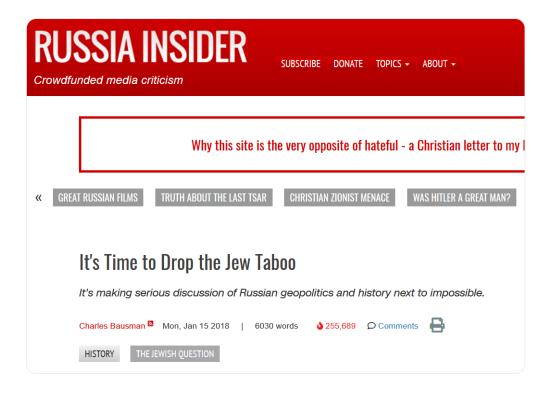
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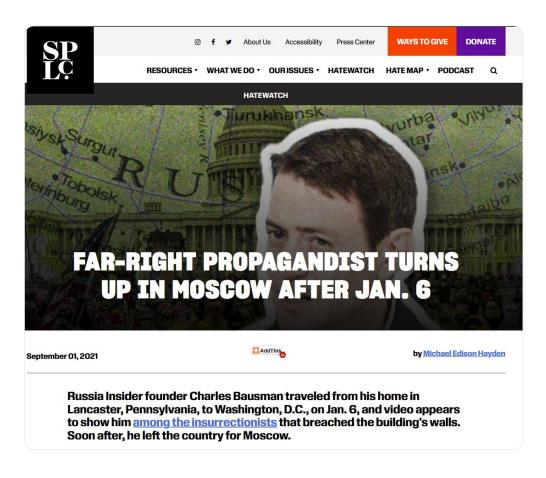
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Naturally the Kremlin paid for all travel expenses and accommodation, and the Russian special services evidently had more ambitious plans for Max on that RT panel.

Finally Max had found someone who'd be ready to pay for his shit propaganda, what a lucky day!





Upon returning to the US Blumenthal founded the Grayzone Project. It was initially attached to a far-left news outlet called AlterNet, although staffers there say they didn't fund the Grayzone Project, and that "Max brought his own money". I wonder where it came from...

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Initially hosted by the progressive website AlterNet, The Grayzone left the platform in early 2018. In March 2020, Wikipedia marked The Grayzone as a "deprecated source" and discouraged editors from linking to it — a designation shared with RT, the far-right TV channel One America News Network and Alex Jones' conspiracy theory site InfoWars.

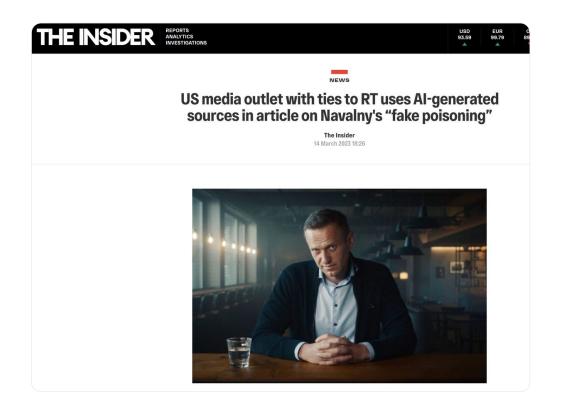
The website, founded in 2015, has become one of the largest spreaders of disinformation and conspiracy theories on the Internet, always eager to defend whatever authoritarian regime opposed to the United States and its allies. Among other things, it has laundered...

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NY Times' pseudo-expert accusing China of genocide worked for far-right cult Falun Gong's publicity arm

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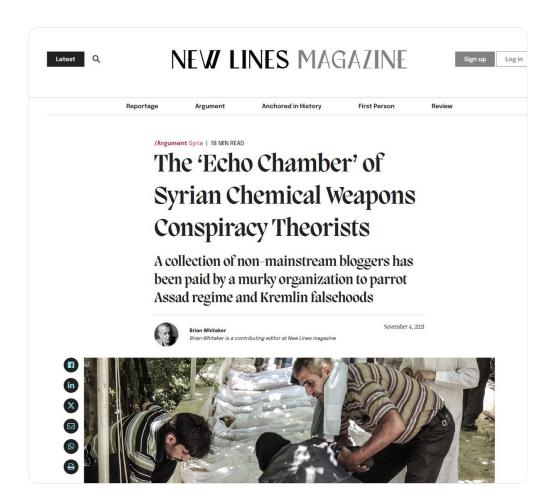
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...FSB-hacked emails of British journalists, and two of its editors are regularly hosted at the UN by a Russian spy, @Dpol_un. Grayzone has for years refused to disclose its donors, while of course insisting that any entity it dislikes which receives funding from, say,...



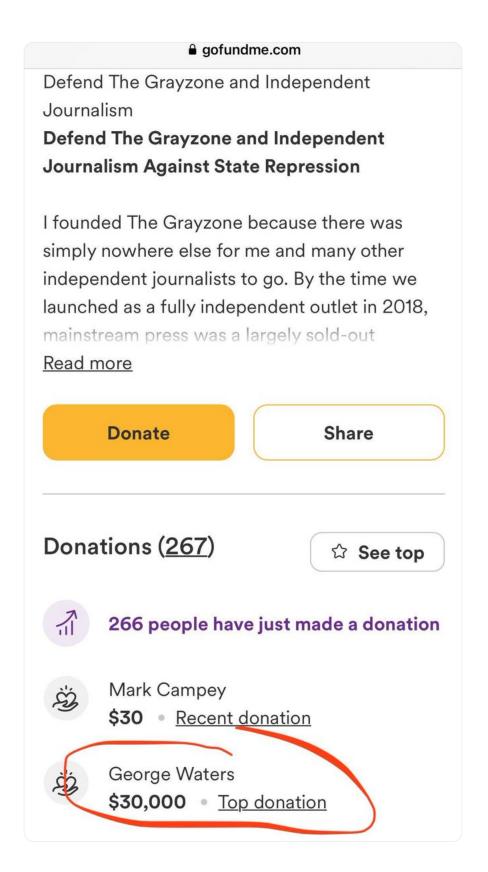


...George Soros' Open Society or the Congressionally-funded National Endowment for Democracy, is a CIA front. Actually, one of the only confirmed donors to Grayzone is another notorious anti-Semite and Putin apologist, ex-Pink Floyd musician Roger Waters.

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Despite Blumenthal's attacks on journalists who work for publications funded by <u>Soros</u>, he has had no problem accepting money from that source in the past, such as when he worked for <u>the Nation</u>, whose parent company, <u>TYPE Media Center</u> is funded in part by grants from the man he so often demonizes, nor from his time at "<u>Media Matters</u>" which has also enjoyed Soros funding. Oh, and also AlterNet, who helped him develop Grayzone until 2018, when they fired him, presumably because his conspiracy theory mongering was damaging their reputation.

Nor has he been above <u>accepting gifts</u> from the regimes he writes so flatteringly about. Blumenthal and other writers at Grayzone have also been exposed accepting "journalism prizes" from pro-Assad lobby groups.



Soon after launching the Grayzone, Blumenthal also made a full 180 on his stance on Syria, transforming himself from an outspoken anti-Assad journalist into a pro-Assad stooge who pushed fake news to exonerate the regime for its most well-documented atrocities.

Freedom of the press is guaranteed only to those who own one

Did a Kremlin Pilgrimage cause Alternet blogger's Damascene conversion?

A blogger who once supported the Syrian revolution has reinvented himself as an advocate for Bashar al Assad. Did his pilgrimage to Moscow occasion this conversion?





Editor August 22, 2017

Propaganda, Syria, Uncategorized

by Sam Charles Hamad and Oz Katerji

Last March, a live performance in support of Syrian first responders by a <u>flashmob orchestra</u> at New York's Grand Central Station was physically disrupted by a group of six protesters. Within hours, the video of the disruption was uploaded to social media and <u>promoted</u> by an RT employee. Max Blumenthal, a blogger at Alternet, soon <u>released documents</u> that suggested the performance was organized by a pro-Syrian campaign group. In characteristic inversion of reality, RT billed the disruption as a <u>triumph</u> for "anti-war" direct action.

Things were not always thus. In 2012, Blumenthal had publicly <u>resigned</u> as a columnist from the pro-Assad Lebanese daily *Al Akhbar*, citing as his reason the paper's publishing of cheerleaders who <u>blamed Assad's victims</u> and maligned critical journalists. He likened their behavior to that of <u>Israel's apologists</u>. Blumenthal has now dramatically resurrected himself as an <u>apologist for Assad</u>, a scourge of <u>critical journalists</u>, and a mirror image—by his own logic—of Israel's apologists.

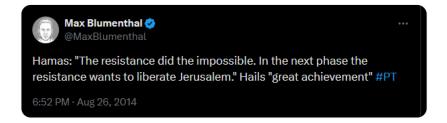
What happened in between to occasion this dramatic reversal?

The Damascene Conversion

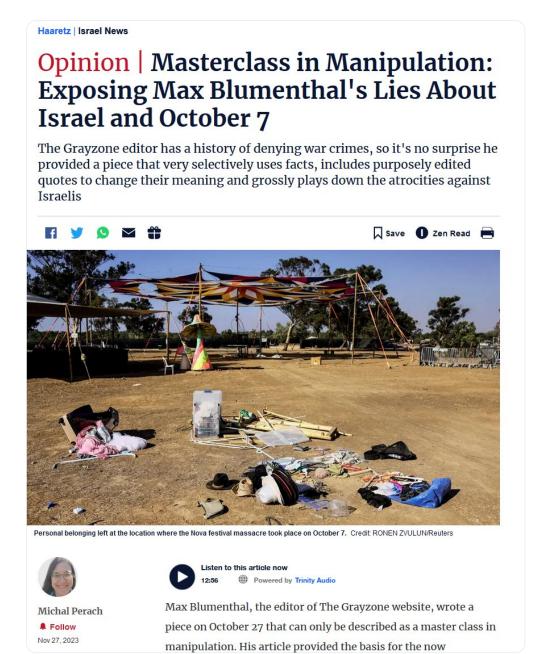
In December 2015, Blumenthal visited Moscow to attend the 10th anniversary of Kremlin propaganda network RT. He returned a changed man. A month later he founded the "Grayzone Project", billed as an initiative for "confronting Islamophobia", but in reality a home for <u>Assad and Kremlin</u>-friendly outcasts from leftwing blogosphere (Grayzone's few Muslim writers quickly departed after they realised its true character).

He's also a big fan of Hamas, a terrorist group he portrays as a heroic resistance movement, even though it massacred 1200 people on Oct 7 – including women and children. For Max, anyone who fights the Assad regime, Russia, Iran or Hezbollah is definitely a terrorist.

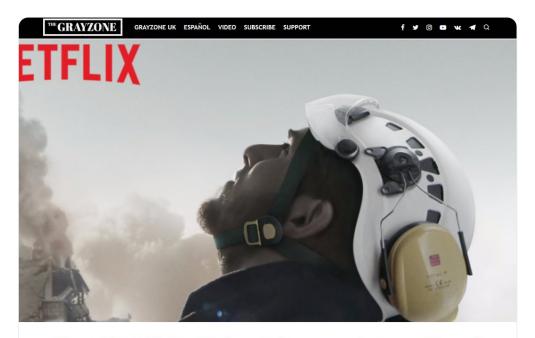
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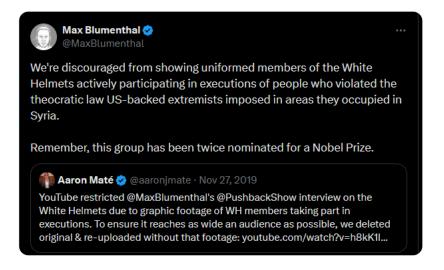
Like most pro-Kremlin puppets, Blumenthal has spent a great deal of energy labeling embattled civil society & medical aid groups in Syria as jihadist fronts aligned with al Qaeda or ISIS. Grayzone was at the forefront of vilifying the White Helmets, a rescue organization...



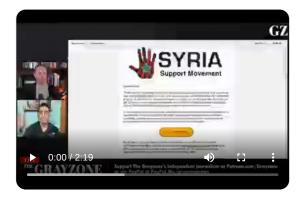
How the White Helmets became international heroes while pushing US military intervention and regime change in Syria

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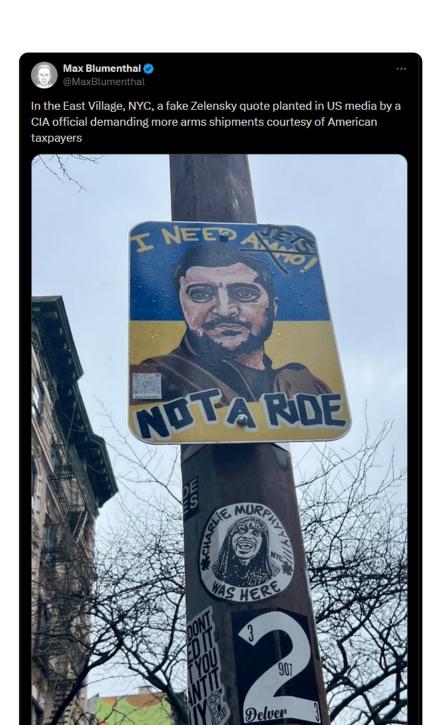


...nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, and a major target of the Kremlin's information warfare since Russia came to save Assad's regime in 2015. White Helmet volunteers have saved women & children out from under the rubble of buildings destroyed by Russian bombs in Syria.



As is tradition for the Kremlin propagandist, Max likes to blame EVERYTHING on the CIA. His modus operandi is INSINUATING that something happened due to deep state or "neocon warmonger" meddling. Some examples include the Euromaidan, the death of Wagner leader...

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...Yevgeny Prigozhin, and "flooding" countries with weapons. In Max's world, Ukraine is fully controlled by foreign agents, but the Russia-controlled Crimea is the bastion of free elections, telling us that we should just trust any information coming out from that region.

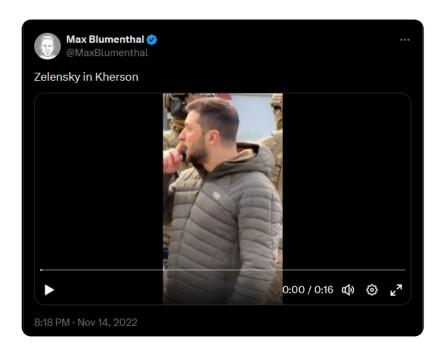




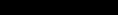




Of course he's attacked Zelenskyy, too, suggesting he's a drug addict because he wiped his nose in Kherson. Apparently the Ukrainian president is also ruled by some "global predator class". Max has also spread the fake story that Zelenskyy's wife went on a "shopping spree". 19/24









If Zelensky were a junkie, the CIA would provide him the purest heroin its labs could produce to ensure he keeps the proxy war going.

But Zelensky is just a narcissistic actor impersonating a leader, and requires little more than heavy ego stroking to stay the bloody course.



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In addition, Max has suggested that the Mariupol theater airstrike that killed women and children was a "false flag attack" by Ukrainian AZOV batallion to trigger NATO intervention.



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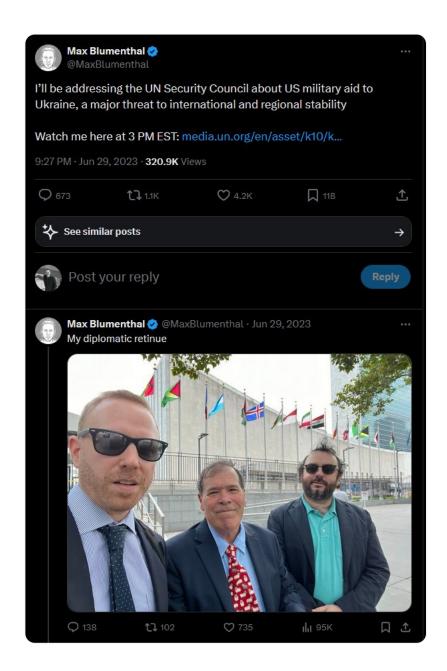
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Max has also tried his wings as a stand-up comedian. Watching him make jokes is absolutely excruciating, as he's even less funny than his good friend @jimmy_dore. I could only watch the first half, but I assume that the rest wasn't any funnier.



But how do we know Max is working for the Kremlin? The Grayzone boys have been a transparent goto for one Dmitry Polanskiy. Technically working as Russia's deputy permanent representative to the UN, Polyanskiy is in fact an SVR officer working under diplomatic cover,...

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...according to three different Western intelligence services. Prior posting of his was in Warsaw, Poland, where Polish counterintelligence tracked his movements:

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One can only guess, but one motive for Max to simp for the Kremlin could be hatred towards his much more successful father.

After all, agents of Russian intelligence in the West are simply losers and rejects who detest their own society for not letting them succeed.



In the next REBREW, we look at Max's short and stout friend Aaron Maté. $\,$

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