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In today's Vatnik Soup, I'll introduce an Estonian politician, Jana Toom (@JanaToomEE). She's best-known for promoting pro-Kremlin viewpoints both in domestic Estonian politics and in the European Parliament.

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Toom's mother, Margarita Chernogorova, studied law in Leningrad & worked for the Communist Party. She was also a confidant to the most notorious leader of the Estonian Soviet Socialist Republic, Karl Vaino. One of Chernogorova's tasks was to suppress the Singing Revolution.

At the end of 2001, the Central Party came to power in Tallinn, Edgar Savisaar became the mayor, and Chernogorova, the head of the personnel accounting sector of the former Communist Party who studied law in Leningrad, was perpetuated in the food chain of the city government the following year - she was put to work on the councils of Tallinn Waste Center and Lääne Tallinn Central Hospital.

Twenty years have passed. Chernogorova's role in the Tallinn city system has expanded. As if he is the most versatile specialist in Tallinn, he currently earns his living as a member of three councils at the same time.

This brings him a pension supplement of 2,250 euros per month.

# What does an 88-year-old old lady have to do for this amount, any advice?

"The meeting can last two or three hours. First you need to familiarize yourself with the documents. It takes a lot of time," he says



ITSELF DOESN'T ASK: Margarita Chernogorova (left) started her career as a center party in 1999. Since then, he has belonged to a few



Margarita Chernogorova. — Photo: Teet Malsroos/Õhtuleht

Tallinn city council member Margarita Chernogorova (KE) recommends that the European Union abandon sanctions against Russia. <<I believe in Putin,» a member of the council affirms in Stolitsa, the Russian-language edition of the Capital newspaper. The **Singing Revolution**<sup>[a]</sup> was a series of events from 1987 to 1991 that led to the restoration of independence of the three Soviet-occupied Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania at the end of the Cold War.<sup>[1][2]</sup> The term was coined by an Estonian activist and artist, Heinz Valk, in an article published a week after the 10–11 June 1988 spontaneous mass evening singing demonstrations at the Tallinn Song Festival Grounds.<sup>[3]</sup>

During the early 90s Toom lived with her husband in Snezhinsk, Russia and returned to Estonia in 1994. Soon after, she joined the editorial board of Molodyož Estonii, a paper known for being a mouthpiece for the Leninist Communist Youth League during the Soviet era.



Until 2006, Jana was a Russian citizen. At late Estonian politician Edgar Savisaar's request, Prime Minister Andrus Ansip granted Toom Estonian citizenship for "special services." The pretext was her work in journalism. Savisaar also paved Toom's path to top politics.

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#### Yana Toomile Eesti kodakondsuse andmine eriliste teenete eest

#### Vastu võetud 28.12.2005 nr 860

«Kodakondsuse seaduse» § 20 lõike 1 alusel ning kooskõlas sama seaduse §-ga 10 anda majandus- ja kommunikatsiooniminister Edgar Savisaare ettepanekul Eesti kodakondsus eriliste teenete eest Yana Toomile (sünd 15.10.1966).

Yana Toom on sündinud Tallinnas. Yana Toom on Venemaa Föderatsiooni kodanik.

Yana Toom töötab nädalalehe Vesti Nedeli peatoimetajana. Ta on viimase 10 aasta jooksul olnud tegev mitmes integratsiooni ja Eesti maine töstmisega seotud projektis venekeelse elanikkonna seas. Suuremad projektid olid artikitle sari «*Estonskaja krugosvetka*», mis oli pühendatud Eesti ajaloolistele paikadele, ning noorte esseede konkurss «Kas olen venelane?», mille eesmärk oli selgitada, mil määral seovad kohalikud vene noored oma tulevikku Eestiga ja kellena nad ennast tunnevad. Esseede põhjal tegi Yana Toom mitu ettekannet erinevatel rahvusvahelistel seminaridel, samuti leidis see kajastust ka Venemaa telekanalites.

Alates 2003. aastast on Yana Toom Eesti Ajalehtede Liidu nõukogu liige, osaledes seeläbi aktiivselt Eesti meedia töös ja selle probleemide lahendamisel. «Kodakondsuse seaduse» § 1 lõike 2 ja § 19 lõike 3 kohaselt ei või Eesti kodanik olla samal ajal mõne muu riigi kodakondsuses ja Eesti kodakondsuse saamisel peab ta olema vabastatud senisest kodakondsusest.

«Kodakondsuse seaduse» § 20 lõike 2 kohaselt jõustub Vabariigi Valitsuse Eesti kodakondsuse andmise korraldus allakirjutamise päeval, kui korralduses eneses ei sätestata muud tähtaega.

Korraldus jõustub Yana Toomi Venemaa Föderatsiooni kodakondsusest vabastamisele järgneval päeval tingimusel, et Kodakondsus- ja Migratsiooniametile esitatakse dokument, mis tõendab tema vabastamist Venemaa Föderatsiooni kodakondsusest.

#### Peaminister Andrus ANSIP

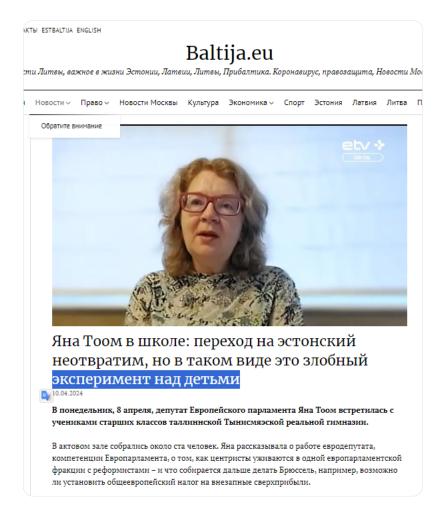
Riigisekretär Heiki LOOT



To this day, Toom has been one of the most outspoken opponents of the Estonian-language school reform in Estonia.

She's repeatedly called the Estonian-language school reform "violence", and this has been one of her most consistent positions over the years.





Criticizing the police & officials, close collaboration with Russian propagandists & various pro-Kremlin statements have solidified Toom as a politician who Estonians hate and Russians love. The more Toom was scolded, the more popular she became among the



Toom has been a member of the European Parliament since 2014.

She's extremely good at sensing which lines she shouldn't cross. For example, she was scheduled to be on a panel at the "Compatriots Forum" closely linked to the Kremlin in Nov 2014, but finally didn't show up.



sõprade klubiga liituma kümneid lääne poliitikuid, teiste hulgas Eesti europarlamendi saadikut, keskerakondlast Yana Toomi.

On the other hand, she participated in the "European Russian Forum" event in Brussels organized by the Russkiy Mir Foundation, which operates as an extension of the Kremlin. Crimea was also discussed.

So, what does Toom think about Crimea?



At the VIII European Russian Forum, which was held in Brussels with the support of the Russian World Foundation, Yana Toom, member of the European Parliament from Estonia, participated in a discussion dedicated to the new paradigm of international relations. The MEP spoke about this, as well as about her work to protect the Russian minority from discrimination, in an interview with Russkiy Mir:

### Яна Тоом: Разногласия касаются не Крыма или Украины, но имеют фундаментальный характер

VIII Европейский русский форум 02.12.2014

На VIII Европейском русском форуме, который в Брюсселе при поддержке фонда «Русский мир», Яна Тоом, депутат Европарламента от Эстонии, участвовала в дискуссии, посвящённой новой парадигме международных отношений. Об этом, а также о своей работе по защите русского меньшинства от дискриминации евродепутат рассказала в интервью «Русскому миру»:

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В Брюсселе проходит VIII Европейский русский форум Вячеслав Никонов: Россия и Евросоюз могут жить друг без друга, но гораздо лучше им будет вместе Михаил Погребинский: Перспектива нового мирового порядка туманна Татьяна Жданок: Европейский русский форум — это разговор людей, которые готовы услышать друг друга Джульетто Кьеза: Европа движется в неверном направлении Вячеслав Никонов: Я не вижу предпосылок для прекращения холодной войны



— Мы находимся сейчас в переходном периоде, когда влияние США и западного мира быстро уменьшается. В основе политики лежат вопросы экономики, и внешнеполитическое влияние обращается во вполне конкретные экономические блага. США и Евросоюз без боя сдаваться не будут им трудно мириться с теми, кто бросил вызов их гегемонии.

Her opinion on Crimea was clear from an early stage. In an interview with Õhtuleht, she called Russian soldiers "polite little green men" (did she get Hinkle's t-shirt too?).

She also called the annexation an "economic choice" of the local people, not Russian

aggression.

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#### Viisakas roheline mehike?

Teate ju seda meemi, mis levib Vene meedias: viisakad rohelised mehikesed. Need andsid mõista, et tõstetakse palkasid, tõstetakse pensione, mida iganes. No kuulge, Krimmi otsus liituda Venemaaga oli majanduslik valik. Võib muidugi rääkida, et referendum oli lavastatud, aga fakt on see, kohalikud inimesed olid massiliselt Venemaaga liitumise poolt, ega keegi neid vägisi valima viinud. Võib-olla nad kahetsevad seda kunagi, võib-olla mitte.

Võib-olla oligi kohalikke, kes tõesti tahtsid Venemaaga liituda, aga kuidas Krimmi liitmine paistab moodsa aja rahvusvahelise õiguse ja tavade seisukohalt? Ukraina territooriumile maandub teise riigi lennuk, sealt tulevad välja rohelised mehikesed, kes desarmeerivad kohal oleva Ukraina armee.

Ma ei mäleta, et Jugoslaavia pommitamise ajal oleks tulnud minu juurde Õhtulehe ajakirjanik ja küsinud vastu rinda tagudes: kuidas on lood rahvusvahelise õigusega? No nii ongi! Paraku.

Miks me räägime rahvusvahelisest õigusest valikuliselt? Miks Kosovo saab olla autonoomne, aga Krimm ei saa? Arusaamatu.

# "Little green men" or "Russian invaders"? () 11 March 2014 < REUTERS REUTERS Highly organised local 'self-defence groups' or Russian military? **By Vitaly Shevchenko BBC** Monitoring

The internet has no shortage of photographs and videos showing armed men in Crimea who look like members of the Russian military. Their guns are the same as those used by the Russian army, their lorries have Russian number plates and they speak in Russian accents.

Yet according to President Vladimir Putin, they are in fact members of "selfdefence groups" organised by the locals who bought all their uniforms and hardware in a shop.



In the following years, whataboutism began on the subject of Crimea. According to her, the Estonian Centre Party had no official position on Crimea (even though she clearly had one).

## Yana Toom: Keskerakonnal puudub Krimmi suhtes ametlik seisukoht 🛛



Juhime tähelepanu, et artikkel on rohkem kui viis aastat vana ning kuulub meie arhiivi. Ajakirjandusväl uuenda arhiivide sisu, seega võib olla vajalik tutvuda ka uuemate allikatega.



(YT) Noh, see on minu isiklik seisukoht. Pole siin midagi salata. Aga seda seisukohta jagab, ma kujutan ette, suur osa minu erakonnakaaslasi, kusjuures mitte ainult erakonna juhtkonnas, vaid tavalised erakonna liikmed. Kui me seome sanktsioonid sellega, et Krimm peab olema Ukraina oma, tähendab see seda, et me paneme sanktsioonid käima mitmeks aastakümneks. Võiks ju teha seda, mida tegi omal ajal USA Balti riikidega – mittetunnustuspoliitika, ilma igasuguste sanktsioonideta. Kui USA ei tunnistatud Eesti, Läti ja Leedu okupeerimist, siis me saime viisasid, me saime läände minna, kui muidugi meil lubati seda teha. Krimmi elanikud seda teha ei saa. Nii et see on väga keeruline teema, millele pole ühtset vastust. Tegelikult mind riivab väga see, et meil on Eestist endiselt "kontrollküsimused": kelle oma on Krimm? Kui Venemaa ründab, kelle poolt sa siis sõdid? See ei ole normaalne, see on see, mis lõhestab ühiskonda. Need küsimused me võiksime kõrvale jätta ja tegelda siin Eesti asjadega.

According to leaked data from a Russian travel agency, Jana traveled to the Russianoccupied Crimea in July 2016. Toom, a member of the European Parliament at the time, claimed that she was motivated by family reasons for the trip. In 2018, she parroted the Kremlin narrative that NATO was planning to build a naval base in Sevastopol, a claim that NATO has strongly refuted.

As is tradition, she has consistently opposed all EU sanctions against Russia after the conquest of Crimea.



In 2016, Jana visited the Syrian dictator and war criminal al-Assad. On her second visit, she was together with a delegation with representatives of the Russian Federation Council. Toom has been to Syria at least three times.





In 2018, Toom visited the Solovyov Live show after the Skripal poisoning incident. While there, she defended Russia, claiming their innocence:

"London has become a center from which anti-Russian hysteria is being fomented in the European Union".



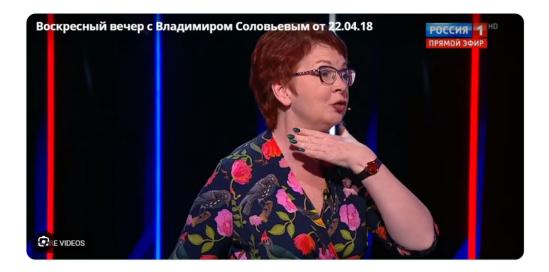
And this was not her first visit to Solovyov's show - she's been a guest countless times. The last time was in Feb 2022, just days before the start of the full-scale invasion, when Russian troops were already gathering near the Ukrainian border.

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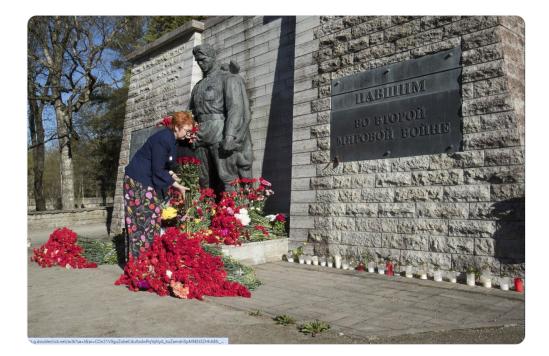
During the show, Jana claimed that "The West and the EU are finally realizing that Russia has legitimate expectations and concerns, and we need to talk about them," and that the West shouldn't provide any military aid to Ukraine.

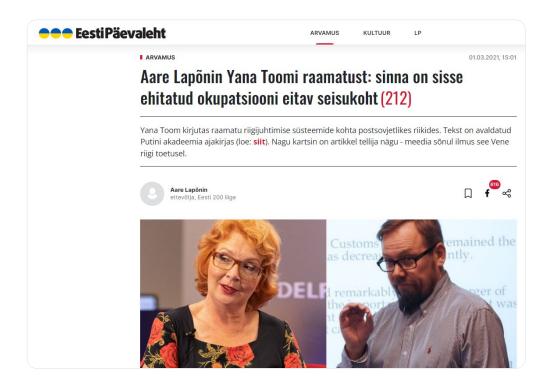
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In 2021, Toom published a policy analysis with an organization working under (and funded by) the Russian presidential administration.

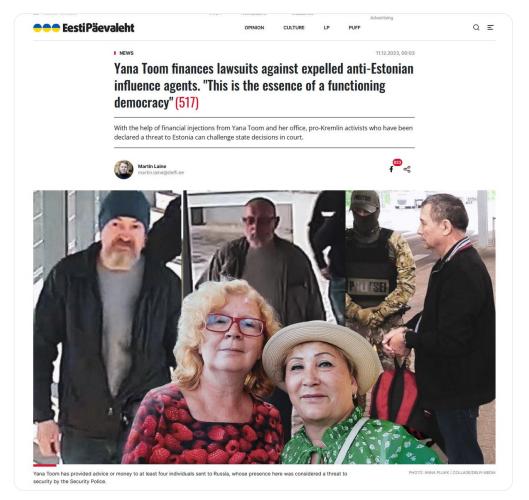
The Soviet occupation of Estonia receives very little attention in this book.



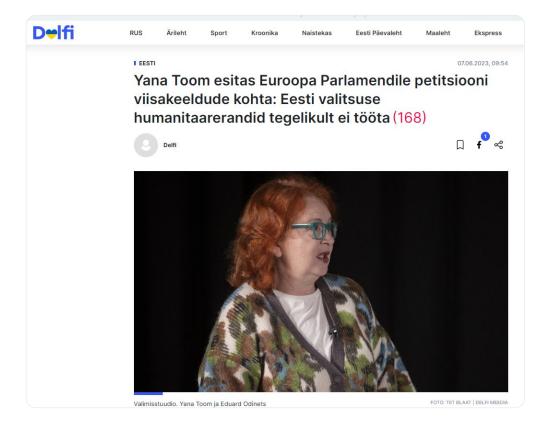




In Nov 2023, Toom financed the legal aid costs of Russian pro-Kremlin activists deported from Estonia due to their anti-state activities, so that they could go to court against the Estonian state. These people are still very active in their anti-Estonian activities.



She strongly lobbies in Europe to protect Russian interests against the Estonian government in the Baltics. When the European Parliament recognized Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism (494 MEPs in favor, 58 against, 44 abstained), Toom was the only Estonian to abstain.











Toom sympathizes with Sergei Tsaulin. Tsaulin was deported from Estonia for pro-Kremlin activities & called the assassination of Russian milblogger Vladlen Tatarsky a "point of no return" in the war. Many people who saw the horrors in Bucha may disagree with this statement.



Jana Toom 2 April 2023 · 😋		•••		
Взрыв в питерском кафе, где ранен (не опасно) и Сергей Чаулин - новая точка невозврата для всех. Очень, очень скверно.				
An explosion in a St. Petersburg cafe, where he is injured (not dangerous) and Sergey Chaulin is a new point of no return for everyone. Very, very nasty.				
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A while ago, Jana participated in Oleg Bessedin's show. Bessedin is yet another paid anti-Estonian and pro-Kremlin actor who has been serving Russia's interests since the 90s. Bessedin runs a propaganda page on Facebook with around 60,000 followers.



Yana Toom about the Chaulin case: Our law enforcement agencies behaved like thimblekeepers at a train station

On Wednesday, November 15, MEP Yana Toom took part in the ETV+ talk show "Epicenter" on the topic "Citizenship as an element of hybrid war." "I was upset by the very topic of the program...



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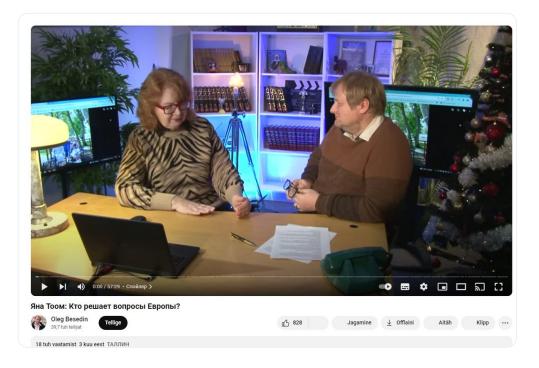
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Toom is a master of "soft power politics" - she constantly brings up "oppression" of the Russian-speaking population in the Baltics, and flirts with various pro-Kremlin figures in Estonia, but at the same time she doesn't praise Putin & has even called Russia the aggressor. 22/22



"Ma olen väga hästi teadlik oma sõnade poliitilistest (ei, valimistega seotud) tagajärgedest." FOTO: KIUR KAASIK | EKSPRESS MEEDIA

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