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In today's Vatnik Soup, I'll introduce Oleg Bessedin, a videoblogger and Russia's favorite mouthpiece in Estonia. Through social media, online groups, and media networks, Bessedin has played an active role in pushing pro-Kremlin narratives to divide Estonian society.

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Oleg is a content creator and businessman with strong ties to pro-Kremlin networks. He runs multiple Facebook groups and media platforms that regularly share Russian state propaganda. Estonia's Internal Security Service (KAPO) has flagged his platforms as disinfo hubs.

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Oleg Besedin
8.9K followers • 726 following

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Intro
кинорежиссёр, документалист, директор телеканала TVN

- Profile · Digital creator
- Управление (экономика) at Norvik
- Worked at Tallinna Ülikool
- Studied Режиссура кино и телевидения at Санкт-Петербургский Государственный Университет Кино и Телевидения
- Studied Economica at Эстона-Американская Бизнес Академия
- Studied at Tallinn University of Technology
- Went to Tallinna Kesklinna Vene gimnazija
- Lives in Tallinn, Estonia
- From Tallinn, Estonia

Oleg Besedin
January 30 · 🌐



Jüri Kivit is 🥳 feeling funky with **Oleg Besedin**.
January 29 · 🌐

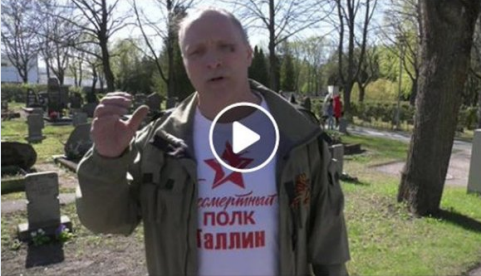
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Bessedin presents himself as an independent journalist, but his content is heavily biased in favor of Russian narratives. He portrays Estonia and the West as corrupt, aggressive, and anti-Russian while defending Russia's actions on the world stage.

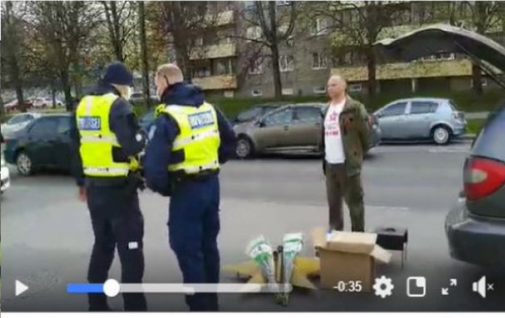
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TVN is with Sergei Tsaulin and 6 others.
May 9 at 7:58 PM · 🌐

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His career dates back to the 90s, involving ties with Russian oil companies and Kremlin-backed Estonian parties. Oleg later rebranded as an "independent" journalist to covertly push Russian propaganda in Estonia. KAPO saw through this and mentioned him in their yearbook.

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Whenever the pro-Kremlin Estonian bloc arranges their provocative protests - usually with 10-20 paid attendees and no real media coverage - Oleg is a regular “reporter,” spinning the narrative of “Russophobia in the Baltics.”

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Photo: TVN

On May 10, at the capital's Military Cemetery, Metropolitan Evgeny of Tallinn and All Estonia held a memorial service for all those who died in World War II.

The video recording of the memorial service was provided by Oleg Besedin.



Oleg has a strong social media presence (no doubt inflated by bots). His Facebook group “Tallinners,” written in Russian, spreads classic anti-Baltic narratives under the guise of “oppressed Russians in Estonia.” Then there’s his YouTube channel: pure Kremlin propaganda.

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Russia will partially open its borders, allowing people to leave the country for work, study, treatment, and to care for relatives, Russian Ambassador to Estonia Alexander Petrov said in an [interview with Oleg Besedin \(TVN\)](#).

Entry into Russia will be allowed for foreigners who are coming for treatment or to care for close relatives. Watch the video.

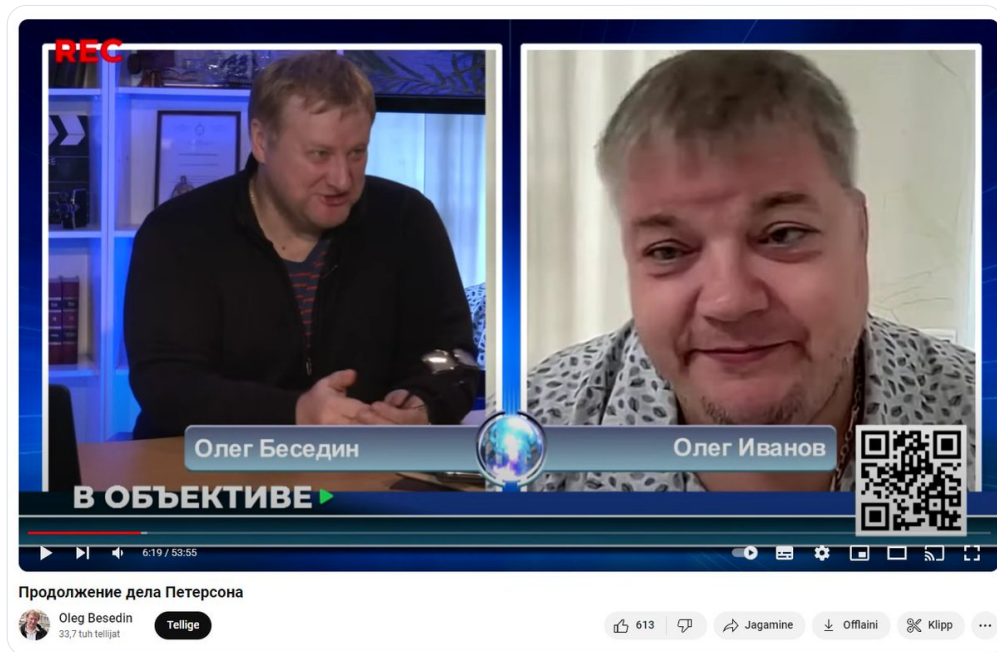
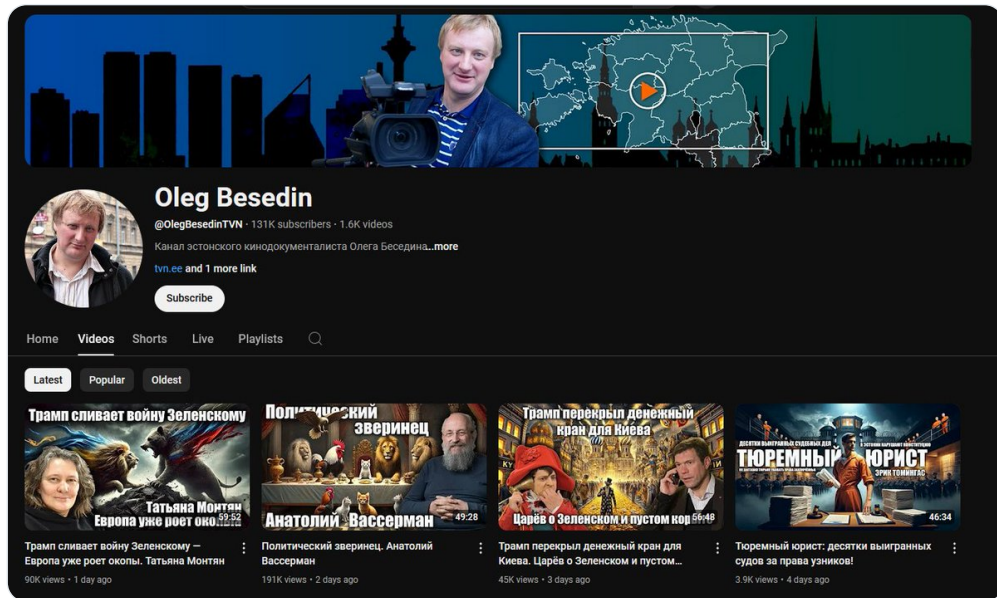


Video by Oleg Besedin, TVN channel.

His YouTube videos are filled with fearmongering & disinformation, perfectly aligning with the Kremlin’s viewpoint. Some of his loudest headlines include: “Oreshnik in action,” “For

the Baltics, occupation will be a gift of fate,” & “How the Baltics are becoming Ukraine.”

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Oleg is one of Russia’s main collaborators in Estonia, which is also why he uses their main strategies, deception and lies, in his work. According to KAPO, he’s falsely claimed to represent Estonian National Television (ETV) to gain people’s trust when asking for interviews.

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„Metsavennad olid tõelised bandiidid. Nad ei tegelenud mingisuguse poliitilise võitlusega. Nad tegelesid röövimistega.“
Väino Pehk telekanali Zvezda uudistes.
Operaator Oleg Bessedin

sources used in the so-called news stories about Estonia.

In addition to activists, there are also other people in Estonia who assist Russian television channels in their propaganda efforts. One of their main collaborators is Tallinn entrepreneur Oleg Bessedin, who claims to represent the TV channels ORT, RTR, Zvezda, REN Tv and Peterburg 5 in Estonia. His main focus is producing the channel TVN, which belongs to his parents and is available as a part of many Estonian cable TV packages.

Bessedin is in close contact with many Russian journalists who have produced extremely biased reports on Estonia. He provides them logistical support, help in finding contacts and even acts as cameraman when necessary. In Sinimäed Hills, he helped out the tele-

vision channel Zvezda, financed by the Russian Ministry of Defence, by filling in for their cameraman. He was also the cameraman for a news story produced by Zvezda at the beginning of November, which reported on the trial of Väino Pehk, accused on participating in the March deportations of 1949.

In order to acquire information on Estonia and coax unsuspecting people into giving interviews, Bessedin has presented himself as an Estonian national television (ETV) employee working in the Russian-language broadcasts department. He has told other lies in order to gain the trust of a variety of institutions and key figures.

The Security Police advises state institutions as well as entrepreneurs and representatives of non-governmental organisations to be wary of Russian

Bessedin has also fulfilled contracts through his mother's company with Russian state TV, providing them content whenever there was need for some fresh propaganda from Estonia. The evidence for his involvement and work came through leaked emails.

From: Oleg Bessedin [mailto:bessedin51988589@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2018 6:33 PM
To: International Information Collection Department
Subject: Re: Estonia Embassy

THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY

<https://dropmefiles.com/RCsan>

Sincerely

Oleg Besedin

Thu, 18 Oct. 2018 at 18:25, International Information Collection Department
< intercoord@vgtrk.com >:

Oleg, good evening! Thank you again for your help!

Sincerely,

International department "Vesti"
TV channel "Russia"

-----Original Message-----

From: ab@abmedia.ee [mailto:ab@abmedia.ee]
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2016 2:34 PM
To: Vaganova Svetlana Shakandarovna
Subject: Tallinn

Hello, Vaganova.

On September 10, we filmed the peace march in Tallinn for you. The invoice and document are in the attachment. We are waiting for payment of previously issued invoices.

-- Sincerely,

Irina Besedina <mailto:ab@abmedia.ee>

ACT №1 dated 26.10.2016
Of rendering the services
to the Invoice № 10-01/11 or 26.10.2016г.

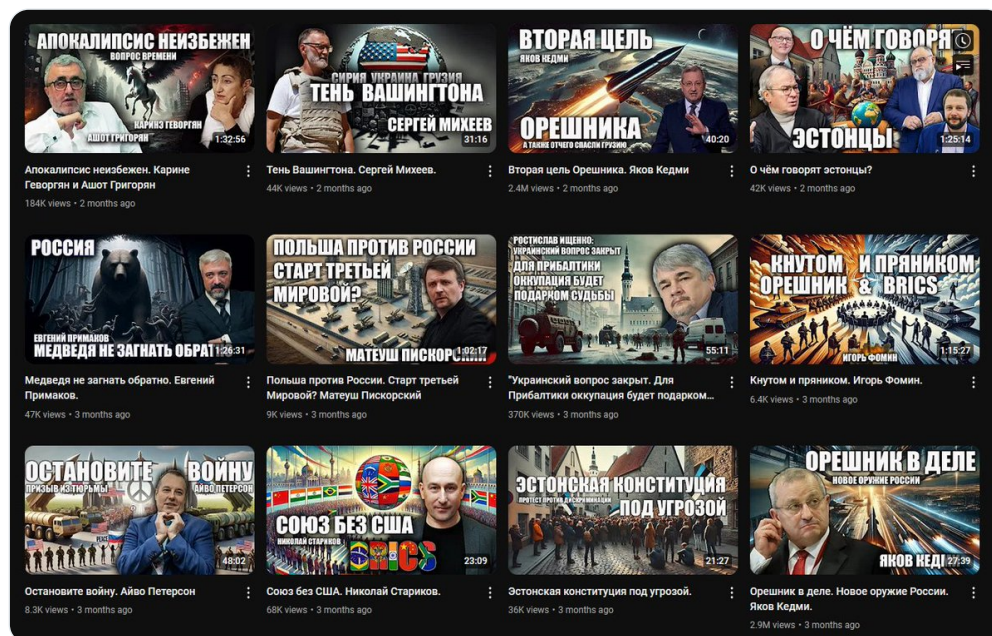
"State Television Company "TV Channel "Russia"
– the branch of Federal State Unitary Enterprise "The
Russian Television and Radio Broadcasting Company",
 hereinafter the **"CLIENT"**, and represented by Deputy
 Director of the Branch I.M. Ivanov, acting pursuant to the
 Power of Attorney No. 24 dated 01.07.2015, on the one
 side,

and a **ОÜ NORVIK**, hereinafter the **"NORVIK"**,
 registered Liikuri str. 9A, Tallinn 13618, Estonia and
 represented by I.A. Bessedina, on the other hand,
 collectively referred to as the **"Parties"**, have concluded
 the present Act of Acceptance of rendering services (the
"Act" hereinafter) as follows:

The Parties confirm that **NORVIK** has rendered the
CLIENT technical services of shooting (Estonia)
 26.10.2016:
 - The cost of the services is 220,00 (two hundred
twenty) euros.

Some of Bessedin’s content was even produced using Russian state funds. His YouTube channel features a historical documentary series, “Never-Overgrowing Russian Paths in Estonia,” funded by the Russkiy Mir Foundation – founded by Putin in 2007 to push Russian influence.

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Oleg’s social media platforms were key in the electoral success of the pro-Kremlin Estonian party KOOS. He served as their PR manager and actively agitates for them, using his propaganda network to manipulate public opinion among the Estonian Russian-speaking population.

Welcome to the website of the Peace Movement KOOS/TOGETHER !



Welcome to the website of the Peace Movement KOOS/TOGETHER! Aivo Peterson. Photo: Private archive.

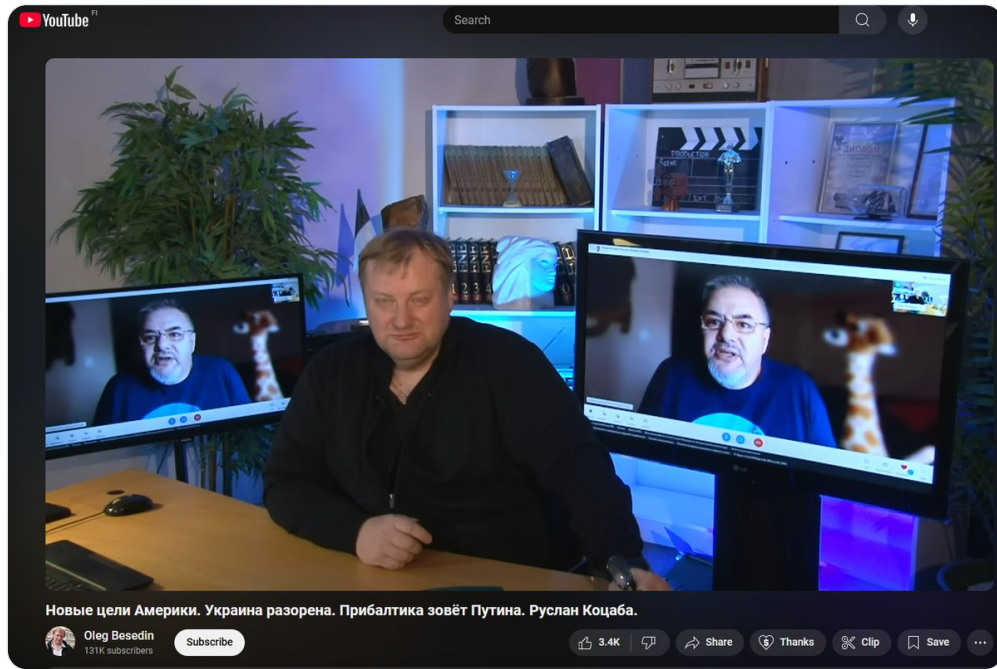
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Lately, Bessedin has been sharing Russian lies about the “persecution of Orthodox Christians” in Estonia. Today, this narratives is parroted also by the Trump administration, that relies heavily on the Christian nationalist ideology (just like Putin).

A screenshot of a website article from Propastop. The page features a search bar at the top with the text "Search articles". Below the search bar are navigation links: "Propaganda incident", "Analysis", "Interview", "Narrative X-ray", "Picture game", and "More categories". The article title is "Oleg Besedin's new narrative: Trump saves the Orthodox Christians of the Baltics", dated "6. Mar 2025". The main image is a composite graphic with Russian text. The top text reads "ТРАМП СПАСАЕТ ПРАВОСЛАВИЕ В ПРИБАЛТИКЕ" (Trump saves Orthodoxy in the Baltics). The bottom text reads "Кто управляет Трампом? Илон Маск, глубинное государство" (Who manages Trump? Elon Musk, deep state). The image includes portraits of Oleg Besedin and Donald Trump, a large cross, and a hand reaching out.

To conclude: Oleg Bessedin is a major player in Russia’s disinformation network in Estonia. By running pro-Kremlin social media groups, spreading false narratives, and undermining trust, he serves the Kremlin’s goal of weakening Estonia’s democracy from within.

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The 2nd edition of “Vatnik Soup — The Ultimate Guide to Russian Disinformation” is officially out!

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