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In today's Vatnik Soup, I'll introduce a podcaster and conspiracy theorist, Joe Rogan (@joerogan). He's best-known for launching the biggest podcast in the world, promoting various conspiracy theories, his support for Donald Trump and his anti-Ukraine rhetoric.

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Joe Rogan started as a stand-up comedian in the 1980s, found fame on NewsRadio, and became a household name with Fear Factor. But his biggest impact came in 2009 when he launched The Joe Rogan Experience (JRE), one of the first major podcasts.

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JRE started as casual but deep conversations, often covering countercultural topics like psychedelics, MMA & hunting. Joe's podcasting style is largely non-confrontational, often allowing his guests to share their views without significant pushback or critical questioning.

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## Psychedelic Explorers

#2247 – Duncan Trussell

#2157 – Duncan Trussell

#2134 – Paul Stamets

#2078 – Duncan Trussell

#2051 – Graham Hancock

#2047 – Brian Muraresku

#2009 – Duncan Trussell

#2002 – Amanda Feilding

#2000 – Duncan Trussell

#1965 – David Choe

#1964 – Rick Doblin

#1953 – Duncan Trussell

#1897 – Graham Hancock & Randall Carlson

#1891 – Duncan Trussell

#1839 – Duncan Trussell

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## Mixed Martial Artists

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[JRE MMA Show #163 – Protect Ya Neck](#)

[JRE MMA Show #162 – Belal Muhammad](#)

[JRE MMA Show #161 – Khalil Rountree Jr.](#)

[JRE MMA Show #160 – Francis Ngannou](#)

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[JRE MMA Show #155 – Max Holloway](#)

[JRE MMA Show #154 – Matt Serra, Din Thomas & John Rallo](#)

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## Hunters

#2258 – Steven Rinella

#2248 – Michael Waddell

#2242 – Bert Sorin

#2216 – Luke Bryan

#2154 – Remi Warren

#2100 – Cameron Hanes & Steven Rinella

#2068 – Cameron Hanes

#2059 – Adam Greentree

#2052 – Shane Dorian

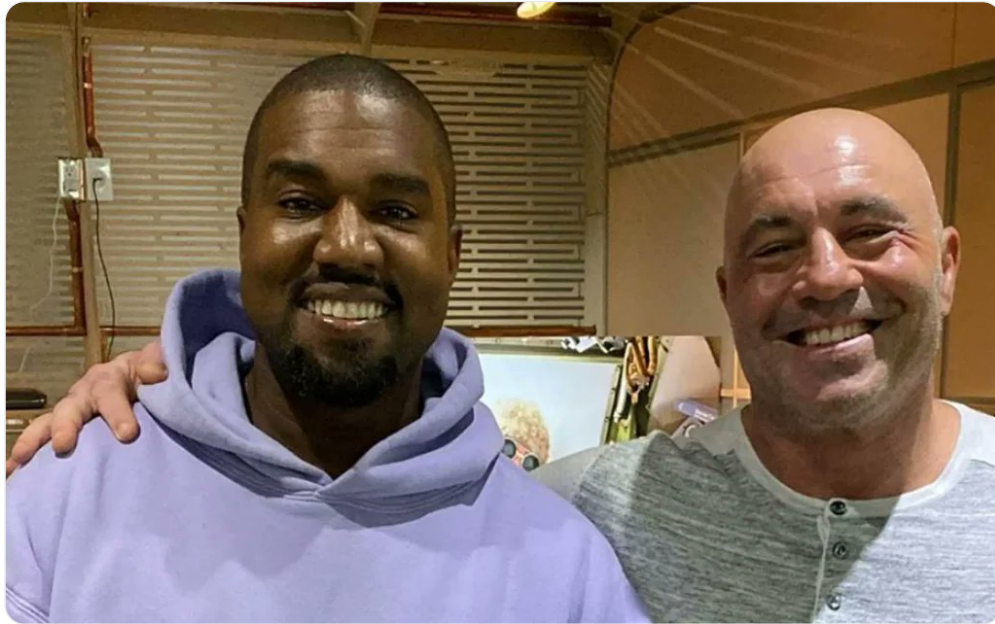
#2020 – Python Cowboy

#1997 – Cameron Hanes

#1955 – Cliff Gray

#1950 – Derek Wolfe

#1943 – Joel Turner



Many of the show's guests also flirted with various conspiracy theories, and at some point Rogan also became friends with one of the most prominent conspiracy theorists, Alex Jones. Ozempic-Alex has been a guest of Joe's several times.

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And that's not all! Many other prominent vatniks have also been guests of Joe, including Russell Brand (four times), Elon Musk (five times), Tulsi Gabbard (five times) and Tim Pool (two times). Some of them are now supporters or part of the Trump administration.

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## THE JOE ROGAN EXPERIENCE



**#1880**  
**TULSI**  
**GABBARD**

A photograph of Tulsi Gabbard in a recording studio. She is wearing large black headphones and has a friendly, smiling expression. She is wearing a light blue button-down shirt. A professional microphone is positioned in front of her. The background is a dark red curtain.



For years, Rogan claimed to be a “counter-cultural” figure, often criticizing both “mainstream media” and the “deep state”. Today, Joe Rogan has become so influential that he essentially is the mainstream media, his reach surpassing most traditional outlets like CNN.



Over the years, his ideological shift to the right has been noticeable – hardly a secret & undeniably lucrative. The trend is similar to figures like Russell Brand, who began by promoting inner peace & spirituality but have since gravitated toward illiberal narratives.



In his earlier years, Joe leaned libertarian and progressive on several issues, advocating for policies like universal healthcare, decriminalization of drugs, and marriage equality. During the 2020 primaries, Joe said he'll "probably vote for Bernie [Sanders]."

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Before 2022, Rogan also called Donald Trump "so fucking dangerous" and a "man baby," even claiming that "not all Trump supporters are racist, but all racists are Trump supporters." In 2024, his tone had changed - he had Trump as a guest and later fully endorsed him.





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## Joe Rogan endorses Trump on eve of the election

 By Alayna Treene and Kate Sullivan, CNN  
🕒 2 minute read · Updated 7:33 AM EST, Tue November 5, 2024



 Joe Rogan endorses Trump just before Election Day  
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His stance against Big Pharma grew stronger during COVID-19, featuring conspiracy theorists like RFK Jr. & Robert Malone who fueled skepticism. Recently, one of his guests, Suzanne Humphries, claimed that “vaccines do not account for the decline of infectious diseases”.

## RFK Jr wasn't campaigning as an anti-vaxxer - until Rogan controversy

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**Mike Wendling**  
BBC News



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**Robert F Kennedy Jr has downplayed his anti-vaccine views in his run for the US presidency, but a podcast appearance has put them front and centre once again.**

Mr Kennedy, who's seeking the Democratic party nomination for president, is facing controversy after raising his anti-vaccine views on the Joe Rogan podcast.

He appeared on the massively popular series - known for its wide-ranging conversations and a range of guests, including a number with controversial or pseudoscientific views - last Thursday.

## A vaccine scientist's discredited claims have bolstered a movement of misinformation

January 24, 2022



Robert Malone speaks during a rally after a D.C. march opposing coronavirus mandates on Jan. 23. (Tom Brenner/Reuters)



By [Timothy Bella](#)

As Robert Malone stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial before thousands of [anti-vaccine and anti-mandate demonstrators](#) Sunday, the medical doctor and infectious-disease researcher repeated the falsehoods that have garnered him legions of followers.



**Joe Rogan** ✓  
@joerogan



“Dissolving Illusions” is a really great book. I probably would have never thought about exploring the real history of vaccines if we hadn’t gone through the insane Covid gaslighting of the last 5 years, but after Dr. Humphries’ book I’ll never look at it the same way again. She’s a very brave and brilliant woman. @DrSuzanneH7

⇒ **End Tribalism in Politics** ✓ @EndTribalism · Mar 27

🔥 Joe Rogan just dropped his most important podcast of the year — with Dr. Suzanne Humphries.

She challenges decades of mainstream medical claims — from vaccines to chronic illness....

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# DR. SUZANNE HUMPHRIES

3:25 PM · Mar 27, 2025 · 20M Views



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# EVEN ELON MUSK IS TRYING TO CORRECT JOE ROGAN'S ANTI-VAX NONSENSE

The conspiracy-curious podcaster interviewed a doctor who claims that that polio was eradicated through sanitation rather than inoculation

By MILES KLEE

MARCH 27, 2025



Musk in March

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Rogan's conversion into an anti-Ukraine figure (allegedly) happened fast. But many of his guests, including Robert F. Kennedy Jr, Dave Smith (who's appeared on JRE 14 times!) and Mike Benz have spread disinformation about the origins of the Russo-Ukrainian War.



**THE JOE ROGAN EXPERIENCE**

**#1999**

**ROBERT  
KENNEDY JR.**



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**#2025**

**DAVE  
SMITH**



## THE JOE ROGAN EXPERIENCE

**#2237**  
**MIKE**  
**BENZ**



RFK Jr. falsely claimed that Ukraine declined the settlement in the Minsk accords, also blaming NATO for the war. Smith and Benz shared these sentiments, blaming Victoria Nuland's cookies and the Biden administration (and Hunter Biden) for the escalation of the conflict.

# RFK Jr.'s 'history lesson' on Russia's invasion of Ukraine flunks the fact test

A line-by-line dissection shows he's often echoing Russian talking points.

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(Kena Betancur/AFP/Getty Images)



Analysis by Glenn Kessler

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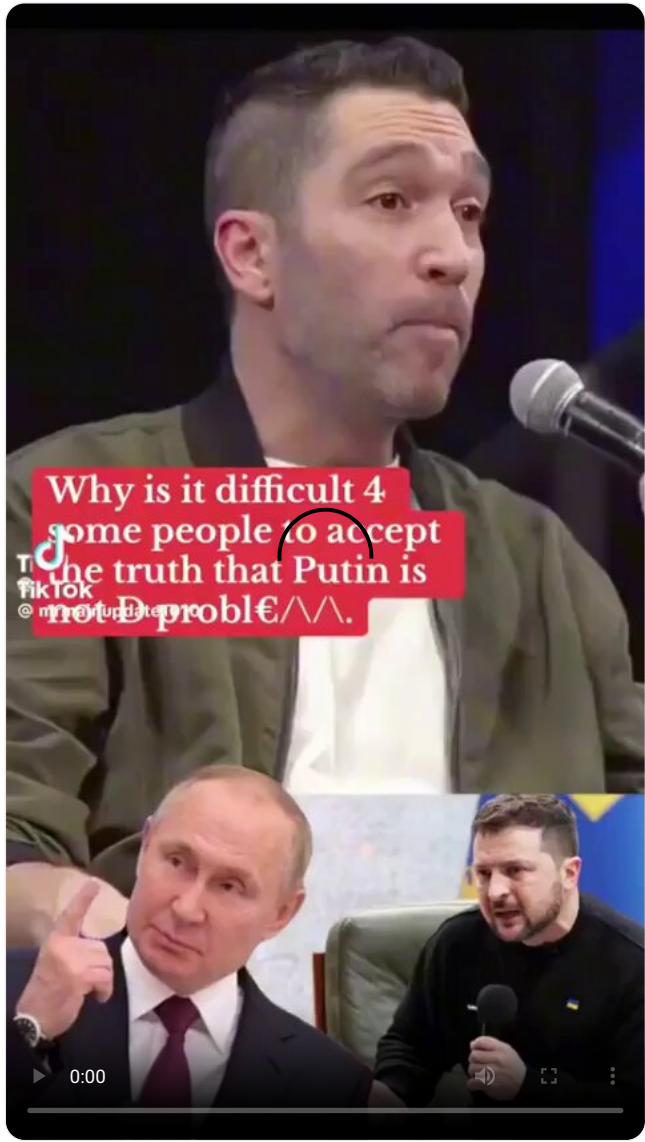
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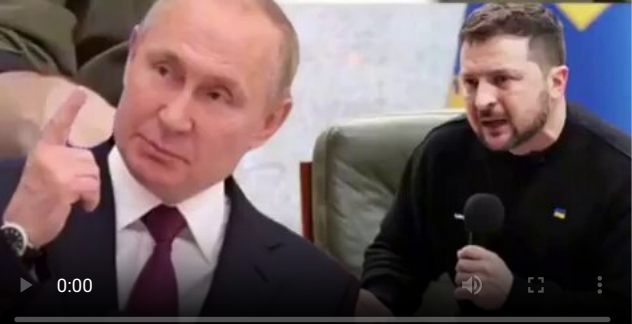
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## Michael Benz, a conservative crusader against online censorship, appears to have a secret history as an alt-right persona

Frame Game, the pseudonym of an alt-right internet personality, hid his face while pushing racist conspiracy theories. Inadvertent slips revealed details about his identity.



Michael Benz.

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Oct. 7, 2023, 12:17 AM GMT+3  
By Brandy Zadrozny

 **KanekoaTheGreat** @KanekoaTheGreat

[.@joerogan](#): When did the U.S. government get started with internet censorship?

[@mikebenzcyber](#): "It started in 2014 with the Ukraine coup and the counter-coup. In 2014, we had about 25 years of successful free-speech diplomacy, and then we successfully overthrew the government of Ukraine. Our Assistant Secretary of State, Victoria Nuland, handed out cookies and water bottles to violent street protestors as they surrounded the parliament building and ran the democratically elected government out of office."

In Nov 2024, Joe finally shared his thoughts on Ukraine and Zelenskyy, while doing a podcast with Scott Storch. It didn't take long before the discussion turned to Ukraine, where his uninformed ramblings quickly started resembling the stories you hear from the Kremlin.

BREAKING

# Ukrainian Boxing Icon Wladimir Klitschko Blasts Joe Rogan Over Suggesting Attacks On Russia Could Start ‘World War III’

Stephen Pastis Forbes Staff

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Nov 25, 2024, 12:21pm EST

**TOPLINE** Ukrainian boxer Wladimir Klitschko, one of the most famous boxers globally, posted a video Sunday challenging popular podcaster Joe Rogan after Rogan argued the Russian-Ukraine war is a “proxy” battle and that President Joe Biden has moved to incite “World War III” by recently allowing Ukraine to strike inside Russia with long-range U.S.-provided missiles, suggesting the podcaster is buying into “propaganda.”

a Bunch of Kremlin Propaganda?

FACT-CHECK KLITSCHKO US

## FACT-CHECK: Did America's Most Popular Podcaster Joe Rogan Just Parrot a Bunch of Kremlin Propaganda?

A clash over Russian missile strikes and World War III is pitting US super-influencer and jujitsu black belt Joe Rogan against Ukrainian heavyweight boxer Wladimir Klitschko

by Stefan Korshak | Nov. 25, 2024, 4:20 pm

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US podcast host Joe Rogan tours the starting grid before the start of the United States Formula One Grand Prix at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas, on October 20, 2024. (Photo by Patrick T. Fallon / AFP)

First, he criticized Biden for allowing Ukraine to use US-supplied weapons to strike inside Russian territory, claiming that it was an escalation towards World War III. Then he shifted his focus on the Ukrainian president, which you can see in the video below.

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Joe quickly got massive backlash for his comments, and after these ridiculous & uninformed hot takes, both Zelenskyy and Mayor of Kyiv Vitali Klitschko offered to come on JRE as guests – but Rogan declined. To this day, he hasn't featured one real pro-Ukraine guest.

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It seems that Rogan is willing to entertain flat earthers and conspiracy theorists for hours on end, yet he declined an opportunity to host Zelenskyy, another comedian who sought to discuss his country's struggle for survival and rally support for a war-torn nation.

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## Parents Of Children Who Were Killed In Sandy Hook Are Suing Alex Jones Over His Conspiracy Theories

The Infowars host's conspiracy theories led to death threats and "intense emotional anguish," the parents allege in two separate lawsuits that seek more than \$1 million in damages each.



**Nidhi Prakash**  
BuzzFeed News Reporter

Posted on April 17, 2018 at 9:57 pm



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Additionally, Joe has no problem inviting literal Hitler apologists like Darryl Cooper on the show. Cooper's main shtick is to promote dictatorships, authoritarianism, and of course re-writing history to make Hitler seem like the good guy:

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A screenshot of a tweet from Pekka Kallioniemi (@P\_Kallioniemi). The tweet text reads: "In today's #vatniksoup, I'll introduce an American podcaster, Darryl Cooper (@martyrmade). He's best-known for 'Martyr Made', a history podcast that provides a strongly revisionist and biased analysis on historical events such as the Revolution of Dignity and World War II." Below the text is a video thumbnail showing a man with glasses and a plaid shirt speaking into a microphone. The video has a 'TUCKER CARLSON' logo in the bottom right corner. The tweet is timestamped '12:28 PM · Oct 18, 2024' and has 2.3K likes, a reply icon, and a 'Copy link' option. A 'Read 29 replies' button is at the bottom.



**Martyr Made** ✓  
@martyrmade



Hitler tried again, going on the radio to broadcast a call for peace directly to the British people. He would give back the parts of Poland that were not majority German, and would work with the other powers to reach an acceptable solution to the Jewish problem. He was ignored. /21

 **Readers added context**

Grossly misleading.

The tweet refers to the "appeal to reason" by Hitler in July 1940. By this time Hitler had invaded two direct Allies of Britain, Poland and France, broken multiple treaties and Einsatzstaffeln were killing Jews, Poles and others.

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**Martyr Made**  
@martyrmade

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This may be putting it too crudely for some, but the picture on the left was infinitely preferable in virtually every way than the one on the right.



**Cernovich**  @Cernovich · 13h

After the Paris opening ceremony, which I put on for my daughters, I don't care what happens to France. Can't get any worse than the few minutes we saw. Insulting to Christians and secular people alike. Go to Hell, Paris.

**Martyr Made**  @martyrmade · Apr 13, 2019 ...

We're in a period where fundamental axioms are up for debate. Such opportunities are rare and fleeting, so don't be deterred from challenging basic assumptions for fear of sounding ignorant.

**Benjam** @BenjaminML1 · Apr 13, 2019

Replying to @BenjaminML1 and @martyrmade

Or is too ignorant of me to ask that? forgive me if that is the case

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**citizen of earth** @caboose1077 · Apr 13, 2019 ...

Seems like our society is pretty vulnerable to a charismatic autocrat (a competent one). Now, more than ever, we should be promoting a values based healthy democratic system. Let's get away from this identitarian tribalism

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**Martyr Made**  @martyrmade ...

What could be more desirable for a society than a competent, charismatic autocrat?

**MartyrMade** @martyrmade · Nov 8, 2019 ...

This is the real reason the DC establishment flipped its lid when Trump brought up Hunter Biden's corrupt ties to the Ukrainian natural gas company. They all do it. They all sell the political access that voters provide to them.

**Ralph Nader**  @RalphNader · Nov 8, 2019

Why are Caroline Kennedy, former ambassador to Japan, and Nikki Haley, former ambassador to the UN, on Boeing's Board of Directors? They have neither knowledge nor experience in Boeing's military, space and civilian passenger business...

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**Jefflinks** @Jefflinks1 · Nov 9, 2019 ...

How do you stop it?

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**MartyrMade** @martyrmade ...

Replying to @Jefflinks1

**Democracy is a disease. Tyranny is the cure.**

9:49 AM · Nov 9, 2019 · Twitter Web App

Interestingly, Joe only addressed the war in Ukraine after endorsing Donald Trump & following Trump's victory in Nov 2024. But to be fair, Rogan's mind has been marinated by conspiratorial & anti-Ukraine ideas by many of his vatnik guests long before any of this happened.

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# How Musk Helped Keep Kamala Harris Off Joe Rogan's Podcast

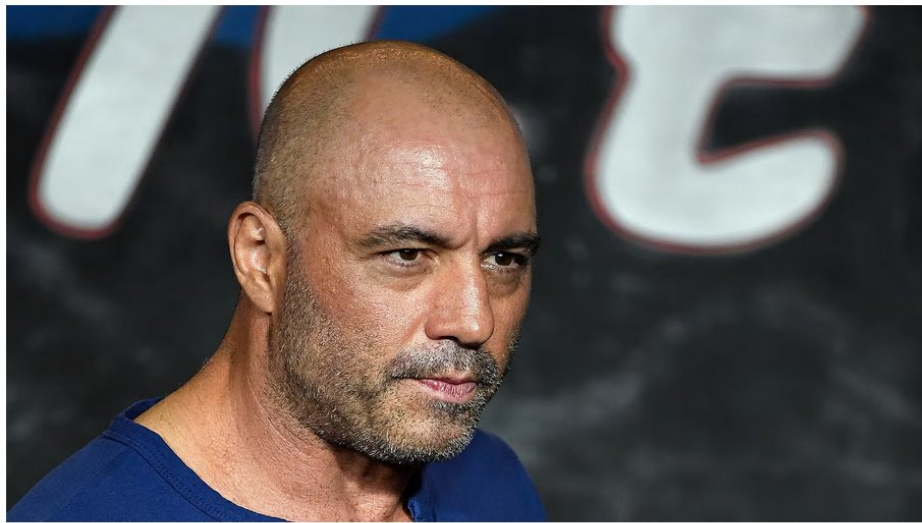
BAIT-AND-SWITCH

A new book provides insight into what went right—and what went wrong—between Kamala Harris and Joe Rogan.



Josh Fiallo  
Breaking News Reporter

Updated Jan. 29 2025 7:55PM EST  
Published Jan. 29 2025 7:49PM EST



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It is extremely sad that Joe Rogan has decided to provide a very one-sided view of the brutal war on Ukraine, without even offering Ukrainians a chance to counter these claims. Instead, he'll just invite Dave Smith for the 15th time to spread his bullshit narratives.



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## 'You're repeating Russian propaganda,' Ukrainian boxing champion Klitschko responds to Joe Rogan

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by Boldizsar Gyori · November 25, 2024 1:43 PM · 2 min read



Former Ukrainian boxer Wladimir Klitschko attends the 2024 Munich Security Conference on Feb. 16, 2024, in Munich, Germany. The conference is bringing together political and defense leaders from all over the world. It is taking place as Russia's war in Ukraine will soon enter its third year, and the conflict in Gaza continues to grind on. (Johannes Simon/Getty Images)

Recently, Rogan has started echoing the Trump administration's views on Canada. On the "JRE Fight Companion" podcast, he stated that "I don't go to Canada anymore," and "I'd rather go to Russia." Of course, he then criticized the Canadian government but not the Russian one.

 **Right Wing Cope**   
@RightWingCope



joe rogan says he'd rather go to russia than canada. trump has fried this man's brain



**"I WON'T BE [AT UFC 315]. I DON'T GO TO CANADA ANYMORE. I'D RATHER GO TO RUSSIA."**

JOE ROGAN  
VIA THE JOE ROGAN EXPERIENCE



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A search of the podcast episode's captions located additional comments Rogan made about Canada earlier in the same episode. He said, "I think it's stupid that we hate France. I don't get it. I think it's stupid that we hate Canada, too. I don't get that either." He added, "They have a terrible government but Canadian people are awesome."

Why does Rogan's opinion matter? Rogan's podcast is still the most popular in the world, and like Musk, his reach is massive. He has around 15 million followers on Spotify and over 19 million on YouTube, and he has garnered nearly 6 billion video views on YouTube.





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Dec 4, 2024 5:00am PT

## Joe Rogan Again Had the No. 1 Podcast on Spotify for 2024

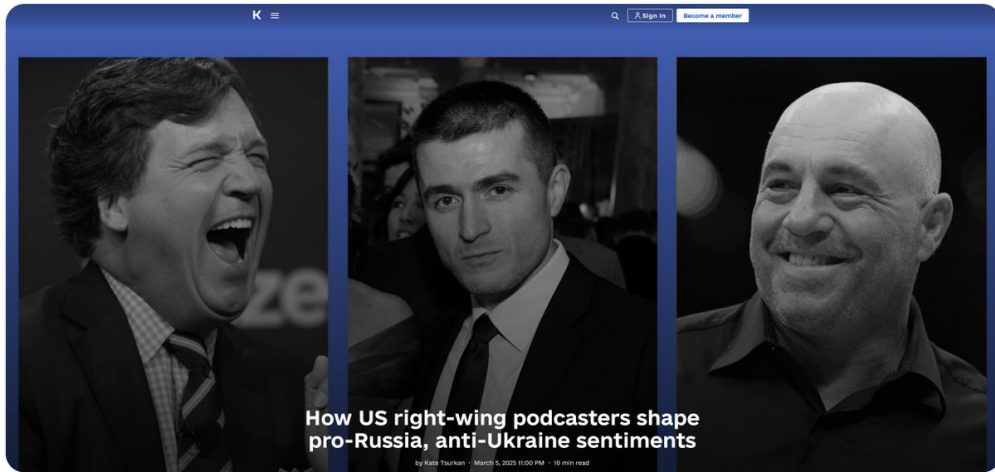
Streamer says more than one-third of top 50 podcasts in U.S. are now available as video episodes

By Todd Spangler ▾



The Joe Rogan Experience/Spotify

Conclusion: Joe Rogan has gone from being a countercultural icon and podcast pioneer to an illiberal political shill, toeing the line and too afraid to criticize his new masters. That's why he won't invite anyone who could challenge his or his buddies' views on Ukraine.



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

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Do your friends believe Ukraine is full of neo-Nazis and secret biolabs? Do you feel overwhelmed by propaganda and lies every time you go online? Does your mom think Tucker Carlson sounds reasonable?...

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The image shows a book cover with a light beige background. At the top, the title "THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO RUSSIAN DISINFORMATION" is written in bold, dark blue capital letters. Below the title is a stylized orange illustration of a bowl with a face, where the bowl's rim forms the top of the head, and two vertical bars and a mustache-like shape form the face. Below the illustration, the text "Vatnik Soup — Kle•art" is in bold, followed by a paragraph of text. At the bottom, a URL is provided.

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