

In today's Vatnik Soup REBREW, I'll reintroduce an American political commentator and pro-Kremlin propagandist, Tucker Carlson (@TuckerCarlson). He's best known for his promotion of crazy conspiracy theories and for his support of authoritarian regimes around the world.

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Tucker's career spans decades, but he's also been very active in recent years, so a lot has happened since our previous soup on him, which can be found here:



Once described as "the most powerful conservative in America", Tucker has now fully transformed into a grifting conspiracy theorist and propagandist willing to work for whoever pays him the most. It's unclear whether Tucker truly believes his endless conspiracy theories or...



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Talking With Tucker Carlson, the Most Powerful Conservative in America

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...just peddles them for attention, but he sure loves spreading them. That's why he fits perfectly into MAGA's post-truth society, where emotions — and money — trump facts. Yet after all these years, two things remain constant: his love for Putin and his hate for Ukraine.

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Carlson was cheering for Putin already back in 2017, claiming that he doesn't consider Russia a serious threat to the US. He's said that Putin doesn't hate America as much as the

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Tucker Carlson, downplaying Russia-Ukraine conflict, urges Americans to ask, 'Why do I hate Putin?'

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Fox News host Tucker Carlson again offers his support for Russian President Vladimir Putin on his Tuesday night show. (Screenshot/YouTube/Fox News)



Fox News host Tucker Carlson: Putin does not hate America like liberals do

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▶ Fox News host Tucker Carlson: 'Putin, for all his faults, does not hate America as much as many of these people do.' Photograph: Richard Drew/AP

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Russia may be "a cold and vodka-soaked and only marginally relevant place", according to Tucker Carlson, but the Fox News host seems determined to make controversial statements about it central to his primetime show.

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On Monday night, a week after making waves by saying he was "rooting" for Russia in its conflict with Ukraine - and then claiming to have been joking - the host blasted critics of the Trump administration employed by cable news.

Tucker was the one who brought the "bioweapons labs in Ukraine" conspiracy theory into the mainstream. He invited guests like Glenn Greenwald to his show on Fox, and good old Glenn was more than happy to speculate on the subject — one that had been debunked long before.





Tucker was sacked by Fox News in Apr 2023, shortly after the Dominion Voting Systems lawsuit against Fox was settled for \$787.5 million. Dominion's legal team released some damning text messages that revealed Tucker hates Daddy Trump "passionately."

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We are very, very close to being able to ignore Trump most nights.



I truly can't wait.



i wan't nothing more. it does feel very close. i imagine things will get nice starting around mid february



I hate him passionately. I blew up at Peter Navarro today in frustration. I actually like Peter. But I can't handle much more of this.



Tucker Carlson to an unknown Fox employee



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Tucker Carlson claims in book Fox News firing was part of \$787.5m settlement

Former prime-time host tells biographer he 'knows' firing was part of deal to resolve Dominion Voting Systems defamation case

Martin Pengelly

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□ Tucker Carlson: 'They had to settle this; Rupert [Murdoch] couldn't testify. I think that deal was made minutes before the trial started.' Photograph: Giorgio Viera/AFP/Getty Images

Tucker Carlson "knows" he was fired by Fox News in April as a condition of the \$787.5m settlement with Dominion Voting Systems regarding the broadcast of Donald Trump's lie about election fraud, the former host says in a new book.



Soon after, Tucker launched his own show on Twitter, called Tucker on Twitter. In the first episode, Tucker claimed that the US had found an alien starship with its pilot, that Zelenskyy is persecuting Christians, that the destruction of the Kakhovka Dam was...

Tucker Carlson says he'll take his show to Twitter

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By Mary Yang, David Folkenflik



... done by Ukrainian forces, that the Black Lives Matter riots were organized by an unknown entity, and that the truth behind 9/11 was "still classified." Tucker's shitshow was heavily promoted by Elon Musk, along with Tulsi Gabbard's and Don Lemon's shows.

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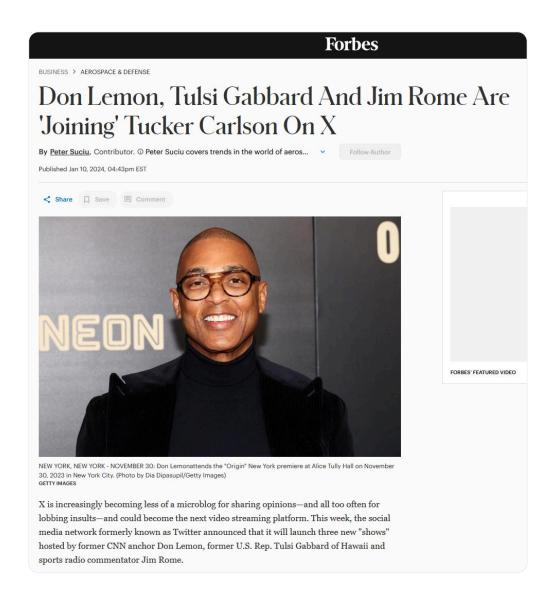
real' in Twitter broadcast





Tucker Carlson launched his <u>new show on Twitter on Tuesday</u>, spouting 9/11, Ukraine and UFO conspiracies.

The former prime time Fox News host gave a 10-minute monologue as he spoke for the $\underline{\text{first time since being ousted}}$ by the cable network.



In Feb 2024, Carlson traveled to Russia to interview Vladimir Putin. During the interview, the Russian dictator belittled and ridiculed Tucker between his strongly revised "history lessons" and justifications for Russia's genocidal war on Ukraine:

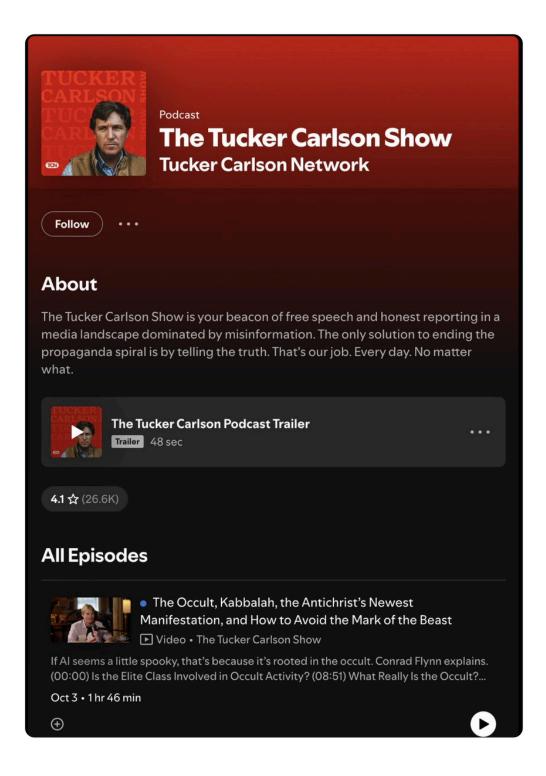


During his trip to Russia, Tucker also produced some of the most overt & ridiculous pro-Russian propaganda, visiting the French supermarket chain Auchan & praising basic food products like bread. According to Carlson, "Moscow is so much nicer than any city in my country."





In May 2024, Tucker launched a new weekly commentary podcast, The Tucker Carlson Show. It quickly became one of the most popular podcasts on Spotify in the US, and is today the #1 hotspot for anything conspiracy-theory-related. He's hosted many vatniks, including...





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Tucker Carlson Had the Most Popular New Show on Apple Podcasts in 2024

Top podcasts overall were NY Times' 'The Daily,' 'Crime Junkie' and 'The Joe Rogan Experience'

By Todd Spangler ~







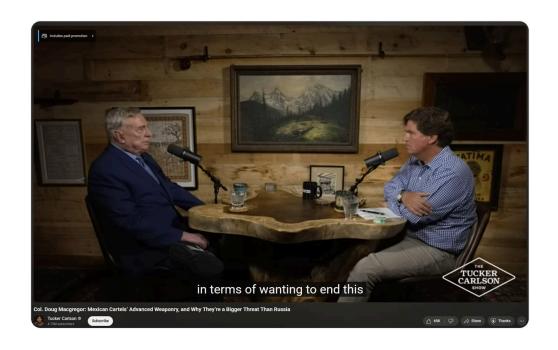




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Tucker Carlson, who went solo after losing his job at Fox News, had the No. 1 new show on Apple Podcasts this year in the U.S., according to the tech giant.

... pathological liar Douglas Macgregor, crooked lawyer paid by Russian oligarchs Robert Amsterdam, neo-Nazi Darryl Cooper, Kremlintarian Dave Smith, fellow conspiracy theorist and alleged rapist Russell Brand, Soviet Union fan Sergey Lavrov & pathetic manchild Andrew Tate.







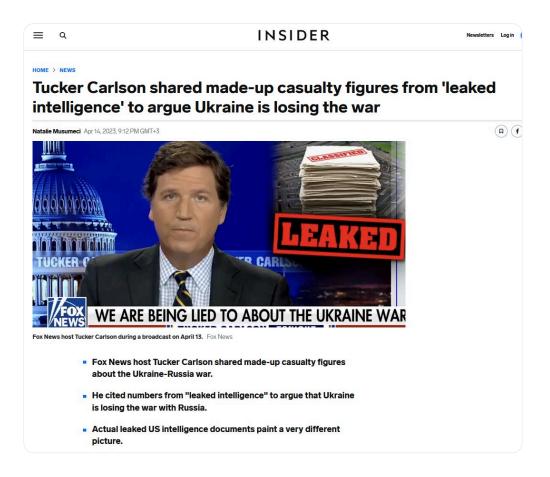


Possibly due to his love for a certain Russian dictator, Tucker's been spreading the most unhinged & extreme anti-Ukraine narratives out there. Most of these narratives are of course bullshit — but that hasn't stopped anti-Ukraine propagandists from rallying around them.







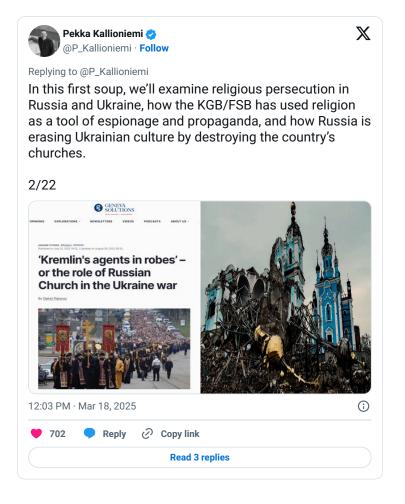


For example, in the midst of the war in Ukraine, he said about Zelenskyy that "He is a dictator. He is a dangerous authoritarian who has used a hundred billion in U.S. tax dollars to

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He's accused Ukraine of persecuting Christians, banning opposition parties & selling Western weapons to cartels — all baseless or distorted claims debunked by multiple investigations.



Tucker Carlson is Wrong: Putin Practices Religious Persecution, Not Zelensky

By Steven Moore & Tim Chapman on October 20, 2023





uoker Carlson recently claimed that Zelensky has "banned the Christian faith in his country and arrested nuns and priests." Though purporting to speak on behalf of religious liberty, in reality Carlson is playing fast and loose with the truth and endangering the lives of Ukrainian believers.

The Moscow-backed clergy being arrested in Ukraine are not neutral, but actively working for the Kremlin, some contributing directly to the deaths of hundreds of Ukrainian women and children. These arrests are not merely a whim of President Zelensky either: Eighty-five percent of Ukrainians polled favor the government taking action against these representatives of the Russian Orthodox Church who are causing mayhem in Ukraine—66 percent of Ukrainians want the Russian Orthodox Church banned completely in Ukraine.

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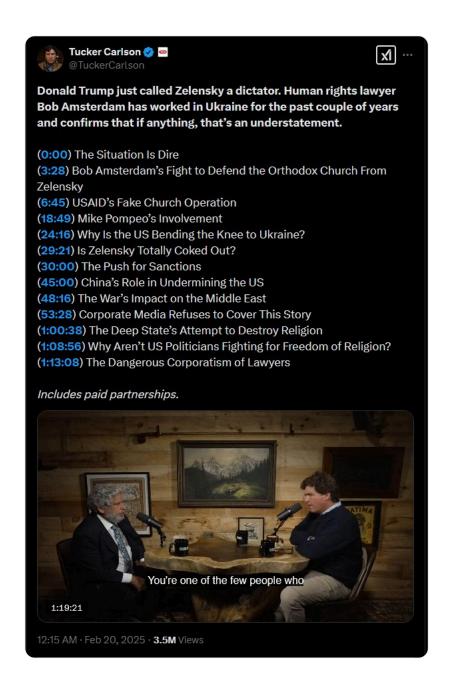
American political commentator Tucker Carlson and British journalist Piers Morgan. (Source: Youtube)

Ukraine Refutes Tucker Carlson's False Claims on Arms Sales to Mexican Cartels





Tucker Carlson speaks at his Live Tour at the Desert Diamond Arena on October 31, 2024 in Phoenix, Arizona. (Source: Getty Images)



The accusation of Ukraine persecuting Christians allegedly originates from US-based lawyer, Robert Amsterdam receiving the story, and a big pile of money, from Russian oligarch/Orthodox priest Vadym Novynskyi. More here:



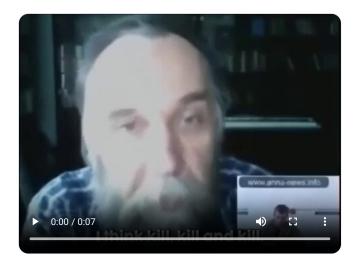
Tucker has also interviewed the grandmaster of Russian red fascism and genocidal imperialism, Aleksandr Dugin. While still working for Fox, he questioned why Dugin's books were not on Amazon—and later went on to interview the madman on his own show. 18/24











These narratives serve only one purpose: to weaken Western support for Ukraine, and Tucker's coverage has actually mirrored Russian state media so closely that RT could air it unedited. Due to this, Tucker has become one of Moscow's most useful Western mouthpieces.

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Of course nothing good could be expected from someone like that. A lot of what Tucker says also has an antisemitic undertone: using words like "rat-like" to describe Jewish Zelenskyy, comparing Charlie Kirk's killing to the crucifixion of Jesus, blaming "hummus eaters"...







Tucker Carlson faces accusations of antisemitism over Kirk eulogy

BY DOMINICK MASTRANGELO - 09/22/25 1:30 PM ET

Conservative pundit Tucker Carlson is facing blowback for comments he made while eulogizing Charlie Kirk on Sunday at a service for the activist who was assassinated earlier this month.

Noting he considered Kirk to be a "Christian evangelist," Carlson said the killing reminded him of the death of Jesus Christ, as told through the Bible.

"Jesus shows up and he starts talking about the people in power and he starts doing the worst thing you can do, which is tell the truth," Carlson began. "And they hate it and they just go bonkers. And they become obsessed with making him stop."

The former Fox News host said he can "picture the scene in a lamp-lit room with a bunch of guys sitting around eating hummus thinking about, 'What do we do about this guy telling the truth about us. We must make him stop talking!"

The pundit's comments were met with blowback from some on social media and in the press, who accused him of suggesting Kirk was assassinated for expressing views that were critical of Israel.

"Carlson's description of leaders in ancient Jerusalem plotting to kill Jesus, paired with his belief that unnamed 'people in charge' decided Kirk had to die because his Christian mission interfered with their agenda echoed the antisemitic deicide charge," the Anti-Defamation League said in a statement on social media.

"Carlson's remarks dangerously reinforced the belief that Jews killed Jesus and that Jews have been a malevolent force throughout history. This antisemitic myth has led to expulsions and murders of Jews for centuries. Even today, too many people still believe this," the group added.

"Tucker Carlson used the memorial for Charlie Kirk — a passionate friend of Israel & the Jewish people — to spread antisemitic blood libels," wrote Mark Dubowitz, head of the the Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD), in a post on the social platform X. "I knew his father, Richard Carlson, Vice-Chair at FDD who strongly supported Jews & Israel. I just can't fathom what happened to Tucker."

"After desecrating Charlie Kirk's funeral with his ridiculous insinuation that Jews were behind his assassination, perhaps the Republican Party will final say goodbye to Tucker Carlson," wrote the U.S.-based activist group StopAntisemitism.

Eylon Levy, a former spokesperson for the state of Israel, chimed in, writing "complete with a laugh like a cartoon villain, Tucker Carlson uses Charlie Kirk's funeral to spread an antisemitic blood libel."



... on plotting to silence him. Even his usual audience has started questioning his sanity and choices of guests. Jeffrey Sachs in particular has been a regular, and together they've been downplaying Assad's mass murders while accusing Israel of "causing 53 million deaths".

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Tucker referred to Bashar al-Assad, the mass-murdering former Syrian dictator, as "some ophthalmologist from London", whitewashing his war crimes such as using chemical

weapons against civilians, torturing political prisoners and bombing Palestinian refugees in Yarmouk.





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Assad regime tortured over 653 Palestinian refugees to death since 2011, report reveals





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Bashar al-Assad is in Saudi Arabia to participate in the emergency Arab summit on the situation in Gaza.

The same Bashar al-Assad that besieged Palestinians in Yarmouk until the area was unrecognizable.



Tucker has even started praising Sharia Law and feudalism, and had Dave Cullum on saying America should have sided with Hitler. He also claims he was mauled by a demon and spreads rhetoric about "Antichrist's Newest Manifestation" and how to avoid the "Mark of the Beast".







Tucker Carlson's Flawed Feudal Fantasies

Carlson's romantic vision of feudal life bears little resemblance to the historical reality.

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By Chelsea Follett

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eudalism is so much better than what we have now. Because at least in feudalism, the leader is vested in the prosperity of the people he rules," declared Tucker Carlson recently on The Tucker Carlson Show. His guest, writer Auron MacIntyre, agreed enthusiastically. Carlson added, "If all your serfs die, you starve." McIntyre replied, "Yeah. There's a true incentive to care for those people."

The conversation sparked ridicule online, but it also reflected a broader, bipartisan trend. As Amanda Mull observed in The Atlantic, social media has grown "strangely nostalgic for life in the Middle Ages." Samuel Matlack of The New Atlantis noted the puzzling frequency of the argument that the preindustrial past may have been superior to modernity.





Throughout his career, Tucker has shed skins like a snake, from bow-tied political pundit to far-right crusader to full-blown anti-American conspiracy theorist. Every reinvention serves one purpose: keeping himself rich, relevant and at the center of the outrage machine.

6. Tucker Carlson, 55

Estimated net worth: US\$50 million



Tucker Carlson at the 2022 Fox Nation Patriot Awards in Florida. Photo: TNS

Host of *Tucker Carlson Tonight*, political commentator, author and anchor Tucker Carlson was once one of the most outspoken and controversial voices on Fox News. However, the right-wing conspiracy theorist's reign on television came to an end in April 2023 when he was fired from the network for reportedly becoming "too big for his boots" and alienating much of the company's staff. These days, he runs the Tucker Carlson Network, producing a series of politically focused shows, podcasts, films and documentaries.

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