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In today's Vatnik Soup, we'll introduce an American conspiracy theorist, podcaster & antisemite, Candace Owens (@RealCandaceO). She's best known for spreading conspiracy theories, attacking Ukraine, promoting pro-Kremlin BS, and becoming a favorite of Russian state media.

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Candace started her career as an intern at Vogue magazine but later moved into political commentary. Her early career focused on criticizing Republicans, calling their antics "batshit crazy." In 2016, her blog even published an article about Trump's penis size.


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The Newest Star Of The Trump Movement Ran A Trump-Bashing Publication — Less Than Two Years Ago

A rising star on the right, Owens was CEO of a site that compared Trump to Hitler and speculated that he has a small penis.

 **Joseph Bernstein**
BuzzFeed News Reporter

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That same year, she launched a doxxing website called SocialAutopsy. In response, people began posting Owens's personal information online. During the controversy, she gained support from figures such as @Nero and @Cernovich. And just like that, she became a conservative.

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With scant evidence, Owens blamed the progressive side of Gamergate for her doxxing and the ultimate failure of Social Autopsy's Kickstarter project, leading her to unexpected allies: the Gamergate faction whose anti-feminist, traditionalist positions often overlapped with politically conservative ones thanks to prominent Trump supporters Milo Yiannopoulos and Mike Cernovich, known for spreading conspiracy theories and far-right ideology.

"I reached out to offer some moral support, told her to keep her head up and not let the hate get her down," Cernovich told NBC News, referring to Owens.

The support Owens received from Cernovich and others on the far-right made an immediate impact.

By late 2017, Owens had once again rebranded herself, this time as a Trump supporter. She began criticizing her previous positions on systemic inequality and soon became affiliated with figures such as Turning Point USA's Charlie Kirk and "Heil Hitler" rapper Kanye West.

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In 2021, Owens launched her own show on The Daily Wire. She regularly interviewed prominent MAGA figures, including UFC president Dana White & even Donald Trump himself. She left The Daily Wire in 2024, reportedly due to controversy surrounding her antisemitic statements.

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‘Coming to Nashville, baby’: Candace Owens to join Daily Wire

By **Anthony Leonardi**

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During her rise to infamy, Candace promoted the Freedom Phone, a cheap Chinese smartphone reportedly worth around \$120, as a \$600 “freedom” device. She also promoted the “anti-woke” bank GloriFi, which soon shut down after running out of money.

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Candace Owens Insists Freedom Phone Not a Scam After Waiting Months for Device

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Conservative pundit [Candace Owens](#) has finally received her own "Freedom Phone" several months after announcing she is backing the project launched by self-proclaimed "[Bitcoin](#) millionaire" Erik Finman.

She has downplayed Nazi atrocities, such as Josef Mengele's medical experiments, as just "bizarre propaganda". She's also promoted antisemitic conspiracy theories, including the blood libel accusing Jews of kidnapping children for secret religious rituals.

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Candace Owens doubts Mengele experiments, calling them 'propaganda'

She did so as she argued against the morality of American support for Israel.

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The very real mass kidnapping of children by Russia doesn't seem to bother her though. Before Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, Owens rarely discussed Russia or Ukraine. That changed in 2022, when she began copy-pasting many of the Kremlin's narratives about the war.

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Candace Owens Backs Putin's Claim Russia Created Ukraine

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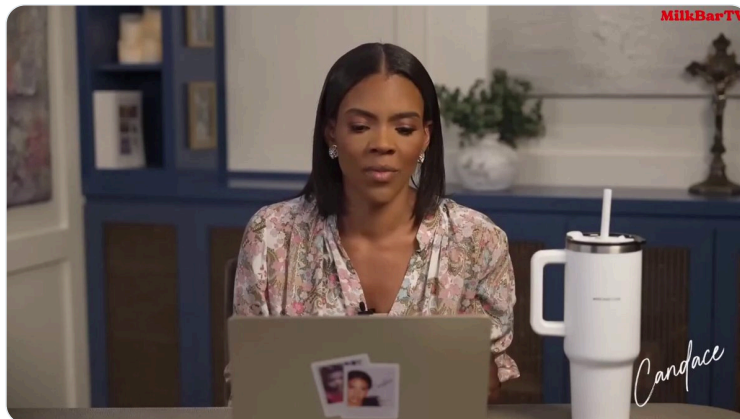
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Her unhinged claims ranged from Putin being better than Western leaders, to Western media being more propagandistic than Russian media, to Ukraine supposedly "not existing until 1989."

Video courtesy of @TheMilkBarTV (do follow them!).

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On the day Russia launched its full-scale invasion, bombing Ukrainian cities and civilians, Owens joined the "Russian Lives Matter" campaign, which was heavily amplified by Russian

state media and Kremlin-linked troll and bot networks.

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Candace Owens boosted by Russian Embassy after tweeting “Russian lives matter”

Owens has made false claims about NATO breaking international agreements by expanding eastward

By **JON SKOLNIK**
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Throughout the war, Owens consistently argued against military aid to Ukraine and portrayed the conflict as a corrupt scheme benefiting politicians, defense companies, and unnamed global elites, the usual “they”.

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Many of her claims focused on NATO expansion, which Candace framed as “the West expanding into Russian territory.” She never explained which territories she was referring to, and I would bet she has no clue either.

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Candace Owens Says U.S., NATO to Blame for Russia's Ukraine Invasion

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One of her most viral claims involved allegations that Olena Zelenska had spent enormous sums on luxury shopping during official visits abroad. As usual, the claims were quickly debunked, but that had little effect on her fan base.

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Candace Owens makes 'murky' claim about Volodymyr Zelenskyy's wife Olena in Paris shopping spree

Volodymyr Zelenskyy arrived in Washington, DC, on Wednesday, December 21, marking his first visit overseas since Russia's invasion

BY PIYUSH ARORA

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Naturally, she has also attacked the Ukrainian president himself. She's called Zelenskyy a "mobster" and the "ultimate criminal." According to Owens, Zelenskyy is "stealing from our [US] people," and she has even questioned his sexual orientation.

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Candace Owens calls Zelensky a 'homosexual actor' and says she doesn't want Ukraine to win the war

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Owens also claims that Ukraine is persecuting Christians, when in fact it has only cracked down on the Moscow Patriarchate, basically just an extension of Russian intelligence agency FSB.

She neatly forgets that Russia has bombed hundreds of Ukrainian Christian churches.



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Putin and Russian Orthodox Church forge an unholy alliance to take over Ukraine

Putin's Russia isn't just at war with Ukraine, it's at war with Christianity



OPINION By David Curry · Fox News

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Earlier this summer, an adviser to the mayor of Mariupol, Ukraine, posted that Russian soldiers had seized the city's [Ukrainian Christian Evangelical Church](#) of the Holy Trinity. After ruthlessly expelling the clergy, the staffer noted that as many as 30 troops remained in the building, at least in part because it provided a "human shield" for troops. The church is located just feet from occupied residential buildings.

[The takeover of a Christian church](#) might seem strange at first. What threat could a church filled with worshipping men, women and children pose to a modern army? But [according to the Institute for the Study of War](#) (ISW), this incident is "part of a wider religious persecution campaign in occupied Ukraine."

While it has been grossly underreported in the U.S. press, [Russia has been waging a brutal campaign](#) against Christians and religious minorities in Ukraine.

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According to the Institute for Religious Freedom, nearly 500 religious buildings, theological institutions and sacred places in Ukraine were destroyed, damaged or looted by the Russian military since the war began. Russia has murdered at least 26 religious leaders while imprisoning and torturing many others. More are missing or unaccounted for.

RUSSIA'S WAR ON CHRISTIANS

Persecution & Killings During the
Invasion of Ukraine (2022–2026)



- Russian forces ban & target Ukrainian Orthodox, Protestants, Greek Catholics
- Pastors abducted, tortured & executed in occupied territories
- Non-Moscow Patriarchate churches raided, looted & shelled

Sources: Ukrainian MFA, USCIRF, Mission Eurasia, Religion on Fire Project (2025–2026 data)

Owens's messages are heavily amplified by Russia's media ecosystem. State media channels, officials, and Kremlin-linked bot and troll networks aggressively push her content, and since her visit to Moscow she has gained a large number of new followers.





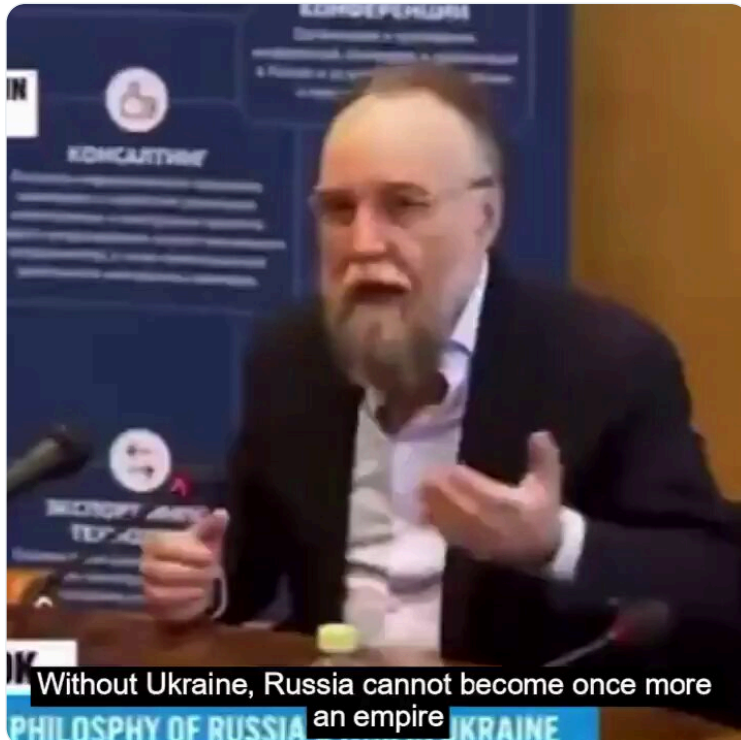
Russian media frequently presents Owens as proof that “trad” Americans are turning against Ukraine and rejecting support for Kyiv. Her statements regularly appear across state-controlled outlets and pro-Kremlin media ecosystems.



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Owens has also engaged publicly with Russian fascist Aleksandr Dugin, a leading advocate of Russian imperialism, and is now attending the same event as him. Dugin has repeatedly called for the destruction of Ukrainian statehood and for confrontation with the US and Europe.

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 **Alexander Dugin**
@AGDugin

I think we need to pay more attention to Rothschild family. Its Frankfurt sabbateanist and frankist roots are very suggestive. They are behind Soros and globalism, EU and Israel. They are the very incarnation of Erev Rav. Whole chain of pseudo messiahs is behind this family.

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Alexander Dugin
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Owens has increasingly portrayed Russia as a defender of traditional Christian values, while describing Ukraine and the broader West as morally and spiritually corrupt. Incidentally, she's Catholic, a religion heavily persecuted by Russia, also a deeply racist society.

Ukrainian Catholics experiencing 'total persecution' in Crimea



Fr. Mykola Kvych, naval chaplain in Sevastopol, blesses Easter baskets in 2013. | UGCC Information Department.



By Sonya Bilocerkowycz, Sofia Kochmar

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As the Russian president signed a bill to annex Crimea Tuesday, the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in the peninsula has been experiencing what a Church official calls "total persecution."

"At this moment all Ukrainian Greek Catholic life in Crimea is paralyzed," Fr. Volodymyr Zhdan, chancellor of the Stryi eparchy in western Ukraine, told CNA March 18.

Don't Believe the Kremlin's Lies About Race in Russia

By Anna-Maria Tesfaye
July 23, 2025



Francine Villa. msfancy_007 / Instagram

Francine Villa thought she'd found refuge. As a Black woman disillusioned with American racism and police violence, she moved to Russia in 2019 and began building a life she believed would be safer, freer and more humane.

She became a Russian citizen. She gave birth there. She even starred in an RT documentary called "Black in the U.S.S.R.," praising Russia for offering the kind of racial peace she never found in the United States.

Then last week, her neighbors beat her in her own Moscow apartment block. They called her racial slurs. They blocked her entry. They punched her in the face. Her two-year-old child witnessed it all. And when she went to the police, they did what Russian police do best when it comes to racist violence: absolutely nothing.

As someone who's Black and Russian myself, I wasn't shocked. I was furious, but not surprised. Because I didn't flee the West — I fled Russia. I left because racism there isn't an aberration. It's as common as the air.

I was born and raised in Russia. I didn't go there seeking freedom. I came into the world in a country that taught me from childhood that my Blackness made me foreign, suspect or disposable. Every Black person in my family has been physically assaulted at least once. Not just insulted — assaulted. In parks, on public transport, in apartment blocks like Francine's.

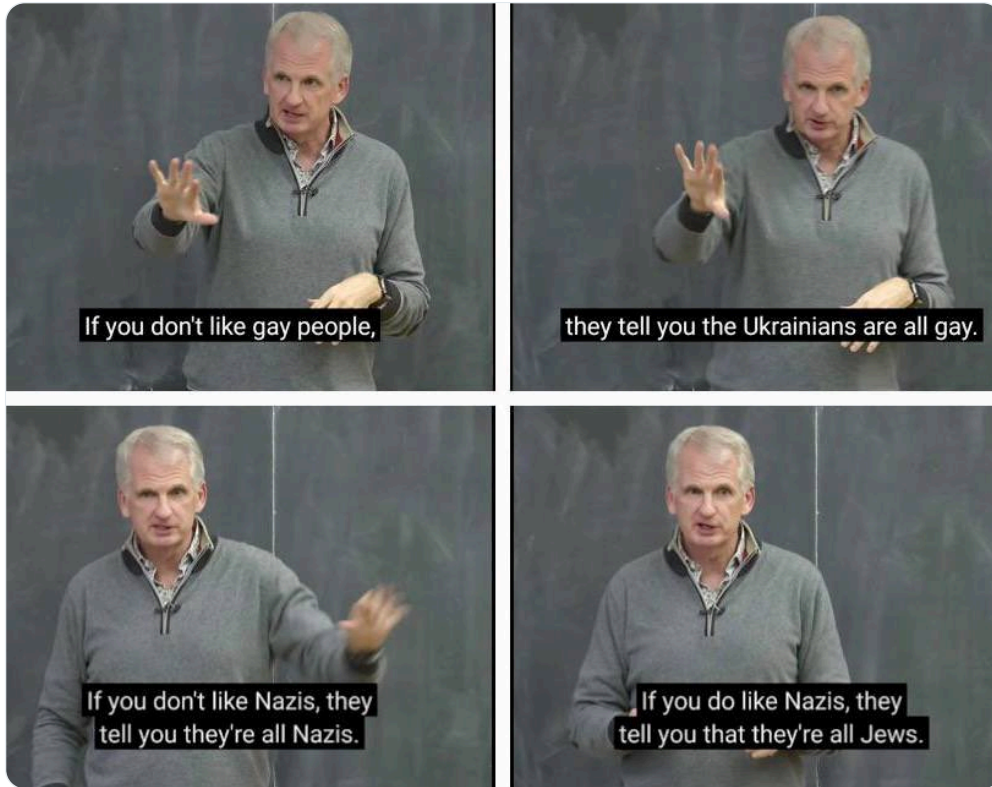
One time I was walking home after surgery, still dizzy from anesthesia. Neighbors I'd never seen before started shouting at me, accusing me of being drunk or on drugs. They demanded to know who my landlord was. I told them I owned the apartment. They laughed in my face. A Black person owning property? To them, that was unthinkable.

On 4 June 2026, Owens appeared at the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (@SPIEF) as a prop. For the first 50 minutes she was barely acknowledged, and when she finally got to speak, she promoted her book and praised Russia. Her handler must have been pleased.



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Candace is just yet another opportunistic grifter who picks her whole personality and politics based on the current trend or chance to make money. And Russia loves this type of immoral opportunist ready to promote its genocidal wars for clout or cash: a match made in hell.



Russia spends \$5 billion a year on propaganda to manufacture support for its invasions through troll farms, bots and fake narratives such as those pushed now by Candace Owens. Fact-based research to counter it takes time and effort—please support our work:

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