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In today's Vatnik Soup, our 400th (!), we introduce the Vatnik Archetype: the recurring character who claims to oppose war while defending invasions, claims to fight imperialism while serving Moscow, and claims to seek truth while repeating the vilest propaganda.

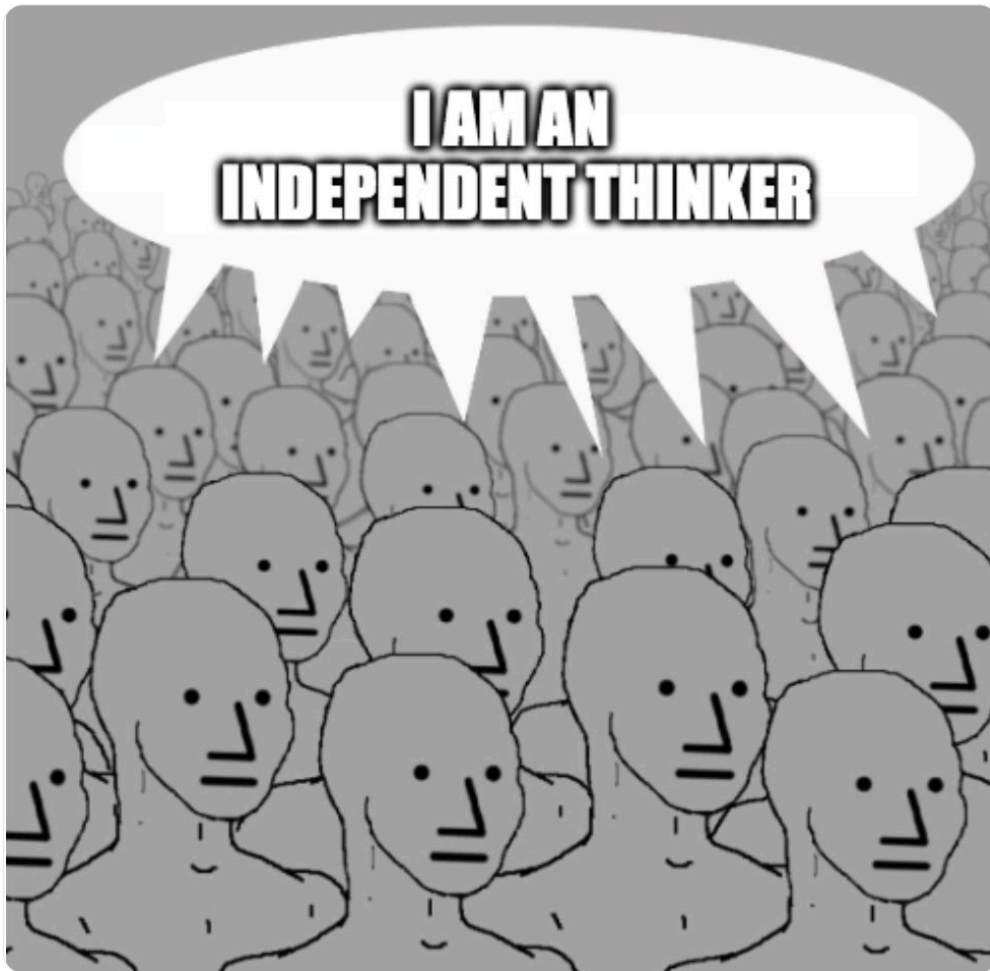
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The typical vatnik is not defined by what he (or she) believes in, but by what he excuses.

He may be far-left or far-right, nationalist or anti-imperialist, religious or atheist. The position changes, but the core is the same: a clone of all other vatniks.

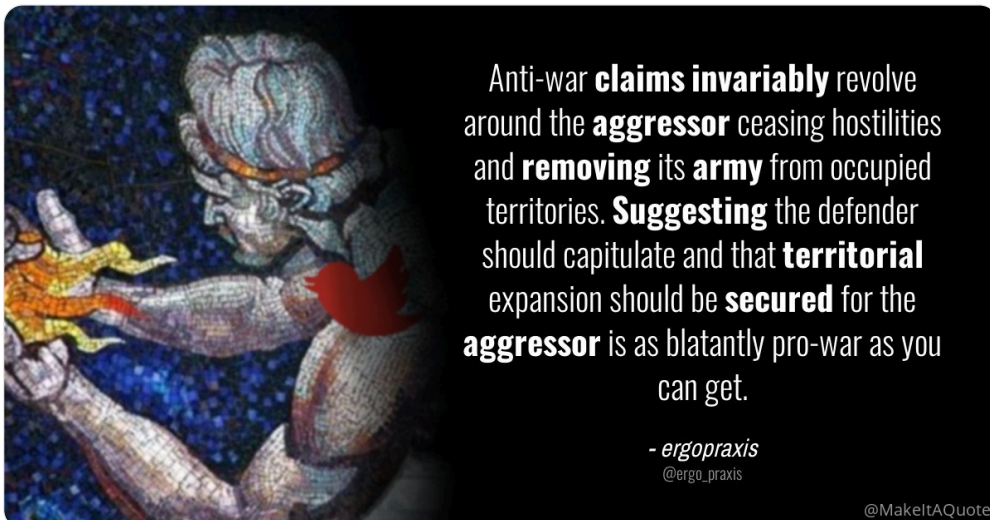
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The vatnik claims to be anti-war — but wants the aggressor to win. The vatnik supports “peace” — but only if it means Russian occupation of recognized Ukrainian territory.

In other conflicts, no matter how complex, the vatnik might vehemently support armed resistance.

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But not Ukrainian resistance to Russia — a conflict without the slightest ambiguity on who the aggressor is, and where surrender means filtration camps, sexual abuse, torture or death.

The vatnik condemns escalation — but never the invasion, occupation, deportations or terror bombings that made resistance and armed response necessary.

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The vatnik speaks of “spheres of influence” as if other nations were furniture to be moved around by “great powers”, without ever questioning what supposedly makes Russia one. He somehow always forgets that Russia is not the only state with nuclear weapons.

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To him, Western power is always imperialism. Russian power is always “security concerns”, “multipolarity”, or “historical complexity”. He opposes NATO—but never Moscow’s military blocs, bases, proxies, mercenaries, occupations, or nuclear blackmail.

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In today's Debunk of the Day (2), we'll look at... nuclear blackmail. Vatriks love using Russia's nuclear threats as a reason for surrendering or for not lifting a finger to help Ukraine: "see, they have nukes, we have to give them whatever they want".
The argument is absurd:
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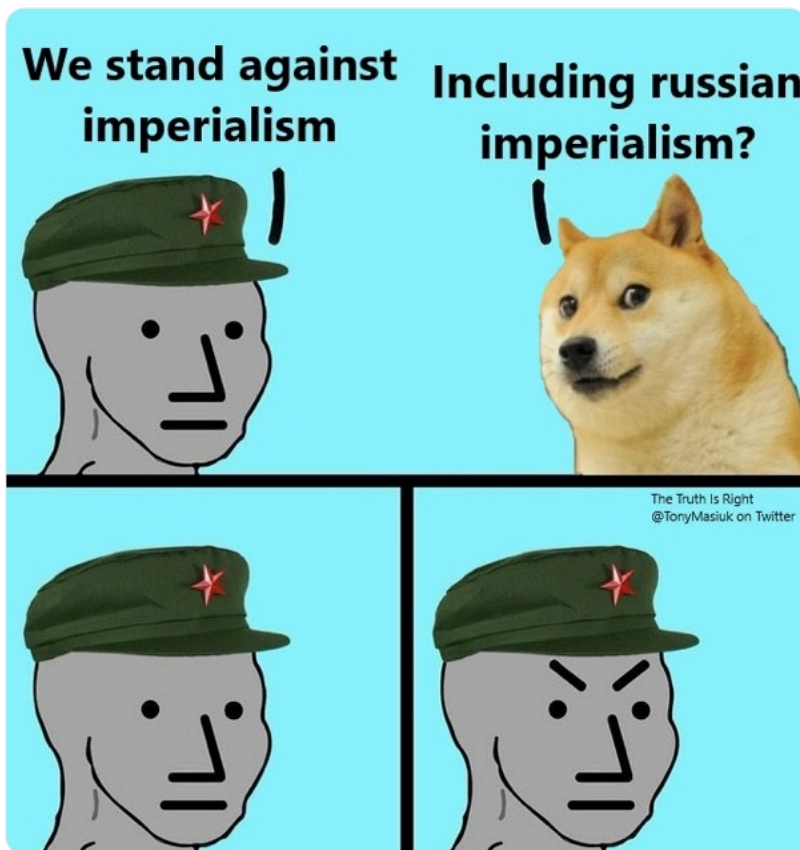


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The vatnik cares deeply about Russia's security concerns, need for buffer zones, or invasion paranoia — but no other country ever gets such special fragile snowflake status, not even his

own.

He distrusts his own government, his own media, and every Western institution.

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But give him a statement from the Kremlin, a Russian Telegram channel, RT, Sputnik, or some anonymous “geopolitical analyst”, and suddenly he discovers unlimited trust. He says “question everything” – then repeats nonsensical Kremlin talking points from Russian state media, word for word.

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The vatnik claims to fight imperialism while defending one of the last openly imperial projects in Europe. For him, Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova, or Belarus are not countries. They are mere bargaining chips.

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In this 5th Debunk of the Day, we'll discuss something that sounds great in theory, but was completely turned upside-down by the tankie kind of vatnik: anti-imperialism. More consistent anti-imperialists call this the "anti-imperialism of idiots".

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He screams about Nazis in Ukraine — but praises Wagner, has a Nazi mug, maybe even a Nazi tattoo. Usually, not always, stops short of going “Heil Hitler”, but certainly not of “Hitler was provoked” or “it was wrong to fight and defeat Hitler”.

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In today's Vatnik Soup and "Degenerate Russia" series, we'll discuss Russia's Nazi problem, Nazi vatniks, and the sheer absurdity of Russia's "denazification" claims to justify its genocidal invasion of Ukraine.

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The vatnik claims we should all surrender to Russia, because "traditional values". His own values usually include a history of abusing women or children, or a series of wives and cheating on all of them with minors or teenagers.

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In today's Vatnik Soup and our "Degenerate Russia" series, we'll discuss what kind of lowlives sink low enough to support Russia's invasion of Ukraine, lie on Russia's behalf, promote Russian BS, and even gather in Moscow or St. Petersburg to help the Kremlin wage its war.

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The vatnik never comments on Russian atrocities; if pushed, will point out that others have done bad things too at some point, therefore nothing to worry about.

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In this 4th Debunk of the Day, we'll refute an absolute classic of vatnik BS, the crown jewel of peak dishonesty: whataboutism.

Now, not everything that looks like whataboutism is wrong. Seeking consistency or comparing actions or responses is normal.

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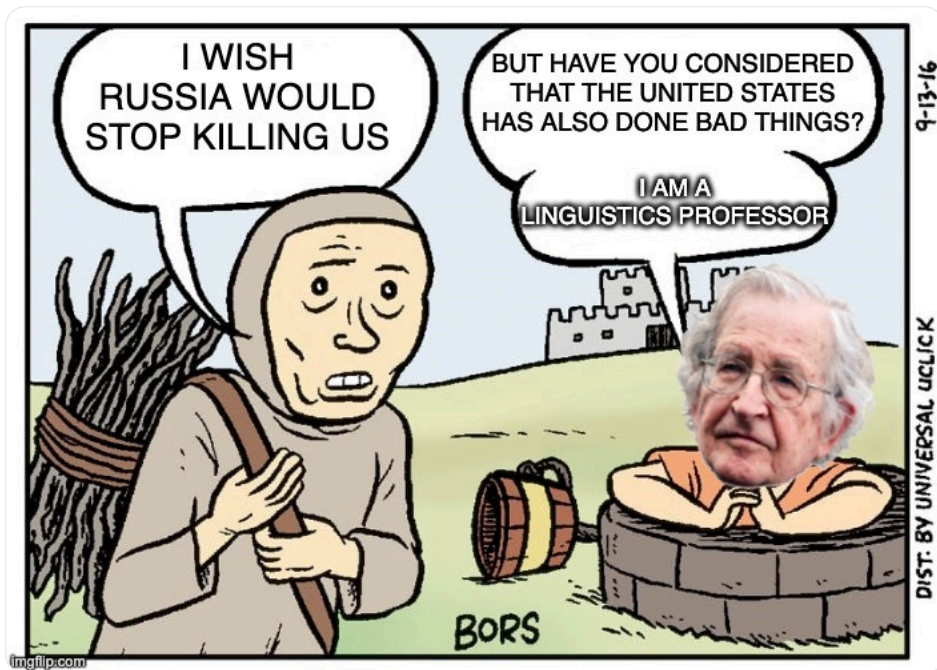
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The vatnik can be either rabidly anti-Israel or rabidly anti-Palestine. In the former case, expect antisemitism, in the latter, anti-muslim racism. One thing is certain: in neither case will the vatnik care about the actual lives or rights of either Palestinians or Israelis.



Jackson Hinkle 🇺🇸 🇧🇪 @jacksonhinkle · 22h

🇷🇺 🇪🇬 You CANNOT BREAK the Palestinian **spirit**.



👥 **Readers added context they thought people might want to know**

This photo was taken in Homs, Syria not in Gaza, by Hassan Ghaedi of a mother who returned to her destroyed house to take a car toy for her son. The photo won the Siena International photo Award in 2022.

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The destruction was caused by the Assad regime.

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Jackson Hinkle 🇺🇸 @jacksonhinklle · Oct 22

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Ala Hamdan • الاء حمدان @AlaHamdann · Oct 22

Hello Jack. I've been retweeting your content non-stop. But please don't share anything about this man.

Don't ignore the hundreds of thousands killed in Syria.

If you stand with 🇸🇾 then you can't stand with him 🙏

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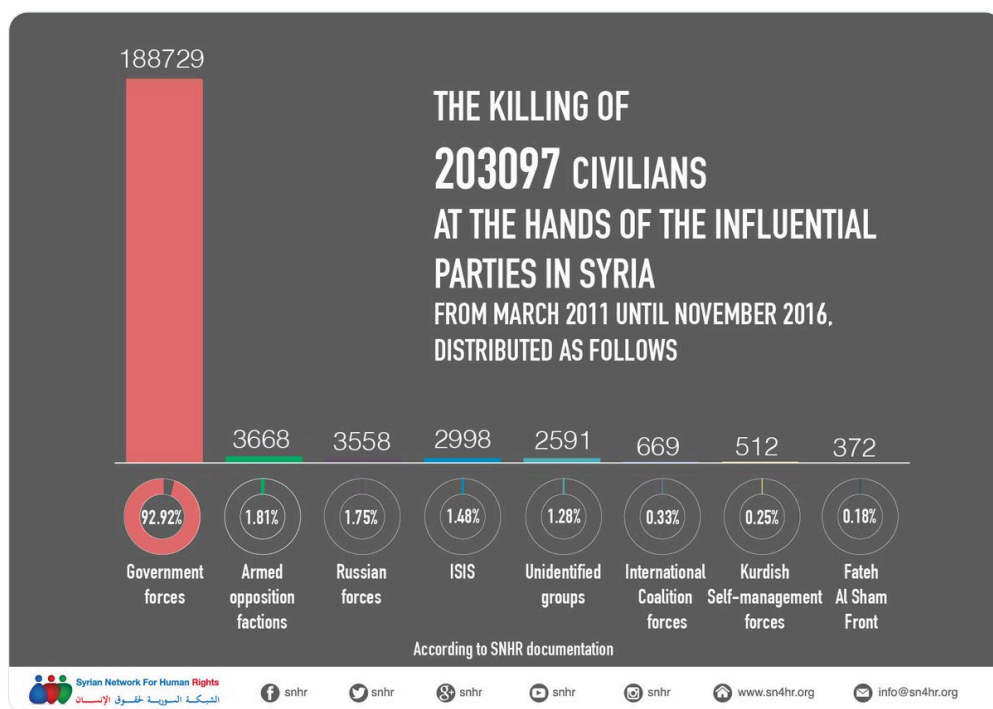
Assad regime tortured over 653 Palestinian refugees to death since 2011, report reveals

January 23, 2022 at 10:48 am



Palestinian children holding banners in solidarity with Palestinian refugees in Syria [Ashraf Amra/Apaimages]

The total number of Palestinian refugees tortured to death by the regime of Bashar al-Assad since the beginning of the Syrian revolution has risen to 653, a rights group has reported.



Just like the vatnik cares about the lives of neither Russians nor Ukrainians.

The vatnik rebrands constantly. Yesterday he was a “peace activist”, today a “realist”, tomorrow an “anti-globalist”, a “free speech absolutist” or an “independent journalist”.

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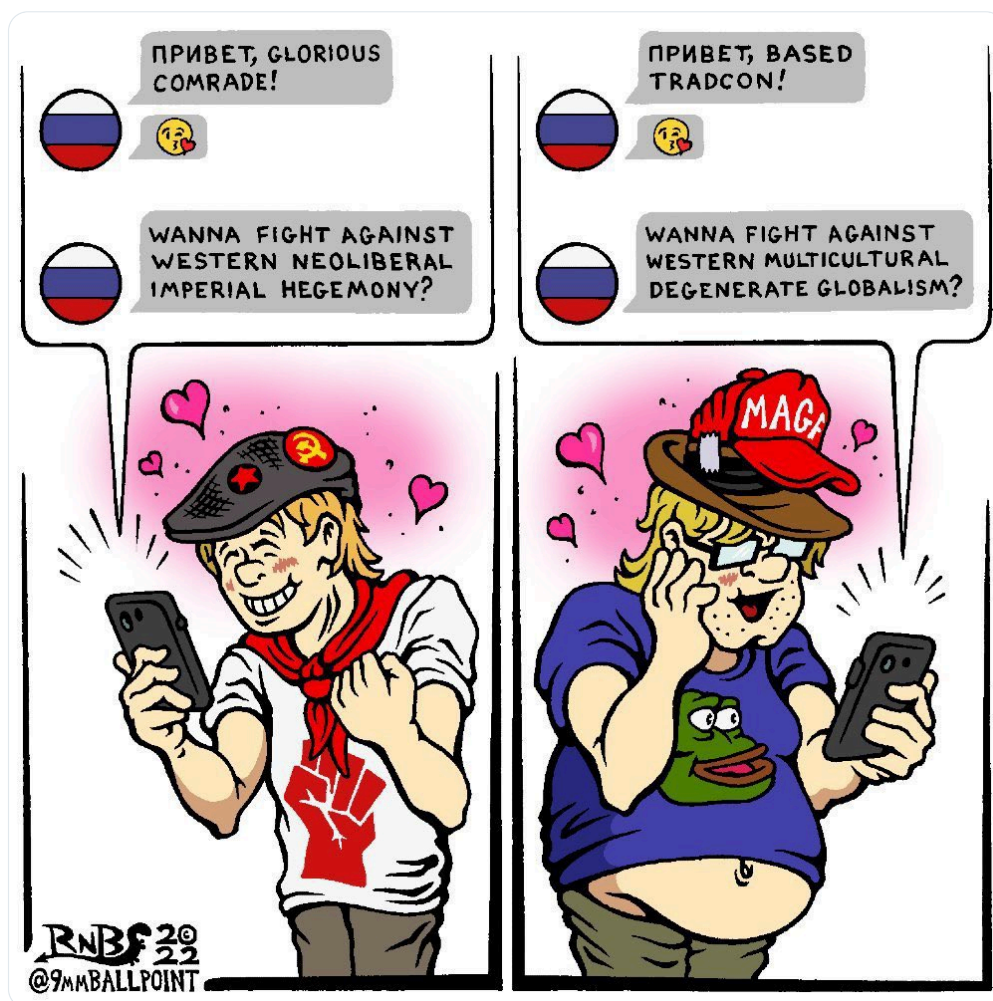
In this fourth dimension of journalism, guests can even improve their skills from one interview to another: a certain **Ryan Dawson** was introduced as a “journalist” to talk about the war in Yemen, then as a “political blogger” to speak about the annexation of Crimea, before being promoted to “peace activist and human rights activist man” on the question of American military bases in Japan, then “author and analyst” on the Sino-Japanese territorial conflict, or even “journalist specializing in Asian affairs” on the subject of tensions between the two Koreas. His career on RT reached its peak in 2013, when he was crowned “geopolitical analyst” – sorry – to criticize the conditions of detention in Guantánamo on air. At no time will the channel have specified its main activity: denialist blogger.

The vatnik can come from any political tribe, but often from the ends of the horseshoe. A “tough on crime” conservative applauding Wagner convicts freed to murder again. A right-wing anti-communist opposed to the slightest welfare policy, but unconcerned about Putin raising fresh statues to Stalin.

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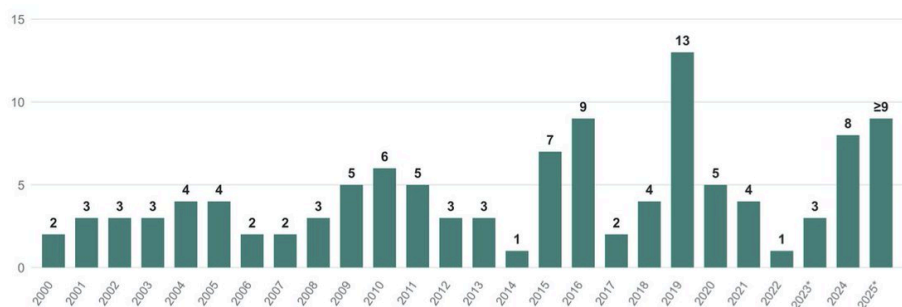
Horseshoe theory





New Stalin monuments in Russia

Reported annual installations, 2000–2025



* Partial years: 2023 to 1 October; 2025 to 27 May. The 2025 count is at least nine.

Sources: 2000–2023, Tochka (1 Oct 2023); 2024–2025, Agentstvo (27 May 2025).

The inventories differ in coverage; Agentstvo excludes occupied Ukraine.

Reported Stalin monument installations, 2000–2025. Sources and coverage are identified in the chart notes; asterisks mark partial years.

He may be a Libertarian: hates politicians and states, is skeptical of authority, has grand theories of rights and ethics and whatnot. But: glory to the KGB agent turned genocidal

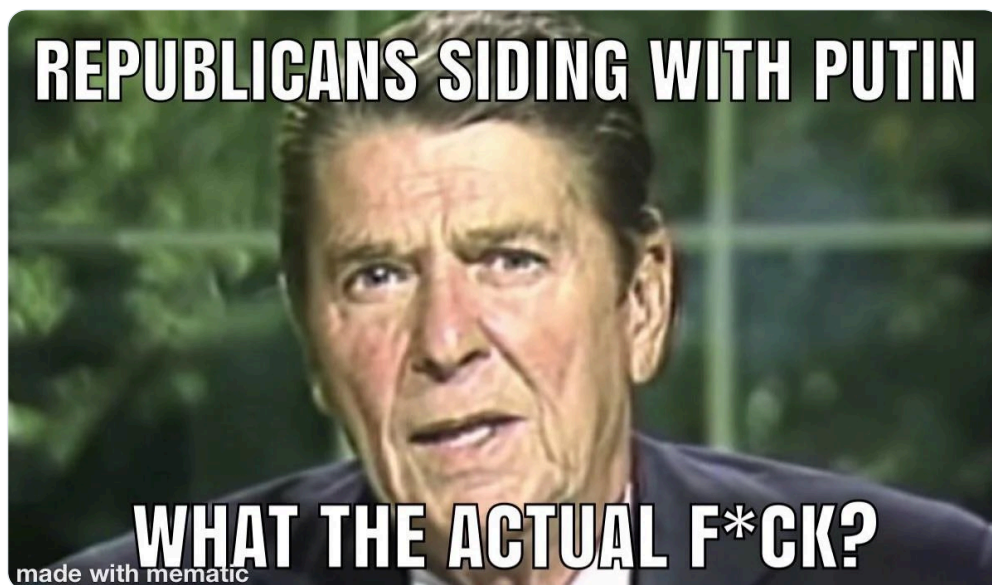
dictator!

The Libertarian — or should we say, the Kremlintarian — claims to love small states, peace and non-aggression, but for some reason, has no objection whatsoever to the largest state, Russia, becoming even bigger through wars of aggression or nuclear blackmail.

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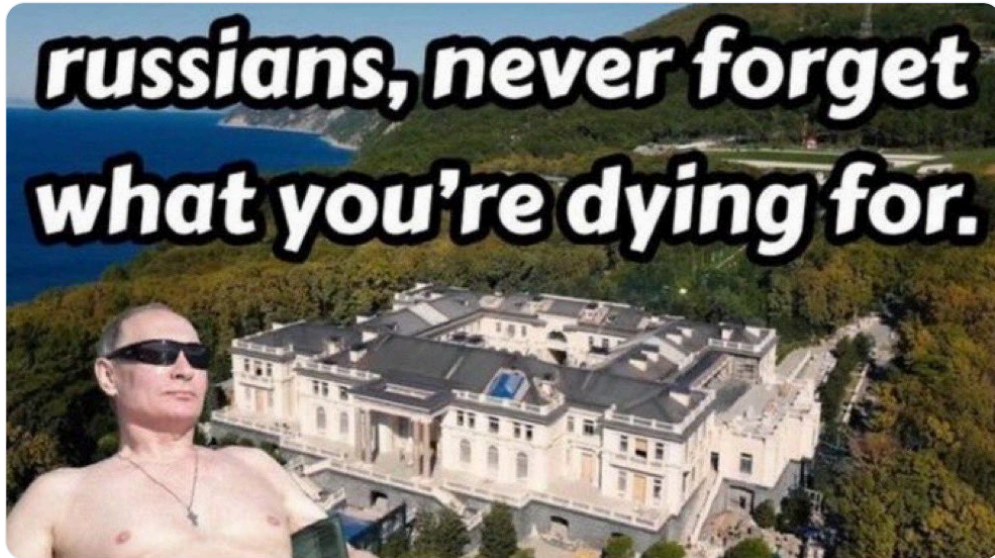
The vatnik can be a religious conservative, who never comments about Putin's bombing of churches or turning of religion and faith into a KGB farce. The vatnik will never mention that Ukraine is more Christian and more religious than Russia.



Or maybe an ecologist who ignores Russia's ecocide and rusting oil tanker shadow fleet. Or a leftist funded by oligarch billionaires — or diligently donating his own time to them for free.

The vatnik might condemn the invasion, or even Putin, but... then comes the but.

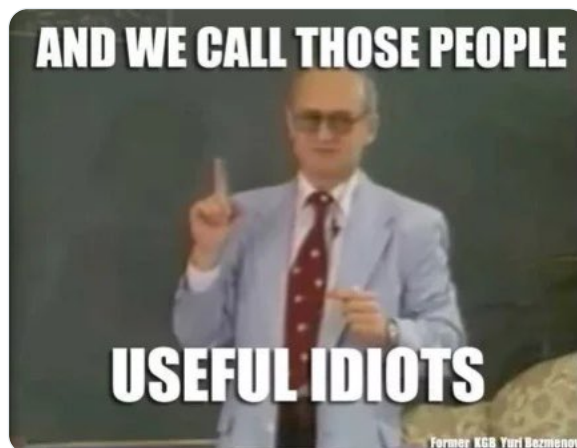
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Some are paid. Some are useful idiots. Some are contrarians who define their whole identity by opposing whatever decent people support.

What vatniks have in common is not the values, but the lack thereof. Not the motives, but the result: explicit or implicit support for the Kremlin.

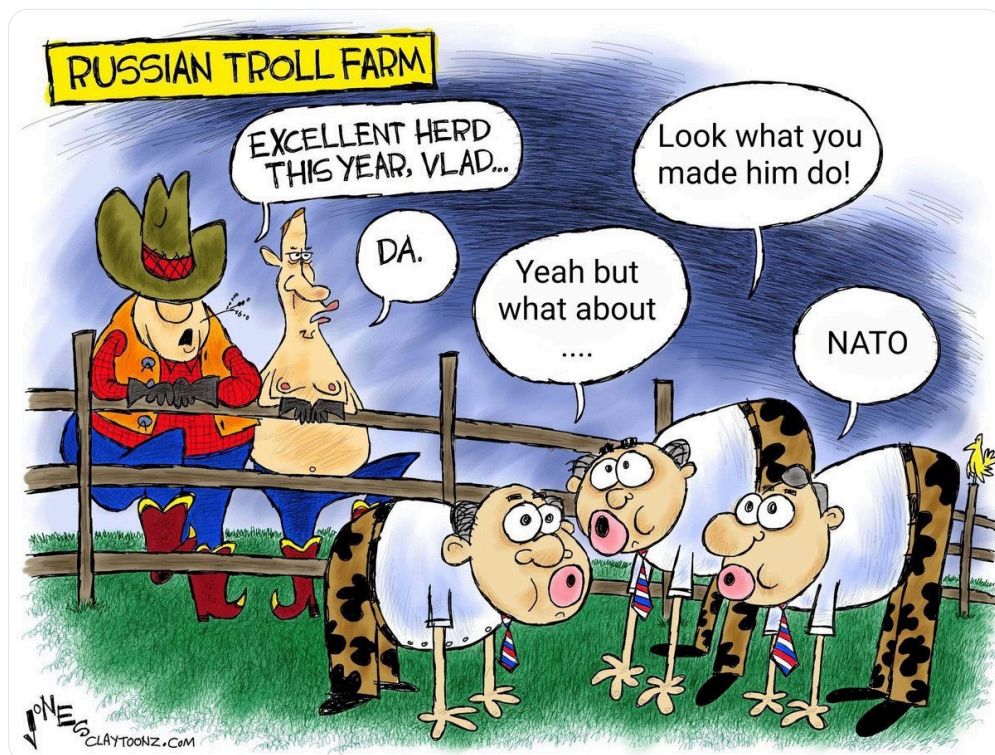
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You've seen this same vatnik hundreds of times. And you'll keep seeing many more of such soulless clones, whether they're bots, trolls, or (somewhat) real shells of actual humans, who once used to have some values and believe in something.

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Yes, we've souped hundreds of such vatniks. And we'll soup hundreds more if we have to, as long as Russia spends billions on cultivating them and feeding them – propaganda narratives to manufacture consent for its invasions. 21/21

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