



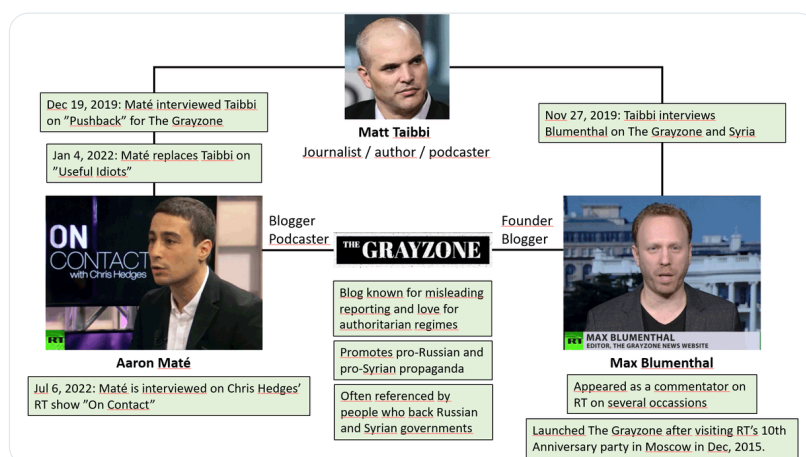
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In today's [#vatnik](#) soup I'll discuss Matt Taibbi ([@mtaibbi](#)) and why he was a bad choice for disseminating the Twitter Files.

First, see the ugly ass chart that I made to see the connections between the pro-Russian actors and Taibbi. I'm truly sorry for how it looks.

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As you can see from the chart, Taibbi, once a prominent journalist and a former contributing editor for Rolling Stone magazine is well-connected to some of the biggest Russia/Syria-apologists and grifters alive.

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I've written about Aaron Maté before, and Neil Abrams ([@neil_abrams](#)) has done a comprehensive list of debunkings he has done on Maté:



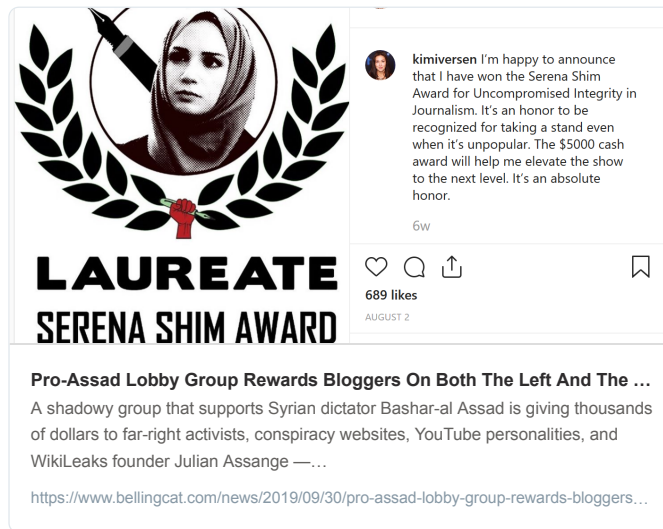
He likes to smear NGO's like the White Helmets who revealed war crimes in Syria ...

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... and blames the "Ukrainian neo-nazis" or the CIA/NED/[insert US institute here] on the ongoing war.

Maté has also received money for his work from an organization that funds apologists for the Assad regime:



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Max has appeared on RT and Sputnik on several occasions, but his most well-known for his propaganda/disinformation blog The Grayzone.

When interviewed by Tucker Carlson, Max even had the audacity to say that RT isn't funded by the Kremlin.

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It's worth noting that The Grayzone was founded after Max visited Moscow in Dec, 2015. Joshua Collins (@InvisiblesMuros) has written a great article on Max and the Grayzone:




Grayzone, Grifters and the Cult of Tank | by Joshua Collins | Muros Inv...


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<https://medium.com/muros-invisibles/grayzone-grifters-and-the-cult-of-tank-fbd9b8e0d...>

You can read my soup on Max from here:

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In today's #vatnik soup (thanks Mike Edward, @OpsATX for the name!) I'll be introducing the Editor of the @TheGrayzoneNews, Max Blumenthal (@MaxBlumenthal). In his previous life, he reported on prestigious publications such as NYT, LA Times and Al Jazeera English... 1/10



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To conclude:

Even if the first release of Twitter Files turned out to be a nothingburger, it is evident that Taibbi shouldn't be the one releasing them.

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