

In today's #vatnik soup I'll introduce an Irish politician and a MEP from (South) Ireland: Mick Wallace. He aligns himself strongly with another Irish MEP, Clare Daly, and his love for both Russia and China has been evident in his recent comments and appearances.



His political career started at the Irish 2011 general election, and he was elected as an MEP in the 2019 European Parliament election. Wallace falls to the general category of "anti-imperialists", basically meaning anti-US and NATO.



Wallace's views also line up perfectly with folk from the fake news blog The Grayzone: he's supported Venezuela, China, Russia, Belarus and Syria during his period as an MEP.

So if there's an authoritarian regime somewhere, it probably has Mick's support!

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How Clare Daly and Mick Wallace became stars of authoritarian state media

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A new Irish Times investigation shows the MEPs' outsized profile in regime-controlled media $\,$



Mick Wallace and Clare Daly have become staples of state-controlled media in the Russian, Chinese, and Arabic language. File photograph: Artur Widak/NurPhoto via Getty Images

He's called the Belarusian presidential candidate Svetlana Tikhanovskaya a "pawn of Western neoliberalism", and Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó as an "unelected gobshite".

In 2021, he visited the HQ of "Popular Mobilization Forces" an Iraqi militia supported by Iran.4/13



He also blamed the Syrian volunteer organization "White Helmets" - who have revealed several atrocities by the al-Assad troops in Syria, including bombings of hospitals - being corrupt and "paid for by the US and UK to carry out regime change in Syria".

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He was also one of the few MEPs who voted against condemning Nicagarua's Daniel Ortega for his human rights violations.

Wallace attempted to wipe out parts about the Russian involvement in the shooting down of MH17, which stirred up some emotions inside his MEP party.



He's also criticized the sanctions imposed on Russian individuals by the US and EU as being illegal and not complying to the UN Charter. Mick has also attended protests supporting Algirdas Paleckis, a Lithuanian politician who was convicted of spying on behalf of Russia.

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He's also voted against Ukraine aid packages, demands of Putin to withdraw Russia's troops from Ukraine and against a resolution to declare Russia a state sponsor of terrorism.

In Mick's defense, he's also called for peace negotiations between Russia and Ukraine.

Incidentally, like so many other vatnik, this support started only after Russia's illegal annexation of Donetsk, Kherson, Luhanks & Zaporizhzhia oblasts.

Mick Wallace doesn't love just Russia - he also puts a lot time and effort to supporting China's geopolitical goals.



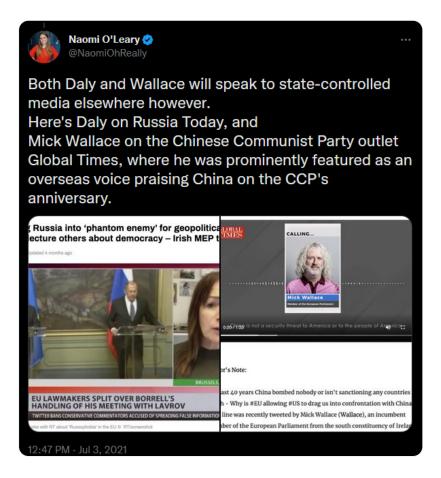
He has downplayed the Uyghur concentration camps and called the reports on them "grossly exaggerated". In 2021 he stated that there is no solid evidence of the existence of these camps. Overwhelming evidence about the existence of these camps have been presented since 2017.

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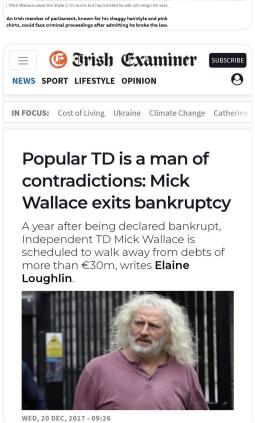


In an interview by the Global Times, a Chinese state-run newspaper, he said that China "takes better care of its people" than the EU.Mick's also in the "Taiwan is part of CCP" gang. He's been featured the most in Chinese-language news articles than any other Irish person.



Wallace's company declared bankruptcy on Dec,2016 with debts over 30 million EUR. Mick seems to be very bad with money in general: in 2012 it emerged that his company forgot to pay 2,1 million EUR in taxes. Later on he admitted "fiddling" his company's VAT returns on purpose.12/13





Irish deputy gave €500k winery to brother at same time he refused to pay €1.4m tax

- Tax-dodging Mick Wallace is facing fresh questions over the way he transferred a €500,000 Italian villa and vineyard to his brother
- Mr Wallace has acknowledged that he lied and deliberately committed tax fraud during 2008 and 99

Bad financing seems to be almost an epidemic among pro-Russian actors...

Mick was going speak at the NO2NATONO2WAR event in Feb, 2023 with The Grayzone gang and other vatniks, but the venue cancelled their booking.

The Grayzone:







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