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Jan 20 · 12 tweets · [P_Kallioniemi/status/1616348108224598017](https://twitter.com/P_Kallioniemi/status/1616348108224598017)

In today's [#vatnik](#) soup I'll be introducing an Australian propagandist and ex-news reporter, Mary Kostakidis ([@MaryKostakidis](#)). She's best known for her storming out from the SBS newsroom in 2007, after which she's been mostly doing hot takes on the US & NATO, Russia & China. 1/11



Mary was setting up the SBS Television in the early 80s, and presented World News on the channel until 2007. In Aug, 2007, she stormed out of the SBS newsroom, protesting the increase in advertising time during the program and never looked back.

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She's a former Chair of the Sydney Peace Foundation, a non-profit that's associated with the University of Sydney. They present the annual "Sydney Peace Prize", and some of the winners of this trophy include John Pilger and Noam Chomsky.

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On 20, Feb, 2022, she was one of the signees in an open letter to the Australian government, calling for "US de-escalation" on the situation in Ukraine. The letter stated that "for more than a month now we have been subjected to cries of 'an imminent invasion of ...

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Australian and international voices call for de-escalation of Ukraine situation

By Bevan Ramsden
Feb 20, 2022



An Open Letter to the U.S. government signed by more than 100 national and regional organizations urged President Biden "to end the U.S. role in escalating the extremely dangerous tensions with Russia over Ukraine." (Image: Flickr/stringer)schuler

In contrast to the voices and actions of the governments of U.S., U.K. and Australia inflaming the situation in Ukraine, voices from citizens and organisations for de-escalation and peaceful resolution are being raised around the world.

Over the past few months, we have seen the voices and actions of the governments of the United States, the UK and Australia contributing to an escalation of the tensions in Ukraine and those voices and actions given



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... Ukraine by Russian forces' by the western press. We have been told that Putin has an invasion plan but no evidence of that has been given. Putin has consistently said that no invasion by Russia is planned or intended."

Russia invaded Ukraine four days later.

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Her online presence is mostly on Twitter, where she retweets and comments on most prominent pro-Russian propagandists, including Caitlin Johnstone, Vanessa Beeley, Patrick Lancaster, George Galloway, Eva Bartlett, the Grayzone bloggers and Cameron Leckie.

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The collage consists of four Twitter screenshots arranged in a 2x2 grid:

- Top Left:** A screenshot of a tweet from Eva Karen Bartlett (@EvaKBartlett) dated June 13, 2022. The tweet includes a link to a video on t.me titled "Chronicles Of The Conflict" showing footage of the Maysky market in Donetsk after shelling. The caption reads: "Footage from the scene of Ukrainian shelling of the Maysky market in Donetsk, where a woman and a child were killed."
- Top Right:** A screenshot of a tweet from Cathy Vogan (@CathyVoganSPK) dated June 20, 2022. The tweet discusses George Galloway and Craig Murray's talk about Assange on their show. It includes a link to youtube.com/watch?v=G-STnM... and a photo of two men, Craig Murray and George Galloway, in front of bookshelves.
- Bottom Left:** A screenshot of a tweet from Patrick Lancaster (@PLnewstoday) dated June 19, 2022. The tweet describes a sad day in Donetsk where Ukraine fired over 400 shells, causing people to dig through debris to find friends' bodies. It includes a photo of a destroyed building.
- Bottom Right:** A screenshot of a tweet from Mary Kostakidis (@MaryKostakidis) dated June 26, 2022. The tweet responds to Lancaster, stating "No, no, no, this is not a US Proxy War" with a thinking face emoji. It includes a photo of a document icon and a link to caitlinjohnstone.substack.com.

I think that the most unbelievable thing about Kostakidis is that she worked almost thirty years in the newsroom, and today pretty much the only news she quotes come from fake news blogs and disinformation mills, or from paid pro-Russian propagandists.

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But tweets speak louder than words, so here's some of the gems from her timeline (yes, I went through the thing and yes, it was painful):

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Mary Kostakidis (@MaryKostakidis) Replying to @GeorgeMonbiot, @sacarlin48 and @pikobli

There are too many reports with civilians and hospital staff saying the Ukrainians are responsible for much of the killing of civilians. If you are not seeing the mountain of video material - not only from Russian sources but independent journalists, and only following MSM..

3:39 PM · Jun 20, 2022

3 Likes

George Monbiot (@GeorgeMonbiot) Replying to @MaryKostakidis

How can you make this statement George? No other country has come anywhere near the US in reeking destruction, civilian deaths and millions of refugees in countless endless wars and coups.

1:36 PM · Jun 20, 2022

25 Retweets 455 Likes

Mary Kostakidis (@MaryKostakidis) Replying to @MaryKostakidis @GeorgeMonbiot and 2 others

The censorship around the war in Ukraine, the denunciations, the single narrative that is permitted, the independent investigative journalists who have been banned by Twitter and Paypal, is worse than McCarthyism. More like Stalinist Russia. Extremely dangerous.

1 Like 4 Retweets

George Monbiot (@GeorgeMonbiot) Replying to @MaryKostakidis

Um, so that makes what Assad and Putin have done OK, does it?

38 Likes 62 Retweets

Mary Kostakidis (@MaryKostakidis) Replying to @GeorgeMonbiot

Of course not but a matter of fact that they are not "the bloodiest rulers". You are highly respected – including by me. I don't think we should take the word of any regime in wartime & always listen to alternative views, particularly when there is evidence.

7 Likes 5 Retweets 155 Retweets

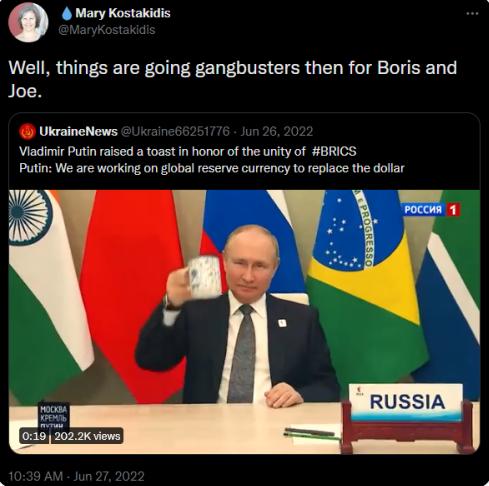
Mary Kostakidis (@MaryKostakidis) Replying to @MaryKostakidis and @GeorgeMonbiot

The climate culture wars showed us how disinformation is used to suppress truth. It took a long time for that to be turned around, by you and others, against those who portrayed it as inconclusive.

3 Likes 3 Retweets 32 Retweets

- Mary celebrates BRICS collaboration with Putin and friends
- Mary shares the made-up story of "genocide in Donbas", as reported by the fake news blog CovertAction Magazine
- Mary shares Russian disinformation with paid actors in Mariupol

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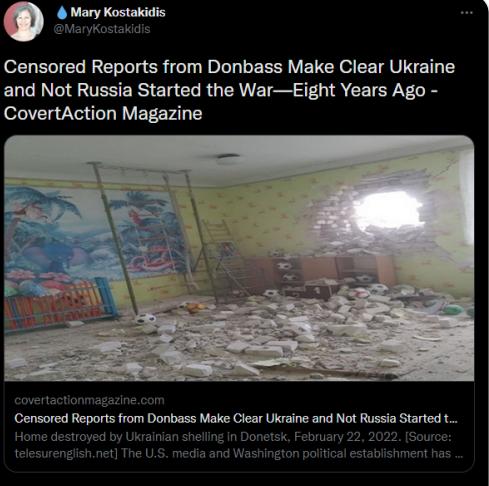


Well, things are going gangbusters then for Boris and Joe.

UkraineNews @Ukraine66251776 · Jun 26, 2022
Vladimir Putin raised a toast in honor of the unity of #BRICS
Putin: We are working on global reserve currency to replace the dollar

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10:39 AM · Jun 27, 2022



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Home destroyed by Ukrainian shelling in Donetsk, February 22, 2022. [Source: telesurenglish.net] The U.S. media and Washington political establishment has ...

12:45 AM · Mar 18, 2022

Too many such testimonies, how the MSM can keep banging away with the same propaganda regardless.
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UkraineNews @Ukraine66251776 · May 18, 2022
survivors of #Mariupol ask that the truth hidden by the Western media be exposed.
"There were no Russian troops or anyone here yet... Ukrainian army destroyed and burned our houses. Let the world listen to who bombed us; we were getting bombed by the #Ukrainians" #Azovstal
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No había nadie aquí todavía:
[opas de] la República Popular de Donetsk ni ...

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2:16 PM · Jun 26, 2022

Naturally she has also parroted the Russian revisionism of NATO expansion.

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4:47 AM · Feb 28, 2022



Also, she's shared straight-up conspiracy theories about the MH17 plane shot down by the Russians, lies about "thousands of young Ukrainians" being tied to poles and tortured, and of course some high quality TASS propaganda.

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Mary Kostakidis @MaryKostakidis

Interesting thread on MH17 #UkraineRussiaWar

Vera Van Horne @VeraVanHorne - Jul 17, 2020
The last flight controller leading #MH17 was Anna Petrenko - a Ukrainian working at Dnipro center, controlled by Israeli-Cyprus-Ukrainian oligarch Kolomoisky, who founded & financed neo-Nazi battalions.
After MH17 crash Anna Petrenko went on vacation & never returned.
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Петренко
Анна Михайловна

12:46 AM · Jan 1, 2023 · 10.1K Views

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This whole thread. Un ****ing believable

UkraineNews @Ukraine66251776 - Apr 24, 2022
Why is this ok for the Western media to ignore? #UKRAINE
Thousands of young Ukrainians are being tied to poles and trees with tape and tortured by Nazi gangs - In some cases stripped slapped and whipped with belt-for what?
#Donbas #DonbassWar #Donbass #Mariupol #Odessa #Odesa
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Mary Kostakidis @MaryKostakidis

'We remember what US President George Bush Jr said:
mission is to kill as many Russians as possible...
They are using as an instrument & the entire logistics are centered round that - weapons supplies, sending people, anything to keep the conflict burning'

Russia in Australia @RusEmbAU - Jun 27, 2022
Russia government organization
Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria #Zakharova:
The West is doing its utmost to continue the conflict in Ukraine as long as possible.
[tass.com/politics/14715...](#)



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This Tweet links to a Russia state-affiliated media website. [Find out more](#)

10:38 AM · Jun 27, 2022

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In today's **#vatnik** soup, I'll introduce an American propagandist & a Youtuber, Patrick Lancaster. He's a former sailor turned pro-Russian disinfo spreader. Ironically, his videos from the Russia-occupied areas have exposed Russian war crimes and sensitive military information.

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In today's **#vatnik** soup I'll introduce one of the biggest disinformation and propaganda blogs on the web: The Grayzone ([@TheGrayzoneNews](#)). It's best known for misleading reporting, disinformation and love of authoritarian regimes and dictators.

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In today's #vatnik soup I'll be introducing a British reality TV star and a propagandist, George Galloway (@georgegalloway). He's best known for his appearance on Big Brother, affiliation with Russia state-media & his love for various authoritarian regimes around the globe.

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NATO expansion:



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In today's #vatnik soup and the newest edition of "You pronounced this nonsense, not me", I'll talk about the NATO expansion and how - according to Russia - NATO and the West are actually at fault for the war in Ukraine.

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9:11 AM · Jan 19, 2023



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