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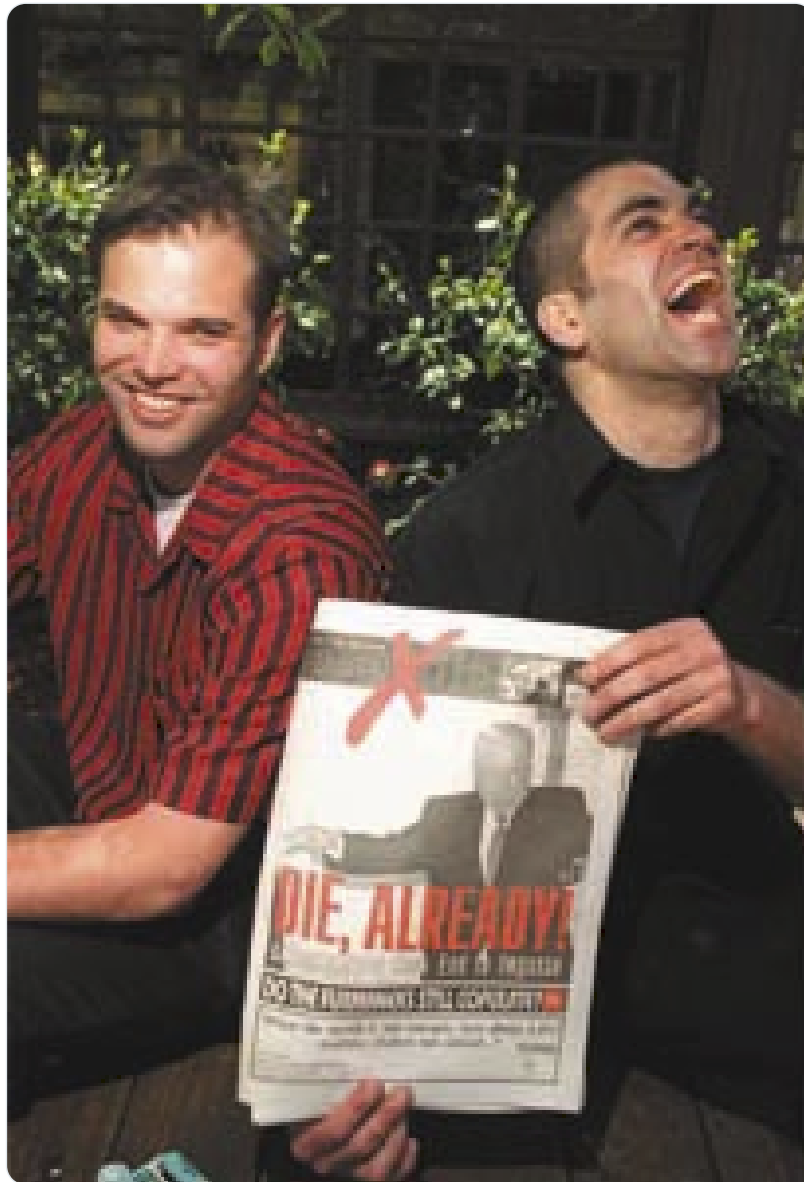
In today's [#vatnik](#) soup I'll be introducing an American journalist, author and a podcaster, Mark Ames ([@MarkAmesExiled](#)). Ames is best-known for being the editor of the eXile tabloid in Moscow between 1997 and 2008, and for co-hosting the Radio War Nerd podcast.

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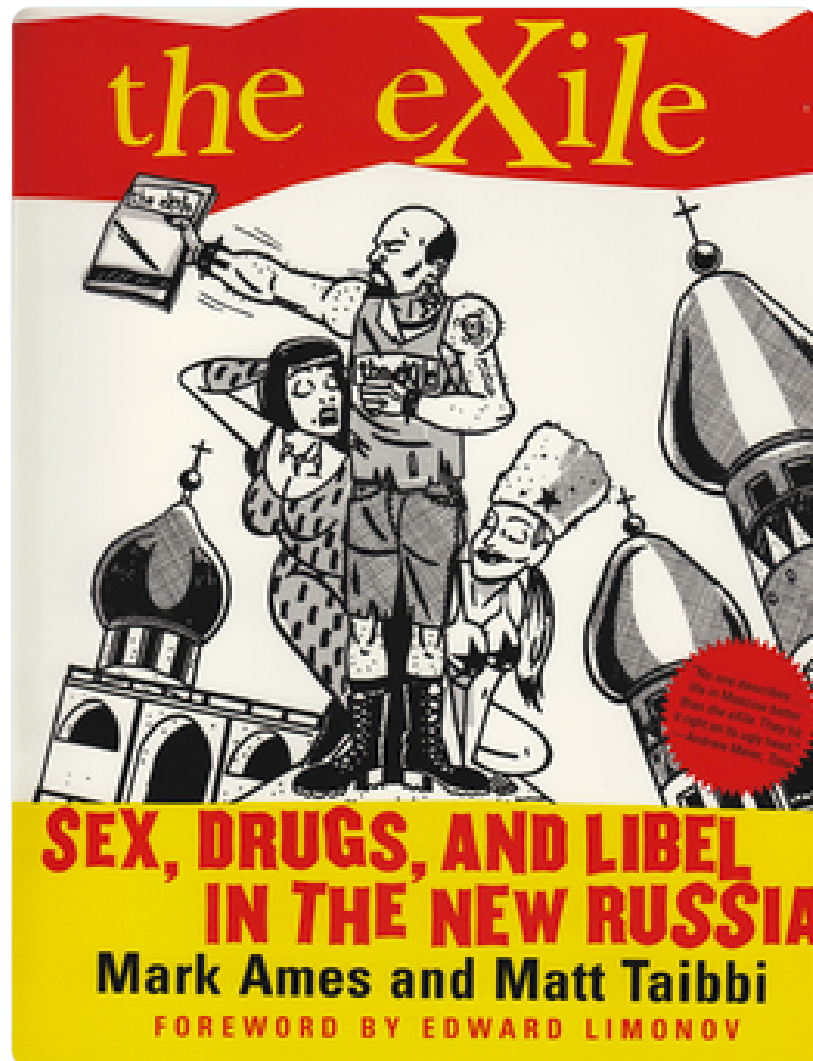
Mark established the eXile in 1997 while living in Moscow. Shortly after starting it, he hired Matt Taibbi to work with him. The tabloid consisted of articles mainly on politics, organized crime, prostitution, sex and drug use.

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In 2000 Taibbi and Ames published a book about their adventures in Russia called "The eXile: Sex, Drugs, and Libel in the New Russia". Based on an Observer interview from 2000 Ames quickly delved into sexual escapades with Russian ladies, stating that getting attention...

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...from Russian girls was something new, and he stated that "I didn't even think of women anymore because they could just smell failure on me". Then, he continued that in Russia "It was pretty much just fuck whoever you wanted to". Based on Taibbi, Ames was...

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From Russia With Lust

In between snorting lines, Mark Ames and Matt Taibbi discuss the new book version of eXile, their raucous biweekly tabloid in Moscow

By George Gurley · 06/19/00 12:00am

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On a Saturday night in May, Mark Ames and Matt Taibbi were drinking Pepsi and smoking American Spirits in a one-bedroom apartment in a high-rise near Times Square. They took turns leaning over a plastic compact disc case, snorting lines of speed. I declined their offer, and instead popped a tranquilizer I sometimes take called Soma. I just had a feeling I was going to need it.

..."universally loathed in the Moscow foreign community".

"Tens of millions of people live in dire circumstances, stranded in the center of the world's largest continent, with little hope of going anywhere," Mark claimed. "Which means—sexual opportunity for me", he continued.5/16

Then he claimed that "Russian women, especially on the first date, expect you to rape them", and that "it took me a while to learn you really have to force Russian girls, and that's what they want, it's like a mock rape."

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Mr. Ames said he didn't like the trend toward lesbianism among American women. "Nothing coils my dick up faster," he said. "When I was in school in Berkeley, there were dykes all over the place who hated my guts for being a tall male. They don't like tall men, really."

He spoke about his sex life in Moscow. "Russian women, especially on the first date, expect you to rape them," said Mr. Ames. "They'll go back home with you and say, 'No, no, no,' and if you're an American, you've been trained to respect the 'No,' because you're afraid of sexual harassment or date rape, and so you fail over and over. But it took me a while to learn you really have to force Russian girls, and that's what they want, it's like a mock rape. And then you come back here and you're really freaked out—because you don't know if that actually exists deep in all women's psyches, that that's what they all want. All relations between guys and girls is basically violent, I think. It's all war."


Mr. Ames looked around the bar. "This is so depressing, I can't tell you," he said. "I feel like I'm back home in San Jose. It's basically like Tom Cruise in *Cocktail* except that it's a little bit fringier. I never thought San Jose would take over the country like some disease, but it's happened."


In their book, Ames described another scenario where he had sex with a pregnant 15-year old girl. He then wrote: "Right then my pervometer needle hit the red. I had to have her, even if she was homely." In the book, he also threatened to kill a pregnant Russian girl if ...


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... she didn't do an abortion. Their book was described as "nonfiction" but both Taibbi and Ames later said, on many, many occasions, that the whole thing written as a satire. Incidentally, Mark's ex-girlfriend has called him a "fucking psychopath".

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Why write about all this,if not to defame Mark? Because Russia has an age-old strategy that they've been using effectively for decades:kompromat.Spending 10 years in Russia,using drugs & having casual sex to me seems like a perfect scenario for becoming a target of blackmail.9/16



When it comes to his views on Russia, Ukraine and the war, we can clearly see where Mark stands. He masks his pro-Russian stance as anti-imperialism and hate for the CIA and the "neocons".

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Ames blamed the US for most of Russia's problems, including the chaotic times during the 90's, Putin's election rigging and the rise of the far-right within Putin's government. Ames was also rejoicing over Russia's invasion of Georgia in 2008.

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HOW THE WEST HELPED INVENT RUSSIA'S ELECTION FRAUD: OSCE WHISTLEBLOWER EXPOSES 1996 WHITEWASH

By Alexander Zaitchik and Mark Ames

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Like a good Putin's puppy, he likes to talk about the "Azon nationalists" and "Banderites". He's called the Yuschenko regime "hard-line, monocultural, nationalistic". He criticized Zelensky for publishing the arrest picture of Viktor Medvedchuk, ...

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Putin's old pal who funded false flag operations and large media operations to help Yanukovich at the presidential election already back in 2004. In the eXile, Ames has often written about a Russian politician Eduard Limonov who founded the National Bolshevik Party...

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Free Edward Limonov

By Mark Ames (editor@exile.ru)



In the autumn of 1998, I got a call from Edward Limonov asking me if I could do a favor for him. His newspaper *Limonka*—known for its mix of extreme politics and avant-garde aesthetics—was preparing to celebrate its fourth anniversary at the Mayakovskaya Museum.

"My boys begged me to bring Johnny Rotten to the party," Limonov told me, laughing. "I know it's a small chance, but maybe Mr. Rotten will think it's interesting to speak before a group of radical Russian youths who worship him."

"Don't you have an agent in the U.S. you could use?" I asked, knowing that Harvey Keitel had just purchased the rights to make a film based on Limonov's first novel, *Eto ya, Edichka*.

"No, I have no agent anymore. After I went to fight for Serbs in 1991, I lost all my connection to that world. No one will touch me," he said, with a mixture of pride and scorn.

Taibbi and I had just signed a deal with the William Morris agency, so I was able to track down Johnny Rotten's agent in L.A. I called the agent's office, spoke to an assistant, and was told to put the request in writing. Knowing that my rep was on the line with Limonov, I hammed the fax letter up with shameless punk-coded flattery for Johnny Rotten, how he's idolized in Russia like a God, how Limonov is Russian literature's equivalent of the Sex Pistols, how Russia post-financial crisis was everything Rotten had ever sung about, etc. There would be no honorarium, but he was guaranteed an experience he'd never forget.

A few days later, Rotten's agent faxed his answer, which began: "Unfortunately..." Johnny Rotten was due to fly from LA to England about three days before Limonov's event, which was a problem, the agent explained, because Johnny Rotten always requires at least five days to recover from jet-lag. If he had less than five days, the agent explained, Rotten risked catching a cold. He couldn't move up his flight to England to an earlier date because he had plans to celebrate Thanksgiving in L.A. and—as the agent noted—that Thanksgiving party was important to Rotten.

I knew that Rotten went bourgeois 20 years ago, but my God, who would have thought that he'd become a caricature of a Jewish American Princess, worrying about jet-lag and sniffles and pumpkin pie?!

Limonov laughed, a bitter, disappointed laugh, when I told him. "Oh my god, I can't say to my boys that this is why Johnny Rotten isn't coming," he said. "I'll have to think of some excuse myself."

If you look at the historical record of aspiring extremist artists, they all go the way of Johnny Rotten: Lou Reed holding hands with Bill Clinton and Vaclav Havel; Jello Biafra turning into a crunchy Greenpeace faggot (for which he was properly stomped at Gilman Street, barely escaping with a snapped ulnar); Joe Strummer singing pop songs ridiculing Islam; the entire '60s radical movement who transformed into corporate-kissing, war-mongering globalization tools (Joschka Fischer, Bernard-Henri Levy, Gloria Steinem, Jerry Rubin, Susan Sontag, Gary Trudeau, etc.); and so on, and so on.

The trend towards posing as a radical just long enough to get Invited In reached such a peak that by the time the '90s generation came to, selling out was no longer something you did with a red face, but rather it was expected, even celebrated, with just enough self-conscious irony to make everyone feel in on the joke.

Which is why Edward Limonov stands as a singular example in our time, and why so many intelligent people hate him: his one-track obsession with ALWAYS STANDING AGAINST shames everyone who ever thought they had balls and character. He reminds every poseur how far they never went. And it hurts.

...together with Aleksandr Dugin and Yegor Letov in 1993.

John Dolan and Mark Ames have featured the pro-Russian Grayzone blogger Max Blumenthal in their War Nerd podcast. They were also the first people to interview Seymour Hersh after the publication of his fictitious...14/16



Radio War Nerd EP54 Max Blumenthal on Gaza War, Syria

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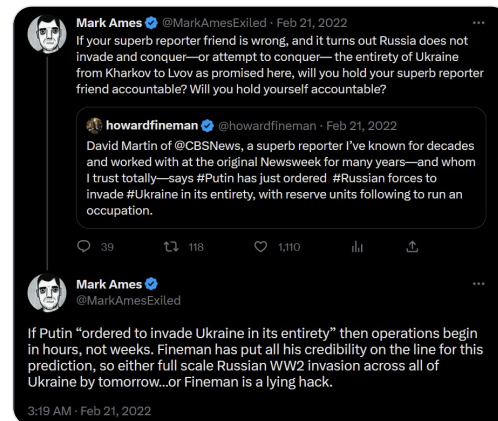
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...story on the Nord Stream pipeline sabotage. Ames has also attacked the Bellingcat multiple times, stating that they're funded by the CIA and blamed them smearing Seymour Hersh already back in 2017 after Hersh's article "Trump's Red Line".

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Ames' audience is of course the Americans. He's trying to convince people, that the US leadership (excluding Trump) has meddled with Russia & Ukraine for too long, and that the military aid should be stopped. He barely speaks of Russia's imperialism and their barbaric history. 16/16



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Someone commented on one of my previous soups that I should cover Ukrainian oligarchs, too, so here's one!

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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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In today's #vatnik soup I'll introduce one of the main architects of  geopolitics, Alexander Dugin. He's a far-right political philosopher, analyst & of course a fascist. His influence over Putin is disputed, but his books seem to be a blueprint for 's geopolitical strategy. 1/10



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