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In today's [#vatniksoup](#), I'll introduce an English comedian, actor and conspiracy theorist, Russell Brand ([@rustyrockets](#)). He's best-known for his tendency to spread conspiracy theories and for his anti-establishment (well, basically their just anti-US/UK policy) views.

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Now, when I say that Brand is a conspiracy theorist, I mean it. It seems that he believes pretty much EVERY conspiracy theory out there, including The Great Reset and "Klaus Schwab taking over the world through WEF", "microchips in vaccines", "Multipolar World",...

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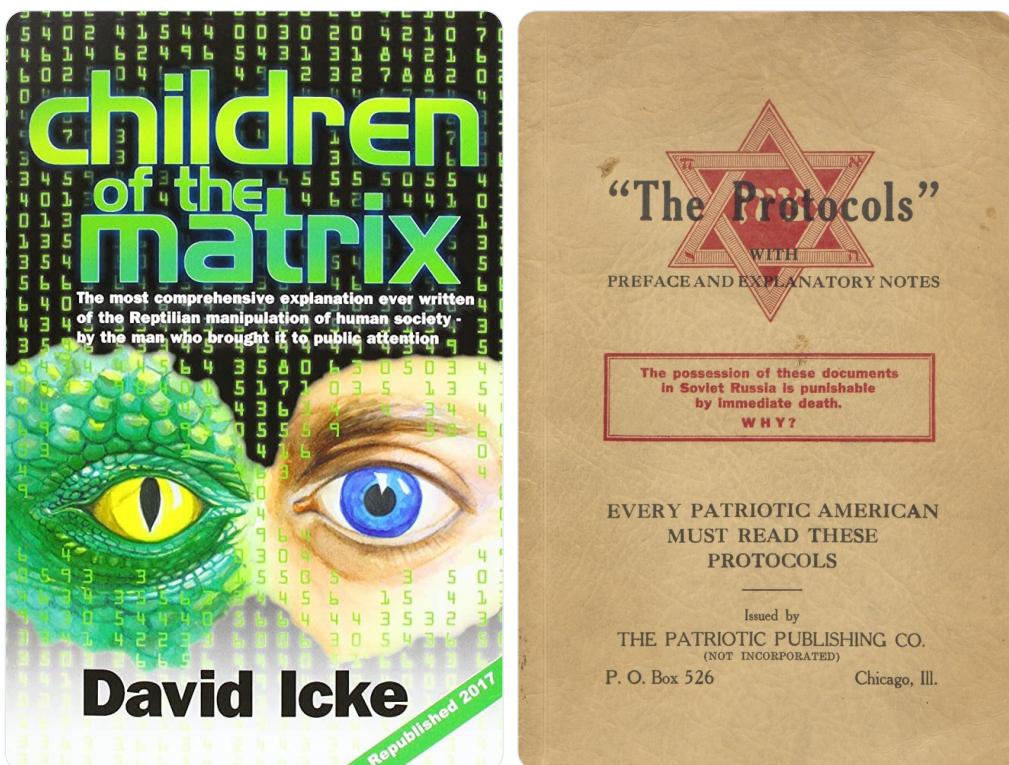
US and CIA-led coup d'etat in Ukraine, and NATO's expansion and proxy war against Russia. Brand's a fan of David Icke, whose worldview contains inter-dimensional, shapeshifting reptilians which have hijacked the earth.

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Icke suggests that various public figures belong to the Babylonian Brotherhood, a fascist group that tries to establish New World Order by suppressing freedom of speech. He also endorses a fabricated, anti-Semitic scripture called "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion".

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When discussing the Russo-Ukrainian conflict, Brand clearly has picked a side - based on Russell, the only culprits of the war are the US and the "military industrial complex". And most probably Klaus Schwab and his evil association known as the World Economic Forum...

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A screenshot of a Twitter post from Aaron Maté (@aaronjmate). The post includes a thumbnail of a video showing two men, a caption, and a link to youtube.com. The caption reads: 'More from my interview with Russell Brand, on how US pursuit of hegemony via the Ukraine proxy war and NATO expansion has led to a global crisis and escalated nuclear dangers.' The video thumbnail shows a man in a suit and another man in a white shirt. The link is to 'youtube.com/YouKnewSomethingWasWrong...'. The post was made at 8:44 PM on Jul 19, 2022.

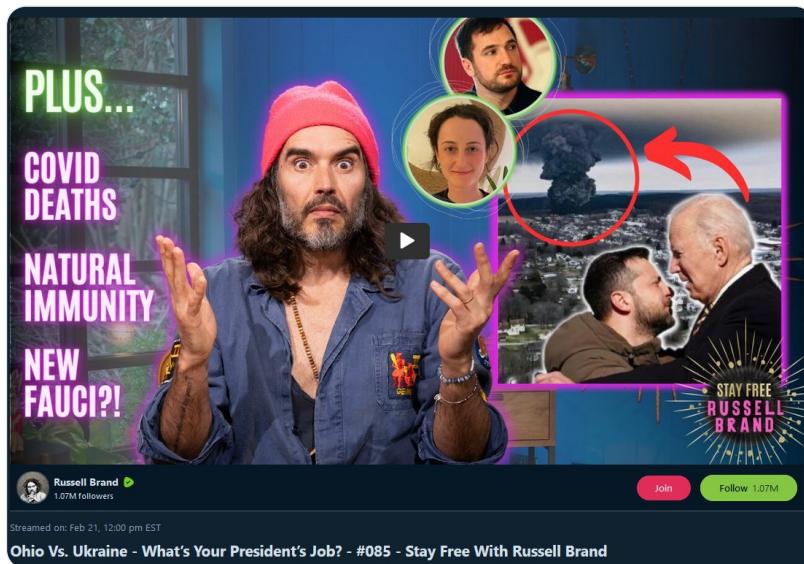


The basic argument is that everything is infiltrated & everyone is controlled by the "deep state", thus making any kind of democratic efforts pointless. I mean, one of the titles of his videos is "Prince Harry Saga – The TRUTH About The Deep State?" (with Clare Daly by the way) 6/18



As too many actors and actresses on social media, Brand has a huge following: he has over 6 million subscribers of YouTube and over 1 million over on Rumble. On Twitter, he has a whopping 11 million followers, even though it's mainly used for channeling people...

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...to his YT and Rumble podcasts. This makes him one of the biggest outlets for conspiratorial content, and he's only surpassed by maybe Elon Musk, Joe Rogan and Donald Trump. After YouTube took down one of Brand's COVID-19 themed videos in...

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## Trump's false or misleading claims total 30,573 over 4 years

Analysis by Glenn Kessler, Salvador Rizzo and Meg Kelly  
January 24, 2021 at 3:00 a.m. EST



The Fact Checker counted a total of 30,573 false or misleading claims made by President Trump during his White House tenure. Here's what we learned. (Video: Adriana Usero/The Washington Post)

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..Sep, 2022, he moved to less-censored Rumble. Worried about losing that sweet, sweet YouTube money, Brand even produced an apology video but eventually took it down and said that "we made an error, in my opinion a relatively small error, and we are being ...

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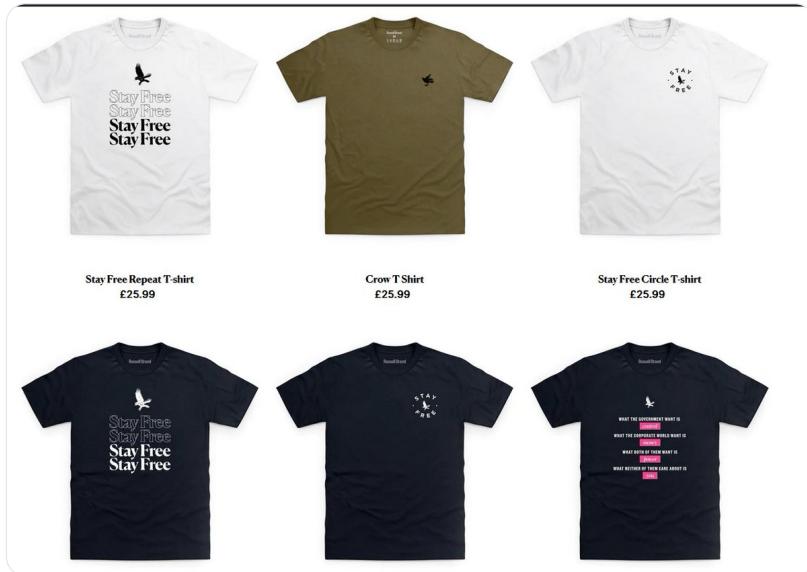
## Russell Brand Quits YouTube After He's 'Penalised' For Spreading Covid Misinformation

Comedian and actor Russell Brand has quit YouTube amid claims that he has been "censored" by the video-sharing platform.



Russell Brand Instagram

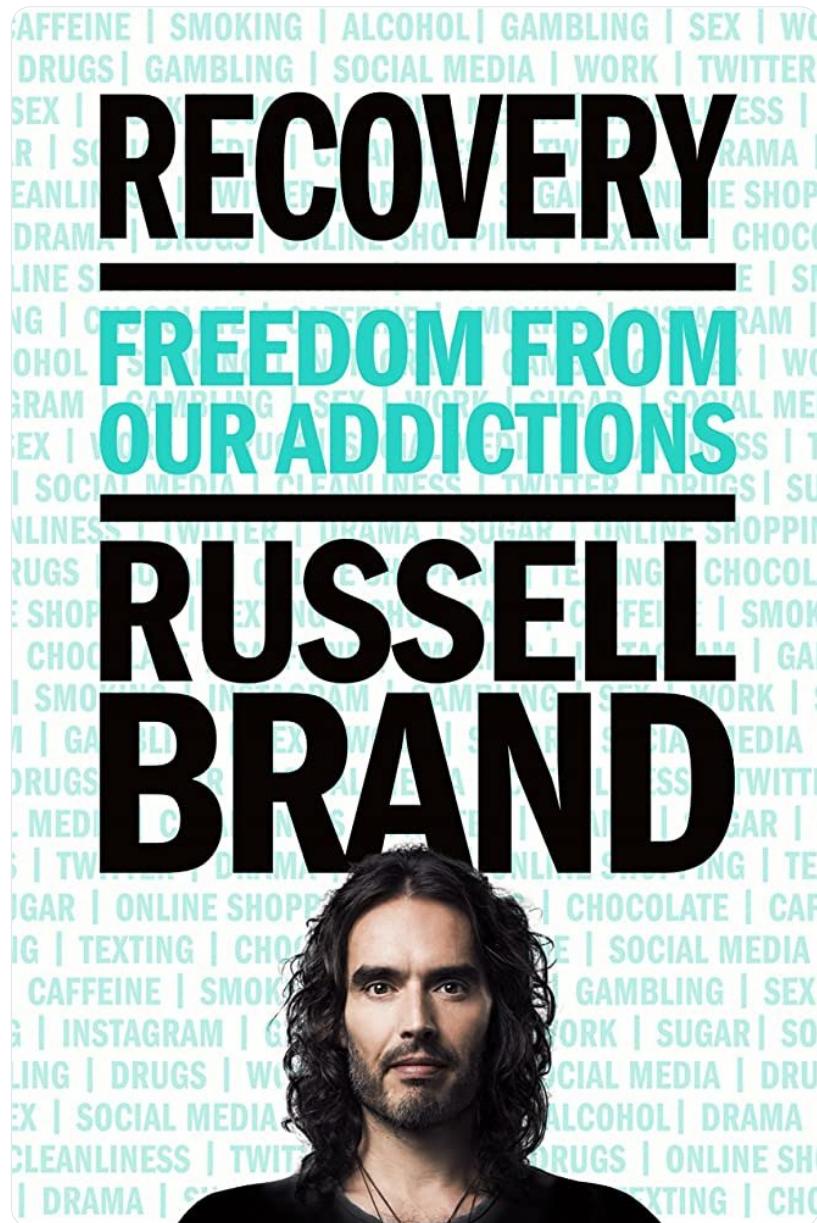
...penalised, and for me that looks like censorship". As an anti-capitalist, Russell evidently seems to worry about losing his main source of income, probably coming from Samsung and Coca Cola ads. You can also buy his T-shirts with cool anti-establishment statements for as..10/18



..low as 25,99 £. I mean, the man even monetized the famous 12 steps from AA/NA with his 2017 book, Recovery: Freedom from Our Addictions.

Watching Russell's podcasts is extremely exhausting, they are an endless stream of rambling about conspiracy theories and how the...

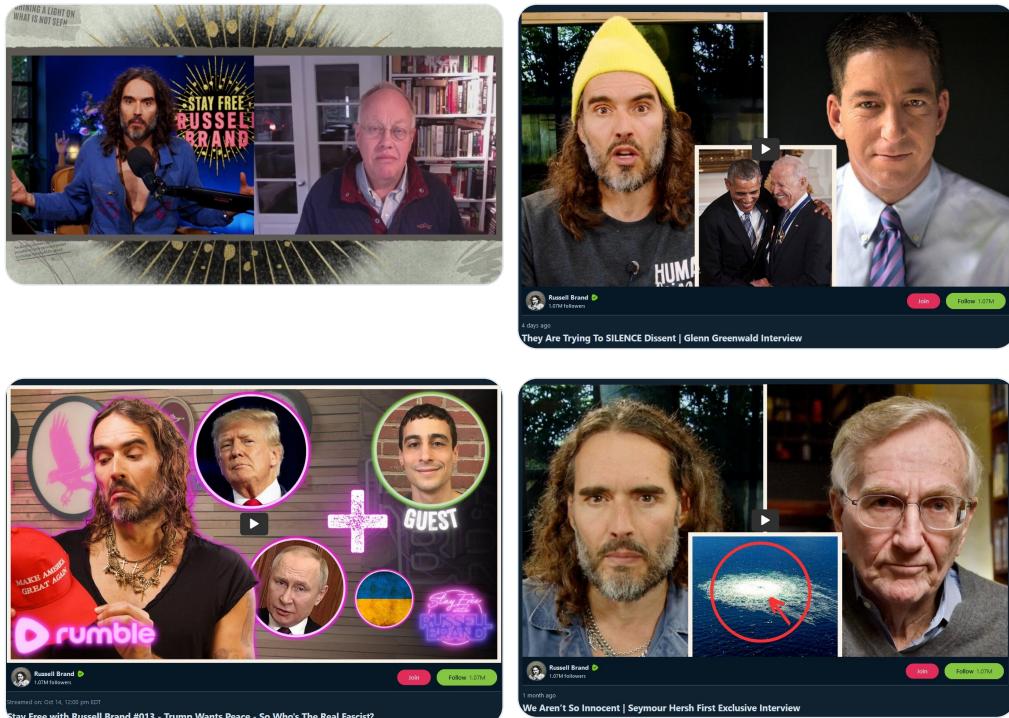
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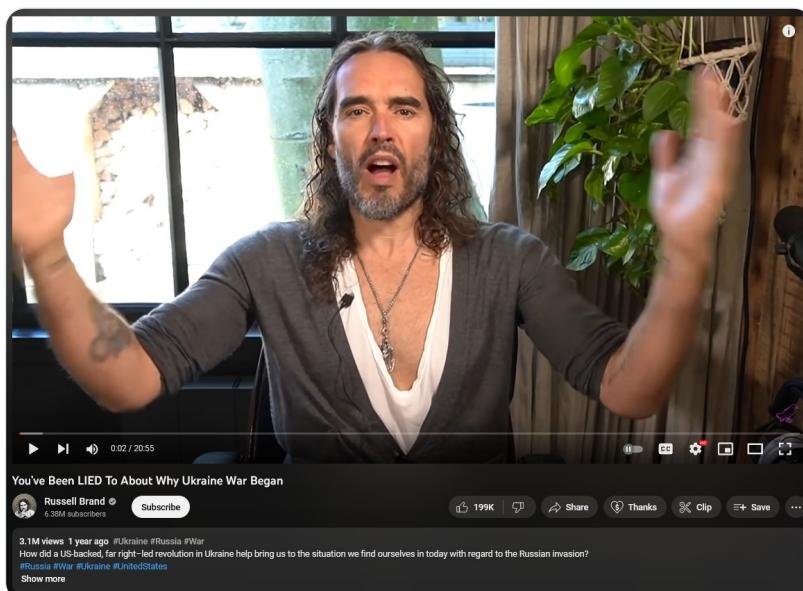
...mainstream media is quiet about them. But I did it, so you don't have to.

On his show, he's interviewed pro-Kremlin propagandists such as RT-funded Chris Hedges, Glenn Greenwald, Aaron Maté, Jimmy Dore and Seymour Hersh.

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As is tradition, they barely mention Russia, mostly talking about the corruption both in the US and in Ukraine. In Mar 2022, Brand published a video titled "You've Been LIED To About Why Ukraine War Began". The video to date has garnered 3,1 million views, and in it Brand.. 13/18



...suggests, right after he's advertised his stand-up gigs, that the Revolution of Dignity was actually a US-backed coup d'état. He bases this information on heavily biased op-ed by Branko Marcetic. In said op-ed, Marcetic suggested that the "coup" was funded by the US...

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The screenshot shows a news article from Jacobin magazine. The title is "A US-Backed, Far Right-Led Revolution in Ukraine Helped Bring Us to the Brink of War" by BRANKO MARCETIC. The article discusses the 2014 Maidan Revolution in Ukraine, noting that far-right extremists toppled the government. It includes a photograph of protesters in Kyiv during the revolution.

...because John McCain shook hands with Svoboda leader Oleh Tyahnybok and Victoria Nuland gave out sandwiches to both the protestors and the police, and said "Fuck the EU" during a phone call.

Brand also appeared as a commentator on a fellow anti-capitalist Tucker ...

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While it may be a long time before we know its full extent, Washington took an even more direct role once the turmoil started. Senators John McCain and Chris Murphy met with Svoboda's fascist leader, standing shoulder to shoulder with him as they announced their support to the protesters, while US assistant secretary of state Victoria Nuland handed out sandwiches to them. To understand the provocative nature of such moves, you only need to remember the establishment outrage over the mere idea Moscow had used troll farms to voice support for Black Lives Matter protests.

Later, a leaked phone call showed Nuland and the US ambassador to Ukraine maneuvering to shape the post-Maidan government. "Fuck the EU," Nuland told him, over its less aggressive intervention into the country. "Yats is the guy who's got the economic experience," she said, referring to opposition leader Arseniy Yatsenyuk, who backed the devastating neoliberal policies demanded by the West. You can probably guess who became prime minister in the post-Maidan interim government.

...Carlson's show, apparently because he believes "change is possible". The Tucker Carlson, who was so worried about the stock price going down that he had a dissenting co-worker fired. Brand was "surprised" on how many things they "actually agreed on", and for some...

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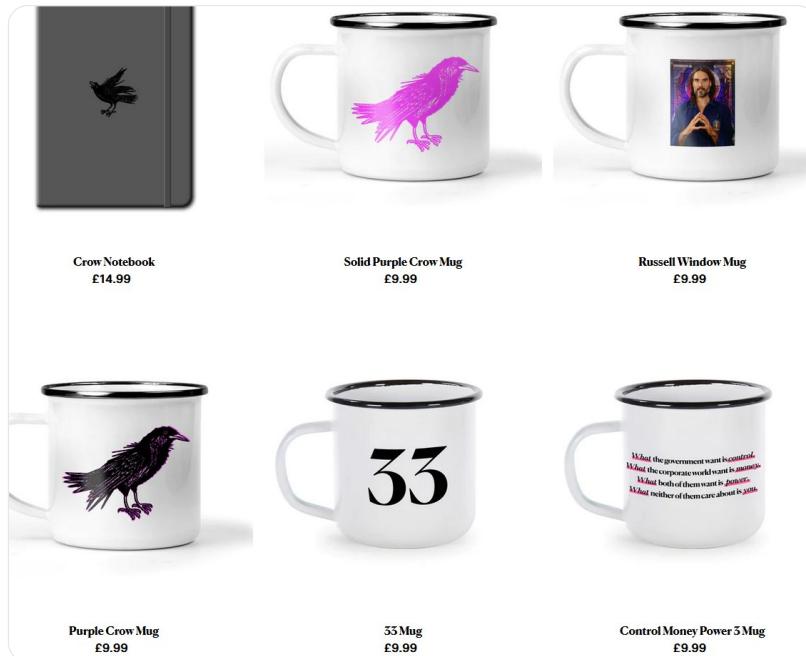
... reason this whole rant reminded me of a horseshoe.

To conclude, Brand is utilizing his career as a comedian and actor to spread wild conspiracy theories in his podcast with clickbait titles like "Why Zelensky REALLY Wants US Tanks". If there's something he's learned..

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..from the American media culture, it's that fear sells: his rants about the end of days and deep state corruption are often seasoned with ads where he sells his stand-up gig or his mugs and T-shirts with corny slogans. You know, grifting and fearmongering for a hefty profit. 18/18



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A screenshot of a 'Buy Me A Coffee' page for Pekka Kallioniemi. The page has a blue header with social media icons for Twitter, YouTube, and SoundCloud. The main title is 'Pekka Kallioniemi'. Below the title is a circular profile picture of a man with a mustache. At the bottom left is a coffee cup icon with the URL 'buymeacoffee.com/PKallioniemi'. The bio text reads: 'Support me in creating daily vatnik soups! All donations will be spent on research and production of vatnik soup or in the creation of web portal (vatnisksoup.com)...' and provides the link 'https://buymeacoffee.com/PKallioniemi'.

Past soups: [vatnisksoup.com](http://vatnisksoup.com)

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Conspiracy theories:

A tweet from Pekka Kallioniemi (@P\_Kallioniemi). The tweet features a profile picture of a man with a mustache. The text reads: 'In today's #vatnik soup I'm going to talk about conspiracy theories and the people who believe in them. These theories are an explanation for an event that's orchestrated by powerful and often hidden'.

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In today's [#vatnik](#) soup I'll introduce an American investigative journalist and political writer, Seymour "Sy" Hersh. His recent article suggested that the Nord Stream bombing is connected to the US, Sweden and Norway and that it was ordered by no other than Joe Biden.

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In today's [#vatnik](#) soup I'll be introducing a comedian-turned-propagandist and conspiracy theorist, Jimmy Dore. He's the host of The Jimmy Dore Show, a comedic talk show but without any comedy.

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Goddamnit.

Also, do read George Monbiot's ([@GeorgeMonbiot](#)) fantastic and thorough analysis on Brand:



The Guardian Opinions

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In an age of distortion, public figures have powerful tools and a responsibility. This is an object lesson in how that can go wrong, says Guardian columnist George Monbiot

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