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In today's [#vatniksoup](#), I'll introduce a Swiss politician and journalist, Roger Köppel ([@KoeppelRoger](#)). He's best-known for his weekly magazine, die Weltwoche, and for his pro-Kremlin commentary on social and Russia-sponsored media, as well as on his magazine.

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Köppel has been the editor-in-chief at the Swiss weekly magazine Die Weltwoche since 2006. Before that he worked as the editor-in-chief at Die Welt. After his stint at Die Welt, he suddenly returned to Die Weltwoche and took over the majority of the shares that owned...

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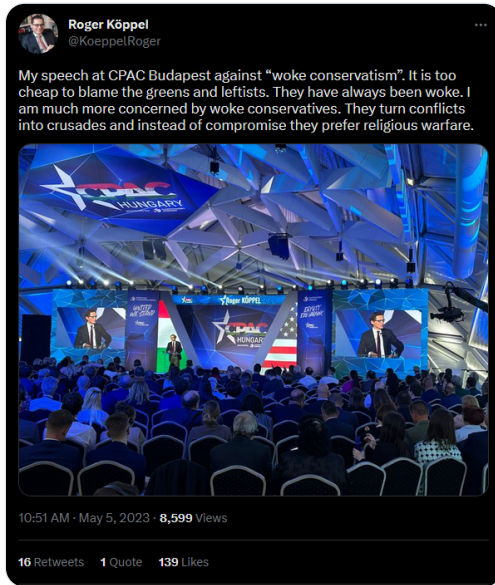
the paper, never disclosing where the money for this purchase came from. Köppel's also been the member of the Swiss National Council since 2015, receiving a record of 178 090 votes. His political stance has been described as "right-wing conservative" - recently he spoke...

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at CPAC Budapest about the dangers of "woke conservatism". The event featured many prominent right-wing figures, including Viktor Orbán, Kari Lake, Paul Gosar & Jack Posobiec. Köppel has announced that he's leaving politics at the end of 2023, focusing more on his magazine.

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Politics | National Councillor Roger Köppel resigns – that's what Blocher and Ogi say

### Christoph Blocher on the resignation of Roger Köppel

# "You can't blame him"

After eight years, it is over: SVP National Councillor Roger Köppel resigns from parliament after two legislative periods. He made the announcement on Friday.

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A video thumbnail showing Christoph Blocher, a Swiss politician, walking in a hallway. He is wearing a dark suit and glasses, and is holding a newspaper. The background shows a wooden door and a wall with a sign that reads "TRIBUNALE FEDERAL TRIBUNALE FEDERAL FEDERAL TRIBUNALE FEDERAL".

On the day that Russia launched its full-scale invasion in Ukraine, Köppel's Weltwoche published a cover with Putin's face and text "The Misunderstood". In the article, he suggested that both journalists and intellectuals hate Putin because "he stands for everything that...

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...they reject, demonize and therefore must not be: tradition, family, patriotism, war, religion, masculinity, military, power politics and national interests". He continues that Putin exposes the "decadence of the West" and that he's "our potential partner".

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A week after Russia invaded Ukraine, Köppel called for "de-escalation" from the EU, stating that it shouldn't pour "fuel on the fire". Köppel's been calling for the lift of sanctions on Russia so many times, that you'd think that he has some vested interested in all this.

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**Roger Köppel**  
@KoeppelRoger

Die Lage ist sehr ernst. Putins Krieg ist ein Verbrechen. Aber Westen darf nicht eskalieren. Putin eingekesselt, brandgefährlich. Inkompetente EU giesst Öl ins Feuer mit Ukraine-Beitritt. Entspannung gefragt! Schweiz kann helfen, muss zur Neutralität zurück. Morgen: Daily.

*Translated from German by Google*

The situation is very serious. Putin's war is a crime. But West must not escalate. Putin surrounded, highly dangerous. Incompetent EU pours fuel on the fire with Ukraine accession. Relaxation required! Switzerland can help, but must return to neutrality. Tomorrow: Daily.

5:59 PM · Mar 1, 2022

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**Roger Köppel**  
@KoeppelRoger

Wichtigste Erkenntnis zum Krieg und Elend in der Ukraine: Die Schweiz muss sich raushalten, Sanktionen aufheben, zurück zur immerwährenden, bewaffneten, umfassenden schweizerischen Neutralität. Wer das bestreitet oder verhindert, schadet unserem Land, fördert Krieg und Gewalt.

*Translated from German by Google*

The most important finding about the war and misery in Ukraine: Switzerland must stay out of it, lift sanctions and return to perpetual, armed, comprehensive Swiss neutrality. Anyone who denies or prevents this harms our country and promotes war and violence.

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**Roger Köppel**  
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Die Sanktionen machen alle Russen zu Feinden des Westens, zerstören den privaten Sektor und stärken dadurch den Kreml. Sie produzieren Hunger in der dritten Welt, die sich vom Westen ab- und Russland und China zuwenden wird. Wir sollten diese irrationale Politik aufgeben.

*Translated from German by Google*

The sanctions turn all Russians into enemies of the West, destroy the private sector and thereby strengthen the Kremlin. They produce hunger in the Third World, which will turn away from the West and towards Russia and China. We should abandon this irrational policy.

9:16 PM · Jul 11, 2022

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**Roger Köppel**  
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Keinesfalls darf die Schweiz jetzt einseitig Waffenexporte in die Ukraine erleichtern. Wir müssen die Sanktionen aufheben und zurück zur bewährten und weltweit bewunderten schweizerischen Neutralität.

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Under no circumstances should Switzerland unilaterally facilitate arms exports to Ukraine. We must lift the sanctions and return to the tried and tested Swiss neutrality that is admired around the world.

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In May 2022, he tweeted about ruble being at "all-time high", continuing that the sanctions make "Putin rich and ourselves poor". Ruble's value was highest (but not all-time high) after the tight restrictions Russia had put on it & its value has dropped drastically since.

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**Roger Köppel**  
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Rubel auf Allzeithoch. Mit den Sanktionen machen wir Putin reich und uns arm.

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Ruble at all-time high. With the sanctions, we are making Putin rich and ourselves poor.

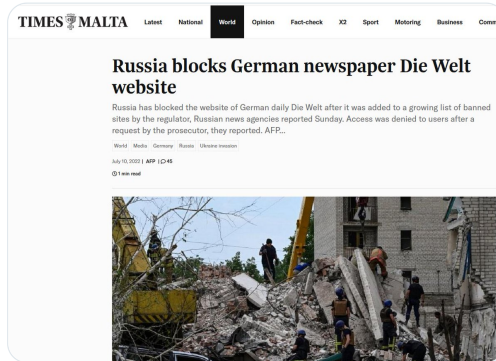
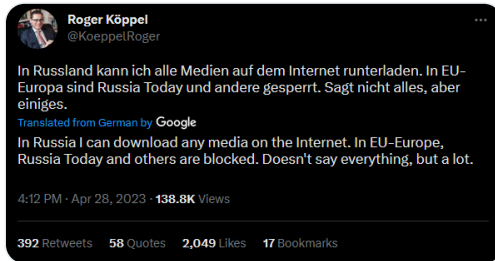
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In Apr 2023, he tweeted about media freedom in Russia, stating that "In Russia I can download any media on the Internet". As of today, Russia's censorship organization Roskomnadzor blocks a small number of 4315 websites, including Instagram and Roger's old employer, Die Welt.

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*First published Mar 2, 2022. Last updated to incorporate the latest sites blocked in Russia, including the FBI and CIA websites.*

- **4,315 websites** have been blocked in Russia since 24 February 2022 due to content relating to the invasion of Ukraine.
- **Notable bans:** Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, FBI, CIA, Google News, BBC News, NPR, Die Welt, AOL, Ukrayinska Pravda, Meduza.io, Interfax-Ukraine, Radio Liberty/Radio Free Europe sites, Voice of America, Clarin.com, Quora, Amnesty International and Chess.com.
- **Ukrainian domains** (1,080 excl. mirror domains) were the most frequently blocked, followed by Russia (340) and the U.S. (85).
- **News sites:** 3,595 domains now blocked:
  - **636 Ukraine news sites**, including 208 local news outlets and 117 national news sites.
  - **196 Russian news services**, including 60 independent news sites.
  - **15 public broadcasters** from around the world.
  - **187 foreign news sites** based in 33 countries outside of Russia and Ukraine.
- **Digital resistance:** Russia has blocked 538 domains that contribute to Ukraine's digital war effort, including:
  - **255 hijacked domains** displaying counter-propaganda messages.
  - **122 counter-propaganda sites** often showing graphic images of civilian and military casualties.
  - **62 sites showing support for Ukraine**, many of which are limited to

In addition to blocking thousands of websites, Russia also murders and imprisons journalists and opposition politicians. Maybe, as a journalist, Köppel has heard of Vladimir Kara-Murza, Anna Politkovskaya and Maksim Borodin?

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He's also appeared as a commentator on RT DE, a German version of the Kremlin-funded propaganda channel, where he warned the West about interfering in Russia's brutal invasion. He's often declared that journalists should "stay neutral", but apparently this doesn't apply to him. 11/22

### Köppel makes himself Putin's mouthpiece on "RT DE"

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Roger Köppel has often been a guest and flatterer on Putin's propaganda channel in the West... (Screenshot from June 27, 2021)

In an interview on the Russian propaganda channel "RT DE", Roger Köppel put the troop movements near the Ukrainian border into perspective.

As the "NZZ am Sonntag" made public on January 9, the SVP National Councillor and editor-in-chief of the "Weltwoche" criticized the condemnations from the West of Russia's troop movements.

"It's almost impossible to say that anymore," Köppel said in a statement on the broadcaster, which is loyal to **Vladimir Putin**. "But: There are many Ukrainians who would rather belong to Russia." Köppel warns the West: "The US should not interfere with this. If the Russians were to interfere with Mexico or Cuba, that wouldn't work either."

Köppel calls on US President **Joe Biden**, who has warned Putin against invading Ukraine, to "disarm rhetoric". Köppel also gives advice to other governments. He criticized the new German Foreign Minister **Annalena Baerbock** for her "moralistic behavior". He pleaded "that you get along well with the Russians", with the Chinese "the conversation is sought".

This interference of the "Weltwoche" editor-in-chief from Switzerland in the big world politics does not go down well in Bern. After all, the SVP National Council is a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

The President of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Council of States, center politician **Pirmin Bischof**, says that "Russia Today" is a state propaganda channel of an authoritarian regime. "It is highly questionable if Mr. Köppel allows himself to be harnessed by a foreign power in this delicate context of an impending war. He will thus become Putin's henchman."

According to the newspaper, FDP foreign policy expert **Hans-Peter Portmann** also criticizes the duplicity: "Roger Köppel upholds neutrality and prescribes to other politicians that they do not have to comment on the conflicts worldwide. This does not seem to apply to him."

Green politician **Céline Var** finds it "highly problematic" when asked by the "NZZ am Sonntag" that Köppel relativizes Russian behavior in a context in which the lives of thousands of people are threatened.

Köppel himself said that he wanted to make "a contribution to better understanding". "I don't think much of the refusal to talk and the exclusion of foreign television stations," said the journalist, publisher and SVP politician.





Roger claims that there's a "proxy war" going on in Ukraine, and he blames the West & NATO's expansion for the whole incident, thus removing any sovereignty from those countries that want to join a defense alliance that would protect them from Russia's imperialistic invasions. 12/22

 **Roger Köppel**  
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Bidens Auftritt in Kiew war dumm: Er bestätigte damit das, was ohnehin alle wissen: Die USA benutzen die Ukraine - zynisch - als Vorschlaghammer gegen Russland. Zur Sicherung der US-Vorherrschaft in Europa. Die Chinesen haben es gemerkt - und stärken nun Russland den Rücken.

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Biden's appearance in Kiev was stupid: he confirmed what everyone already knows: the US is using Ukraine - cynically - as a sledgehammer against Russia. To secure US dominance in Europe. The Chinese have noticed - and are now backing Russia.

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An der Münchner Sicherheitskonferenz 2007 kritisierte Putin deutlich die NATO-Osterweiterung „bis an unsere Grenzen“. Der Westen stellte sich taub. Tragische Fehler. Disclaimer: Nein, das rechtfertigt nicht Putins Krieg, heizte aber die Feindschaft an.

Translated from German by Google

At the Munich Security Conference in 2007, Putin clearly criticized NATO's eastward expansion "up to our borders". The West turned a deaf ear. Tragic mistakes. Disclaimer: No, that doesn't justify Putin's war, but fueled hostility.



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**Sicherheitskonferenz in München: Putin schockt die Europäer**  
US-Weltherrschaft, überlegene russische Waffen - mit seiner aggressiven Rhetorik schreckte Putin seine Zuhörer in München. Die fragten sich ...

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George F. Kennan, der legendäre US-Diplomat, Architekt der Eindämmung der Sowjetunion, bezeichnete die Nato-Osterweiterung 1997 als „verhängnisvollsten Fehler“ der amerikanischen Außenpolitik seit dem Mauerfall. Viele US-Politiker stimmten zu. Wie recht Kennan doch hatte.

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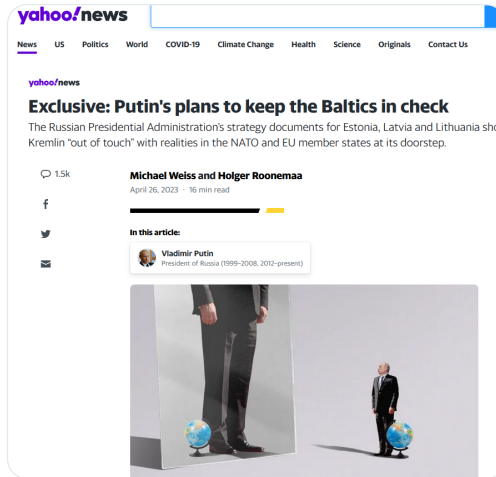
George F. Kennan, the legendary US diplomat and architect of the containment of the Soviet Union, described NATO's eastward expansion in 1997 as the "most fatal mistake" in American foreign policy since the fall of the Berlin Wall. Many US politicians agreed. How right Kennan was.

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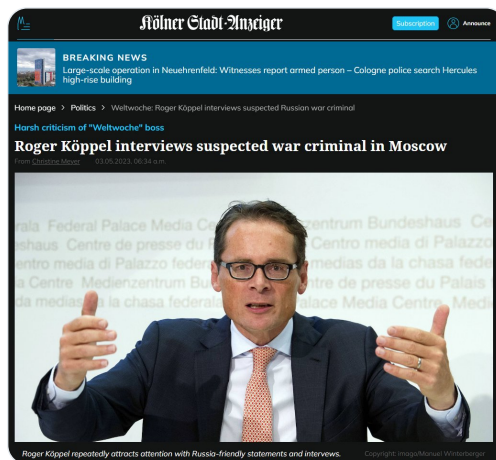
It's fairly safe to say, that he has probably not read the articles about the plans that Russia had for the Baltics, Ukraine and for Moldova.

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During the same month he also went to Russia and interviewed Russia's Presidential Commissioner for Children's Rights, Maria Lvova-Belova. She's been heavily involved in the abduction of children from Ukraine to Russia, and in Mar 2023, ICC issued an arrest warrant for...

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...unlawful deportation of children. The interview provides a rosy picture of both Lvova-Belova and of Russia, promoting Russia's "traditional values" and bashing the "Decadent West" and its liberalism. Throughout the interview, Lvova-Belova parrots the classic Russian...

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**World Week:** Ms. Lvova-Belova, you are actually a musician and a conductor. What made you decide to take care of children full-time?

Maria Alexeyevna Lvova-Belova: After a short career as a musician, I had children. After that, foster children were added. I began to deal with family policy issues and became a senator, that is, a member of the upper house of the Russian parliament. I am a practitioner. I know everyday life.

**World Week:** They have an unbelievable extended family, we read. You could be described as a kind of embodiment of "Mother Russia". How many children, biological and foster children, do you have?

Lvova-Belova: There are ten, five of them biological and five foster children. In addition, there are thirteen young people with intellectual disabilities who are in my care. They don't live in my family, they don't live in my house, but I take care of them. They live in a center that I founded.

**World Week:** How do you organize your everyday life between family and politics?

Lvova-Belova: Of course, I want to spend as much time as possible with my children. But now the circumstances are such that I have to work a lot. I serve my country, my president. My children understand that. They share their mother with the country.

**World Week:** What is your most important parenting principle?

Lvova-Belova: I want my children to know that I love them. I hug them, talk to them warmly and try to understand what's on their minds.

...narratives like the Ukrainians using "children as shields" in Mariupol, or that Ukraine refused to evacuate children from Bakhmut. Of course the real truth is that Russia is trying to fix its demographic nightmare by kidnapping Ukrainian children.

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**World Week:** Reporting in the West paints a completely different picture. Nightmare scenarios are conjured up with brutal Russian soldiers tearing their children out of the arms of screaming mothers in order to reprogram them into Russian robots in totalitarian concentration camps.

Lvova-Belova: This reporting is dominated by Ukrainian propaganda. They want to portray us as monsters in order to get even more weapons from the West. We see it quite differently: the Ukrainians project their own deeds onto us Russians. In Mariupol, they have been proven to use children as shields. Those who tried to flee were shot. Or take Bakhmut, where these heavy battles took place: the Ukrainians hesitated for an incomprehensibly long time before finally taking the children out of the city. Do not believe everything that the Ukrainians tell. I have cared for children whose feet have been torn away by Ukrainian mines. After we equipped these children with prostheses and brought them back, they were paraded by the Ukrainians to blame Russia.

**World Week:** Can you really rule out the possibility that children from Ukraine were forcibly abducted to Russia?

Lvova-Belova: I am not aware of any such cases. Nor is it in line with our policy. We do not want to make an enemy of a fraternal people. We are fundamentally open. If you want to go to the West, please do so. If you want to live in Ukraine, no problem. We do not rule anything out, but we call for solutions to be sought and the facts to be examined. Many Ukrainian families received humanitarian aid in Russia and then went on to Poland and Georgia. That's not a problem at all.

I'm sure that the lives of these abducted children will be peachy and rosy and all that, since Russia is well-known for taking such a good care of its own.

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While in Moscow, Köppel also met with Putin's "chief propagandist", Vladimir Solovyov. In his absurd Weltwoche propaganda piece, Solovyov repeats the lies about the "Ukrainian Nazis" and "genocide in Donbas", while Roger refers to him as "Russia's Woody Allen".

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Genghis Khan of journalism: entertainer Solovyov, author Köppel (l.).



### A visit to the devil

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They call him "Putin's agitator". He threatened Britain with a radioactively contaminated monster wave. Is Vladimir Solovyov, brilliant, funny, superstar of Russian talk television, a criminal? A madman? Or Russia's Woody Allen?

The article ends with Köppel's thoughts: "why does one person, including our country, end up on a sanctions list just because he expresses opinions that do not suit our governments?"

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"Well," sighs the devil. Or is a Russian Woody Allen sitting across from me? "I'm a Jew, I'm against Nazis, and the Europeans are taking away my property. Nothing new under the sun." Against Nazis? Of course, the Ukrainian regime is controlled by Nazis, he continues, if we don't have eyes in our heads. "Have you ever heard the name Bandera? They cheer for war criminals, oppress minorities, murder Russians." The West, the Germans, the Americans had looked the other way for years, promoting these ultranationalists. "Did you know that two weeks before Putin's invasion, Ukrainian artillery massively intensified its shelling of Luhansk and Donetsk?" True, but almost no one printed the Reuters report at the time.


**Freedom, diversity, traditions**

What Russia has taken upon itself in Ukraine is not a war of aggression, says Solovyov, but a liberation, "the long overdue help for our brothers in Donbass, who were systematically murdered by the criminals in Kiev. But the West is not ready to listen to the Russian point of view, because you despise the Russians, look down on them, consider yourselves so tremendously superior morally and civilizationally, and you are destroying the basic values of the West, freedom, diversity, traditions, family, economy and science with your gender madness."

*"We haven't even started yet. For us, this is a police operation."*


Köppel's worldview seems to be, that he simply does not care about the civilian bombings, war crimes, abductions of children, rape, and other atrocities conducted by the Russians, in Ukraine, and on a daily basis. Instead he declares the genocidal maniac who's running the..

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**NEWS FEED**

**General Staff: Russia has lost 195,620 troops in Ukraine since Feb 24, 2022.**  
Ukraine's General Staff reported on May 9 that Russia had also lost 2,214 tanks, 2,207 armored fighting vehicles, 5,969 vehicles and fuel tanks, 3,439 artillery systems, 554 multiple launch rocket systems, 307 air defense systems, 308 airplanes, 264 helicopters, 3,618 drones, and 18 boats.

**Governor: Civilian injured in Russian missile attack on Dnipropetrovsk Oblast.**  
A civilian was injured after missile struck tall on a four-story building in the city of Dnipri, regional governor Serhiy Lysak reported.

**NEWS FEED**

**Ombudsman: Children's torture chamber found in liberated Kherson**

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Ukrainian authorities discovered a room that Russians used to detain and torture children during the occupation of Kherson, Dmytro Lobniet, the Human Rights Commissioner of the Verkhovna Rada, said on Dec. 14.

According to testimonies from locals, other torture victims in the facility knew that Ukrainian children had been kept there by Russian security services, who had called the room "the children's cell."

The children were given little water and almost no food, Lobniet said. According to locals' testimonies, the children were subject to psychological abuse at the hands of their Russian captors, who told them that their parents had abandoned them and that they would never return home.

One 14-year-old boy was arrested and later tortured just for taking a picture of broken Russian equipment, Lobniet said.

...whole show as "misunderstood", goes to Russia to interview his favorite propagandists like Solovyov, and even interviews Putin's partner-in-crime, fellow child abductor Maria Lvova-Belova.

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 **Roger Köppel**  
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Niemand bestreitet Gräueltaten, und niemand macht hier einen Putin-Kult, aber eben auch keinen Anti-Putin-Kult, mit dem wir Putin in den Fuss und uns in den Kopf schießen. Dieses Moralisieren ist absolut falsch.

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No one denies atrocities, and no one is creating a Putin cult here, but also no anti-Putin cult with which we shoot Putin in the foot and ourselves in the head. This moralizing is absolutely wrong.

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Wir haben heute einen medialen Überbietungswettbewerb der Russen-Verteufelung. Je bössartiger die Russen erscheinen, desto pseudomoralischer leuchtet der Verteufler. Das einzige Resultat dieser Spirale ist immer noch mehr Krieg. So verantwortungslos.

Translated from German by Google

Today we have a media competition to demonize the Russians. The more evil the Russians appear, the more pseudo-moral the demon shines. The only result of this spiral is still more war. So irresponsible.



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**Ukraine-Krieg: Trotz Offensive braucht es mehr westliche Waffen**  
Der Westen hofft auf ein Ende des Blutvergiessens in der Ukraine. Doch mit Kottaus vor Peking und Rücksicht auf Moskau wird der Frieden nicht kommen....

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Vor einer Woche - meine Reise nach Moskau und viele Gespräche mit Russen. Audiatur semper et altera pars.

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A week ago - my trip to Moscow and a lot of conversations with Russians. Audiatur semper et altera pars.

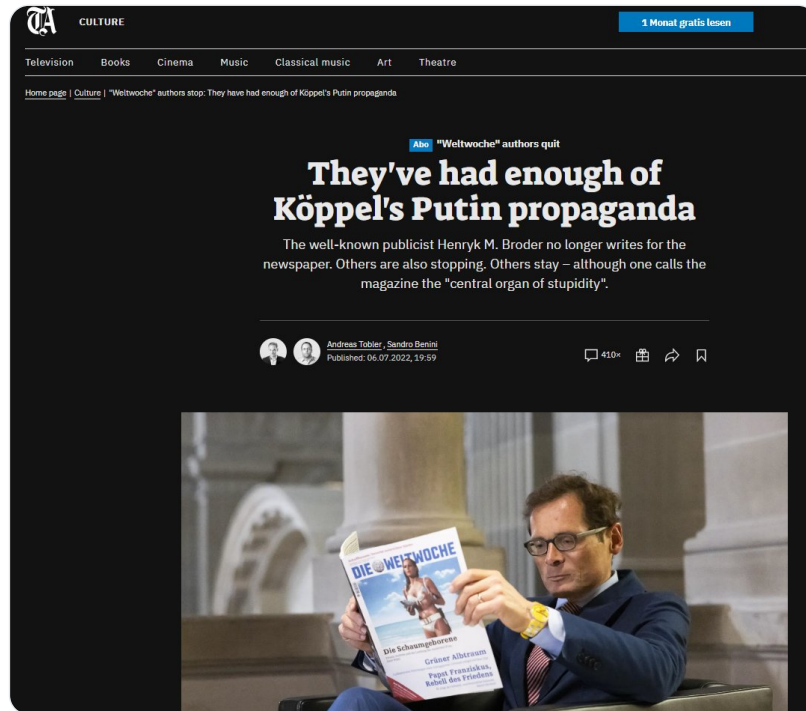


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Lately, several journalists who've worked for die Weltwoche have decided that enough's enough - for example veteran journalist Henryk M. Broder has decided to leave the sinking ship. Others have followed suit, one of them calling the paper a "central organ of stupidity".

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In today's #vatnik soup I'll introduce a 🇷🇺 TV star and a propagandist, Vladimir Solovyov. He has his own TV show

called "Evening with Vladimir Solovyov".

Vladimir is first and foremost a Kremlin-mouthpiece and a master propagandist, who speaks mostly to the 🇷🇺 people.

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Genocide in Ukraine:



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In this thread I'll be discussing 🇷🇺 genocide in Ukraine. I'll focus on the child abductions & will be providing evidence that 🇷🇺 has planned this for a long time and that their intent has been announced in the state-owned media at least since the beginning of April, 2022.

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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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In today's #vatniksoup I'll be talking about genocide, children and national trauma. Throughout the 20th century, both in the Soviet Union and in Russia children have been suffering because of bad politics and structural negligence & now the kidnapped children face the same.  
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