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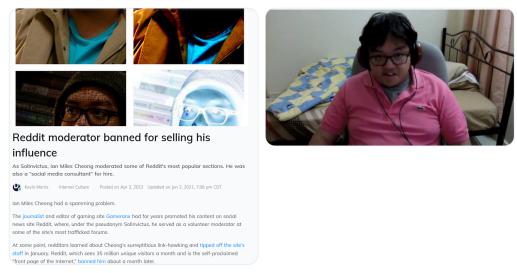
In today's <u>#vatniksoup</u>, I'll introduce a Malaysian conspiracy theorist, journalist and social media addict, Ian Miles Cheong (<u>@stillgray</u>). He's best-known for his online attention-seeking activities, for his anti-Ukraine stance, and for simping <u>@elonmusk</u> and other techbros.

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Ian's online history goes way back. During the early 2010s, he was a moderator on Reddit, moderating some of its biggest subreddits. He was eventually banned for paid promotions he hadn't disclosed to the site. He was also working as a games journalist, working for sites...

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...like Gameranx, The Guardian and Ars Technica. When some of his older chat logs were leaked, they showed his edgelord-y behavior where he praised one Adolf Hitler. He apologized but blamed everything on the "toxic gaming community."

He also SWATted a fellow YouTuber.

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Game Developer Brianna Wu Driven From Home After Death Threats and Doxxing	October 10, 2014
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But Pires' channel didn't receive a strike for the porno thumbnails, so Pires continued to post the rest of his video series about Cheong's suspected skullduggery. That's when Cheong called Canadian law enforcement against Pires, alleging criminal activity by his former business partner. Audio of Cheong telling someone about his call to Canadian police leaked.

Cheong admitted to Right Wing Watch that he called a Canadian law enforcement tip-line after Pires posted videos to YouTube about him, telling authorities that his former colleague possessed illegal firearms and narcotics, and said he cautioned police that Pires was subject to intense paranola. He says these were things Pires had told him privately. Detectives arrived at Pires' home where they spoke with him, found no illegal weapons or drugs, and left.

"My mindset at the time was not very good. He was going after my personal life. I could not get him to stop. YouTube would not respond," Cheong said. "It's something I regret, for sure." In the United States, concocted complaints of that nature often lead to a SWAT team descending on the target's home, but Cheong seemed to suggest that what he did was less threatening to Pires than it would have been had he lived in the U.S." I knew I wouldn't get him Killed," Cheong told Right Wing Watch. "There was no malice there, but I just wanted to get him to stop."

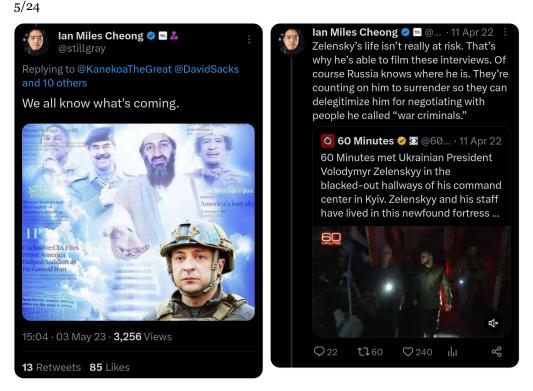
In the U.S., calls similar to the one Cheong placed to Canadian authorities have resulted in what is known as 'swatting'; the dangerous action of having a SWAT police team sent to someone's home under false pretenses by calling the police to falsely report that a hostage situation or a bomb threat is taking place at the interded victim's home address. In the past, such pranks have resulted in the targets being killed by police. Some time later, he attacked this "toxic community" again in the for of GamerGate, a cultural online debate revolving around games journalism. It seems that around 2015-2016 Ian made a shift from someone who strongly supports LGBT+ rights and condemns totalitarian regimes,..

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...to someone who doesn't. He also started supporting Trump and his rather strong rightwing views.

On thing you should know, is that Mr. Cheong spends most of his time online & especially on Twitter. All this time spent online has made him an expert on military strategy...



...,US foreign policy, geopolitics, and basically every other topic out there.

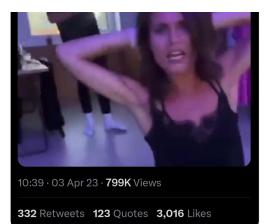
He also has a knack of figuring out the REAL truth on every topic, and based on Ian "telling the truth matters." Because Cheong cares about the truth, we can trust everything he's tweeted.





Finnish girlboss PM Sanna Marin is out, her coalition came in third place after she introduced transgender self-ID laws and destroyed Finland's relationship with Russia to appease her fellow liberal party-goers. Sucks to suck, Sanna. Maybe start an OnlyFans.



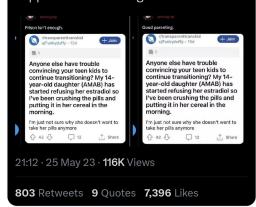




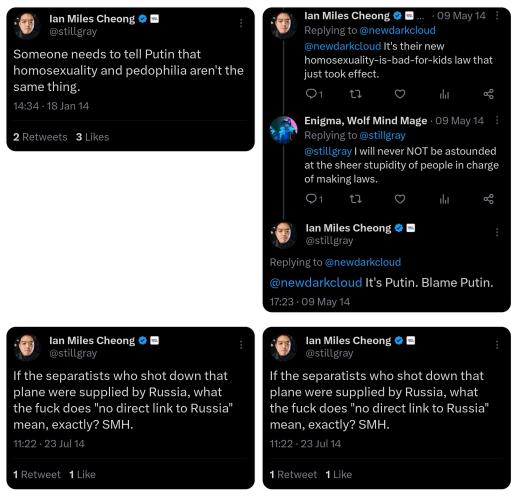
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Ian Miles Cheong has now "twice" posted the same fake story of "forcing my kid to take trans hormones" from a banned anti-trans "parody" subreddit.

He knows it's fake. He doesn't care. Reactionaries will openly lie if it supports their message of hate.



But Ian wasn't always like this. Before 2018, he was quite anti-Russia and anti-Putin. He was calling Russia homophobic, blamed the Russians for killing his countrymen in the down shooting of MH17, doubting each and every election Russia held, and quite strongly condemned...



..the Russian invasion of Crimea. I mean, he even called Putin "an asshole". But no one cared. He got barely any likes or retweets, nobody gave a shit about his meaningless opinion. Only after he became a Trump-supporting edgelord who suddenly loves Russia, his engagement...

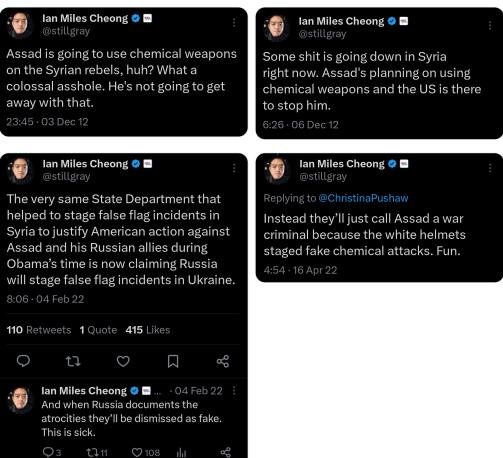
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...began to increase. It must've felt good to be at the top of the social media food chain again, being NOTICED, like he was previously as a Reddit moderator. So he kept drifting towards the extreme, perhaps for that extra attention.

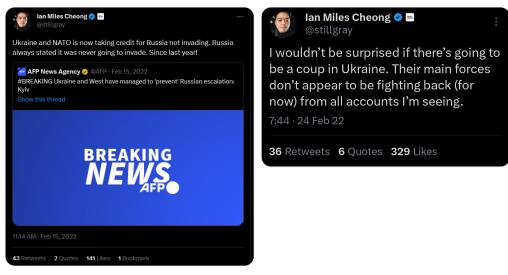


Naturally, he did the exact same thing with Syria: 2012 he strongly condemned al-Assad's plans to attack with chemical weapons, ten years later the whole thing was a false flag planned by the US and the humanitarian aid group White Helmets.



When it comes to cheering for Russia and parroting their narratives, Cheong got them covered. In Feb 2022, he denied the chance of invasion, and on the first day of fighting he stated that he "wouldn't be surprised if there's going to be a coup in Ukraine," because,...

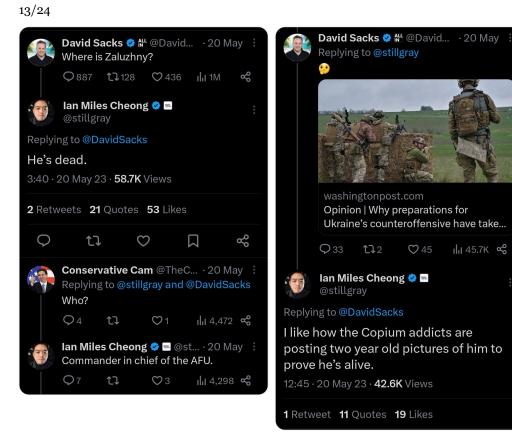




...according to Ian, "their main forces don't appear to be fighting back." "Ukrainian Nazis", bioweapons labs in Ukraine, "Crimea is Russia", "NATO proxy war", Nord Stream, Ukraine banning churches, Bucha massacre was staged, Zelensky being a cokehead... they're all there.



But he's also come up with some new stuff, like for example the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, Valerii Zaluzhnyi, being dead.



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The most controversial thing you can say about the Russia-Ukraine conflict is "Crimea is Russia" because some people will lose their minds over the thought of Crimeans having the autonomy to decide what they want.

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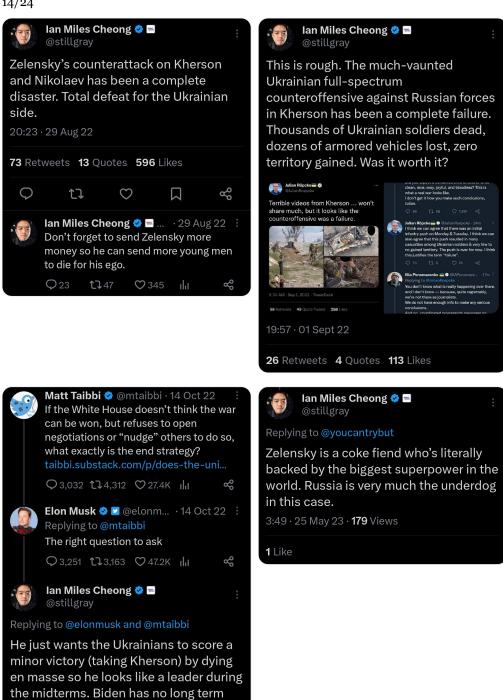
Crimea is only a part of Ukraine if you don't think everyone living there should have a say about their lives or who they pay taxes to.

10:11 · 15 Feb 22

**13** Retweets **1** Quote **84** Likes

By Cheong's account, the counteroffensive that re-captured Kherson was a failure, and Bakhmut was a Russian master plan to put Ukrainians into a meat grinder. He's also called Russia the underdog in the war.





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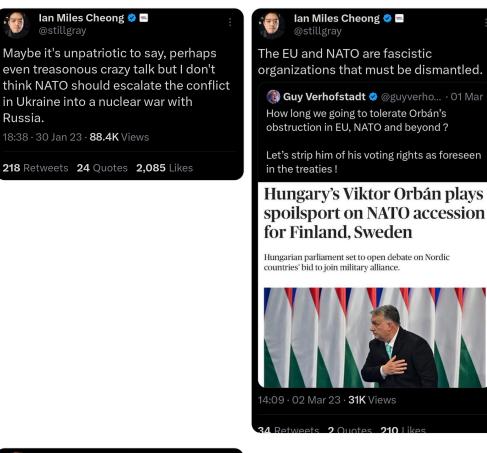
plan for any of this.

25 Retweets 1 Quote 320 Likes

He's claimed that NATO is escalating the war, apparently by shooting Russian rockets into Ukrainian cities, and that EU and NATO should be dismantled as "fascistic organizations". In the case of Nord Stream, he believes Sy Hersh and <u>@KimDotcom</u>'s "whistleblower thread",...

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Russia.





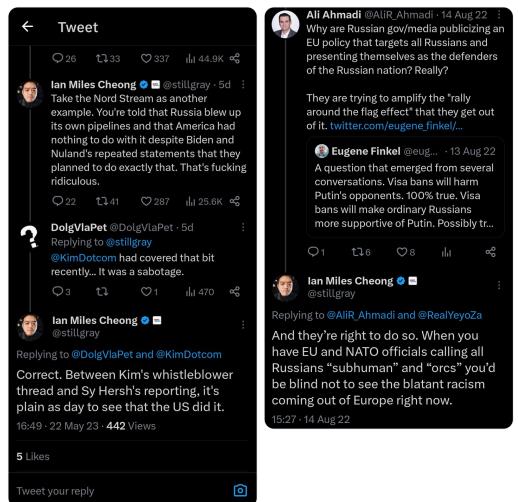
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There's no denying that the Ukraine advance made a mark on the Russian line today. Sending in thousands of disposable foreign volunteers pays dividends. Not so much for the guys in the meat grinder, though. But I'm sure NATO is happy with the results.

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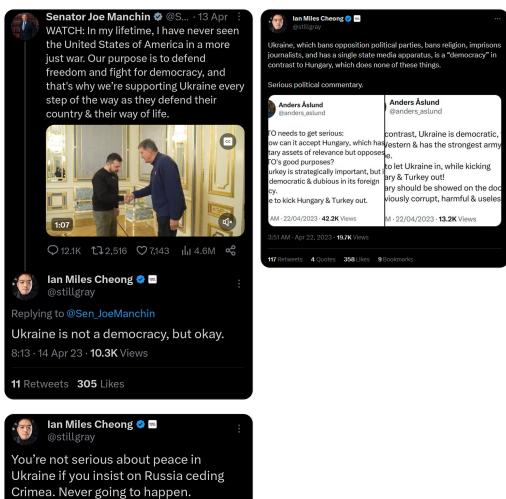
...declaring that the sabotage was done by the US. He's criticized EU and NATO officials (without naming any) for calling Russians "subhuman" and "orcs", suggesting that they're resorting to racism.





By Ian's words, Ukraine is not a democracy and it relentlessly attacks its churches, political parties and imprisons journalists. There might be some kind of confusion here, and maybe he was actually talking about Russia instead of Ukraine.





In Mar 2023, Ian was a guest at the Donbass Devushka podcast, spouting about American fascism, Zelensky's cocaine addition, and praising the brave Soviet efforts during WW2. He hasn't commented on the exposé of her actually being a Jersey girl with a fake accent.

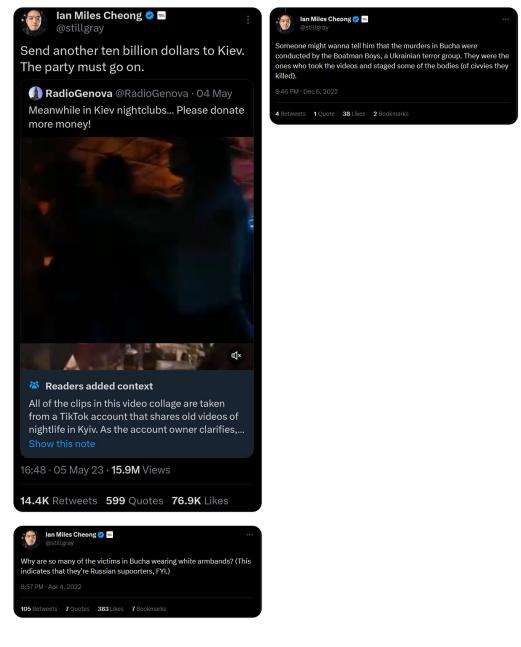
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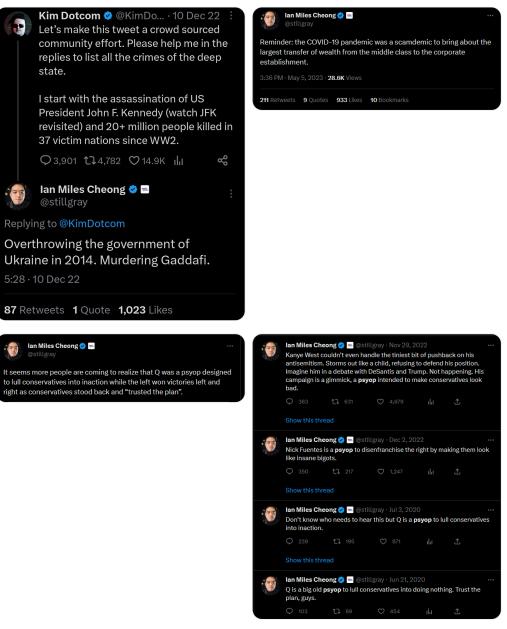


But I guess if Jersey girl can support the Russian war effort and claim to be a "poor girl from Lugansk", Malaysian can claim to be an expert on US politics and act like they have a big impact on his day-to-day life in Kuala Lumpur.



These days he's a staunch supporter of "traditional values", and the days when he was defending LGBT+ rights are long gone. Every event that seems to challenge Ian's worldview, including QAnon, Allen shooting, Nick Fuentes, Kanye West, are a "psyop".





Mr. Cheong's a big fan of billionaire techbros, and he's often praising them for basically anything they tweet about. His big favorite is naturally Twitter owner Elon Musk, whose boots he has cleaned on many occassions. And it's not just one-way "notice me senpai"...





...asskissing from Ian (although there's a lot of that) - Elon seems to actually listen what Cheong has to say. On 9 Oct 2022, Ian tweeted to <u>@elonmusk</u> that it "might be a good idea to take Starlink offline for the terminals used on the front lines,"since it could lead to.. 22/24



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Elon Musk, Here's What Unplugging Starlink Means For Ukrainians On The Front Line

Tech billionaire Elon Musk has long been considered one of Ukraine's key supporters, but he has just announced restrictions on the Ukrainian military's use of his Starlink satellites. *Die Welt* spoke to soldiers on the front lines in Bakhmut who are already feeling the



...further escalation in the war. And this is exactly what Elon did in Feb 2023, in order to "avoid escalation."

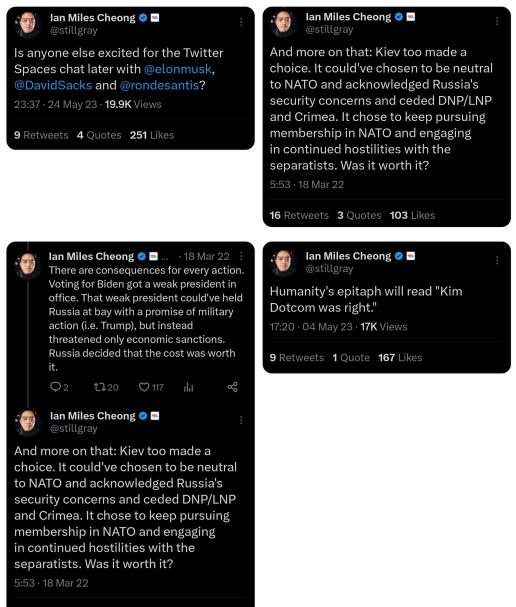
Now that Musk seems to be endorsing DeSantis by offering him a platform on Twitter, Ian has suddenly forgotten about Trump and started endorsing Ronnie.

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Ian seemed to be excited about the Twitter Spaces chat that was held, even claiming that it was unscripted.

To conclude, to me it seems that Ian Miles Cheong is an attention whore with broken morale compass. Also, he lies a LOT.

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Thanks for all the coffee, it seems that people REALLY dislike Ian.

#### CORRECTION TO TWEET 3/24:

I couldn't find any articles written by Ian for Ars Technica, and a person who has worked for the site for 20 years didn't have any recollection of this, either. So, apparently Cheong never wrote for them.

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