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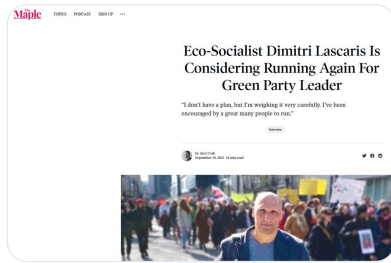
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In today's #vatniksoup, I'll introduce a Canadian lawyer and politician, Dimitri Lascaris (@dimitrilascaris). He's best-known for parroting the Kremlin propaganda regarding NATO expansion and the 2014 Revolution of Dignity, and for traveling to Russia amidst the war.

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Dimitri refers to himself as an "ecosocialist" and has been previously active in the Canadian Green Party. In 2020 he was a candidate for leading the group, but lost the final vote 50-42%. One of his campaign people was @RadDesai, whose known for organizing conferences..
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2020 Green Party of Canada leadership election

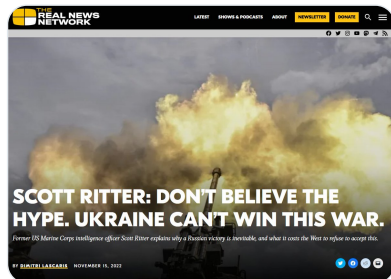
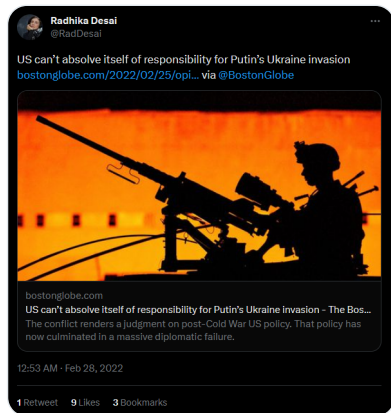
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Turnout 68.8%^[1]

Candidate	Annamie Paul	Dimitri Lascaris	Courtney Howard
Final ballot	12,090 (50.63%)	10,081 (42.22%)	Eliminated
First ballot	6,242 (26.14%)	5,768 (24.15%)	3,285 (13.76%)

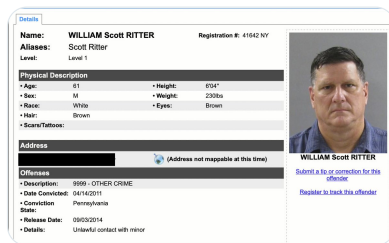
...that promote the interests of both the Russian and Chinese governments. Before this, Dima was working for the Real News, a pro-Kremlin blog that platforms people like Scott Ritter and Lawrence Wilkerson. Wilkerson is best-known for his anti-Semitism and calling the...

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..Ghouta chemical attack a "false flag operation" orchestrated by Israel. Ritter, on the other hand, is best-known for exposing his genitals to a police officer he thought was a 15-year-old girl.

On 19 Mar 2022, a month after Russia started their brutal attack in Ukraine,..
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...Lascaris suggested that Ukraine shouldn't defend themselves as it'll probably result in the "destruction of one's country," and that the rational course would actually "pursue compromise" with Russia.

His takes on history could come directly from the Kremlin...

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Yesterday, I was interviewed by a German media outlet, ACTVism Munich, about the Ukraine war. After I argued that Ukraine should enter immediately into negotiations with the Russian Federation, the interviewer put to me this question: "many argue that Ukraine has a right to defend itself. How do you respond to that argument?"

My answer to him was this:

“ Of course, Ukraine has a right to defend itself, as do all sovereign states, but having a lawful right to pursue a certain course of action does not necessarily mean that pursuing that course of action is in one's interests. If the exercise of a right is likely to result in the destruction of one's country, then the humane and rational course of action is to pursue compromise with the enemy rather than insist upon the full exercise of one's lawful right.

His takes on history could come directly from the Kremlin. First of all, he states in one of his blog posts that in 2014 Crimea "merged" with Russia - no mention of the illegal annexation, little green men, none of that. Then he refers to a news article from TASS that...

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February 26, 2019 17:00
GMT
By Carl Schreck

From 'Not Us' To 'Why Hide It?': How Russia Denied Its Crimea Invasion, Then Admitted It

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Vasily Fedoseenko (Reuters)

.."97% of voters reportedly supported Crimea's reunification with Russia," a sham vote that was condemned by basically everyone other than Russia.

Dima's reasoning for Russia's genocidal war in Ukraine is based on two of the most used Kremlin narratives: 1) NATO expansion..

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prosecutor's office, security service, security department, customs and other agencies independent from the authorities in Kiev.

On March 11 the legislatures of Crimea and Sevastopol voted for a declaration on the independence of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and of the city of Sevastopol.

The two questions put to the electorate in the referendum were:

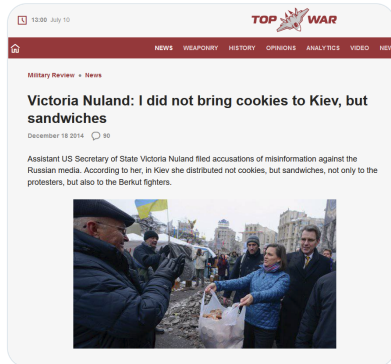
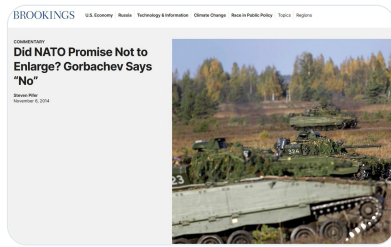
1. Are you for the reunification of Crimea with Russia as a constituent territory of the Russian Federation?
2. Are you for the restoration of Crimea's Constitution of 1992 and for Crimea's status as a region of Ukraine?

Support from more than 50% of those who cast their ballots was declared enough for the approval of either decision. The ballot papers were printed in three languages – Russian, Ukrainian and Crimean Tatar. In the end, 96.77% of the voters (1.233 million) in Crimea and 95.6% (262,000 in Sevastopol) backed reunification with Russia. In Crimea, the turnout reached 83.1% and in Sevastopol, 89.5%. The referendum was monitored by a group of 50 observers from 21 countries, including Israel, France and Italy. Most of the UN member-states refused to recognize the plebiscite.

Second, as a condition to agreeing to the reunification of Germany when the Berlin Wall fell, Mikhail Gorbachev received assurances from Western governments that NATO would not expand 'one inch eastward' – an assurance that NATO has violated repeatedly.

Third, in 2014, Western governments facilitated a coup in Ukraine which resulted in the violent ouster of a democratically elected, pro-Russian president, followed by the installation of a right-wing, anti-Russian regime. As explained in a recent article by veteran foreign affairs journalist, Joe Lauria:

...and the broken promise to Gorbachev (which, based on Gorbachev, was never even made), and 2) the "US-facilitated coup" and the infiltration of "neo-Nazis" in Ukraine in 2014. But with the latter he goes a few steps further: he states that what followed was a "right-wing,.. 8/24



..anti-Russian regime," providing absolutely no further explanation.

Lascaris' final conclusion immediately after Russia's full-scale invasion started was that: "An objective and fair-minded review of the historical record leads inexorably to the conclusion that Russia...

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...has legitimate grievances in this conflict," and later he declared that the evidence for the US and British governments actively provoking war in Ukraine is "overwhelming."

In Apr 2023, Dima traveled to Russia, where he had meetings with officials of the Russian...

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...Ministry of Foreign Affairs and gave a speech at the Valdai Conference. As a staunch supporter of peace between Russia and Ukraine, surely Lascaris spoke about the peace negotiations? Well, no - his speech was about the destabilization of the dollar and how Russia...

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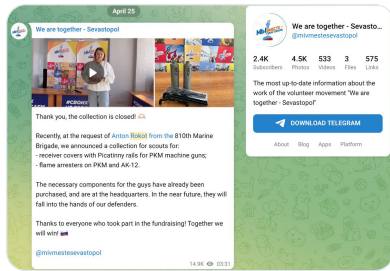
...could compete with the dollar. Later, he admitted that some of his meetings during the trip were organized with the Russian Embassy in Ottawa, Canada, and his old fiend Desai and campaign worker also joined the Valdai meeting.


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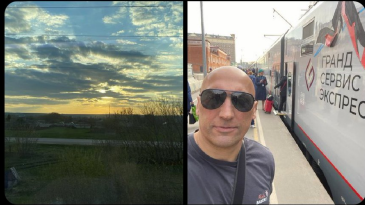
While in Russia, he visited various Kremlin-funded "NGO's" that provide nonlethal equipment and firearms accessories to the Russian troops. One of these organizations, We Are Together – Sevastopol, is presented to the Westerners as an NGO that "helps refugees".

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This morning, I left Moscow for Crimea. My train is expected to arrive in Crimea tomorrow morning. The sun is now setting to the West of us as the train heads southward.



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This week, I was interviewed by RT in Moscow. On my way into the RT studio, I came across this sign quoting Canada's @GlobeandMail:

“In the near future, it could happen that correspondents of Xinhua and RT, and not the correspondents of AP and the BBC, will be the only journalists at the epicenter of the next international crisis. And that means the world will see events through the eyes of Moscow & Beijing.”



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While in Moscow last week, I had the pleasure of meeting Mike Jones of @iEarlGreyTV. Mike's reporting has been a breath of fresh air for those of us who live in the West and who are fed up with the stifling, one-sided discourse about the Ukraine war.

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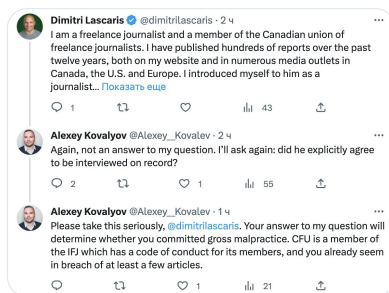
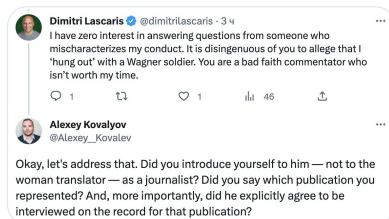
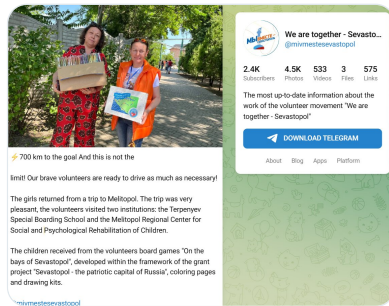
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The group's leader, Victoria Kashlyakova, admits that they also provide the invaded areas with propaganda materials such as board games praising Mother Russia.



On his way to Crimea, Lascaris also interviewed a PMC Wagner sniper called "Sokol". Ironically, his hate for...


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.."neo-Nazis" doesn't extend to the Russian ones, as he doesn't offer a single shred of criticism towards the mercenary group and its affiliations and history of literal neo-Nazis like Alexei Milchakov and Dmitry Utkin.

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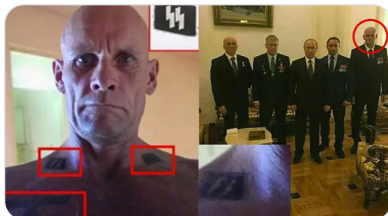
Fringe pro- bloggers such as the [@TheGrayzoneNews](#) like to keep the  narrative of Ukrainian neo-nazis and the need for "denazification" inside Ukraine. Today I'll be introducing a real Russian [#vatnik](#), co-leader of the Rusich group and a neo-nazi called Aleksei Milchakov. 1/8



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On a recent train trip from Crimea to Moscow, I found myself in a train cabin full of Russian soldiers. I spoke with one of the soldiers about his experiences fighting in the Ukraine war. He identified himself as a sniper from Wagner PMC.

In my latest, I recount what the soldier told me:

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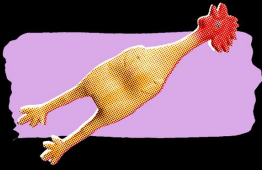
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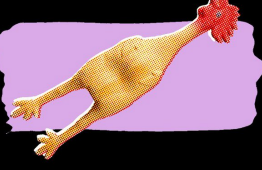
As a human rights activists, Dima speaks very little of actual human rights violations in Ukraine. I couldn't find any of his commentary on the Bucha massacre, mass graves, torture and castration in Iziium or the FSB-run children's torture chambers in Kherson.

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Kherson torture centres were planned by Russian state, say lawyers

Investigators say sites set up during occupation of Ukrainian city were part of 'calculated plan to terrorise' locals

Isabel Koshiba in Kyiv
Thu 2 Nov 2023 09:02 GMT



Inside a youth detention facility in Kherson that Ukrainian investigators said was used as a torture centre by occupying Russian forces, in November 2022. Photograph: Alexio Mamo/The Guardian

Evidence collected from Kherson in southern Ukraine shows Russian torture centres were not "random" but instead planned and directly financed by the Russian state, according to a team of Ukrainian and international lawyers headed by a UK barrister.


The city was under Russian control for eight months, from 2 March last year until Ukrainian forces entered the city on 11 November.

The lawyers, called the Mobile Justice Team, said on Thursday they had

He hasn't mentioned the 700 000 Ukrainian children abducted by the Russians, which by international law constitutes as a genocide. @dimitrilascaris, you must have written about these topics, maybe you can point me to the tweets and/or articles?

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Russian official reports 700,000 children abducted from Ukraine

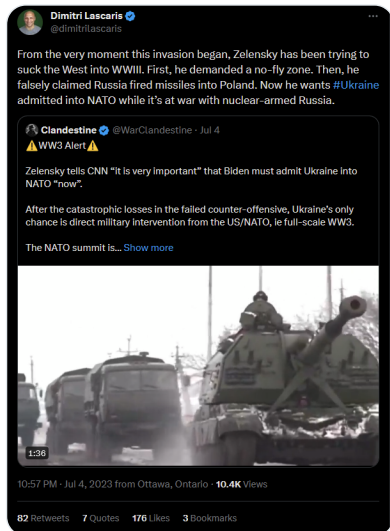
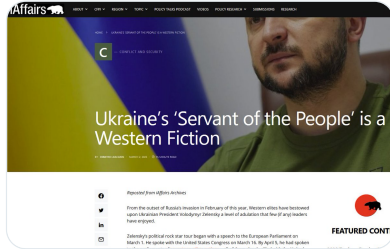
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The Russian occupiers have taken 700,000 children from Ukraine to the territory of the Russian Federation in recent years.

"In recent years, 700,000 children, fleeing bombings and shelling in conflict areas in Ukraine, have found shelter here. Many of them with their parents, and residents of orphanages with their educators," Grigory Karasin, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Federation Council (upper house of the Russian parliament), posted on [Telegram](#).

Lascaris has also been very critical of Ukraine's Zelensky. In Jul 2022, he posted an article criticizing the Ukrainian president, calling him an "anti-hero" who has "degraded whatever democracy existed in Ukraine." He also blames Zelensky for his ties to oligarch...

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...Ihor Kolomoyskyi, whose Ukrainian citizenship Zelensky later stripped, and whose assets the Ukrainian state has also nationalized. He preaches about the corruption in Ukraine, and how Zelensky has been unable to prevent it. This corruption is a remnant of the...

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..Soviet history, and Zelensky has taken impressive measures to reduce it. Actively fighting corruption while you're being attacked by a genocidal maniac is probably quite challenging, so we can probably judge Ukraine's battle against corruption only after Russia has been..

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..driven away from the country. Now, how about the country that Dima has praised and recently visited? In the 2022 Corruption Index, Russia was at the 137th place.

As an "ecosocialist", Dimitri is a staunch supporter of Russia, one of the biggest exporter of fossil fuels.

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Country Comparison: CRUDE OIL - EXPORTS

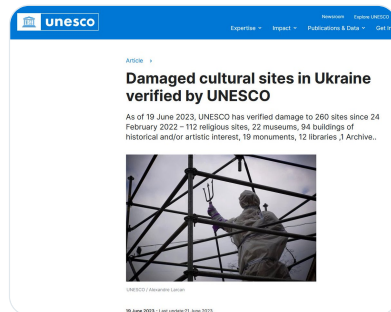
Crude oil - exports is the total amount of crude oil exported, in barrels per day (BPD).

RANK	COUNTRY	(BBL/DAY)	DATE OF INFORMATION
1	SAUDI ARABIA	9,888,000	2013 EST.
2	RUSSIA	4,878,000	2013 EST.
3	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	3,988,000	2010 EST.
4	IRAQ	3,388,000	2013 EST.
5	NIGERIA	2,848,000	2010 EST.
6	ANGOLA	1,828,000	2010 EST.
7	CANADA	1,728,000	2012 EST.
8	VENEZUELA	1,618,000	2010 EST.
9	KAZAKHSTAN	1,468,000	2010 EST.
10	KUWAIT	1,398,000	2010 EST.
11	QATAR	1,388,000	2012 EST.
12	MEXICO	1,358,000	2012 EST.

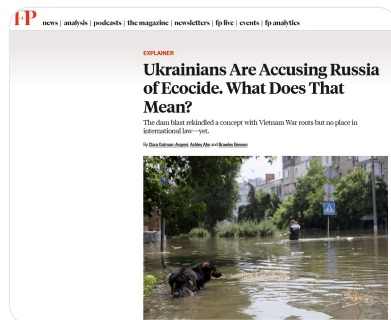
He also hasn't said a word of Russia's ecocide in Ukraine, resulting in the destruction of Ukraine's flora and fauna and also its cultural heritage sites.

To conclude, Dima is a classic Kremlin propagandist touting the "not one inch eastward" and "US-orchestrated coup" BS.

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The screenshot shows the UNESCO website with the article title "Damaged cultural sites in Ukraine verified by UNESCO". Below the title, it states: "As of 19 June 2023, UNESCO has verified damage to 260 sites since 24 February 2022 – 112 religious sites, 22 museums, 64 buildings of historical and/or artistic interest, 19 monuments, 12 libraries, 1 Archive...". A photograph shows a person in a white protective suit working on a damaged metal structure. The article is dated 19 June 2023 and last updated on 27 June 2023.



The screenshot shows an FP (Foreign Policy) explainer article titled "Ukrainians Are Accusing Russia of Ecocide. What Does That Mean?". The sub-headline reads: "The term has originated a concept with Vietnam War roots but no place in international law – yet." Below the text is a photograph of a flooded street with a dog wading through the water. The article is dated 19 June 2023 and last updated on 27 June 2023.

He seems to openly support Russia's genocidal war in Ukraine, and hasn't criticized it after the initial days of the invasion. His prospects to do anything meaningful in Canada are probably over, and in my view Dima is a potential future resident of the Russian Federation.

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In Yalta, Crimea, the authorities have draped a banner across the facade of the City Hall in which Vladimir Putin is quoted as saying:



“Russia doesn’t start wars. Russia finishes them.”

#Crimea #UkraineRussiaWar



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Joe Lauria:

"Thirty years from now historians will write of the context of the Ukraine war: the coup, the attack on Donbass, NATO expansion, rejection of Russian treaty proposals — without being called Putin puppets. It will be the same way historians write of the Versailles Treaty as a cause of Nazism and WWII, but aren't called Nazi-sympathizers."

consortiumnews.com/2023/06/30/ukr...
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And yes, I know I said I'd stop #vatniksoup, but the vatniks spring up like mushrooms, and these networks need to be exposed.

So, as long as there are vatniks and people who read my silly threads, I'll continue doing this work.

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Why Are Ukrainian-Canadians Protesting Dimitri Lascaris?

Over the past month, Ukrainian-Canadians have been protesting a speaking tour of a man who visited Russia and occupied Ukraine and re...

<https://canadianinfluencewatchdog.blogspot.com/2023/07/why-are-ukrainian-canadian...>

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And Dima, let me ask one more thing: If James Baker's verbal promise to "not expand NATO eastwards" (that referred to East Germany, by the way) should be respected, what about Putin's statement that Crimea is Ukraine? I mean, if not, then we can probably agree that Putin is a liar?



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