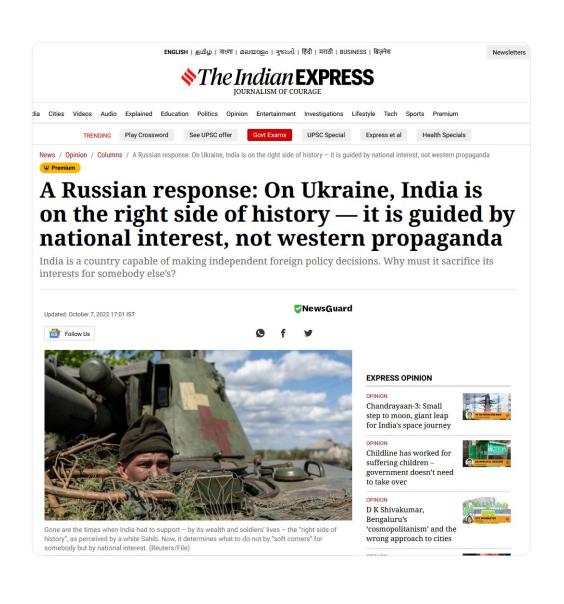


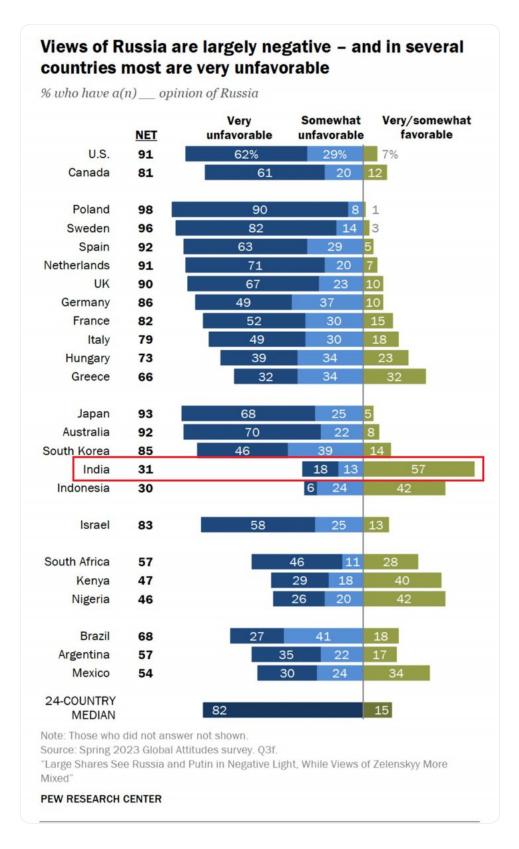
In today's #vatniksoup I'll introduce an Indian political analyst, poet, singer, and patriot (all his words) Atul Mishra and his network, The Frustrated Indian (@TheAtulMishra & @FrustIndian). He's best-known for his awful pro-Russian takes on the Russo-Ukrainian War.

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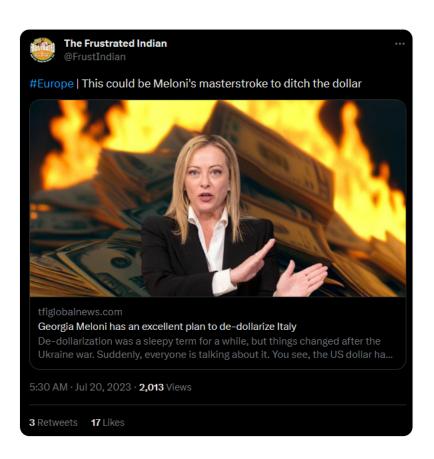


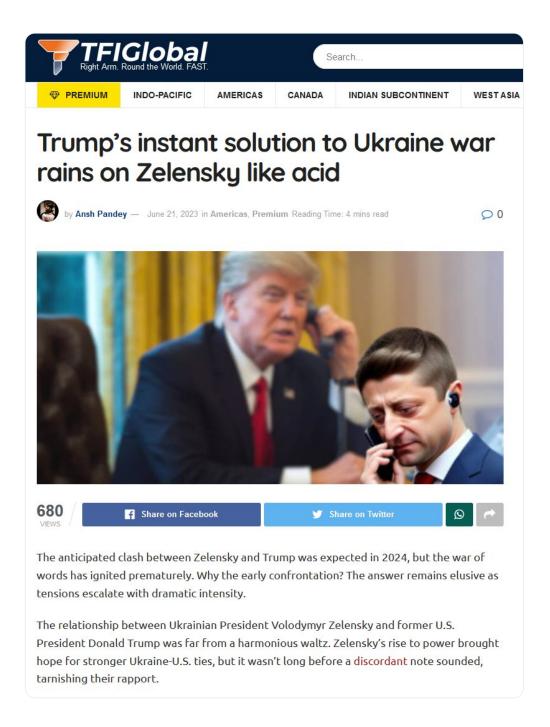
As I have said before, Western analysts and disinformation researchers have a blind spot in the Global South, where pro-Kremlin propaganda thrives and Russia is somewhat popular. For example, in India, 57% of the population sees Russia as in somewhat/very favorable light.





The Frustrated Indian tries to profit from this particular niche by providing a false and made-up image of European politics and of the Russo-Ukrainian War. The whole scheme works on making pro-Russian, outrageous claims that works on lies and half-truths.

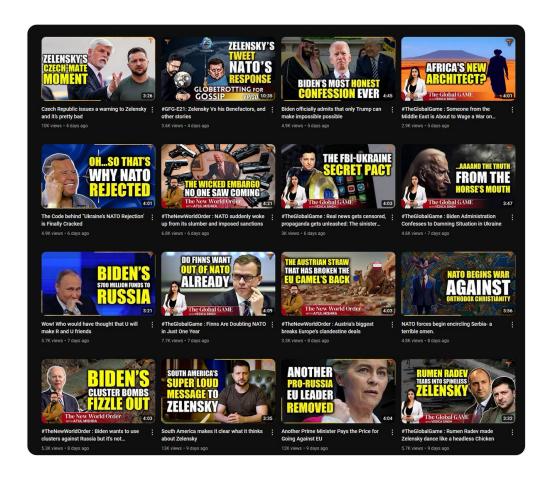




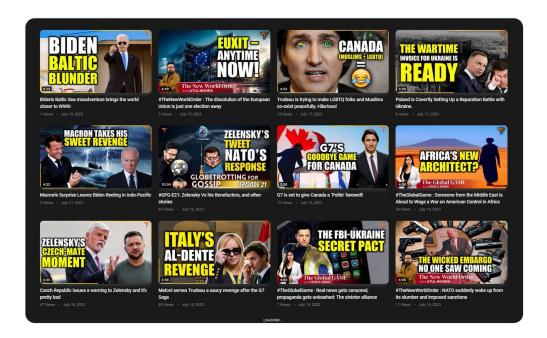
Mishra's network is actually a family of accounts, including @tfipost and @tfistore. This network seems to be artificially inflated, as most of them have a quite big following (the main channel has 226k followers) but most of the tweets have very low engagement (if any).



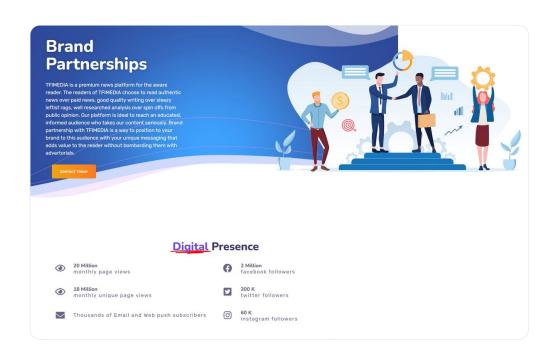
The network also has a strong multi-channel approach. They have a YouTube channel with 429 000 followers, and they're on IG, Telegram and Facebook. They also have their own video streaming site, TFIGlobal, which seems to be just another ghost town.

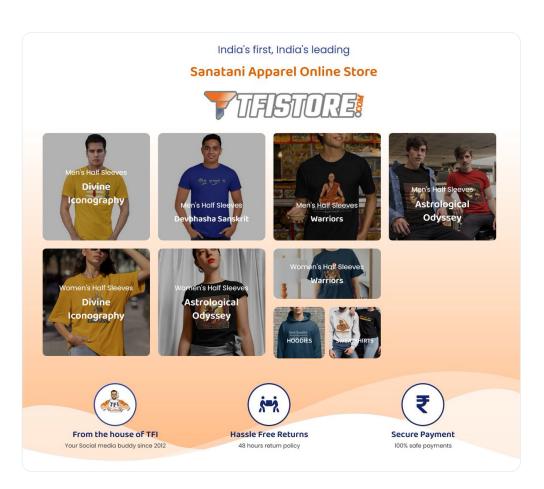


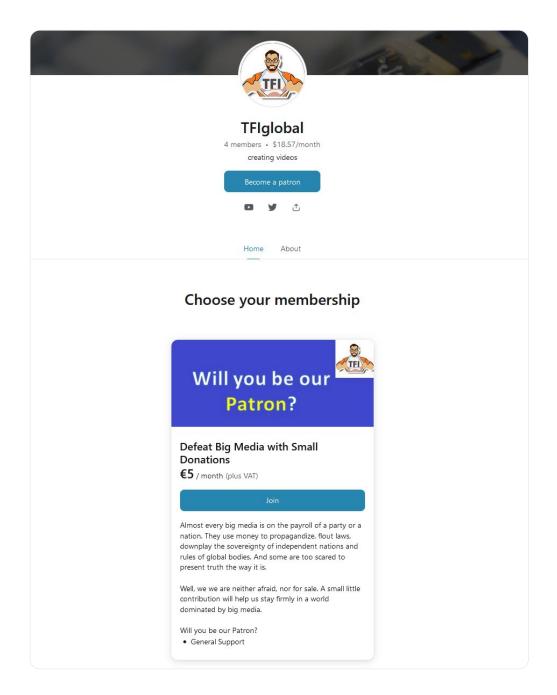




Mishra is pushing hard the for monetization of his propaganda network. He's selling brand partnership, "official TFI merchandise", and begs for subscribers on Patreon (he has currently 4). All this with whopping 15 employees and less monthly impressions than #vatniksoup!







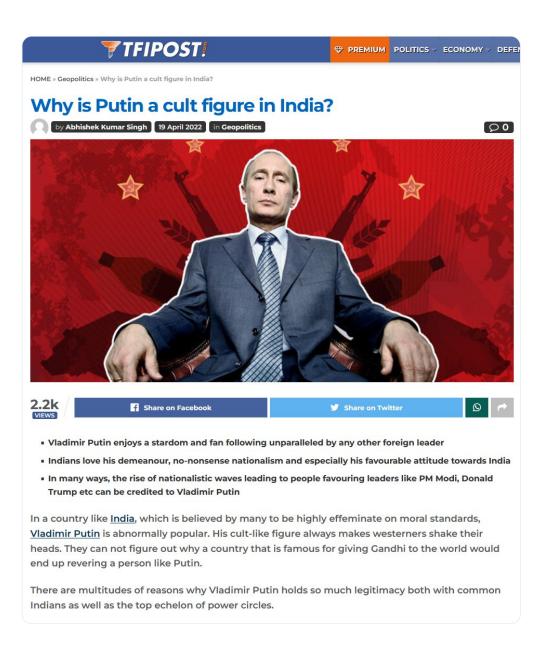
The whole network was almost closed down the network a year ago. This speaks for the artificial inflation of the network too, as YT channels with +300 000 followers should be able to monetize quite well already.



He seems to be a huge fanboy of Putin's, and he's even written an article claiming that Putin is a "cult figure" in India. He thinks that Putin is some kind of "master strategist" who makes no mistakes, and that he's just playing the West with his 4-d chess, just like Trump. 8/18









When it comes to Ukraine, Mishra's predictions are quite grim: he thinks that its allies are fading and its changes are fleeting. He's also suggested that post-war Ukraine will be





Time's Up for Ukraine's Chess Game: Czech Republic's Warning Puts Zelensky in Check. With waning support and a limited window, Ukraine must make bold moves before the game ends.

In a stark warning to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, the Czech Republic has delivered a reality check regarding Ukraine's fading chances in its counteroffensive against Russia. As the West begins to withdraw its support, the Czech President, Petr Pavel, has cautioned that Ukraine must act swiftly to regain as much territory as possible before the year's end, as a second chance may not be forthcoming.



One day after Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine, Mishra made a wild prediction: Russia captures Kyiv, Zelensky flees the country, becomes a social media influencer. Ukraine welcomes Russia, group of women welcome Russian soldiers and tend to the wounded.



TFI's political and military analysis are simply utter crap. Don't believe me? Here are some examples: their expert analyst Ansh Pandey suggested that the Prigozhin mutiny could've been a "premeditated move" which would allow Wagner to attack Kyiv from Belarus. Pretty wild.



Last weekend, the world held its breath as Russia appeared to teeter on the brink of mutiny. Yevgeny Prighozin, the enigmatic mastermind behind the Wagner Group, ignited chaos by defying President Vladimir Putin. With ambitions to overthrow military leadership and seize power, Prighozin had set the stage for a high-stakes political showdown.

The news of Russia's potential downfall reverberated across the globe, with whispers of a military coup gaining momentum. Reports circulated that a frightened Putin was fleeing to St. Petersburg, further fueling the already buzzing rumors.



## So this is what Putin has done with Wagner group





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It has been a whirlwind of events since the staged coup by Wagner in Russia, and the truth behind the intrigue has finally come to light.

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What appeared to be a pro-Putin action at first turned out to be a carefully thought-out scheme directed by none other than Vladimir Putin himself. Putin aimed at strengthening his hold on power and making himself the ultimate leader. He used the coup as a tactical move to destroy a party inside the Russian military.

## Moving to Belarus and Worry for Ukraine

Now, as Prighozin abandons his rebellious play and announces his withdrawal, the renegade Wagner group troops are heading toward Belarus. This shift in their base of operations could spell trouble for Ukrainian forces. Belarus, situated just 100 kilometers away from the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv, currently houses Russia's nuclear arsenal and military equipment near its borders.

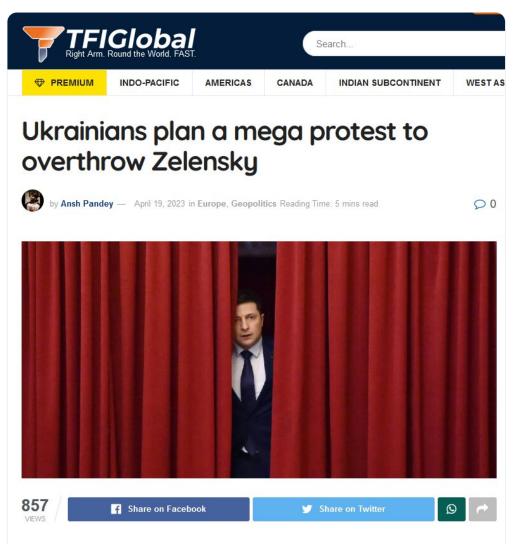
Wagner has long been known as the real victor of the Ukrainian battlefield. The group's actions were responsible for the fall of key Ukrainian cities such as Bakhmut, Mariupol, and Kherson. Now, with Wagner poised near Kyiv, awaiting orders from Putin to unleash their wrath, the situation grows increasingly ominous for Ukraine.



Source: The Times of Israel

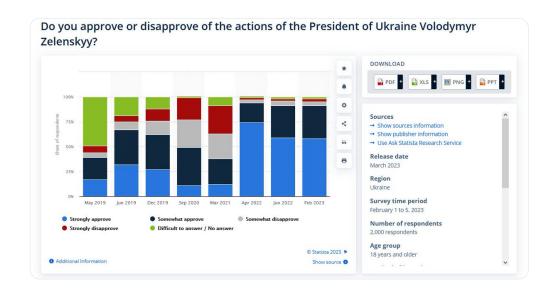
TFI loves to bash and defame Zelensky. For example, they suggest that Ukrainians are planning to overthrow him, and that his approval rate is "lowest in decades" - as of Feb 2023,91% of Ukrainians either somewhat or strongly approve of Zelensky's actions - higher than Putin's. 12/18





Everything comes full circle, and Zelensky's fate is no exception. But who will be the one to bring about this fate? NATO? Russia? No, it will be the angry and embittered Ukrainians themselves.

In 2019, Volodymyr Zelensky, a comedian and actor with no prior political experience, captured the hearts of his fellow Ukrainians, who saw him as a refreshing change from the country's traditional political establishment. His outsider status and unconventional approach resonated with the people, and he campaigned on a platform of transparency and accountability, promising to tackle corruption and improve the economy.



Atul and his pals also went with the "Zaluzhny dead" BS, but they took the whole thing to a new level - according to TFI, Zaluzhny was "probably assassinated" by Zelensky, and that the person we now see in media is actually his body double.







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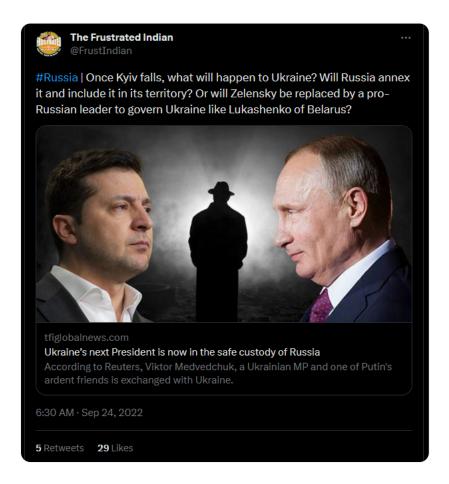
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The Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine is missing. A first-rate commander, admired by his troops and extremely smart and capable. But where is he?

Let's go back to the time when Russia took Bakhmut. Ukraine was unable to match Russia, which infuriated Zelensky. It's no secret that Ukraine has been sensitive about the Bakhmut issue and has never wanted the land to fall under Russian control, considering its strategic importance. But it did happen. Ukraine lost Bakhmut, and according to accounts, Ukraine's military was opposed to holding it. The Ukrainian government would have been furious if the army head had done so.



In Sep 2022, TFI speculated who would become the next Ukrainian president after "Kyiv falls". Their candidate was Viktor Medvedchuk, a Ukrainian oligarch universally hated by most Ukrainians. He was swapped to the Azovstal defenders in a prisoner swap in the same month.



## Viktor Medvedchuk: the next Ukrainian President?

According to Reuters, Viktor Medvedchuk, a Ukrainian MP and one of Putin's ardent friends is exchanged with Ukraine. He was taken into custody by Ukrainian authorities in April. Now, Viktor Medvedchuk has been transported to Russia and is in Moscow's safe custody. The politician has been close to Putin for many years and is one of Russia's most prominent allies in Ukraine. Also, according to the Washington Post, Putin is also the godfather of Medvedchuk's daughter.

After Russia annexed Crimea in 2014, Ukraine started penalising the oligarch. Zelensky allegedly accused Viktor Medvedchuk of funding terrorism in 2021 and froze his assets.

After being charged with treason by Ukraine in May 2021, Viktor Medvedchuk was first put under house arrest and later taken into custody.

According to Forbes Ukraine, Medvedchuk's projected net worth in 2021 was \$620 million. As of the previous year, Zelensky attempted to freeze the oligarch's assets by blocking three Ukrainian television stations controlled by Viktor Medvedchuk on the grounds that they were airing propaganda. According to ABC News, Iuliia Mendel, a spokeswoman for Zelensky, stated that the stations were funded by Russia and that Ukraine had stopped the channels because they were being used as "one of the tools of war against Ukraine."

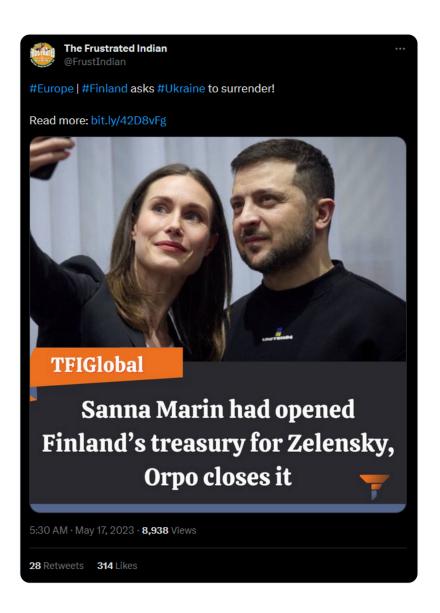
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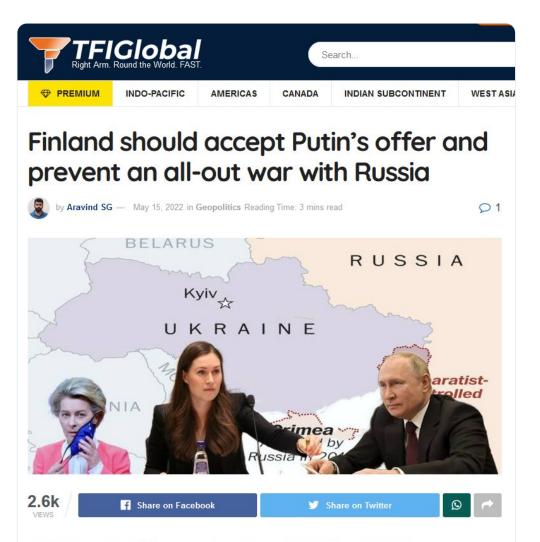
As is tradition in India, TFI and Mishra also compare Ukraine to Pakistan, India's biggest geopolitical rival. I'm sure this rhetoric works extremely well in India, and it might garner some following.





And the nonsense doesn't stop there. There's "news" about Finland stopping aid to Ukraine (it didn't, we give more than ever), Putin potentially activating the "Kaliningrad module", Ukraine's plans to allow same-sex marriage and of course the sanctions not hurting Russia.





As Putin's invasion of Ukraine gets dragged towards the 11th week, Helsinki's' determination to coalesce with the north Atlantic treaty organization has been reinforced by bounds. Finland's security was teetering on the edge with the 1300km border it shares with Russia that cuts through the taiga forest and other rural areas. Since March, Finland has been rehearsing its joining of NATO but waited for neighboring Sweden to follow suit. With all the media myth of "Ukraine winning" falling to pieces, Finland has set its time and has finally placed its bid to join NATO, a tectonic shift from a country that always espoused neutrality.



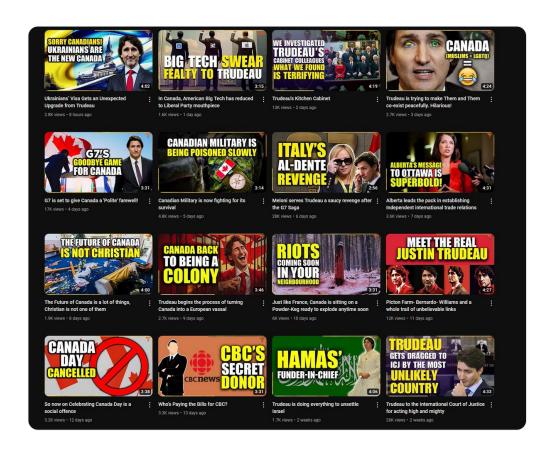


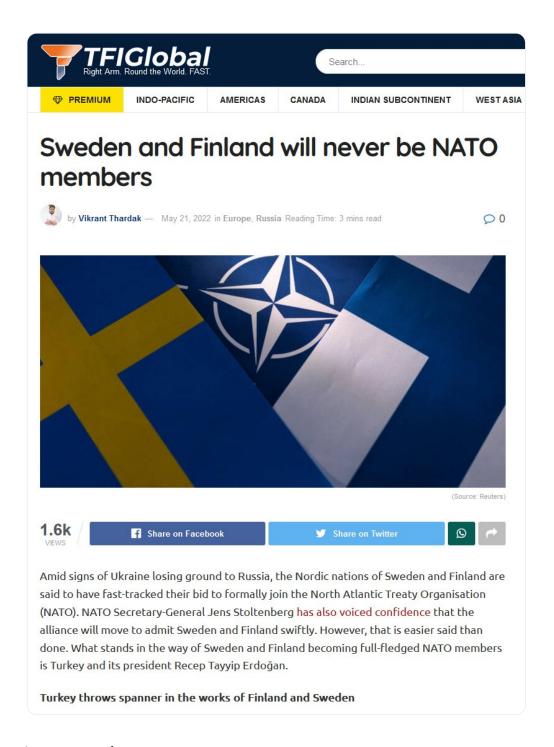
Now, @TheAtulMishra, maybe you can answer some questions: as a poet, singer and reciter, what are your qualifications for geopolitics? What about your employees? Why do you purposefully spread lies and disinformation? Is it for (low) profit or just for fun?





And why on earth do you have own YouTube channel for Canadian disinformation? Anything to make that extra buck? And when will you do a correction to your article stating that Finland and Sweden will never be NATO countries?





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Swift reply from @TheAtulMishra.

I repeat my questions: 1) what are your qualifications? 2) do you lie on purpose? 3) if not, why don't you correct your lies?

Even though Mr. Kallioniemi has about 85,000 followers, nobody commented on his deep dive into my work (using screenshots). Maybe now they will, since I mentioned it.

I think his Twitter followers are real people who just aren't very interested in his posts. Or bots? But who knows for sure?

I don't have the time or energy to look closely at Mr. Kalnemi's blog, podcast, or whatever he does to earn a living. I just hope he's not struggling to get by.

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