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Jul 27 · 21 tweets · [P_Kallioniemi/status/1684470796381458432](https://twitter.com/P_Kallioniemi/status/1684470796381458432)

In today's #vatniksoup, I'll discuss the current state of Twitter/X. After @elonmusk took over, the site's gotten rid of most their safety rules & monetized people who agree with Musk's politics & constantly use lies and deceit to create outrage and increase their audience.

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ANALYSIS

Elon Musk's Twitter Is Becoming a Sewer of Disinformation

Changes to the platform have systematically amplified authoritarian state propaganda.

By [Miah Hammond-Errey](#), the director of the Emerging Technology Program at the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney



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On 14 Jul 2023, Musk started paying ad share revenue to X's "creators". Besides some meme and Musk-fanboy accounts, these creators mostly consisted of accounts that regularly spread disinformation & outright lies. Many of them have also tried to manipulate their follower count.

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Today Elon Musk and Twitter began Twitter ad share revenue payouts. Here is a list of the users who have shared how much they made publicly.

- [@DirtyTesLa](#) - \$1,004
- [@Anc_Aesthetics](#) - \$1,358
- [@nickfloats](#) - \$1,393
- [@mysteriouskat](#) - \$1,469
- [@elon_alerts](#) - \$2,226
- [@raptalksk](#) - \$2,236
- [@WarClandestine](#) - \$2,426
- [@nicksortor](#) - \$3,699
- [@levelsio](#) - \$3,899
- [@simonateba](#) - \$3,975
- [@Timcast](#) - \$5,823
- [@WholeMarsBlog](#) - \$6,206
- [@SawyerMerritt](#) - \$6,465
- [@DC_Draino](#) - \$7,036
- [@stclairashley](#) - \$7,153
- [@bennyjohnson](#) - \$9,546
- [@ZubyMusic](#) - \$12,237
- [@stillgray](#) - \$16,259
- [@Cobratate](#) - \$20,379
- [@Krassenstein](#) - \$24,305
- [@EdKrassen](#) - \$24,877
- [@MrBeast](#) - \$25,801
- [@BillyM2k](#) - \$37,050
- [@InternetHOF](#) - \$107,247

If you have anyone to add to the list please post them here.

Congrats to everyone who received money.

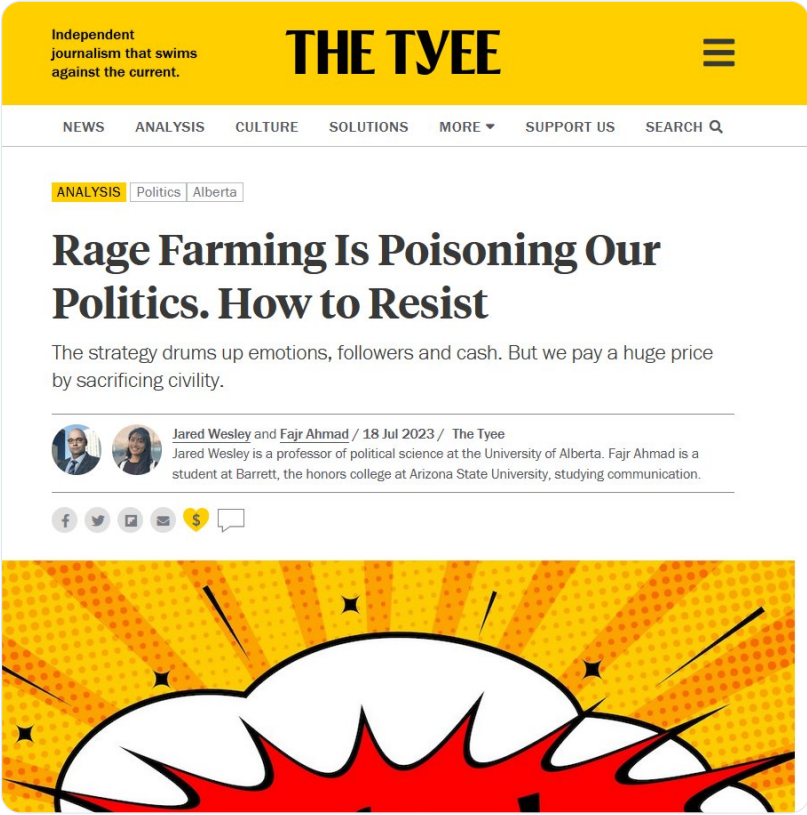
2:21 AM · Jul 14, 2023 · **900.4K** Views

222 Retweets **95** Quotes **1,864** Likes **183** Bookmarks

As the @CommunityNotes on X are generally considered to be a joke, and these outrageous claims garner millions of views, the accounts are good way to collect ad revenue.

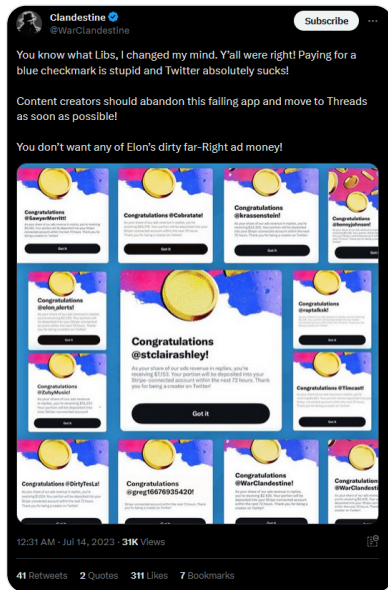
So, here are some of the "creators" Elon gave revenue to:

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Jacob Creech AKA @WarClandestine, a far-right QAnon follower who started the "bioweapons labs in Ukraine" narrative that was picked by mainstream media on 24 Feb 2022. Jacob made around 500 USD a month from spreading lies and conspiracy theories.

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Nick Sortor AKA @nicksortor, a some sort of far-right "citizen journalist" who spreads disinformation and promotes other grifters like @tuckercarlson and the MAGA gang. Nicky made around 750 USD a month from his "journalism".

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Nick Sortor @nicksortor Subscribe

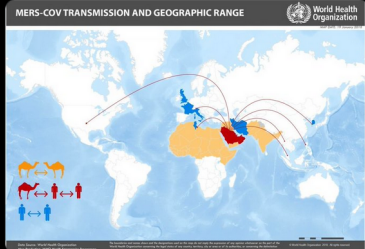
ALERT: A man has tested positive for a "potentially fatal" Coronavirus called MERS-CoV in the city of Abu Dhabi, World Health Organization says

Out of all recorded cases, this virus has had a **36% fatality rate**, according to WHO

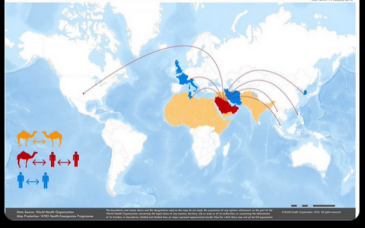
WHO recommends "SURVEILLANCE IN BOTH HUMANS AND ANIMALS" because of its "high fatality rate, large geographical range, and lack of medical interventions."

WHO also has listed MERS-CoV as a "HIGH-PRIORITY PATHOGEN" in order to "maintain control of this virus."

DO YOU TRUST THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION? Why or why not?



MERS-COV TRANSMISSION AND GEOGRAPHIC RANGE 



Readers added context they thought people might want to know

For context, MERS was first reported in 2012, and all reported cases have been linked to countries in & near the Arabian Peninsula.

[cdc.gov/coronavirus/me...](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/me...)

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It is not easily transmitted among humans, and has spread mostly among people who come in contact with dromedary camels.

my.clevelandclinic.org/health/disease...

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3,083 Retweets **1,859** Quotes **8,644** Likes **1,411** Bookmarks



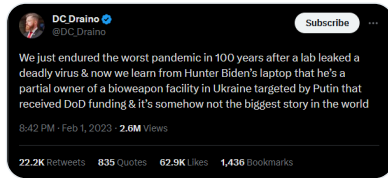
Congratulations @nicksortor!

As your share of our ads revenue in replies, you're receiving \$3,699. Your portion will be deposited into your Stripe-connected account within the next 72 hours. Thank you for being a creator on Twitter!

Got it

Rogan O'Handley AKA @DC_Draino, a far-right conspiracy theorist and "conservative commentator" who spreads lies and disinformation for engagement. He also seems to be a strong advocate for Putin's imperialism. O'Handley earned around 1400 USD a month from his lies.

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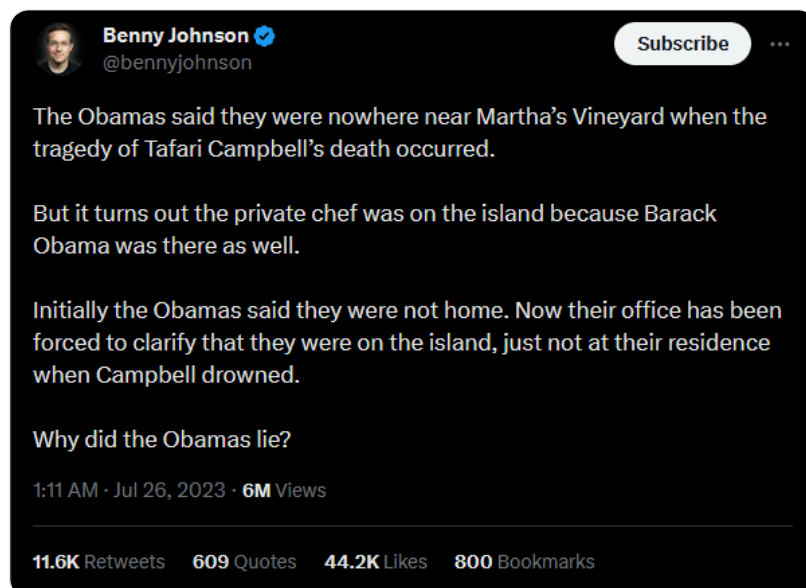


Ashley St. Clair AKA @stclairashley, apparently a conservative comedian who makes fun of the "woke culture" and shares photos to her thirsty fans. To be fair, some of her jokes aren't that bad. Apparently she works for the @thebabylonbee. She made 1430 USD a month.

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Benny Johnson AKA @bennyjohnson, a far-right podcaster and Trump supporter, who spreads outrageous lies & disinformation. In his most recent, he insinuated that the Obama's might have been involved in the death of one of their staff members. He made 1900 USD a month from lying.

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Ian Miles Cheong AKA @stillgray, a Malaysian grifter who will do anything for a quick buck.

Just read the thread:

10/19 <https://t.co/MOK63Isxuo>

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

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10:59 AM · May 28, 2023 

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 **Unfiltered Boss**  @Unfiltered... · 13h ...

Blue subscribers should be the only ones that can vote in policy related polls. We actually have skin in the game

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 **Elon Musk**  @elonmusk · 13h ...

Good point. Twitter will make that change.

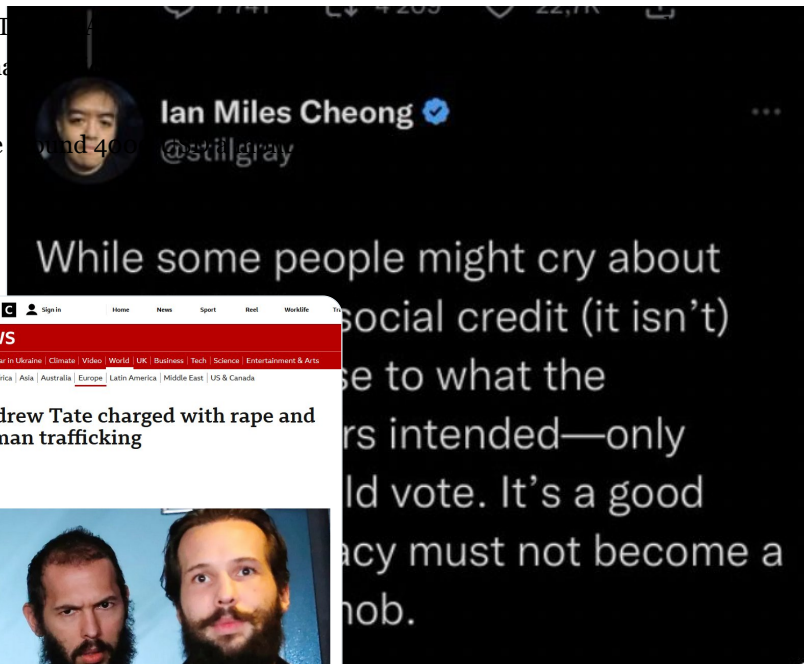
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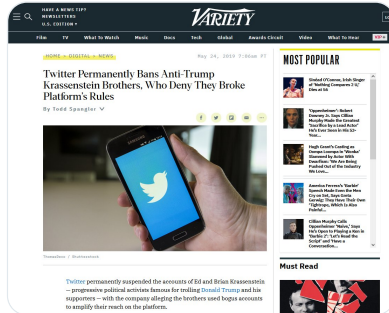
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Brian and Ed Krassenstein AKA @krassenstein and @edkrassen. The "controlled opposition" who challenge Elon's views, but not really.

They were suspended in 2019 for allegedly operating fake accounts. They became popular as the "Trump reply guys".

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They allegedly promoted Russian Ponzi schemes on one of their websites, but were never charged for any of it. I recently asked Brian a question regarding X, but he apparently forgot to answer:

They both earned around 4860 USD a month on X.

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Replying to @krassenstein

Brian, do you think that claims should go unchecked and constant lying and spreading of disinformation should be tolerated?

He called people pedophiles without any actual evidence. His takes on Ukraine were full of disinformation straight up lies.

And @CommunityNotes is a joke.

February 24 2023, western media and politicians spoke about the anniversary of the conflict in Ukraine. Which, in reality, is not the case. The conflict in Ukraine started in 2014 when Ukraine launched bombs against civilians in the People's Republics of Donetsk and Luhansk.

oms of "Donbas genocide" were revealed by Prigozhin's fired trolls

3:55 PM · Jul 26, 2023

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CRIME & JUSTICE

Feds Seized a Fortune From #Resistance Icons Accused of Boosting Online 'Ponzi Schemes'

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Homeland security investigator alleged "reasonable cause" to believe Ed and Brian Krassenstein illegally hawked investment scams.

Luciano Martini [@luciano](#) [Follow](#) [Published May 22, 2016 6:45AM EDT](#)

Business brothers own Lee home raided by Homeland Security

For hours, people in a south Fort Myers community off Iona Road watched as deputies and federal investigators carried dozens of boxes out of a home on Ancharage Way.

Thursday, September 22nd 2016, 5:13 PM EDT

The strategy is very simple: Musk is giving money to people who promote his products (Tesla, SpaceX, etc.) or to people he agrees with in politics.

And the list is not comprehensive, and accounts like @catturd2 and @dom_lucre are also in the subscription system.



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When I said that X has gotten rid of their safety rules, I meant it. On 26 Jul 2023, @dom_lucre was suspended for posting "child exploitation pictures".

@elonmusk himself revealed this, and the account was reinstated on the same day.

15/19 <https://t.co/doW9VHie6k>

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In today's #vatniksoup, I'll introduce an American social media personality, Dominick "Dom Lucre" McGee (@dom_lucre). He's best-known for lying about absolutely everything, and for spreading QAnon-related conspiracy theories and disinformation on the Russo-Ukrainian War.

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4:36 PM · Jul 15, 2023 

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 **Elon Musk**   @elonmusk · 3h

The reason for suspension should be shown, along with ability to appeal quickly and easily. There are so many layers of software (20+ million lines) that this is much harder than it should be.

I'm told that this account was suspended for posting child exploitation pictures. [Show more](#)

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Extremely concerning

The image shows a tweet from Elon Musk (@elonmusk) on X. The tweet text is "Extremely concerning". Below the text is a screenshot of a WSJ article. The article header includes the WSJ logo, "SUBSCRIBE" and "SIGN IN" buttons, and market data: DJIA +0.06%, S&P 500 -0.15%, and Nasdaq -0.53%. The article title is "Instagram Connects Vast Pedophile Network" and is labeled as a "WSJ NEWS EXCLUSIVE". The article text reads: "With blatant hashtags, a pedophile network has flourished on Instagram. The platform doesn't merely host these activities. Its algorithms have actively promoted them." The tweet's engagement metrics are: 60.1K Retweets, 4,739 Quotes, 292.1K Likes, and 4,042 Bookmarks. The tweet was posted at 8:33 PM on Jun 7, 2023, and has 51.8M views.

X's new blue checkmark system has also evolved into a huge disinformation promotion tool, and by spending small amounts of money, troll farms can promote and augment any kind of false narratives on the platform. This is why some old, big troll farms have resurfaced again.

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The screenshot shows the top portion of a web browser displaying an article on the Insider website. The page header includes the Insider logo, a search icon, and links for 'Newsletters', 'Login', and 'Subscribe'. Below the header, the article title is 'The internet's biggest fake news producers are gaining traction through Twitter Blue accounts promoting their disinformation about Ukraine'. The author is listed as 'Katie Hawkinson' with a timestamp of 'Jul 9, 2023, 9:53 PM GMT+3'. A large photograph of Elon Musk smiling is featured below the title. At the bottom of the image, a small caption reads: 'A blue checkmark on Twitter used to indicate a verified identity. But since Elon Musk took over the company, it now just indicates'.

Also, in a recent and desperate measure to collect more ad revenue, X has started forcing brands to spend on advertising in order to keep their "gold checkmark", or the verification for being an authentic brand, organization or company.

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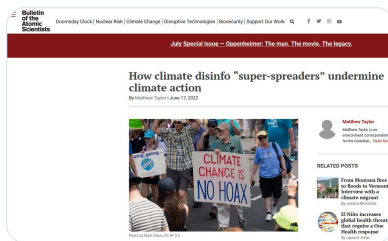
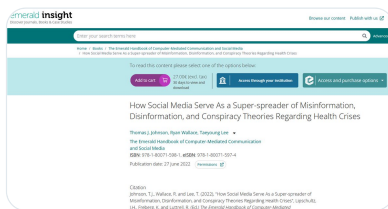


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To battle the disinformation on X, I suggest you follow accounts like @Shayan86 and @hoaxeye.

Oh, and if the profile says anything about being "citizen/independent journalist", steer clear.

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#vatniksoup is a Twitter thread series (and a hashtag!) where I'll introduce pro-Russian actors and propagandists from around the world, be they so-called "independent journalists", politicians, mili...

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Now let us watch some of these smaller accounts I mentioned, try and gain more traction and following from the thread, and the bigger ones staying completely silent as they have nothing to gain from it all.

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