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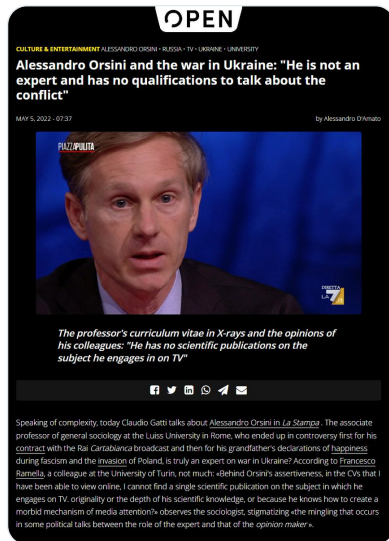
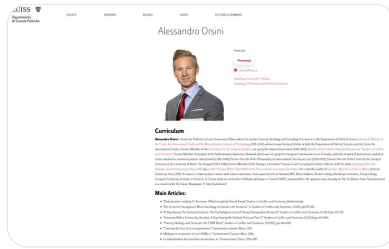
In today's #vatniksoup, I'll introduce an Italian sociologist, academic and talk show host, Alessandro Orsini (@orsiniufficiale). He's best-known for his pro-Kremlin & anti-NATO/Ukraine comments on the Russo-Ukrainian War on Italy's public broadcasting TV channel, @raitre.

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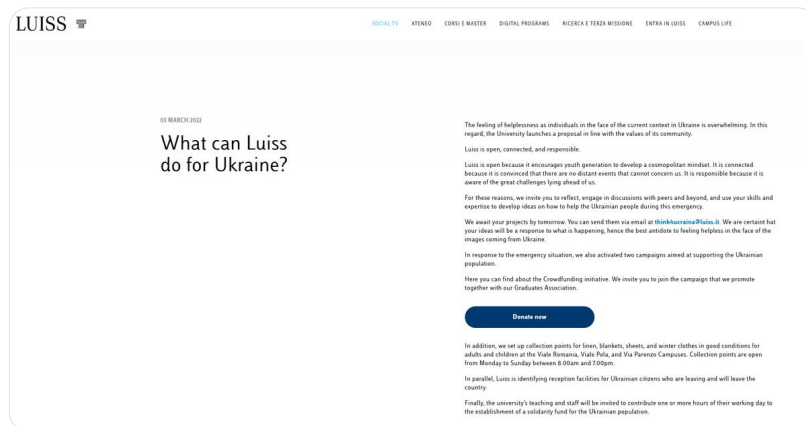
Orsini hails from the academic world, and his currently working as the director and founder of the LUISS Observatory on International Security. His work has focused on the sociology of terrorism, an important topic that has absolute nothing to do with the war in Ukraine.

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Embarrassed by the Orsini's comments, LUISS University initially issued a statement on Mar 2022, reiterating its "full solidarity with the Ukrainian people" and distance itself from Orsini.

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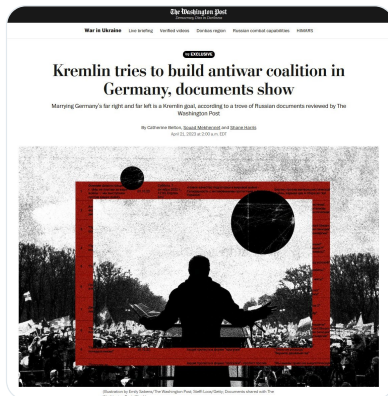
Before Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in Feb 2022, Alex was a minor character in the media world - you know, one of those experts that gets called on talk shows whenever his "expertise" is needed on a topic. But after the attack, his controversial, pro-Kremlin...

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...polemic became extremely popular. The narrative was the same as every other vatnik expert: appeal to pacifism, antiwar attitude, denounce of NATO and calling them an aggressor, and criticism of Zelensky and Ukrainian politics.

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The goal of Orsini's rhetoric is of course to sway the public opinion on Ukraine and the military and humanitarian aid they're receiving. They also heavily criticize NATO. This strategy has been simply copied to every Western country, and Italy is no exception.

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In one episode of a show called "Cartabianca", Orsini stated that if Putin were to use nuclear bomb due to the war going badly for Russia, Europe would be "morally co-responsible". He then continued, that in order to avoid nuclear war, we should "let Putin win the war".

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Some days later, he declared that "This is a losing war. Either we give Putin what he wants, or he takes it anyway," after which he continued that Russia will continue to advance & that instead of sending weapons, Italy should build "two huge hospitals" for Ukrainian children.8/18

The screenshot shows a news article from la Repubblica. The headline is "Alessandro Orsini and the phrases on Russia and Ukraine: from Putin's certain victory to the nuclear hecatomb". The sub-headline reads "Brief anthology of public statements by the Luiss sociologist, including the proposal for Italy's exit from the EU". The article is dated March 26, 2022, and updated on March 27, 2022. A small video player shows Alessandro Orsini speaking. A "Read also" section suggests another article: "The Pd-branded Rai reform: 'The BBC model is needed to stop subdivision'".

He's also stated that he prefers to "children live in a dictatorship than die under bombs in the name of democracy". Basically his argument justifies the use of nuclear blackmail, making it a viable strategy for countries like North Korea and China.

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The snippet shows an opinion article from CNN. The headline is "Opinion: Russia's nuclear blackmail is a spectacular success for Putin" by Neil Gross, dated March 30, 2022. Below the headline is a video player showing a split-screen of a woman on the left and Vladimir Putin on the right.

Alex has spread the "genocide in Donbas" BS and on one occasion stated that "anyone who says that Russia should withdraw is an imbecile, an idiot," and that if they do, Ukraine will continue "slaughtering civilians in Donbas."

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In today's #vatnik soup and another edition of "You pronounced this nonsense, not me". Today we're going to talk about the "genocide in Donbas" disinformation and propaganda trope, that's been debunked many times but just refuses to die in the social media sphere.

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He even lied about being in contact with "the mothers from Mariupol", who allegedly told him they want Ukraine to surrender.

Orsini's called the conflict "a local confrontation" caused by NATO expansion.

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"The women of Mariupol are writing to me ...": but Orsini is silenced on air

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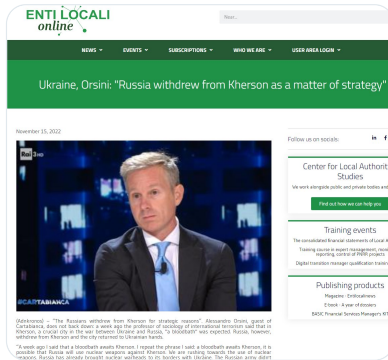
The mothers of Mariupol write to Orsini every day accusing the Italians, Kuzmina replies and reveals that her friends have not heard from their parents for a month

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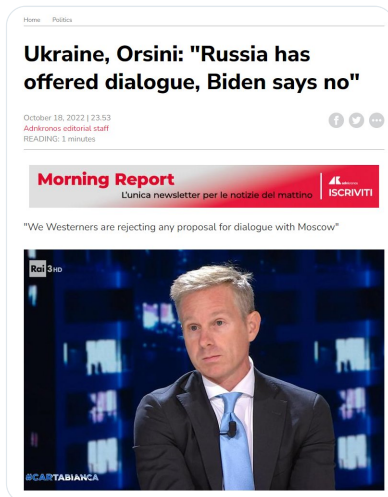
When Russians fled Kherson, Alex was injecting vast amounts of copium, suggesting that Russia was actually "conducting a high-level organizational and logistical operation." "It was the Russian army itself that left the city without a fight," he then concluded.

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He portrays Russia as the party that's constantly offering an olive branch, suggesting that they're the ones offering peace negotiations. Which is technically true, as Putin and most vatniks started talking about peace after Russia annexed the four Ukrainian oblasts.

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Like so many others, Orsini was forecasting a "terrible Christmas" for Europeans as Russia turned off their gas pipes and stopped their oil deliveries. He blamed Zelensky for all this, stating that he's making "very serious mistakes" by not giving Putin what he wants.

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Orsini: "Zelensky will destroy Ukraine, negotiations with Putin or a terrible Christmas"

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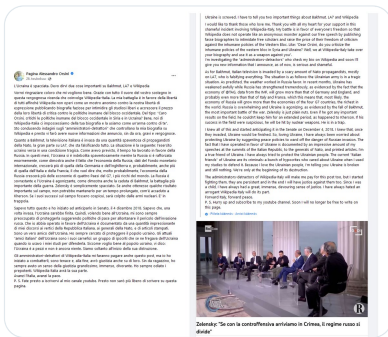
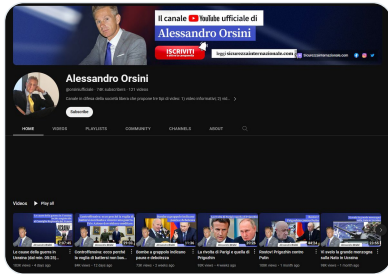
"It is not possible that in a free society only good things are said about Zelensky. He is making very serious mistakes"



Cartabianca / Twitter

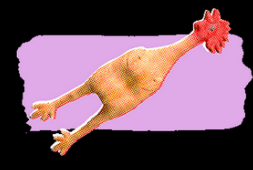
Alessandro's main channel for propaganda is his YouTube channel. He spreads his BS to his 74 000 followers, posting his analysis around once a week. For some reason, he doesn't condemn Russia's genocidal invasion, but only talks about the "mistakes" made by the West.

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Alessandro, wouldn't it be time condemn Putin and Russia for their illegal war? Why aren't you talking about Bucha massacre? Or the mass graves in Iziium? Kramatorsk railway bombing? Torture chambers in Kherson? And why do you claim to be a Russia expert?

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Russians mistreated Kherson youngsters in 'children's cell,' says Ukraine official

Reuters
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Dec 14 (Reuters) - Ukrainian investigators in an area recaptured from Russian troops have uncovered a cell where children were detained and mistreated, a senior Ukrainian human rights advocate said on Wednesday.

Dmytro Lubarets, the Ukrainian parliament's commissioner for human rights, said the cell was in one of four torture centres operated by Russian troops in Kherson - a city in southern Ukraine abandoned by pro-Russian forces last month.

Russia denies targeting civilians in the war and rejects allegations it has mistreated civilians.

Lubarets, who has presented a series of reports on alleged torture, said conditions were worse than sites of confinement investigated in other recaptured areas.

"We found 10 torture chambers in Kherson region, four in the city of Kherson," he told journalists at a briefing. "In one of the torture chambers we found a separate room, a cell where children were kept ... even the occupiers called it that, a children's cell."

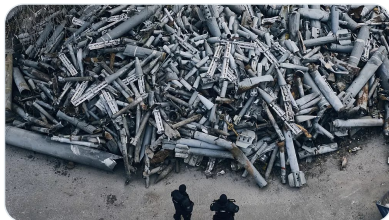
The cell differed from adjacent rooms only in that occupying forces placed thin mats on the floor, he said.

"We have documented that the children were not provided with water, were given water every other day.

Finally, let's pay out a scenario: a man comes to your house, kills your wife and daughter, claims that he now owns your living room and kitchen, and suggests that you should "negotiate" over all this.

How would you respond?

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Orsini has been doing all this on a publicly funded TV channel called @RaiTre, meaning that this Russian propaganda is currently being funded by Italian citizens.

Fortunately, Italy's PM Giorgia Meloni has shown her strong support to Ukraine.

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