

In today's #vatniksoup, I'll introduce a Swiss writer and editor of Serbian origin, Slobodan Despot (@despotica). He's best-known for his conspiratorial views, for translating and publishing prominent far-right figures, and for supporting and spreading Kremlin propaganda.

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Frequent guest of both extreme right and mainstream media in Switzerland & France,
Despot originally gained notoriety for his denial of Srebrenica genocide, in which more than
8000 Bosniak Muslim men and boys were killed. These killings were led by Serbian Ratko
Mladić.





Pandora's box of the Bosnian conflict

After the arrest of Serbian general Ratko Mladic, his trial should be the last opportunity not to stick to retaliatory justice primarily directed against the side declared guilty. Opinion by editor Slobodan Despot

Slobodan Despot

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General Mladic did his country a disservice by hiding for sixteen years. However, the time spent should favor a more balanced interpretation of the facts with which he is accused. At the time of the Yugoslav conflict, the Western world pointed to only one culprit: the Serbian side. Since then, things have calmed down and certain dogmas have been undermined.

Many authors have highlighted the role of foreign interference and massive manipulation of Western opinion during this war. Actors presented until recently as victims have been convicted of terrible crimes: the Croatian state for the ethnic cleansing of the Serbs of Krajina in summer 1995, the UÇK of Hashim Thaçi, in Kosovo, for organ trafficking humans. Bosnia, led by the fundamentalist Alija Izetbegovic', protected by the West, turned out to be a haven for terrorists: Bin Laden himself benefited from a Bosnian passport issued in 1993.

Despot's world view has been influenced by Alexander Dugin and Eduard Limonov of National Bolsheviks (Nazbols in short). He's been involved in publishing pro-Kremlin propaganda in French-speaking media pretty much since then. For a long period, he worked as a translator,...





... and even translated the works of Slobodan Milosevic; a former president of Serbia, who allegedly got his political opponents murdered, and who was later charged with genocide, deportation, murder and torture (among other things) at the Hague.



In his publication Editions Xenia, Despot published translated works of Ted "Unabomber" Kaczynski, a portrait of French antisemitic comedian Dieudonné, and writings of French conspiracy theorist, white nationalist and inventor of the "Great Replacement" theory, Renaud Camus.

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Comic Dieudonne given jail sentence for anti-Semitism

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The court ruled all the accusations against Dieudonne were established

Controversial French comedian Dieudonne M'bala M'bala has been sentenced to two months in jail by a Belgian court for racist and anti-Semitic comments he made during a show in Belgium.



Renaud Camus

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Chez l'auteur

Slobo's best friend is Oskar Freysinger, a Swiss anti-Islam and right-wing politician who decorates his basement with Nazi flags. Ironically, he calls Ukraine's Revolution of Dignity a "Nazi" event. Freysinger also wore the St. George's ribbon during his 2016 Moscow trip.

Swiss politician Oskar Freysinger's display of a German Reich war flag in his cellar is "problematic", according to Martine Brunschwig Graf, president of the Federal Commission Against Racism. The flag should be taken down, she said.

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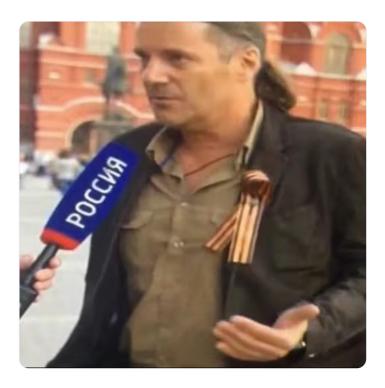
"The flag is problematic because it is a symbol used by Neonazis," Graf said on Thursday in an interview on the public radio programme "HeuteMorgen".

The existence of the flag in Freysinger's downstairs office was publicised in an interview at his home aired on March 24 on the television programme "Reporter".

During the interview, Freysinger, a member of the rightwing Swiss People's Party who has served in the House of Representatives since 2003, called attention to the flag hanging on the ceiling, saying he had bought it because he found it attractive.

The flag, which is red, black and white and features an Iron Cross and a decorative black eagle of Prussia, is one of seven different flags used by the German armed forces between 1867 and 1945. German nationalists, including the Nazis, later used the old flag in protest against the Weimar Republic during the 1920s and 1930s.





As the communication officer for Freysinger,he was in a group of security consultants for canton Valais together with survivalist Piero San Giorgio. Later,San Giorgio's Nazi-inspired ableist discourse created public outrage & Freysinger lost the cantonal government elections.7/21



In his "funny" sketches on public Swiss TV, Despot combines criticizing Europe for sanctioning Russians, reminding that the sanctions breach Swiss neutrality, whitewashing Russians, blaming the mainstream media for brainwashing people and calling basically everybody a Nazi.



When Putin was disinvited from Davos World Economic Forum, Despot commented on forum's effects on the environment, sliding in his "humorous" discourse barely veiled threats of Wagner invasion or missile strikes in neighboring countries.

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In an interview to Belgian conspiracy theory website Kairos, Despot stated that Ukraine was ready to sign a Turkey-mediated deal trading land against ceasefire, but NATO (through Boris Johnson) did not allow Zelenskyy to sign the truce.



Despot further declared that NATO's intention was to trigger a colored revolution in Russia and that Ukraine is fighting the war with foreign mercenaries, as there are no Ukrainian soldiers left.

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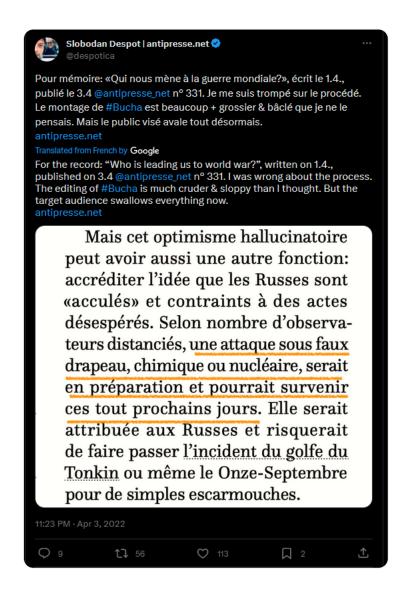


He founded the Antipresse blog whose most famous achievement is an interview with Alexander Dugin by Swiss-Russian journalist Guy Mettan.

In his 1997 book "Foundations of Geopolitics", Dugin outlined the Russian geopolitics:



On X/Twitter, Slobodan has posted several controversial, albeit not unique, takes on both Ukraine and its leaders, as well as on Russia. According to him, Bucha was a false flag attack by the West to launch a World War 3 & the Izyum massacre was actually staged by Ukraine.





He's naturally stated that Zelenskyy is a puppet of foreign powers and holds no real power. He's also shared a fabricated tweet that depicts the @DefenceU account mocking Zelenskyy and calling for people to not vote for him - in English.

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One of his most absurd claims was that the cold-blooded murder of Russian opposition figure Boris Nemtsov was a "propaganda attack on Putin". He also declared that the Biden administration "really needs a WW3" because of their failed policies.

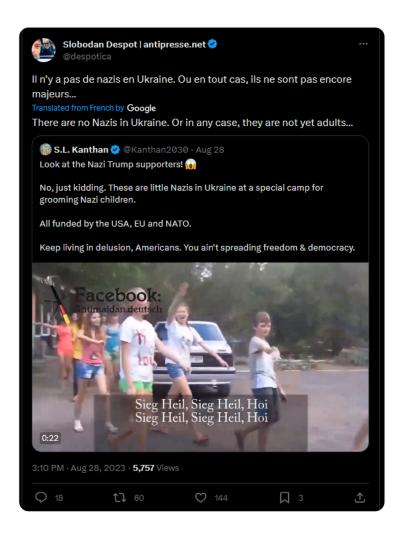






As is tradition, Slobodan frequently shares Russian propaganda-sourced tropes about Nazis in Ukraine. He has no problem in sharing videos and pictures that have been debunked on several occasions to push his ridiculous pro-Kremlin agenda.





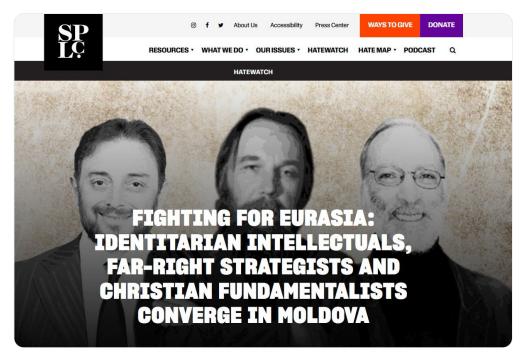
When not sharing bad Russian propaganda, Slobodan just shares conspiratorial "prophecies" from the most fringe blogs one can find. One of them concluded that unless Russia is victorious in their "SMO", we will enter the "Dark Ages".

He also spreads WEF-related theories.



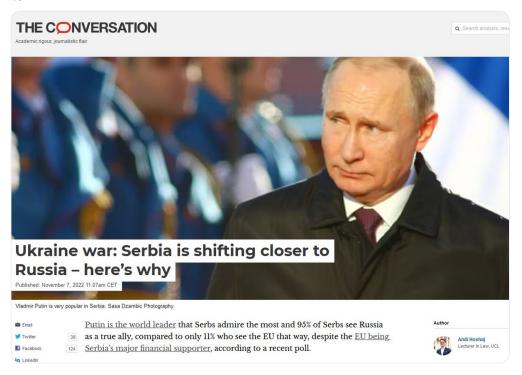


In 2017, Slobodan Despot participated in the "anti-Davos" conference in Moldova, in which Eurasianists and far-right figures gathered to unveil an alternative to capitalism, replacing it with ultranationalist, far-right and conspiratorial ideas and policies.



To conclude, Slobodan Despot is a Serbian propagandist spreading his BS on french language Swiss media. It does not come as a surprise that a Srebrenica genocide denier and Milosevich apologist becomes a supporter of Putin's "traditional values", but what...

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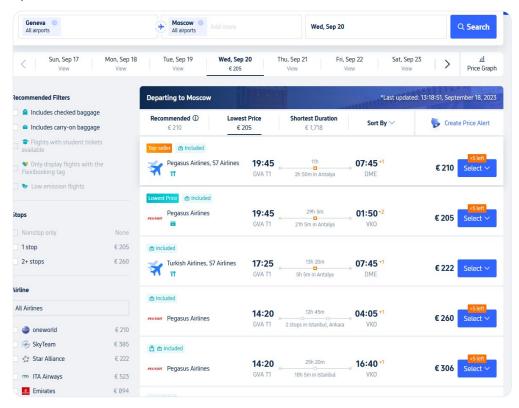
...is surprising is the fact that he gets so much attention and space in the Swiss media.

It is also rather surprising that the person who finds the decadent West so evil and repulsive, decides to live in one of its democracies.



Maybe NAFO could crowdsource Mr. Despot a flight from Geneva to Moscow for the 20th of Sep, so that he could live in his dream land? Slobodan, if you're interested, just send us your passport details and we're all set!

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