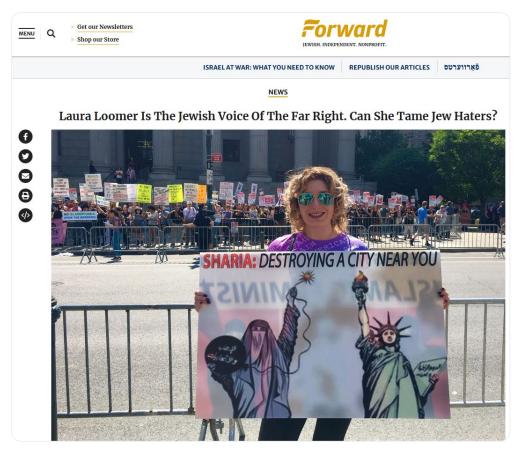


In today's #vatniksoup, I'll introduce an American far-right conspiracy theorist and social media personality, Laura Loomer (@LauraLoomer). She's best-known for her unethical activism and "journalism", and for promoting the most outrageous conspiracy theories.

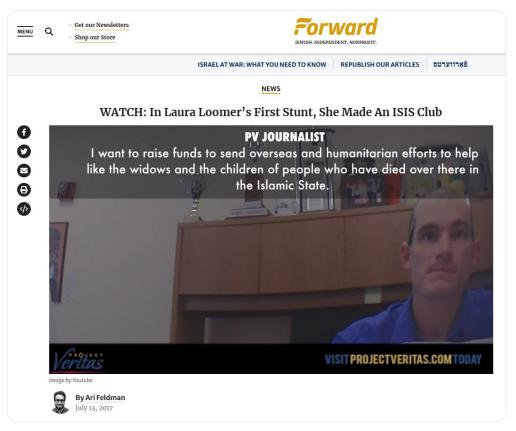
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Laura graduated in 2015 with bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism, but apparently she skipped the course on journalistic ethics altogether, as she immediately started doing highly controversial and biased reporting, including interviews while wearing concealed camera.

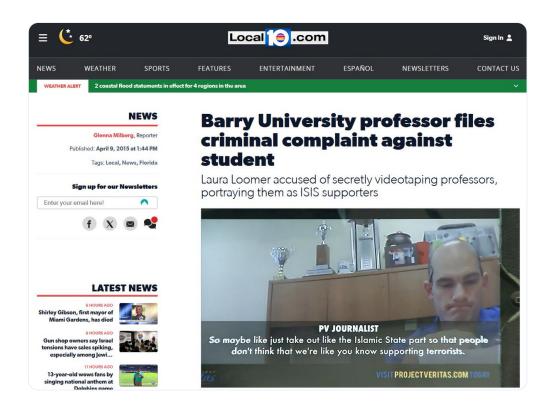


In 2015, she used a hidden camera to record her discussions with university officials about start a club called "Sympathetic Students in Support of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria". The school then asked the name to be changed to "Students in Support of the Middle East". 3/16



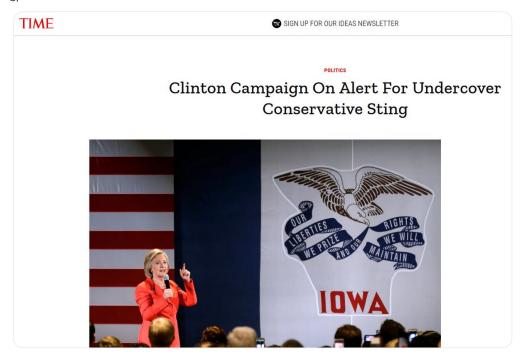
With clever editing by a far-right grifter James O'Keefe, the tape was then made to look like the university official was not bothered by a university organization that was supporting the Islamic State. Loomer was then suspended for violating the student code of conduct.



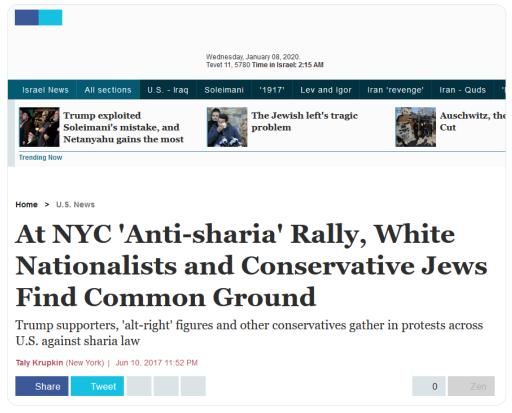


Soon after this, Loomer and two other women attempted to entrap Hillary Clinton's campaign workers into accepting illegal cash donations. At this time, he was allegedly already working for O'Keefe and his far-right activist group Project Veritas.

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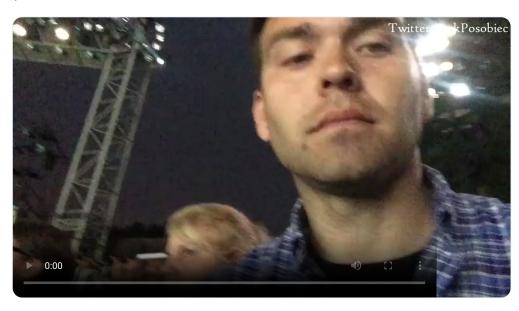
In 2016 during the US presidential election, Laura went to the polling station dressed in a burqa and asked for a ballot under the name of Huma Abedin. In Jun 2017, she gave a speech "anti-sharia" protest in NYCand condemned "liberals who aligned themselves with sharia law."



In 2017, Loomer disrupted a Shakespeare in the Park presentation of Julius Caesar in NYC, calling for an end on "political violence against the right". She then went on to collect over 13 000 USD from donations to help her "legal defense".

Is that @jackPosobiec filming?

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In addition to to working for Project Veritas, Loomer has also collaborated and worked with the Geller Report, The Rebel Media and InfoWars. All of these are known for publishing fake news and disinformation.

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PAMELA GELLER

Pamela Geller is the anti-Muslim movement's most visible and flamboyant figurehead.





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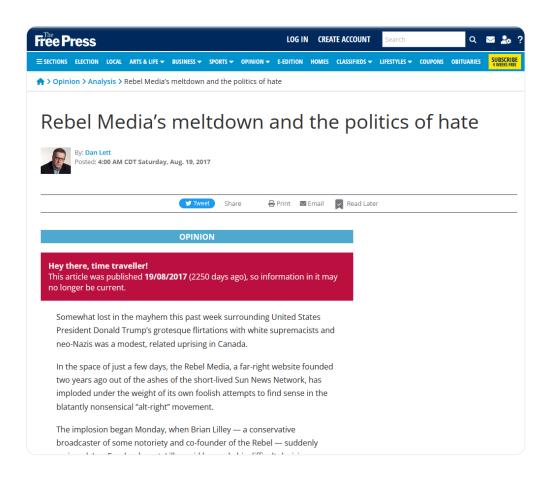
Location: New York, New York

Ideology: Anti-Muslim

ABOUT PAMELA GELLER

Pamela Geller is currently one of the most flamboyant anti-Muslim activists in the United States. Geller relentlessly pushes her Muslimbashing on her blog, "Atlas Shrugs," and is also a contributor to the farright $\underline{\textsc{Breitbart News}}.$ Geller's 2010 campaign in opposition to the Park 51 Islamic Center project in Manhattan, which she deemed the "Ground Zero Mosque," brought her to prominence.

Geller's style consists of broad-brush denunciations of Islam, and preposterous claims such as that President Obama is the "love child" of Malcolm X. She makes no pretense of being learned in Islamic studies,





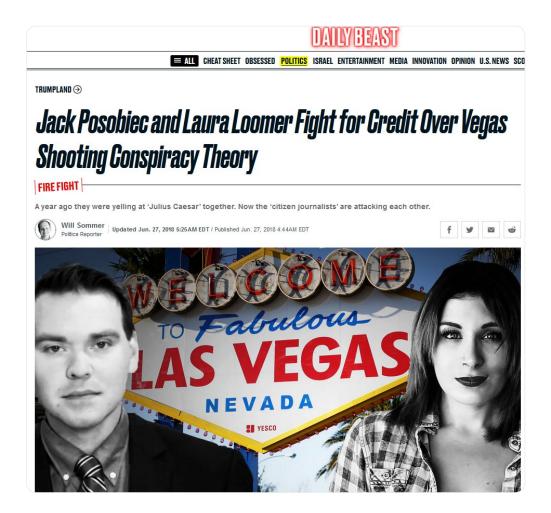
As you can guess from some of the examples above, Loomer's pet peeve is Islam. She's declared to be a "proud Islamophobe" and have even tried to popularize a hashtag with the same message. She's also probably the first person to be banned from both Uber and Lyft.

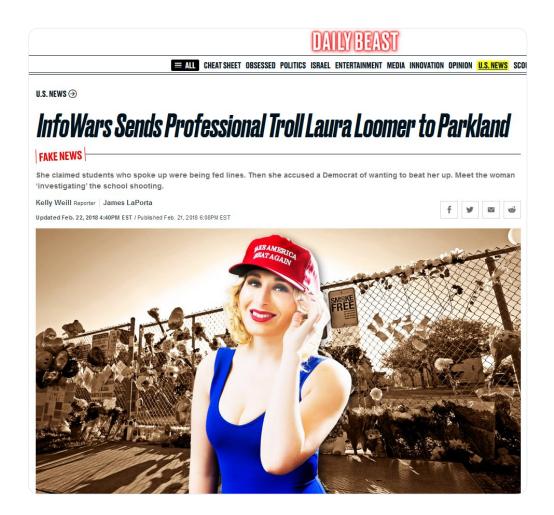






She's also promoted a bunch of conspiracy theorist, mostly related to mass shootings. She's claimed that school shootings in Florida and Texas in 2018 were staged, and that the 2017 Vegas shooter was affiliated with ISIS.

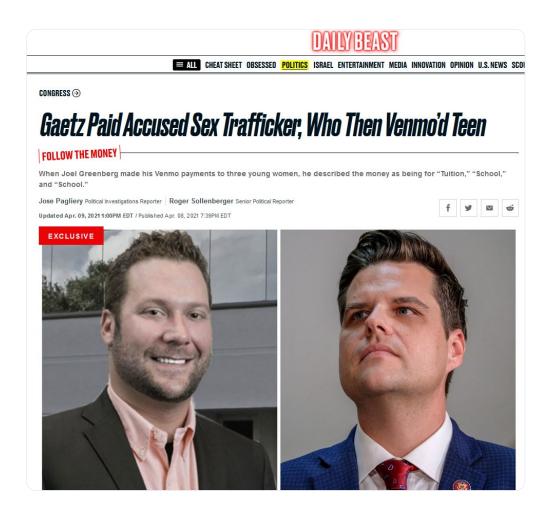




In 2020, Laura won the Republican primary, after which Trump expressed his support for her by tweeting "Great going Laura. You have a great chance against a Pelosi puppet!" She was also congratulated by @RepMattGaetz, who's best-known for hanging out with 17-year old girls.







In 2021, Loomer tried to unseat Republican Rep. Daniel Webster in the primary election, but lost. She refused to concede, though, and blamed unspecified voter fraud and "big-tech election interference" for her loss. Loomer's X/Twitter account was reinstated in Dec 2022.



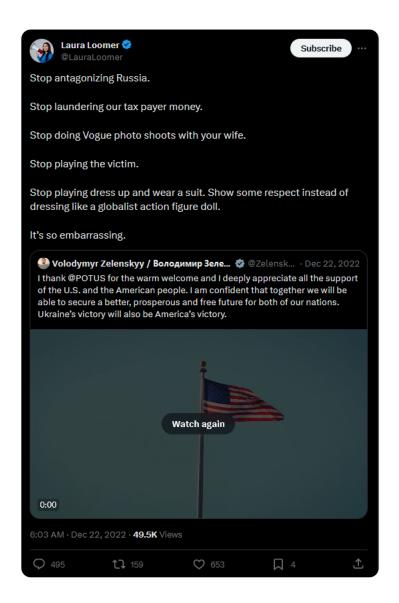
Laura has been banned from numerous social media sites, payment processors, and other platforms for, among other things, violating policies on hate speech and spreading disinformation. Her meltdown over this made even Alex Jones uncomfortable.

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When it comes to the war in Ukraine, Laura's cheering for the Kremlin. She's called Zelenskyy to "stop antagonizing Russia", that "much of the conflict and chaos in the world always traces back to Ukraine", & that "Ukraine's biggest supporters are Nazis & Nazi sympathizers".14/16

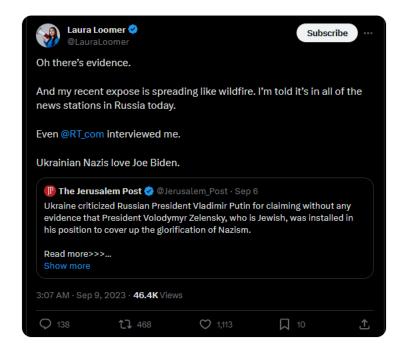


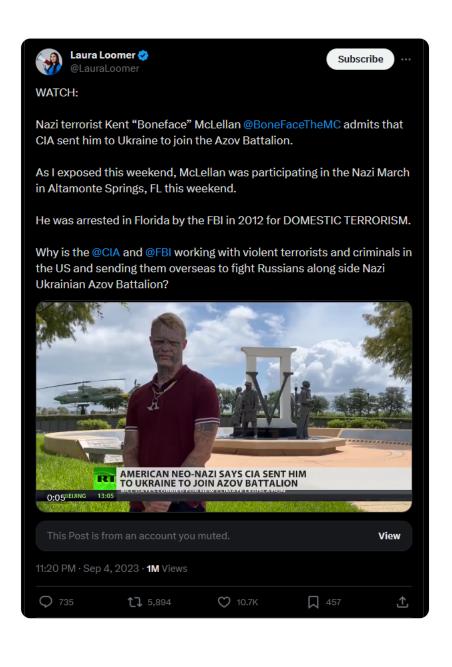






Recently, Loomer accused a US citizen and serial liar Kent Boneface McLellan of fighting with the Azov Brigade in Ukraine, and even blamed "Ukrainian spy operatives" for "penetrating the Capitol" during Jan 6th United States Capitol attack.







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US neo-Nazi says He Fought in Ukraine, Records Place Him in Florida

September 13, 2023 Far-Right Geolocation

US neo-Nazi who claims he made multiple trips to Ukraine to fight alongside military units can't seem to keep a straight story.

Online court filings place Kent McLellan, who goes by the alias Boneface, in Florida at the same time he claims he was fighting in last year's bloody siege of Mariupol.

Additional records show McLellan was legally mandated to remain in Florida in 2014 and 2015, the two other times he says he visited Ukraine to fight alongside Right Sector and the Azov Regiment. The Florida Department of Corrections confirmed to Bellingcat that he was monitored during this time and never granted permission to travel abroad.

While McLellan could have violated the terms of his parole to leave the US, this appears unlikely as digital evidence of McLellan's life, from social media posts to neo-Nazi forum messages to prison records, shows consistent residence in Florida from 2014 to the present day.

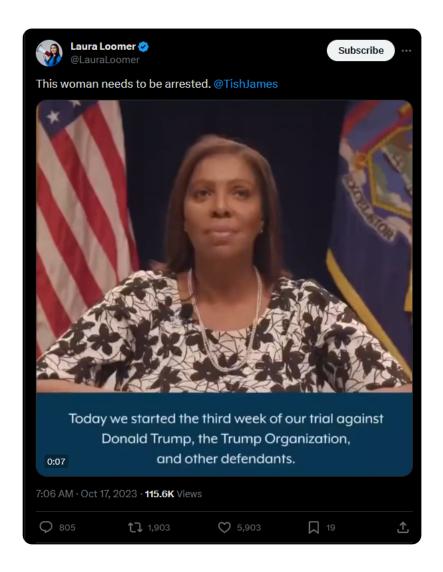
McLellan—who came to wider media attention earlier this month when he participated in a neo-Nazi demonstration outside of Disney World in Orlando-has in recent years bragged of his supposed exploits in Ukraine.

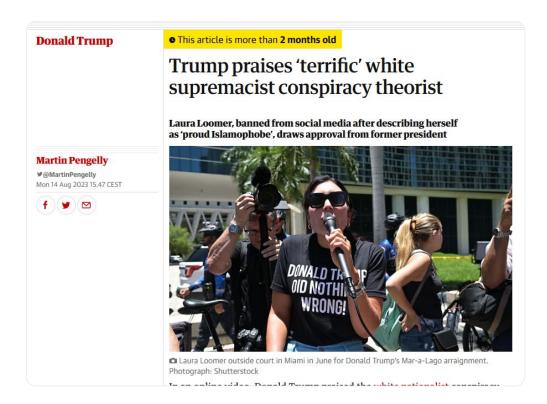
Throughout 2022 his story was widely covered by Russian state media, which accepted it at face value and also claimed he had received Ukrainian citizenship.

Of course Loomer is no longer talking about any of this, as there are more trendy topics around. Currently she's attacking Hamas/Palestine supporters and fellow "citizen journalists" like @ShaykhSulaiman who disagree with her.

She's also busy sucking up to Donald Trump.









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