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In todays #vatniksoup, I'll introduce a Belgian far-right politician and one of the key figures of the far right party Vlaams Belang, Filip Dewinter (@FDW_VB). He's best-known for his ultranationalism, and for promoting authoritarian regimes like Russia, the CCP and Syria.

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Dewinter's political ambitions started early, and at 16 he founded right-wing student organisation NSVJ. Its ultranationalistic tendencies drew the attention of newly formed political party Vlaams Blok, who recruited him at age 19 to become a member in 1981.



Dewinter's political star rose as he helped launch Vlaams Blok into the orbit of relevant parties, gaining 10% of the votes in 1992 in Flanders. In 1995, he even became party leader and was soon seen as the embodiment of Flemish ultranationalism and xenophobia.



Flämisdher Block zu Gast bei DVU-Versammlungen

Major und Eichenlaubträger Toni Müller: "Wir schaffen den Durchbruch"



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Filip Dewinter, geboren am 11. Dezember 1962 in Brügge (Flandern) wurde 1987 auf einer Liste des Viaams Blok als jüngster Abgeordneter in das Brüsseler Parlament gewählt. Als Gründer des Nationalen Schülerverbandes und später als Vorsitzender des Nationatien Verbandes der Hochschulstudenten erreichte er in Flandern einen größen Bekanntheitsgrad.

Dewinter wasn't shy of using racist tones in his campaigns. He coined the slogan "Eigen Volk Eerst" ("Our People First"), a message later copied by many other populist individuals and parties whose rhetoric relies on anti-immigration policies.



Filip's little party was even referred to in the political fiction series, The West Wing - Mentioning a party called "Flemish Block" having an election victory the president in the series states "The Flemish ultranationalists in Belgium. Skinheads really, neo-Nazis have won."5/17



The Flemish Block in the West Wing

Submitted by LVB on 2003-11-12 07:33 West wing

The President of the United States is levising the fact that the CIA has not informed him in time about the 'Flemish Block'. - Reality? - Yeah. No, fiction for the time being, thankfully. In a recent episode of the series "The West Wing", in which actors portray fictional rescientific in the White House and in which Martin Sheen plays the role of the president, Belgium is discussed. The Vlaams Blok wins in Flanders and that worries the president. In a first video (MPEG video, 15 seconds, 2.5 megabytes) he excites himself about the superficial CIA briefing that does not explain



why and how the Block could win. "What's the problem with the Belgian elections, Leo? The intelligence briefing! The anti-immigrationalists are gaining in the North. Doesn't say why or how. I want a CIA letterer here in person every morning, why do I get the front page?" In a second video (MPEG video, 24 seconds, 4 megabytes) the president has apparently already been informed, as he summarizes the situation: "The Flemish Block is gaining in the North. The Flemish Block, ultra-nationalists in Belgium. Skinheads really, neo-Nazis. They're wearing three-piece suits, speaking in coded discourse now or angry chants, and they're gaining in the North. And everyone wears the same suit, how does anyone know which side they're anymore?" The episode in question, the fifth of the fifth year, was broadcast in the States on 29 October and is called "Constituency of One". Thanks to Thomas Leys who made me aware of this and pointed out the fragments to me. If the series comes here on the tube, the government might be able to have the promo jar "God Bless Belgium" (Windows Video, 30 seconds, 2 megabytes) broadcast before and after that episode, as a counterweight?

Filip made connections with many European far-right parties, Russian Rodina among them. He teamed up with French conspiracy theorist Renaud Camus writing a book about "The Great Replacement" theory, a conspiracy that white christian life...



A provocative walk through Saint-Josse-ten-Noode with French author and convicted conspiracy theorist Renaud Camus, organised by the Flemish farright party Vlaams Belang, has been forbidden by the mayor Emir Kir.

...and culture are under threat due to mass immigration. Camus' ideas have been borrowed by the likes of Steve Bannon, Donald Trump, Thierry Baudet, Marie Le Pen, and even Elon Musk.

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Elon Musk All but Endorses the Great Replacement Conspiracy Theory

The Tesla CEO rang in the new year with a string of tweets worrying that Biden is ushering illegal immigrants into the U.S. to become Democratic voters

BY MILES KLEE

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Elon Musk, who is talking a lot about immigration lately. Antonio masiello/getty images

The annexation of Crimea started Dewinter's big Russian period. He took part in the sham referendum as an election observer. Journalist Lindsey Hilsum bumbed into the "Flemish observers", who were apparently both extremely drunk & extremely late from their polling stations.

Furthermore, the relationship between radical forces and the Kremlin seems to go beyond mere empty smile diplomacy. Many far-right parties — e.g. the Austrian Freedom Party, Bulgaria's Ataka, Belgium's Vlaams Belang, the Italian Northern League and Hungary's Jobbik — have sent "independent observers" to the Crimean referendum in order to legitimize the process.

Far-right representatives in the European Parliament have also openly joined forces with some of the far left parties to reject a resolution condemning the annexation of Crimea and the "destabilization of eastern Ukraine." Representatives of the far-right, including Hungarian Jobbik and far-left parties like Germany's Die Linke, also voted against the suspension of Russia's voting rights in the European Council in April.

As Filip Dewinter from Vlaams Belang recently said to Der Spiegel: "I think we can be a good partner for Russia in the European Parliament, and Russia sees us as a potential partner."





In 2015, he stepped down as the party leader, and now had free reign to go abroad. After meeting Syria's brutal dictator, Bashar al-Assad, Dewinter had nothing but good things to say about the man: "I am impressed. We had talks for one hour, he's a brave and impressive man." 9/17



In 2015, Russia invited Dewinter over in the Duma to talk as a guest speaker. Filip even had time to take a selfie with his siloviki idol, Sergey Narishkin, who is one of Putin's most hawkish supporters.





Ironically, during the same year Russia published a report on "extremist political parties in Europe", which branded Dewinter's Vlaams Belang as a party based on Hitler's Nazism. It looks like someone forgot to send a "they're actually the good guys" memo.

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Filip had proven his worth in Crimea so why not bring him in and observe another election, this time for the made-up republic of Donetsk? He even took some pictures with the invaders and the footage was shown later on RT.

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Dewinter was also of practical use to the Kremlin: he allegedly connected Arcadia - a Belgian company that produces drones, night vision goggles, 360 cameras, etc. for military purpose - with Russian officials.



Frank Creyelman emails back: 'The list looks good. Very interesting things and everything can be talked about. Nazarov is a jack of all trades and can certainly point to others who are more specialized in certain matters.'

After the meeting in Vienna, Frank Van Oosten sends an email to Filip Dewinter in which he expresses his gratitude for 'the invitation, the perfect organization and the spirit in the team'. He hopes to complete the ongoing negotiations with Nazarov and also provides the representative with a catalog of his products. 'I understand,' Dewinter replies, 'that you are contacting the ambassador of the Russian Federation, Mr Alexander Tokovinin. If you wish, I can provide you with his details. It might be useful to meet each other briefly about this.'

It certainly is, writes Van Oosten. 'The Russian ambassador can open many doors for our products.'

HUMO Has he sold weapons?

ANTONISSEN "That's what it looks like, already hard evidence is missing. What is certain: Dewinter, in the company of Anke Van dermeersch and gun lobbyist **Kris Koster**, visited the OIP Defence Company in Oudenaarde in November 2017 for the demonstration of a so-called 360-degree camera, a great tool for tanks, armored vehicles, ships and aircraft that registers everything both night and during the day. The camera, according to mail traffic that Humo has, went to Russia two years later. The top people of Arcadia Engineering have also put Dewinter, with the assistance of Frank Creyelman, on the right path. Arcadia Engineering transferred a high end-military equipment catalogue to Russia in 2018.

HUMO Get Dewinter paid for his lobby?

ANTONISSEN 'No ruble', he claims. Here too, hard evidence is lacking, but the international collective of investigative journalists OCCRP (Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project) published leaked emails in 2023 with financial agreements between far-right European politicians and the Kremlin. The Vlaams Belang is part of that network, under the leadership of Dewinter and Creyelman. To be clear: there were no emails from Dewinter or Creyelman in between.

Just before Russia's full-scale invasion of 2022, Dewinter advocated Russia was an ally and Belgium should stay neutral in any conflict. Filip then showed a picture of him an Gregory Kuznetsov, a man who was later expelled as a Russian spy.



In a hysterical turn of events, Dewinter was rebranded by the Russians as a "European nuclear expert". RIA Novosti reported that Filipo said there are "150 American tactical warheads in Turkey and Eastern Europe," which there of course aren't.

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Russian propaganda media perform with 'nuclear expert' Filip Dewinter



Filip Dewinter visited Russia in 2018. — EPA EFE

According to Russian state media, Filip Dewinter claims that there are American warheads in Eastern Europe. "I never pronounced 'Eastern Europe'," says the Vlaams Belang politician.

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President Vladimir Putin.

According to the Russian state news agency RIA Novosti, the Russian leader has been doing for decades. To underline this alleged European hypocrisy, the agency consulted an 'expert' in Belgium: 'leading' Flemish Belanged politician and vice-president of the Flemish Parliament Filip Dewinter. "When one speaks in Europe about deploying Russian nuclear weapons in Belarus," says De Winter, according to RIA Novosti, "they forget the 150 American tactical warheads in Turkey and Eastern Europe, which can be carried by the multifunctional F-16 fighter jets available to NATO."



He's also supported the "Chinese peace plan" for Ukraine and naturally blamed the US for the conflict, stating that they "like to milk this conflict as long as possible because it benefits their gas and weapons industries".



Recently, Dewinter and his (former) associates have been connected to the CCP. Creyelman, one of Dewinter's associates and the drunk election observer of Crimea, was exposed as a spy who's working for the Xi Gang.

Maybe Dewinter jumped ship, too?



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