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In today's #vatniksoup, I'll introduce an American social media personality, Tim Pool (@Timcast). He's best-known for being funded by the Kremlin, his right-wing media empire, his connections to several American conspiracy theorists, and for his cool beanie.

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Tim Pool rose to fame during the 2011 Occupy Wall Street protests, which he livestreamed together with a former realtor, Henry Ferry. He was one of the pioneers of doing livestreams where he also interacted with the audience and even let them direct him on the ground.

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THE LIVE-STREAMERS WHO ARE CHALLENGING
TRADITIONAL JOURNALISM

Webcasters promise transparency and objectivity, but not all views deserve equal time.



By Andrew Marantz

December 4, 2017

In 2011, when Tim Pool was twenty-five, he was living with his brother in Virginia, playing guitar and making skateboarding videos. He sometimes called himself anti-authoritarian or “pro-transparency,” but beyond that he didn’t think of himself as very political. After seeing a viral video from Occupy Wall Street, he bought a one-way bus ticket to New York. He had no training as a journalist, but he witnessed things that seemed newsworthy, so he took out his cell phone and started recording. One day, as the police tried to evict the protesters by force, he filmed for twenty-one hours straight. In case his phone got confiscated, he broadcast his footage online, in real time. He stuck a piece of masking tape to his phone and wrote on it with a Sharpie: “Live Stream.”

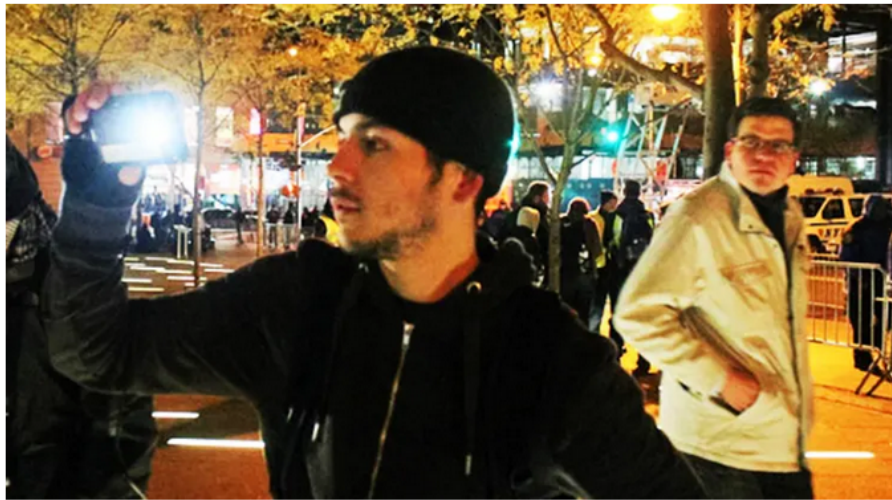


Tim Pool says, “The content I produce isn’t coming at the behest of a corporation.” Illustration by Nicolas Ortega; source image from iStock / Getty (hat)

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Tim Pool And Henry Ferry: The Men Behind Occupy Wall Street's Live Stream

The best ground view of Occupy Wall Street comes from a former skateboard videographer and a one-time Realtor, aka Tim Pool and Henry Ferry of The Other 99. With little more than mobile phones they've offered a perspective that the mainstream media can't match. Here's how.



Pool's footage was aired on NBC and other mainstream networks, and Time dubbed him as "the eyes of the movement". In 2011, Pool described himself as "an activist 100%", stating that he doesn't consider himself a journalist. A year later things had changed...

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So, would you call yourself a journalist?

I don't consider myself a journalist. I mean, people can say I am whatever I am, if that's what I am. I consider myself an activist 100%. And I feel like the best thing for the movement is to have an independent media outlet that's trying not to be biased. The truth will set you free—that's the famous quote.


...and Pool told El Pais that he's not an activist but a journalist. In 2018, he said that "I don't align with Occupy Wall Street and never did," and later in 2021 he called the Occupy movement "crooked".

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Some people call what he does "citizen journalism." He would rather call it "independent journalism." "I'm not an activist," he points out. "If anything, I am an information activist."




After the Occupy movement fizzled, Pool moved on to work for VICE Media. He started at VICE by covering the antigovernment protests in Istanbul, and was even awarded with a Short Award in the "Best Journalist in Social Media" category.

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Tim Pool Live Streaming from Istanbul

By Tim Pool June 13, 2013, 8:00pm

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Journalist Tim Pool is streaming live from Istanbul, where antigovernment protests have been ongoing since Friday, May 31. What began as a campaign against the city's plans to construct a mall in a public park has escalated into a massive display of anger over the ruling party's neo-Islamist social agenda and religiously driven laws. Riot police have moved in with brutal force, using tear gas on tens of thousands of protestors. It is the largest civil uprising in the history of Turkey.

Update, June 15: Police raided Gezi Park and reclaimed it using water canons, riot gear, tear gas, and rubber bullets. The police have reportedly gone after fleeing protesters in nearby streets and hotels, and municipal workers are cleaning up the park and square.

Update, June 14: A tentative agreement has been struck between the government and protesters in Turkey. Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's administration has said they will postpone their plans to demolish Gezi Park until appeals are brought before a court. The protesters occupying the park have been told to evacuate, and are planning to meet Friday evening to decide whether or not they will comply.

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Update, June 13: Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan finally met with a delegation representing protesters in Gezi Park, but also issued warnings that implied that he was ready to evict the occupiers by force if necessary. It's unclear what is going to happen next, but tensions between the police and the protesters continue to mount.



During 2013 and 2014, Pool went to Ukraine to cover the Euromaidan and the Revolution of Dignity that finally led to the collapse of the corrupt Yanukovych government. Based on his statements from that time, he seemed to be relatively pro-Ukraine.

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Live Streaming the Ukrainian Revolt

By Tim Pool December 15, 2013, 7:00am

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For weeks hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians have taken to the streets to protest president Viktor Yanukovych's refusal to sign a deal that would have brought the country closer to full EU membership. Demonstrations became violent two weekends ago when security forces cracked down on anti-government protesters who had taken control of entire sections of the city, including Independence Square, the heart of the country's 2004 Orange Revolution, as well as the main City Hall building. VICE's Tim Pool is on the ground in Kiev livestreaming the increasingly violent revolt.

If the livestream is temporarily offline, it's because our team are making their way to a new position in Kiev. Chances are we will be live again soon. Please check back shortly.

Tim POOL: “I am just a man from the crowd”

The 27-year-old Chicago-born Internet journalist, famed for his 21-hour online broadcast of the Occupy Wall Street protests in 2011, came to Ukraine to cover the Maidan events

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Photo from the website UCIMC.ORG



Finally, as our guest, what are your wishes for Ukrainians?

“My message for everyone in the world is to share the information, to tell stories in any way you can, either it is calling your friends and telling, here is what happened. If you have Twitter or Facebook, post information about what you see and what is happening.

“In terms of politics in Ukraine, I would not speak, Ukrainian people know better than I do. They are going to do what they think is best, and I am just here to observe and understand. And when Ukrainians make a decision, I am just going to ask them, why, and then say okay, thank you.

In 2014, Pool also interviewed the Finnish-German conspiracy theorist, Kim Dotcom. Kim is best-known for his strong opposition of US/NATO and Ukrainian sovereignty, and less known for threatening to sue me for exposing him for this.



Kim Dotcom
@KimDotcom

Entrepreneur, Innovator, Gamer, Artist, Internet Freedom Fighter & Father of 6

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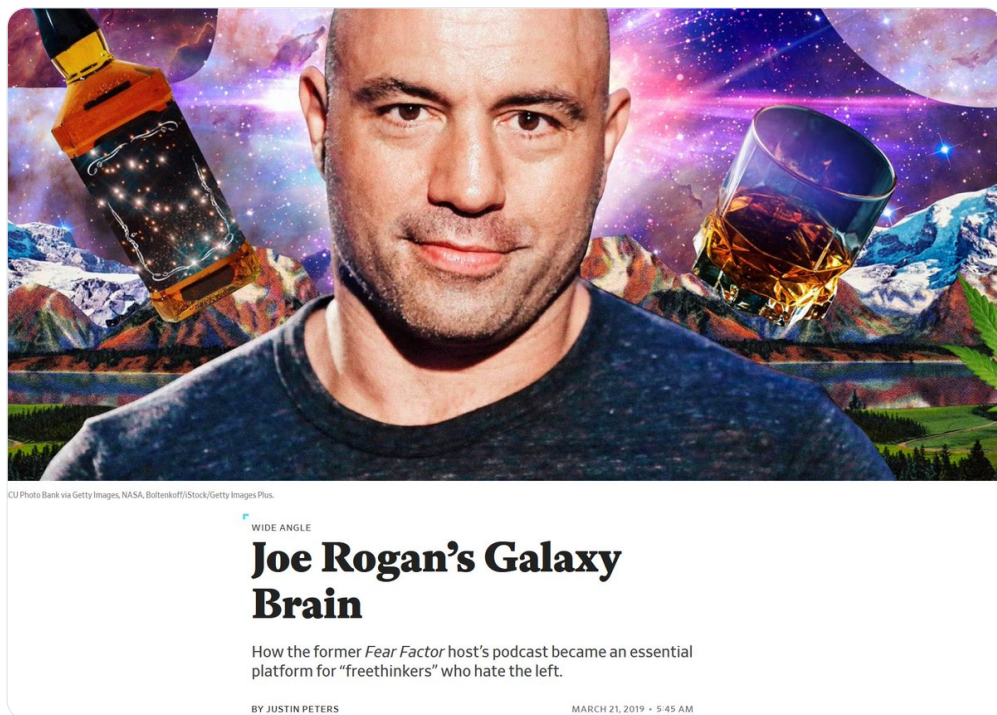
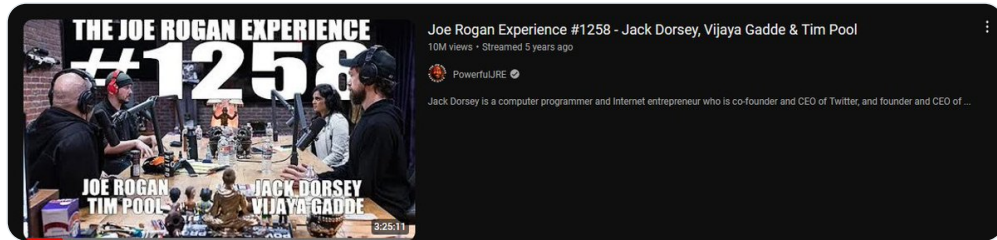
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In 2019, Tim hit the big leagues - he was invited to The Joe Rogan Experience together with Twitter founder Jack Dorsey. They both criticized the banning of right-wing provocateur Milo Yiannopoulos for “promoting hate” (he was later reinstated by Elon, as is tradition).

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For his staunch support and platforming of right-wing provocateurs and conspiracy theorists like Alex Jones, Donald Trump invited Pool in 2019 to a White House event. The actual reason for this might've been the incident where Tim supported Kim Dotcom's...

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Conspiracy theorists, far-right agitators head to White House with social media in their sights

President Donald Trump is scheduled to host several internet personalities at an event that disinformation researchers say legitimizes people who traffic in trolling and harassment.



President Donald Trump speaks during the "Salute to America" Fourth of July event at the Lincoln Memorial on July 4, 2019.
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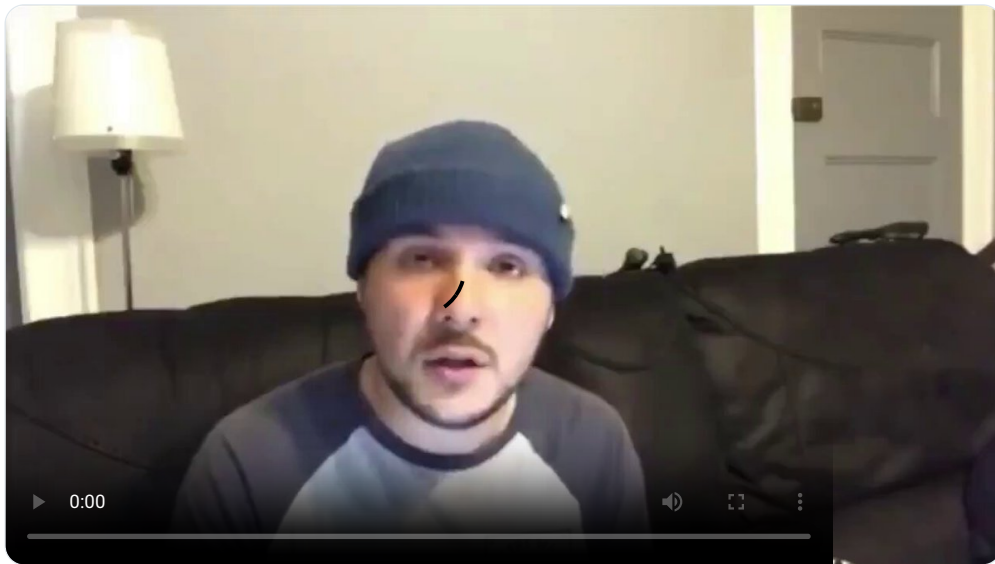
...conspiracy theory that a person named Seth Rich had leaked the e-mails of the Democratic National Committee in 2016. In reality, these leaks allegedly came from a Russian hacker group called Fancy Bear and were disseminated by Julian Assange's WikiLeaks.

Seth Rich Was Not Source of Leaked D.N.C. Emails, Mueller Report Confirms

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Mary Rich, the mother of the Democratic operative Seth Rich, at a news conference in Washington in 2016. His family has spent years fighting misinformation about his death. Michael Robinson Chavez/The Washington Post, via Getty Images



Tim Pool was also named as a “superspreader” of fake news over the “voter fraud” claims during the 2020 US presidential elections in a report from the Election Integrity Partnership (EIP).

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US Capitol attack

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A few rightwing 'super-spreaders' fueled bulk of election falsehoods, study says

Tackling the most powerful social media accounts - such as Donald Trump's - could be key to halting false narratives, researchers say

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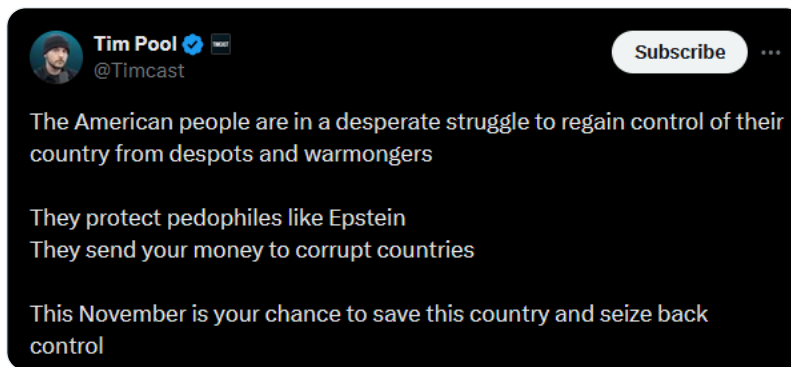
The attack on the US Capitol on 6 January was fueled by a handful of rightwing social media figures, the study found. Photograph: Alex Edelman/AFP/Getty Images

“Influential accounts on the political right rarely engaged in factchecking behavior, and were responsible for the most widely spread incidents of false or misleading information in our dataset,” the report said.

Out of the 21 top offenders, 15 were verified Twitter accounts - which are particularly dangerous when it comes to election misinformation, the study said. The “repeat spreaders” responsible for the most widely spread misinformation included Eric Trump, Donald Trump, Donald Trump Jr and influencers like James O’Keefe, **Tim Pool**, Elijah Riot and Sidney Powell. All 21 of the top accounts for misinformation leaned rightwing, the study showed.

Politically, Tim has claimed to be a “centrist”, often criticizing the “mainstream media” as something that’s skewed towards liberal and left-leaning audiences and that’s actually “dying”. This puts Tim in a position where he can frame the Democrats as warmongers and...

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Tim Pool @Timcast · 11h

Kamala Harris represents the greatest existential threat to the United States. Unelected, anti-democratic appointment at the 11th hour by the Commucrats

She is Hitler and Stalin combined but times 200

She is a Communazi Despot come to put conservatives in concertation camps

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Richard Spencer @RichardBSpencer

Replying to @Timcast

A bit much?

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...at the same time support a convicted felon and sexual abuser like Donald Trump - who by the way has been classified as "hardcore conservative" by On The Issues, an American non-partisan organization providing information to voters on political candidates in America.

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Trump found guilty on 34 felony counts in NY hush money trial

BY: ASHLEY MURRAY - MAY 30, 2024 5:21 PM



Former U.S. President Donald Trump walks to speak to the media after being found guilty following his hush money trial at Manhattan Criminal Court on May 30, 2024 in New York City. The former president was found guilty on all 34 felony counts of falsifying business records in the first of his criminal cases to go to trial. Trump has now become the first former U.S. president to be convicted of felony crimes. (Seth Wenig-Pool/Getty Images)

Jury finds Trump liable for sexual abuse, awards accuser \$5M

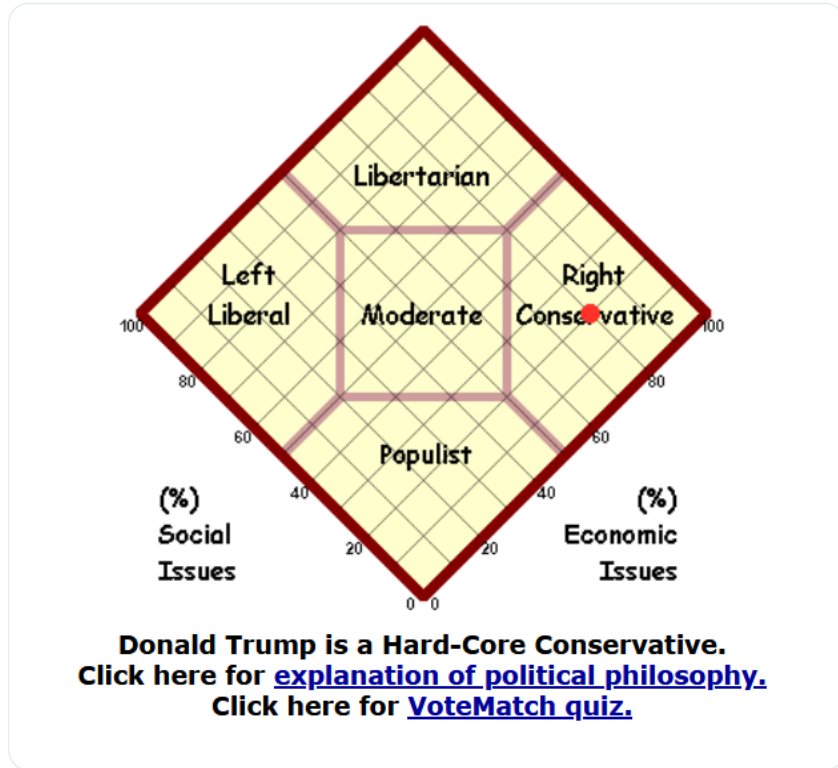


1 of 14 | A jury found Donald Trump liable Tuesday for sexually abusing advice columnist E. Jean Carroll in 1996. The jury awarded her \$5 million in a judgment that could haunt the former president as he campaigns to regain the White House. (May 9) (AP video: David R Martin, Robert Bumsted)

BY LARRY NEUMEISTER, JENNIFER PELTZ AND MICHAEL R. SISAK

Published 3:00 AM GMT+3, May 10, 2023

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In Sep 2024, the US DoJ published an indictment in which they indicted two RT employees for funneling 10 million USD to a Tennessee-based company, TENET Media in order to promote pro-Kremlin viewpoints in the US media. TENET Media then made lucrative deals with US-based...

The screenshot shows the official website of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Public Affairs. The page features a dark blue header with the department's logo and name. A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for About, News, Documents, Internships, FOIA, Contact, and Information for Journalists. The main content area displays a press release titled "Two RT Employees Indicted for Covertly Funding and Directing U.S. Company that Published Thousands of Videos in Furtherance of Russian Interests". The release is dated Wednesday, September 4, 2024, and is marked as "For Immediate Release". A "Share" button is visible below the date. The press release text begins with "Employees of Russian State-Controlled Media Outlet Deployed Nearly \$10 Million to Publish RT-Curated Content, Which Garnered Millions of Views, Through a Tennessee-Based Online Content Creation Company". A sidebar on the left lists various news categories, with "Press Releases" selected. The page also includes a breadcrumb trail at the top of the content area and an "Archived News" link at the bottom left.

...YouTube influencers who were advised to produce polarizing and often anti-Ukraine content on their channels. Allegedly, Tim was paid 400 000 USD for these videos. Tim and the other creators, including Benny Johnson and Dave Rubin, claimed they were not aware of the...

Russia Secretly Worms Its Way Into America's Conservative Media

Federal prosecutors say Russia paid an American media company to push pro-Kremlin messages from social media influencers including Benny Johnson, Tim Pool and Dave Rubin.

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Lauren Chen and her husband, Liam Donovan, founded Tenet Media in Tennessee in 2022. Russian money has accounted for most of the company's revenue in recent months, the Justice Department said. Jason Davis/Getty Images



By **Steven Lee Myers**, **Ken Bensinger** and **Jim Rutenberg**

Published Sept. 7, 2024 Updated Sept. 8, 2024

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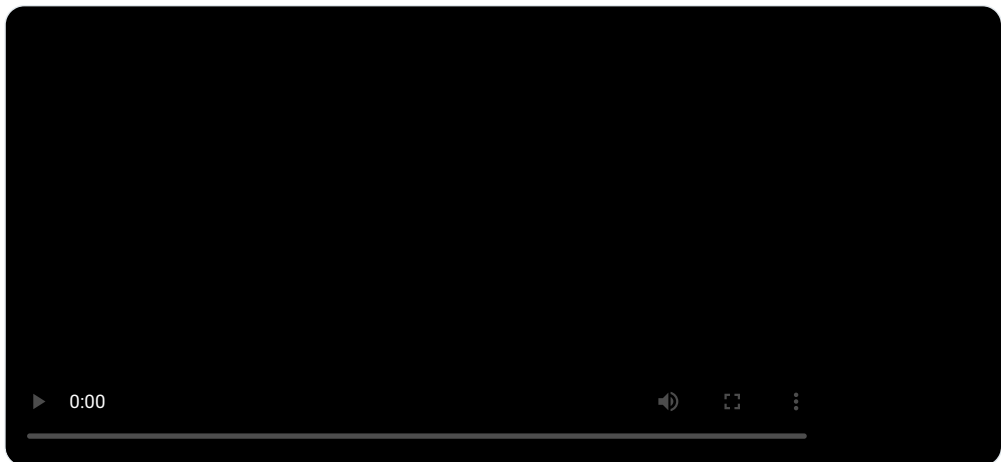
Right-wing influencers say they were dupes in an alleged Russian influence operation. They're keeping their millions, for now

By Jon Passantino and Sean Lyngaas, CNN
 5 minute read · Published 6:15 AM EDT, Fri September 13, 2024

Dave Rubin, Benny Johnson and Tim Pool. Getty Images/Reuters




...origins of the funds, but were happy to bash Ukraine and earn millions in return. Out of the bunch, Pool was the most hardcore when it came to talking shit about Ukraine, calling Ukraine “one of the greatest enemies of our nation [the US]”. He also claimed that the...

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...allegations against Trump for working with Russia shouldn't be listened to, and that the "Ukrainians run the US". Together with Elon Musk, Tim has also been one of the biggest promoters of the "civil war in the West" narrative. More on TENET:

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In today's [#vatniksoup](#), I'll discuss the Kremlin's funding of Tennessee-based media company TENET Media. TENET Media is best-known for their promotion of Russian narratives and for strong support for Donald Trump in the upcoming 2024 US elections.


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Media start-up from Benny Johnson, Tim Pool, and Dave Rubin was secret Russian influence campaign, indictment alleges

Famous pro-Trump commentators may have been unwittingly duped.

 David Covucci Tech Posted on Sep 4, 2024 Updated on Sep 4, 2024, 6:01 pm CDT

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Stop listening to these people

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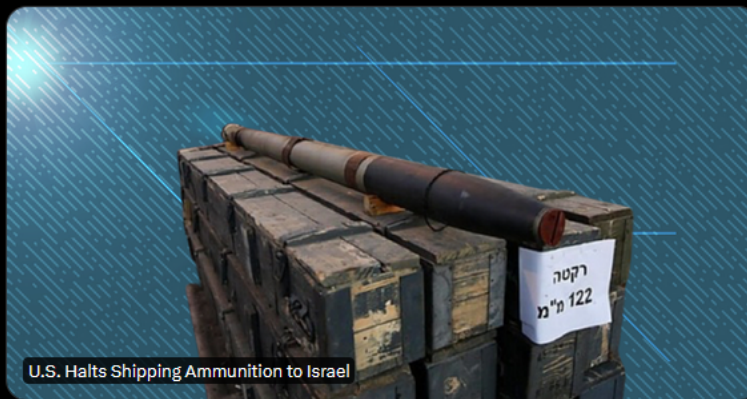


Trump got impeached for freezing military aid to Ukraine

Biden faces no consequences for freezing military aid to Israel

This proves the Ukrainians run the US

now when someone asks "who is they tho" you respond "the ukrainians"



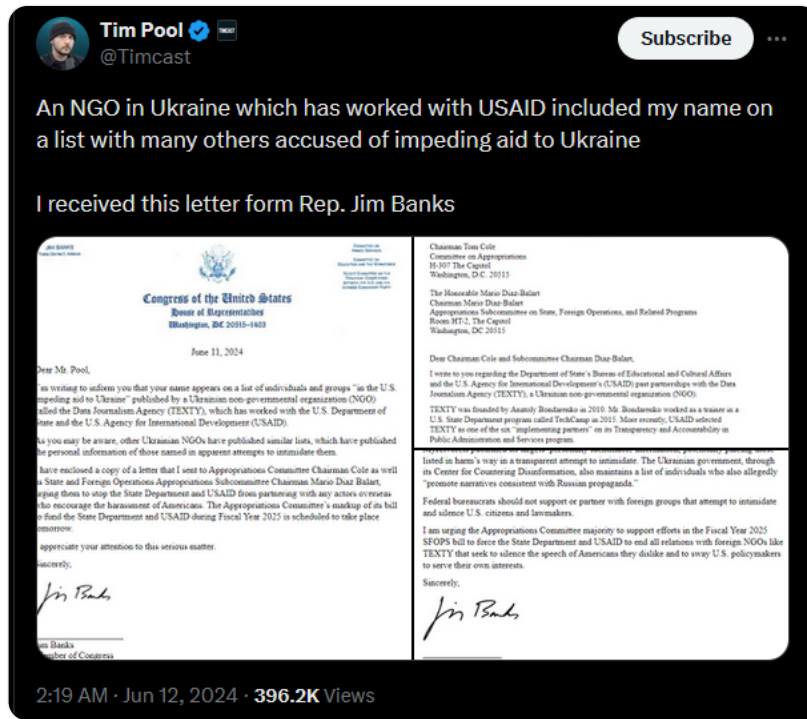
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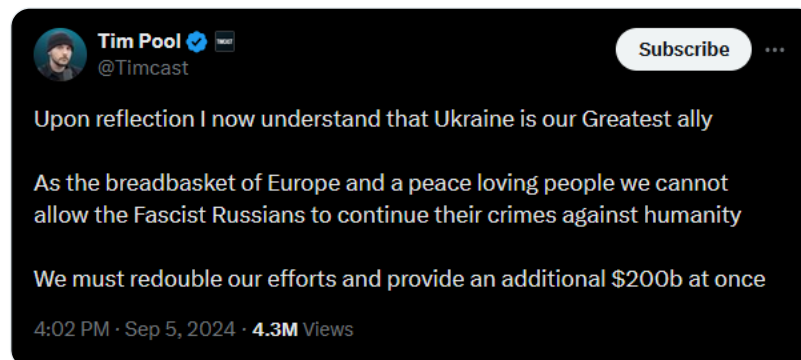
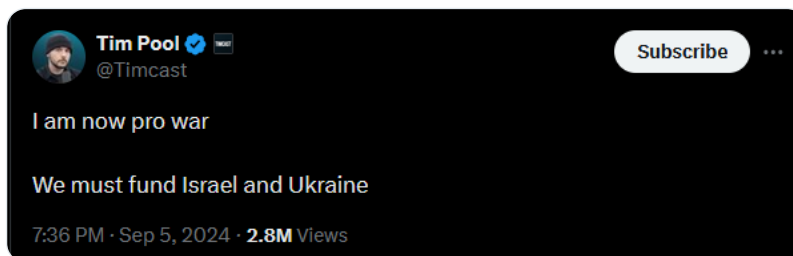


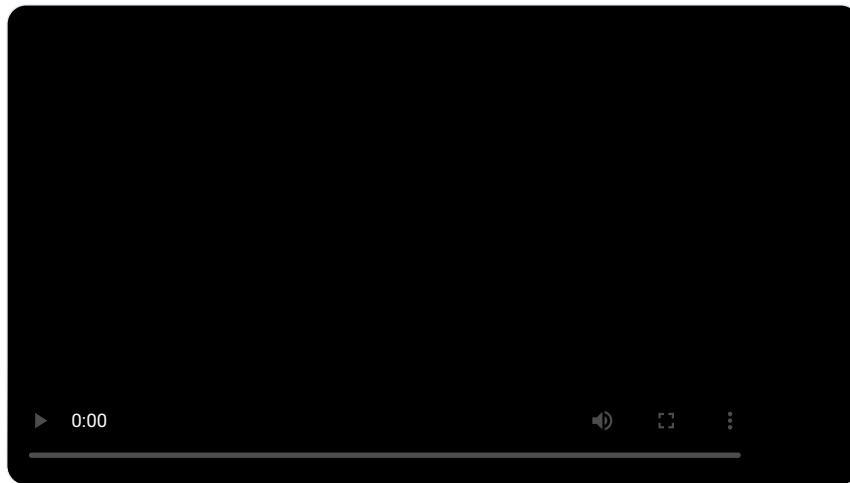
In Jun 2024, Tim posted on X about an Ukrainian NGO that included his name on a list accused of impeding aid to the country. Incidentally, Tim was at this point already receiving money from the Kremlin, and was happy to cover their narratives via TENET Media.



After the indictment was published, Tim doubled down on his anti-Ukraine rhetoric, mocking the country's supporters. For example, he stated that the the man who tried to assassinate Donald Trump should be investigated for being a Ukrainian agent.

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Tim's co-host, Josie Glabach aka "The Redheaded libertarian" has also jumped on the pro-Kremlin/Kremlintarian train, and she'll be one of the speakers at yet another installment of the "antiwar" event organized by the Libertarian Party:

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In today's #vatniksoup, I'll introduce an American politician, Angela McArdle (@angela4LNCCChair). She's best-known for turning the US Libertarian Party into a wing of MAGA Republicans, and for promoting pro-Kremlin narratives about the Russo-Ukrainian War.

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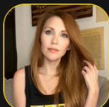
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Rosie's Fear & Loathing in Lugansk @DarnelSugarfoo · Dec 23

When they tried the Ukraine flag nonsense in the Slovakian parliament, based Slovaks weren't having it. Good for them.



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Extra based points for ripping the mask off of the guy at the end.



Now, here's how I see Tim Pool: I think he genuinely started as an anti-establishment activist, but once he became more popular and made friends with household name conspiracy theorists like Joe Rogan, Alex Jones and Donald Trump, he became just a regular grifter.







Roger Stone ✓
@RogerJStoneJr

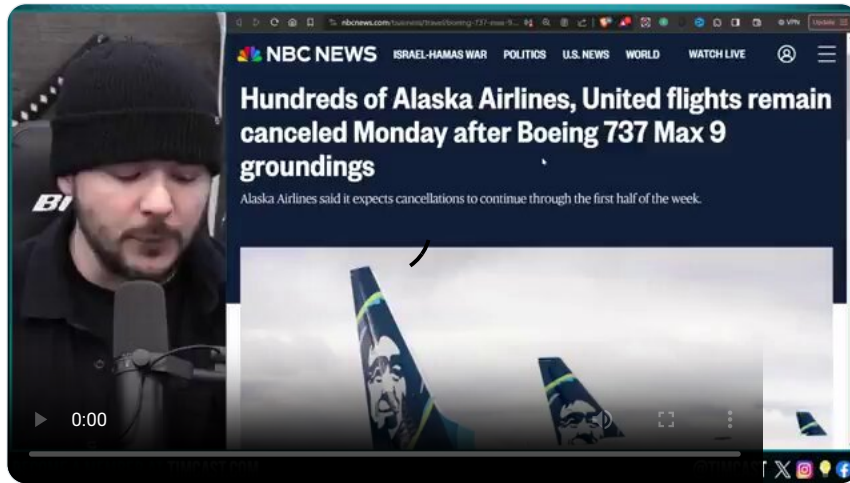
Great hanging with Tim Pool @Timcast at Mar-a-lago



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In Jan 2024, Tim “the man of the people” Pool was complaining that the private jets he uses, which used to be “only a little bit more than first class”, are now becoming too expensive. He then blamed the “industry’s collapse” on diversity, climate change & the “Great Reset”.

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Tim also tried to gain popularity among the cool skate kids by offering 20,000 USD in prize money for an event at a local skate park. The organizers refused, after which he bought the whole skate park out of spite for 850,000 USD, blaming the whole thing on the “woke left”.
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The skate park was thriving. Then a right-wing YouTuber bought it.

Tim Pool's purchase of an improvised skate park has riled skateboarders in West Virginia's eastern panhandle.

8 min



(Illustration by Elena Lacey/The Washington Post; Getty Images; iStock)



By Will Sommer

August 12, 2024 at 6:00 a.m. EDT

Amid opposition from the skaters, Pool dropped his plans to offer the prize. But a few months later in November 2023, he quietly bought the skate park's land, purchasing the slab and a nearby building through a limited liability company for \$850,000.

"They don't own the spot," Pool later said on his show in July 2024, explaining the purchase. "By what right do they have to tell me I can't stand on a derelict piece of property where they're squatting?"

Pool has floated using the land to build a much larger skate park, but he made few immediate changes to the property, and he hasn't banned anyone from skating there. Because nothing but the ownership had changed, skaters realized only belatedly that he had bought the land.



My book titled “Vatnik Soup - The Ultimate Guide to Russian Disinformation” has been published, you can order it here:

Or if you prefer Amazon:



<https://www.amazon.com/Vatnik-Soup-Ultimate-Russian-Disinformation/dp/8792750400>



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