

In today's #vatniksoup, I'll introduce an American podcaster, Darryl Cooper (@martyrmade). He's best-known for "Martyr Made", a history podcast that provides a strongly revisionist and biased analysis on historical events such as the Revolution of Dignity and World War II.

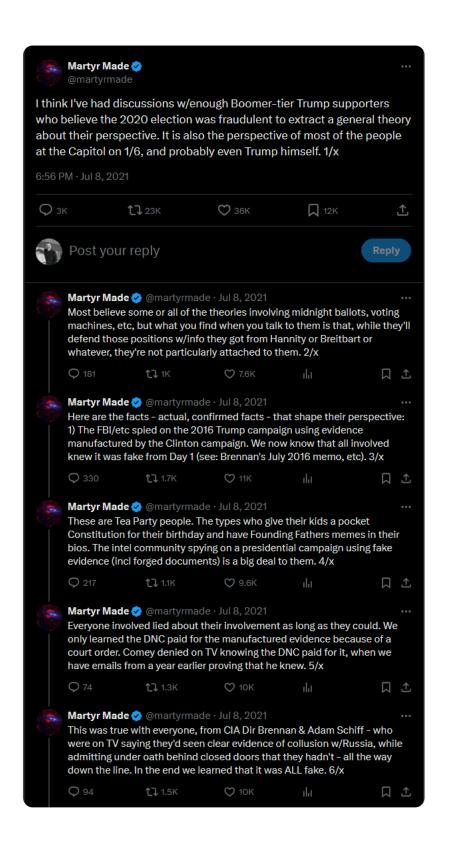
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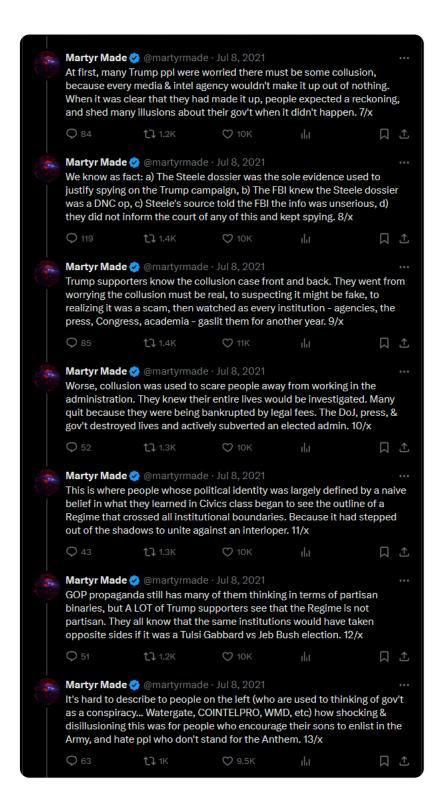


Darryl became known to big audiences in 2021, when he published a Twitter thread in which he basically described a massive conspiracy against Trump during both 2016 and 2020 presidential elections. The culprits were predictable: the corporate press, intelligence agencies...

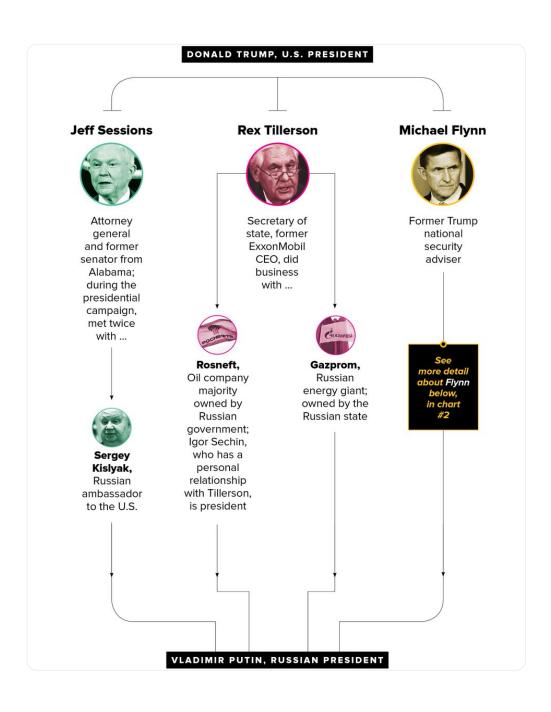
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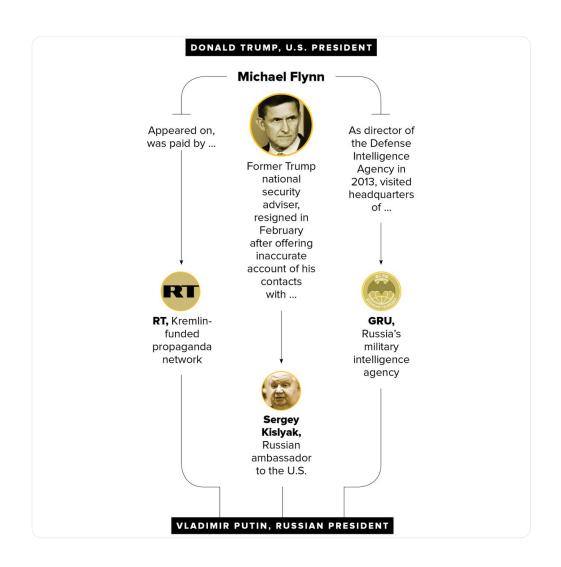


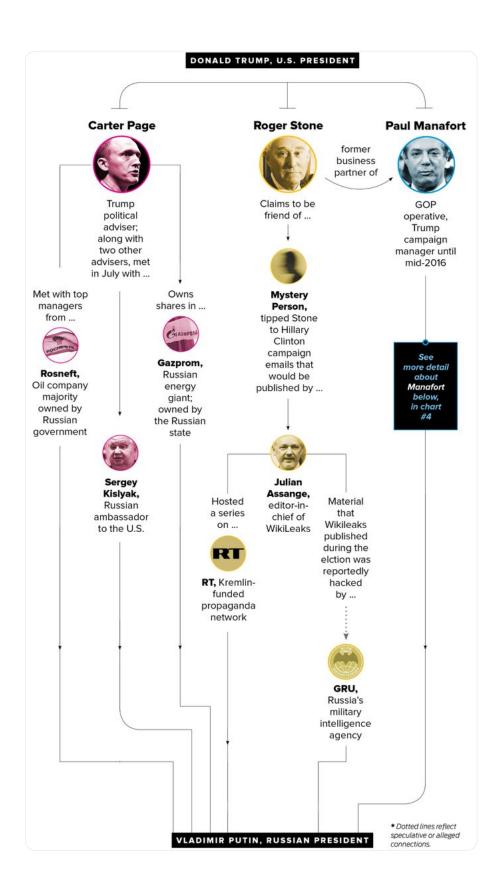


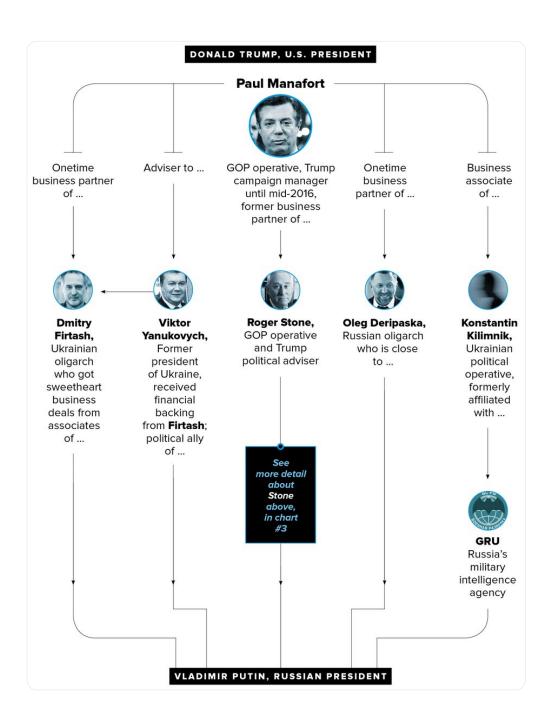


...and of course the evil Democrats. To Darryl, Russia was not working together with the Trump campaign, even though there's clear evidence that many of his officials - including Carter Page, Rex Tillerson, Michael Flynn and Paul Manafort - interacted intimately with...









...Russian officials and even GRU operatives. Trump later pardoned five people who were convicted as a result of investigations on the Russian interference in the 2016 US elections:



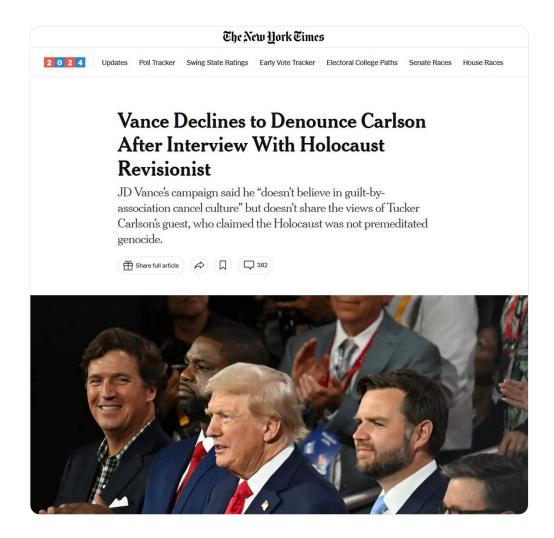
His thread gained support and was spread by people like Donald Trump Jr. and Glenn Greenwald, and was even brought up on live television by the former Fox News presenter Tucker Carlson. Darryl's Twitter account went from 7,000 to 70,000 followers in just four days.

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Cooper's thread went viral thanks to endorsements by numerous high-profile MAGA influencers like Donald Trump Jr. as well as fellow travelers spanning the far-right to the MAGA-friendly faux-center. "Cooper went from 7,000 followers to 70,000 in 4 days," marveled the normally unsentimental Glenn Greenwald, who also published Cooper's "absolutely brilliant exposition" as an article on his personal website.

Today, Cooper is followed by many prominent figures from the right, including Trump's VP candidate JD Vance. At some point, Martyr Made was the most popular podcast on Apple and Spotify, even more popular than Joe Rogan Experience, Tucker Carlson's show and Talk Tuah.







This popularity was mostly due to him being interviewed by Tucker Carlson on his show. During the interview Cooper claimed that, instead of Hitler, it was actually Winston Churchill who was the main culprit and warmonger of WWII.

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Darryl Cooper may be the best and most honest popular historian in the United States. His latest project is the most forbidden of all: trying to understand World War Two.

(1:20) History of the Israel-Palestine Conflict

(12:39) The Jonestown Cult

(32:10) World War Two

(45:04) How Would You Assess Winston Churchill?

(1:17:17) How History Is Rewritten and Propagandized

(1:24:39) Mass Immigration in Europe

(1:42:25) The Civil Rights Movement and BLM

(1:48:17) Viktor Orban, Vladimir Putin, and Donald Trump

(1:58:30) Christianity

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Darryl made false claims about the WWII, including that millions "ended up dead" merely because the Nazis did not have enough food for them (rather than as a result of intentional genocide). Many real historians have debunked these claims:

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Reply to Darryl Cooper: The Truth About World War II

Victor Davis Hanson replies to an egregious and inaccurate portrayal of the Second World War in a podcast by Darryl Cooper.

https://winstonchurchill.hillsdale.edu/churchill-cooper-ww2/



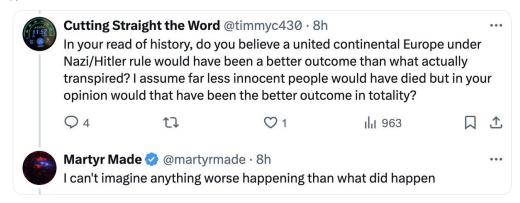
The comments were made by the podcaster Darryl Cooper on Mr. Carlson's show "Tucker on X" on the social media platform. Mr. Carlson, who has hosted the show since Fox severed ties with him in 2023, introduced Mr. Cooper as "the most important popular historian working in the United States today."

Mr. Cooper, who has a podcast and newsletter called "Martyr Made," proceeded to make a variety of false claims about the Holocaust and World War II, including that millions of people in concentration camps "ended up dead" merely because the Nazis did not have enough resources to care for them, rather than as a result of the intentional genocide that it was. Mr. Cooper also claimed that Winston Churchill, the British prime minister at the time, and not Adolf Hitler, was "primarily responsible for that war becoming what it did."



Even though sometimes claiming to be a libertarian, Darryl's rhetoric reeks of pure fascism. When asked whether Europe under Nazi/Hitler leadership would've been a better outcome than today's version, he said "I can't imagine anything worse happening than what did happen".

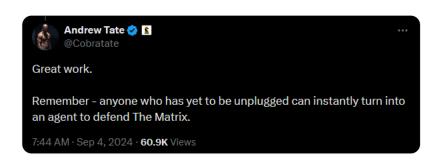
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Elon Musk naturally shared the interview and promoted the conversation as "very interesting", although he later deleted the post.

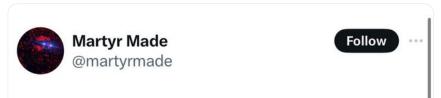
Alleged sex trafficker and pedophile Andrew Tate also praised Cooper's fascist rhetoric.





In another incident, Darryl posted two photos from Paris. In the 1st photo, Hitler had just conquered the city during WWII. The 2nd photo showed the opening ceremony to the Paris Olympics. He then claimed that the first photo was "infinitely preferable in virtually every way".

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This may be putting it too crudely for some, but the picture on the left was infinitely preferable in virtually every way than the one on the right.





After the Paris opening ceremony, which I put on for my daughters, I don't care what happens to France. Can't get any worse than the few minutes we saw. Insulting to Christians and secular people alike. Go to Hell, Paris.

This is pretty rancid considering that the Nazis authorized deportation of Jews from France, and around 77 000 Jews living in France were sent to concentration camps and killing centers or died in detention.

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German authorities reinstituted transports of Jews from France in January 1943 and continued the deportations until August 1944. In all, some 77,000 Jews living on French territory perished in concentration camps and killing centers—the overwhelming majority of them at Auschwitz—or died in detention on French soil. One third of these victims were French citizens.

Cooper has suggested that the most desirable thing for society is a "charismatic autocrat", so it's not really a big surprise that he's cheering for Team Trump or defended Putin's actions in both Syria and Ukraine. In his own words, fascism is "nothing more than what...

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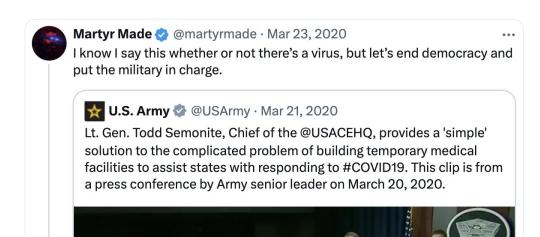


...happens when normal people realize that the left will never stop until they're forced to." In another post, Darryl claimed that "Democracy is a disease. Tyranny is the cure." He's also called for the "ending of democracy" and putting the military in charge instead.



Some of us have been here for a long time, John, wondering when you would catch up to how far along the dark path we've already traveled. Fascism is nothing more than what happens when normal people realize that the left will never stop until they're forced to.







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When it comes to Ukraine, Darryl has been collaborating closely with Scott Horton. He's the editorial director of <u>Antiwar.com</u>, a sponsor of the 1st pro-war RATWM rally, and is connected to the MAGA takeover of the Libertarian Party:

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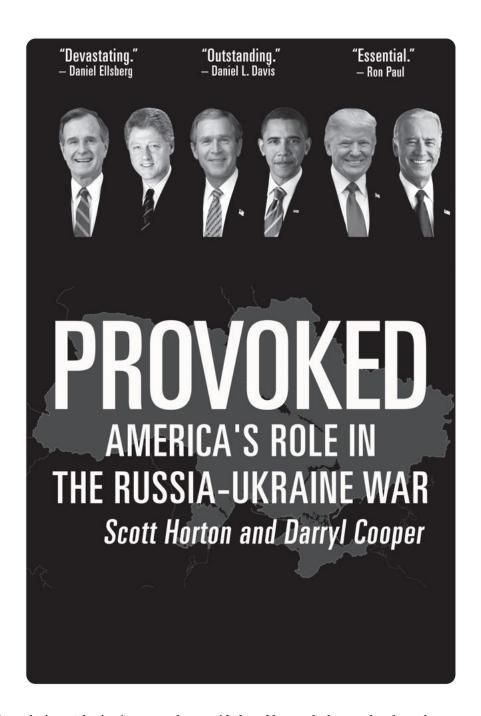
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Together, Darryl and Scott have even published a book titled "Provoked: America's Role in the Russia-Ukraine War". In it, the dynamic duo claims the old Kremlin narrative that the war was "provoked by NATO expansion", and that it has nothing to do with Russian imperialism.

My friend Scott Horton asked me to co-author a book with him about the history of the war in Ukraine and the conflict between NATO and Russia since the end of the Cold War. Basically an expanded, heavily-footnoted, 40-page bibliography version of the Thoughts on Ukraine episode I did a few months ago. We really want to do this right, so I'm going to be spending a lot of time reading (and re-reading) material on the topic. Since the war in Ukraine is literally the most important thing in the world these days, and since it's already stealing a lot of my attention even without the book, I figured I'd let the spirit take me, and report to you along the way. So, over the next few months, I will still be doing pieces on other topics (the big Hatfield-McCoy post/episode is still coming), but we're going to spend some time deep-diving on the new Cold (and increasingly hot) War. Obviously, at the end of the day, I work for you guys, so if I'm going too heavy on the topic, feel free to let me know, but I think that over the next few months we'll be getting into many interesting things you might not expect.



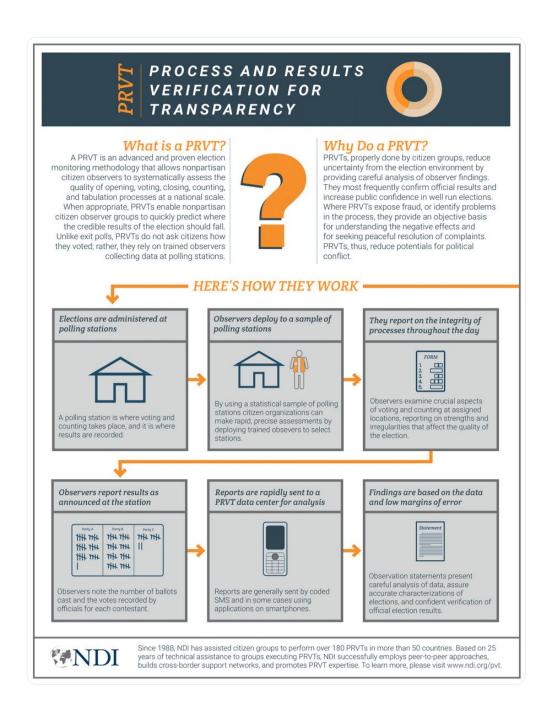
His analysis on Ukraine is extremely one-sided, and he neatly forgets that from the get-go Putin played a big role in despoiling Russia after the fall of the USSR, using his KGB/FSB network and knowledge to put the oligarchs under his rule.



To Darryl, all color revolutions - including the one in Ukraine - were orchestrated by the US. He calls leaders like Saakashvili CIA puppets and demonizes people like George Soros. He even criticizes election legimization processes like parallel vote tabulation (PVT/PRVT).

Colour revolution Ukraine, 2004 Orange Revolution Georgia, 2003 Rose Revolution Kyr gyzstan, 2005 Tulip Revolution

 $https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File: Color_Revolutions_Map.png$



In Nov 2021, Darryl was still adamant about Putin not conquering Ukraine, saying that he "has shown no signs at all of trying to take over Ukraine," and that Russia is just "providing aid" to "ethnic Russian separatists" after a "Western-supported violent coup".

Yikes.



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I reject the premise of the question as absurd. Putin has shown no signs at all of trying to take over Ukraine. Russia provided aid to ethnic Russian separatists after a Western-supported violent coup against the elected Ukraine government began a civil war.

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He's also called Russia the "unequivocal good guy" in the Syrian civil war, neatly forgetting the chemical and double-tap attacks conducted both by Russian and al-Assad forces against civilians and humanitarian workers.

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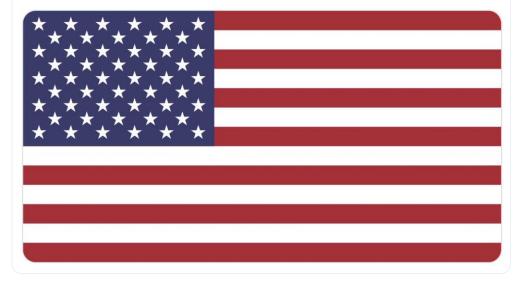
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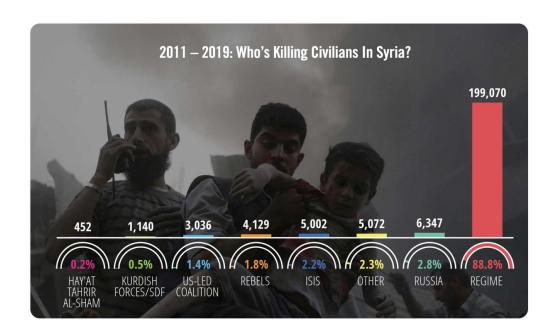
Russia was the unequivocal good guy in the Syrian civil war, stepping in at the last moment to prevent the genocide our jihadist proxies were openly bragging was coming.

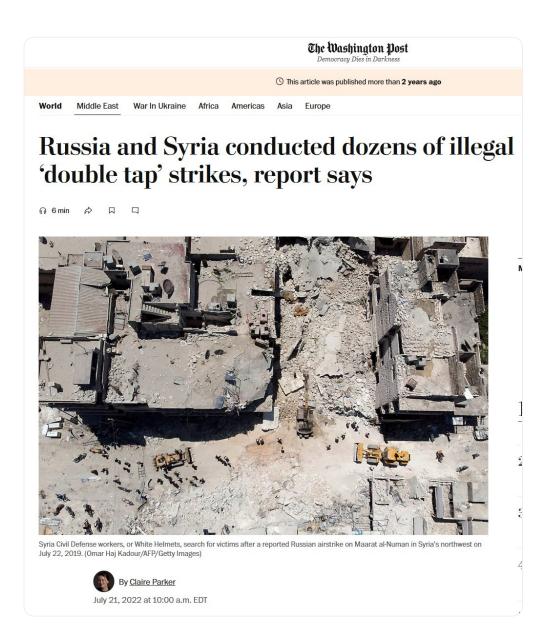
In Ukraine, perhaps there are no good guys, but the record shows clearly that a) from 2014-22 Russia tried to avoid a war, b) Russia had valid and obvious security concerns acknowledged by everyone from George Kennan to current CIA Director William Burns (those known Putin stooges), c) Ukraine was becoming a de facto NATO outpost and Russia invaded when they believed Ukraine would soon be too strong for them to prevent it, d) Russia has tried to avoid escalating the conflict by not going after Kiev or the Zelensky regime, not attacking weapons shipments and training centers outside of Ukraine, and not attacking international infrastructure in retaliation for NordStream. Meanwhile, what are our motivations for being involved? Hawks like @LindseyGrahamSC and @DanCrenshawTX will tell you plainly: we just want to see Russians die.

Russia was unequivocally in favor of peace according to the terms laid out in the Minsk agreements, which we acknowledged to be a cynical ploy to buy time. Putin and Zelensky had a draft deal in place to end the war early on, but we vetoed it. We say we're defending democracy, but Ukraine's elected leaders aren't even allowed to choose for themselves whether to continue a war. All this while we have overwhelming evidence that the current US President was taking bribes from Ukrainian interests.

I don't know if there are any good guys in the Ukraine war, but there is definitely a bad guy, and, just like in Syria, we're it. I don't like saying any of this. I'm a veteran and come from a family of veterans. I worked as a civilian engineer for the DOD. It's in my blood to be a flag-waving Team America superfan. But after Serbia, Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Libya, Yemen, and now Ukraine, I just have to be honest about what we've become. And some will respond that there is no "we," that our rulers don't act in their name, but when the bill comes due for America, the collectors aren't going to make that distinction.

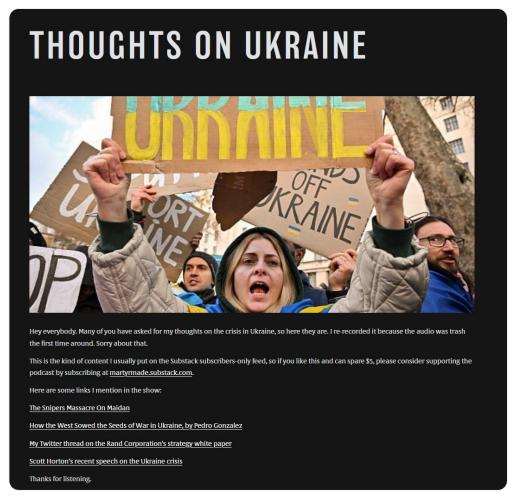






Cooper's analysis contains cherry-picked analysts & biased pro-Kremlin individuals such as Scott Horton & never mentions any of the covert operations conducted by the Russian intelligence agencies in Ukraine. There's no critique of Putin or Yanukovych, but only of the West.

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And this seems to be Cooper's modus operandi - he cites very specific people, events, and occurrences and completely ignores the other perspective.

This basically makes his podcast propaganda that has little to do with actual history.

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My book, titled Vatnik Soup: The Ultimate Guide to Russian Disinformation, has been published. You can order it here:

https://kleart.dk/webshop/p/vatnik-soup

Or on Amazon:

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

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