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In today's 350th Vatnik Soup, I'll introduce an American comedian and podcaster, Dave Smith (@ComicDaveSmith). He's best-known for his numerous appearances on the Joe Rogan Experience and for his unhinged takes on the Russo-Ukrainian War.

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Smith has a massive megaphone - he's a good friend of Joe Rogan, and he's appeared on Joe's podcast a whopping 16 times. Naturally, he's also visited Lex Fridman's podcast and frequently appears on Fox News' Kennedy and The Greg Gutfeld Show.

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# THE JOE ROGAN EXPERIENCE

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Dave is part of the Kremlintarian section of the Libertarian Party called Mises Caucus. They took control of the party in May 2022, and with the help of their new leader, Angela McArdle, turned it into an extension of the MAGA Republicans:



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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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12:40 PM · May 22, 2024



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**Dave Smith**   
@ComicDaveSmith



I probably should have mentioned this on the episode with @ThomasEWoods or one of my recent shows but I do think Michael Heise and @angela4LNCChair have been outstanding and I'm glad that they are in the positions that they occupy, which is entirely due to the takeover of the LP.

What Angela pulled off is nothing short of incredible. After I pulled out, she did what I always criticize libertarians for not doing. She adjusted to the facts on the ground and devised a strategy based on them.

It is very likely that in a week the President elect will be on record making some serious promises to libertarians. This is something that was unthinkable just last year.

If Donald Trump just keeps his promise to free Ross, then Angela made a mother's life no longer a living hell. That would be by far the LPs greatest accomplishment.

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Dave has said that he “became a libertarian through the Ron Paul movement.” Incidentally, Ronny has been one of the biggest cheerleaders for Putin at least since 2004. He’s supported Russia’s annexation of Crimea, and objected to sanctions against Russia & aid to Ukraine.



New York comedian Dave Smith says he "became a libertarian through the Ron Paul movement. "He challenged all of my preconceived notions about what government was [and]...inspired me to read all of these people, like Rothbard, Mises, and Friedman."

When Bernie Sanders became a national figure, what Smith hated most about the Vermont senator was that he was aesthetically like a carbon copy of Paul—"a kind of disheveled, older guy who's just a truth teller."

"[The difference was that] Bernie would go around to these kids and be like, 'Hey, so you're a college kid in 2017, you're among the richest, freest, most privileged people who have ever existed, [so] billionaires should be paying your bills for you'

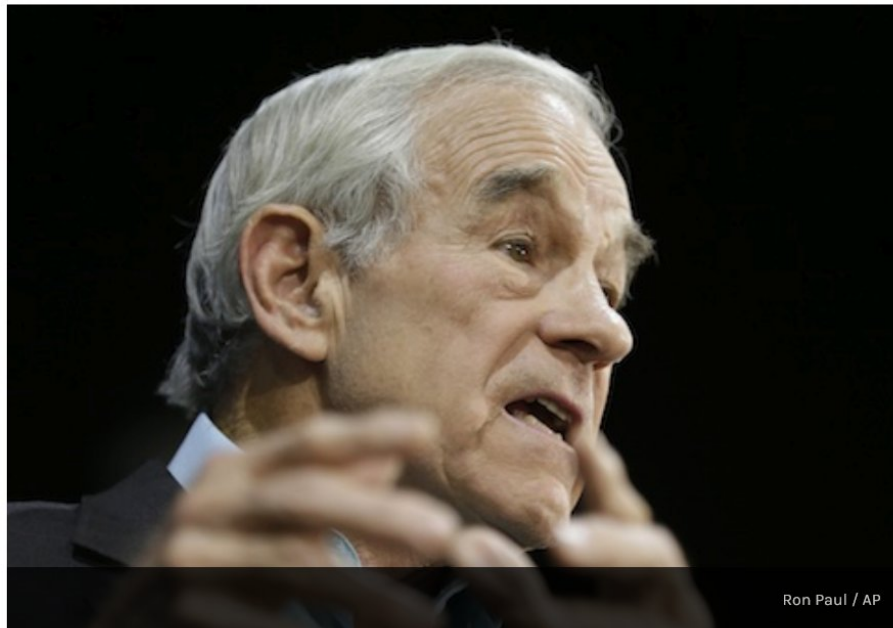
...It was the difference between a propagandist and a truth teller."

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## The Ron Paul Institute for Putin's Priorities

Former congressman's think tank pushes pro-Kremlin line



Ron Paul / AP

Alana Goodman  
March 17, 2014

POLITICS

## Ron Paul Is Supporting Russia's Illegal Occupation of Crimea

**USEFUL IDIOT**

The libertarian godfather has become one of the biggest cheerleaders for the "referendum" that will lead to Russia's annexation of the Ukrainian peninsula.



James Kirchick

Updated Apr. 14, 2017 4:28PM ET / Published Mar. 16, 2014 4:07PM ET



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Numerous members of the Ron Paul Institute for Peace and Prosperity have spent years as professional spin-doctors for Russian President Vladimir Putin and other leaders of oppressive regimes, according to an analysis by the *Washington Free Beacon*.

The institute's namesake, former congressman and failed presidential candidate Ron Paul, recently made headlines when he defended Putin's invasion of Ukraine. "Actually he has some law on his side," Paul **said** on Fox Business Channel's "The Independents" last week.

He's also promoted Scott Horton's historically inaccurate pro-Kremlin propaganda book, "Provoked: How Washington Started the New Cold War with Russia and the Catastrophe in Ukraine." In the book, Horton shifts all the blame for Russia's genocidal invasion on Obama & Biden.



**Dave Smith**   
@ComicDaveSmith



For the people asking, this was the book that I was recommending on JRE today: Provoked by the great [@scotthortonshow](#)

It's a masterpiece. The best book on the history of post Soviet Russia/US relations and the lead up to the catastrophic war in Ukraine.



**Scott Horton** · Nov 17, 2024

Announcing the publication of my latest book,

Provoked: How Washington Started the New Cold War With Russia and the Catastrophe in Ukraine  
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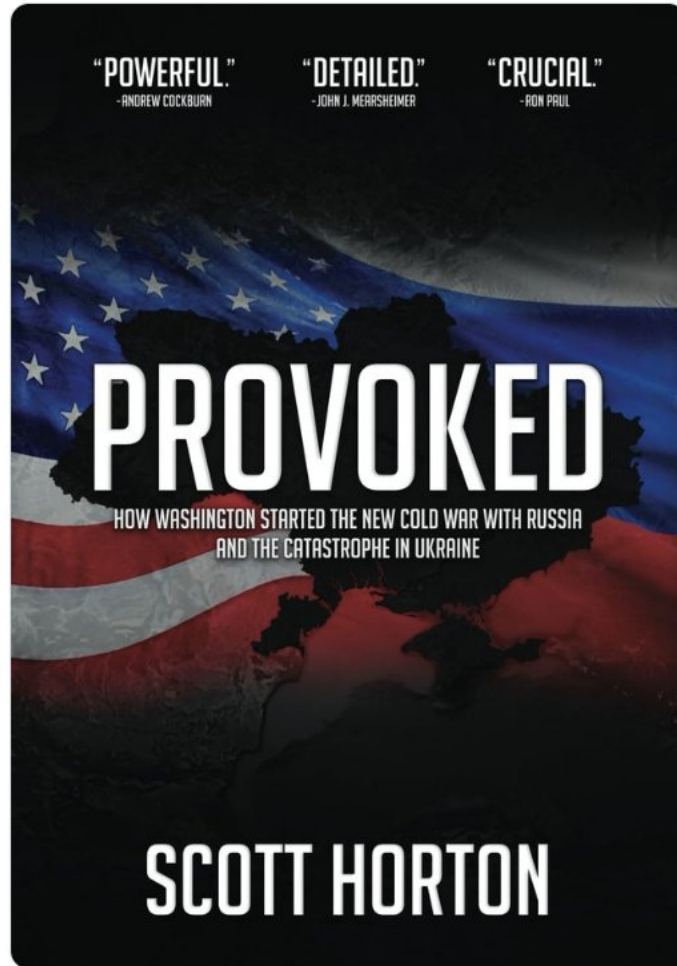


Mises Caucus  
@LPMisesCaucus



As the [#UkraineRussiaWar](#) escalates toward WWII, the regime assertion that Putin led an "unprovoked" invasion ignores the decades of US provocations which led to this war. Scott Horton's new book dismantles that lie.

[#NoWar](#) with [#Russia](#) over [#Ukraine](#)



Scott Horton



**Scott Horton**  @scotthortonshow · Dec 19, 2024

Absolute Idiot Correction to the new book:

Two different times in Provoked, I "misspoke" and wrote that in 1999 Clinton added Poland, Hungary and Romania to NATO. That is of course stupid and wrong, and I know the right country — the Czech Republic, aka Czechia — and say it

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It is indeed "stupid and wrong" to claim that "Clinton added Poland, Hungary and Romania to NATO in 1999".

Clinton did not "add" them. \*Accession\* needs approval of all member states, 16 at the time, plus the applying country.

In Hungary, a referendum was approved by 85%.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1997\\_Hungarian\\_NATO\\_membership\\_referendum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1997_Hungarian_NATO_membership_referendum)  
<https://www.nato.int/docu/speech/1997/s970221b.htm>

One of Dave's biggest pitfalls is that he simply does not understand Russian or Ukrainian culture, at all. The discussions are shrouded in whataboutism where Russian imperialism is just brushed off and the discussion is moved to the "evil deeds of the neocon warmongers".





**Dave Smith**   
@ComicDaveSmith



I've never blamed the whole war on NATO expansion but it was a major contributing factor to the current situation. Putin is absolutely wrong to call it a genocide, but there was certainly a civil war where around 15k people died. And all states are fake. [t.co/Rb9bnTYErR](https://t.co/Rb9bnTYErR)



**Dave Smith**  
@ComicDaveSmith



It seems like a lot of Americans are completely removed from the stakes of a war with Russia. I hear “we can’t let them do this” or “you just want to let them do that.” Understand, this ain’t fuckin Iraq. A war with Russia means the end of human existence.

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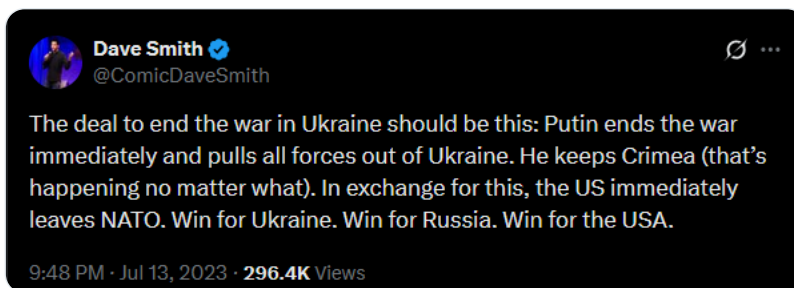
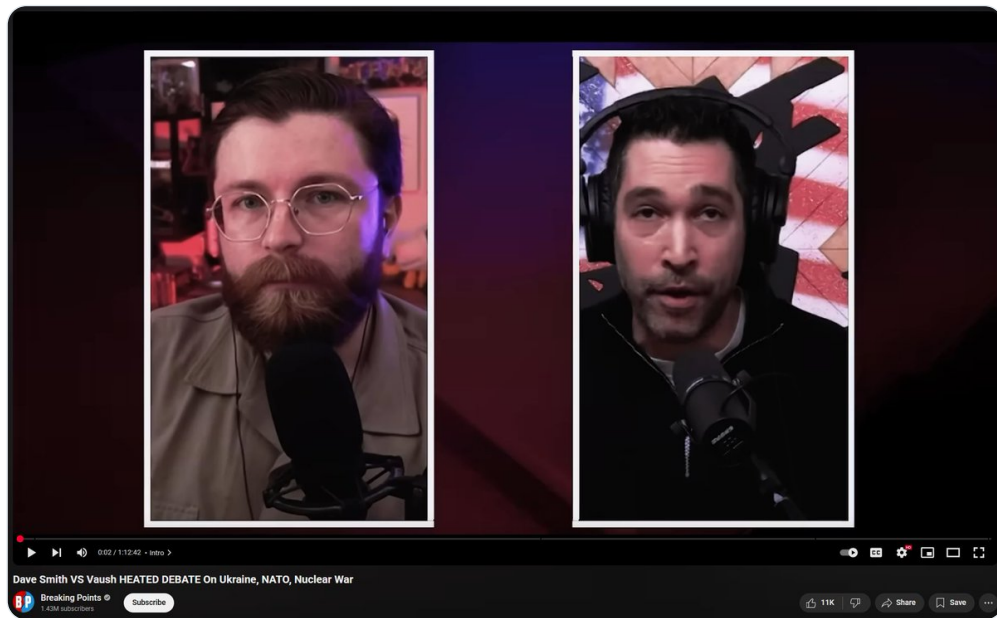
**Dave Smith**  
@ComicDaveSmith



If Putin overthrew the government of Montreal and sent in a ton of weapons to the new government after years of moving his military alliance closer and closer to our border, how would we react? Anyone who says thinking about this is ‘Supporting Russia’ is an idiot or a liar.

5:13 PM · Feb 23, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

While debating Vaush (they really couldn’t find anyone else?) about the war in Ukraine, Dave’s opened the discussion with un classique du vatnique, saying that “The US should give Russia what it wants and leave NATO,” completely brushing off the fact that...



...Russia has invaded its neighboring countries multiple times in the last few decades and forcibly annexed territory from Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine while proclaiming that Ukraine does not exist and is actually just a part of Russia.



## Soviet Union [ edit ]

- Soviet–Ukrainian War (1917–1920)
- Polish–Soviet War (1918/1919–1921)
- Soviet invasion of Azerbaijan, 1920
- Soviet invasion of Armenia, 1920
- Red Army invasion of Georgia, 1921
- Soviet invasion of Xinjiang, 1934
- Soviet invasion of Poland, 1939
- Winter War, 1939
- Soviet occupation of the Baltic States, 1940
- Soviet occupation of Bessarabia and Northern Bukovina, 1940
- Soviet invasion of Manchuria, 1945
- Hungarian Revolution of 1956
- Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia, 1968
- Soviet–Afghan War, 1979–1989

## Russian Federation [ edit ]

- First Chechen War, 1994–1997
- Second Chechen War, 1999–2000
- Russo-Georgian War, 2008
- Russo-Ukrainian War, 2014–present
  - Russian invasion of Ukraine, 2022–present

According to Dave, Tucker is an “American hero” because “he gave Putin a tougher interview than any corporate “journalist” has given Zelenskyy.” He also claimed that Putin “undeniably” made a “lot of truthful and reasonable points” during the interview.

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**Dave Smith** ✓  
@ComicDaveSmith



Man, @TuckerCarlson is an American hero. He gave Putin a tougher interview than any corporate “journalist” has given Zelenskyy. He also wasn’t disrespectful and he allowed Putin to give his perspective, which is one Americans need to grapple with.

3:02 AM · Feb 9, 2024 · **286.3K** Views



**Dave Smith**   
@ComicDaveSmith



However you feel about Putin, as an American, it's wild and so foreign, to see a head of state who can communicate and detail historical events the way he can. Is he a propagandist? Of course. Is he a good guy? No. Is he making a lot of truthful and reasonable points? Undeniably.

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## Tucker Carlson interview: Fact-checking Putin's 'nonsense' history

9 February 2024

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**Ido Vock**  
BBC News



Reuters

Mr Putin began the interview by claiming that 862 was the year of the "establishment of the Russian state"

**US talk show host Tucker Carlson's interview with Russian President Vladimir Putin began with a rambling half-hour lecture on the history of Russia and Ukraine.**

Another problem with the moral contrarians is that in their world, the bad guys like Russia are never agents, and only react to other's actions. All evil, including bombing of civilians, is just blowback, and the responsibility always lies on the good guys.



Dave Smith  
@ComicDaveSmith



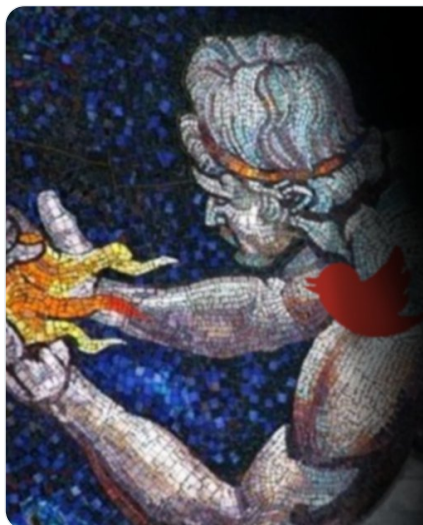
If you support Ukraine joining NATO then you support the US fighting a hot war with Russia right now. I don't care what your reasoning is. If you support that, you are a dangerously insane person who should never be allowed to make these decisions.

6:08 PM · Sep 30, 2022



Like Scott Horton's, Dave's "anti-war" stance seems to be that countries like Russia can invade other sovereign nations, whereas their victims' allies should not be able to help in any way because that would "provoke" or "escalate".

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Anti-war **claims invariably** revolve around the **aggressor** ceasing hostilities and **removing** its **army** from occupied territories. **Suggesting** the defender should capitulate and that **territorial** expansion should be **secured** for the **aggressor** is as blatantly pro-war as you can get.

- *ergopraxis*  
@ergo\_praxis

@MakeltAQuote

But Dave doesn't stop there - according to him, Western hegemony is also the reason for "reactionary movements" like Andrew Tate's misogynist ideology, and even the Nazis. As is

tradition, he's also an Assad apologist who denies the chemical attacks against civilians.

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 **Dave Smith**    
@ComicDaveSmith

Let's talk about it. How about Syria, where Assad protected the Christians so Obama, Israel and Saudi Arabia armed and funded Isis in an attempt to overthrow him. Maybe it was wrong to side with the anti Christian jihadists. You want to do Libya next? Yemen?

 **crucesignatusx** @neweracrusade · Apr 4, 2024  
Replying to @RealCandaceO @ComicDaveSmith and @bdomenech  
@RealCandaceO why don't you talk about Christian getting killed by jihadist worldwide?

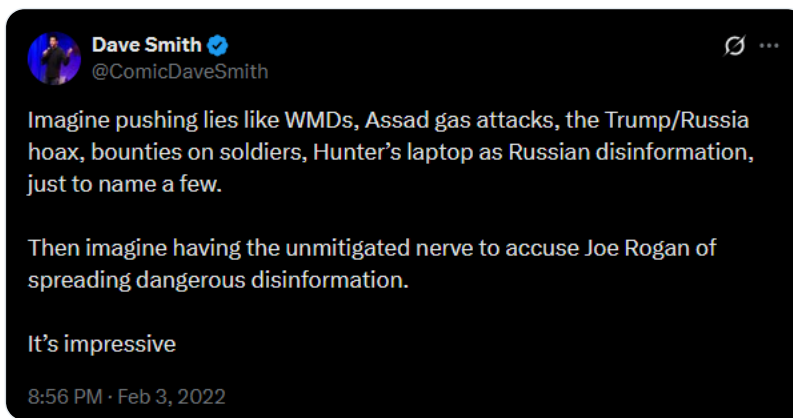
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 **Dave Smith**    
@ComicDaveSmith

There was one guy at Fox News who passionately called out Trump, bravely and correctly said that there was no actual evidence that Assad gassed anyone. Who was it again... oh yeah Tucker Fucking Carlson. [x.com/GaryGeorgeCook...](https://www.fox.com/GaryGeorgeCook...)

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Smith has also defended his nazi apologist friend, Darryl Cooper, on Rogan's show. One of Darryl's main claims was that "Churchill was the real villain of the war," which he also said on Tucker Carlson's podcast. Dave, who do you think was the real villain of World War II?

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According to Dave, "countries want to join NATO because they get their defense subsidized and security guarantees from the most powerful country in the world." Again, if he had read just a little bit of history of Eastern Europe, Dave could MAYBE see why countries...

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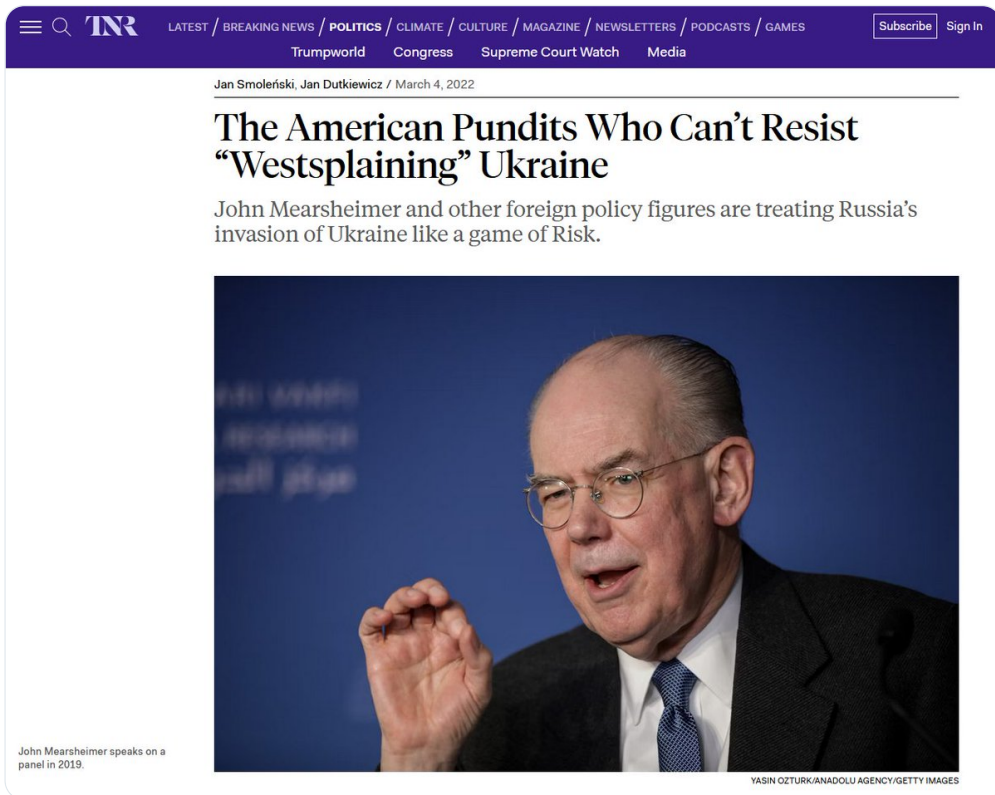




...like Poland, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia and Czechia were so eager to join NATO as soon as they had the chance. The reason is extremely simple: all these countries were invaded by Russia, know what Russian occupation is like, and simply don't want it to happen again.

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This leads us to the second point: NATO did not *expand* into “Eastern Europe.” Czechia, Poland, and Hungary in 1999 and the Baltic countries among others in 2004 actively sought membership in the alliance. This is not just semantics. For the historical reasons mentioned above, the West has been a desired political direction associated with prosperity, democracy, and freedom—despite the limitations of Western liberal capitalist democracies and the implementation of that model in Eastern Europe. Being at the receiving end of Russian imperialism, many Eastern Europeans looked forward to membership in NATO as a means of securing their sovereignty. NATO, in other words, would not have “expanded” into Eastern Europe if the Eastern European nations had not wanted it and actively pursued it.

To this day, Russia has not invaded a NATO country, and neither has any NATO country invaded Russia. And by the way, Russian media has already moved on to 100% Russkiy Mir imperialism, and don't even mention NATO anymore.



World

## Are Russia's youth buying into the 'genocidal language of the state' — or is there hope for a better future?

Strong beliefs that war in Ukraine is 'morally right,' limiting prospects for peace



Chris Brown · CBC News · Posted: May 15, 2023 4:00 AM EDT | Last Updated: September 11, 2023



A spectator, whose shirt displays a 'Z' symbol in support of Russia's military, celebrates at a concert marking the declared annexation of four Ukrainian regions following widely condemned referendums in the occupied areas, in Moscow, on Sept. 30, 2022. (Reuters)

## "Novorossiya" ideologist claims Russia has no borders and will expand in all directions – ISW

IVAN DIAKONOV — SUNDAY, 23 MARCH 2025, 06:48



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VLADISLAV SURKOV AND VLADIMIR PUTIN. PHOTO: GETTY IMAGES

Vladislav Surkov, former adviser to Kremlin ruler Putin and chief ideologist of the "Novorossiya" project, which aims to annex southeastern Ukraine and Crimea, has stated that the ideology of the Russian World (Russkiy Mir) "has no borders", meaning Russia will continue to expand its influence in all directions.

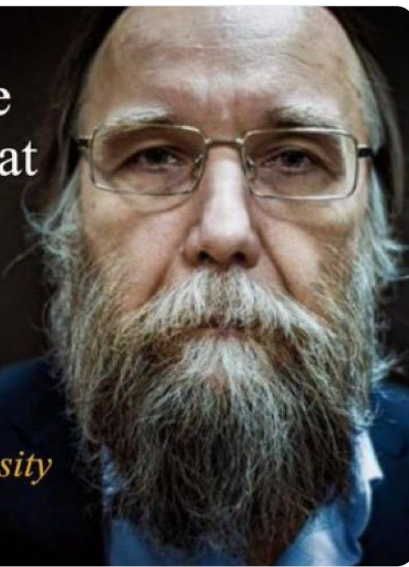
## Russian political scientist Dugin: Our world goes beyond national borders and includes peoples with linked destinies

Moscow, November 24, 2023 © Agenzia Nova - Reproduction reserved



“Today’s Ukrainians are a race of degenerates that crawled up from the sewage. Genocide is in order.”

*Aleksandr Dugin,  
Professor of Moscow State University  
Ideologue of “Novorossya”*



And as most of the Mises Caucus, Dave also went through a radical transformation and started supporting Trump, despite having called him a “war criminal”. Was pardoning Silk Road founder Ross Ulbricht really the only reason, or was it more about helping Putin?

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**Dave Smith** ✓  
@ComicDaveSmith



Biden did a bit more than just exist, and yes, he was an awful President. I've never claimed he was the worst but you know that and you're just full of shit.

Trump has already delivered more liberty victories than any President of my lifetime, by far.

He floated a terrible idea that is never going to happen.

My response is appropriate and you have nothing here.



**Sergio** ✓ @Sergio4Liberty · Feb 5

Biden: wokely exists

Dave Smith: This is the worst President we've ever had.

Trump: I want to conquer Gaza.

Dave Smith: Y'know... I hope he reconsiders. [x.com/ComicDaveSmith...](https://x.com/ComicDaveSmith...)

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**Angela McArdle** @RealAngelaMc · Jan 24



Incredible news! I'm proud to have spearheaded a coalition that opposed US involvement in the war from the very beginning. Thank you [@RageAgainstWar\\_](#) team and [@lpnational](#) for helping to guide popular opinion on this one.

**BRICS News** @BRICSinfo · Jan 24

JUST IN: US President Trump officially suspends military aid to Ukraine.



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Trump asked what do libertarians care about? Angela immediately said free Ross Ulbricht. He was surprised that it was 'just one guy'. Intrigued, he asked; Who is this guy? Who could be so important?

Trump kept pushing as to why this one guy was so popular, which led to a discussion where we illustrated Ross's significance as a martyr for our cause.

Nevermind Trump's promises to evict all Palestinians from Gaza and turn it into a tourist resort/Trump worship site that was promoted with the most ridiculous AI slop ever produced by man. Actually, Dave had previously even accused Trump of genocide.




**Dave Smith**   
@ComicDaveSmith



Trump was an unmitigated disaster. He was a smashing success for CNN, the SPLC and left wing culture. He spent more and bombed more than Bush or Obama. It was fun to see him piss people off, but he was in no way a success for anyone but progressives.



**Tho Bishop**   
@ThoBishop · Mar 26, 2021

Replying to @TexitLiberty @Dage90 and 5 others

Trump was a smashing success for libertarianism, but the true goal is to turn the GOP into a pro-decentralist party generally.

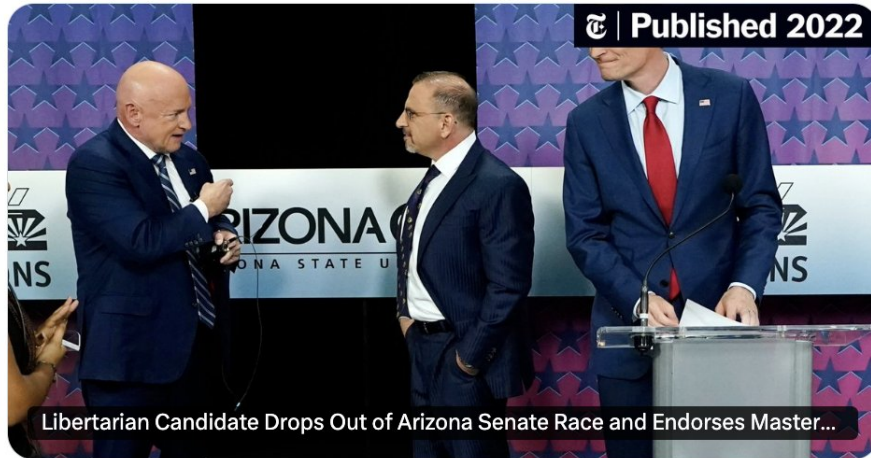
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**Dave DeCamp** ✓ @DecampDave · Nov 1, 2022



So all Republicans need to do to get the Libertarian endorsement is run a typical MAGA campaign and say they've read Rothbard? How will [@ComicDaveSmith](#) argue against voting for Trump in 2024 if the party is endorsing people with his exact same policies?



From nytimes.com

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**Dave Smith** ✓  
@ComicDaveSmith



I love ya Dave but a candidate who has been fully immersed in Misesian and Rothbardian literature is hardly typical. It's unheard of. I've been arguing against Trump for years. Masters has some bad campaign rhetoric. [Trump conducted a genocide.](#) Slightly different.





In Nov 2024, Smith claimed that Trump could end the war in Ukraine if he'd listen to Ramaswamy, Tucker and RFK Jr., suggesting that Putin's been trying to end the conflict "the entire time."

Dave's just another "contrarian" politically cuckolded by the orange man.



As a comedian/geopolitical expert, Dave rarely speaks about any real events in Ukraine. For example, he hasn't mentioned Bucha, Kherson, Sumy, or any other atrocity or war crime done by the Russians. He'd rather just call Zelenskyy a "pawn" of US imperialism.

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But I gotta give it to Dave - he isn't afraid to debate these matters. His debate with Douglas Murray on JRE was entertaining, and I would like to see him debate a real Ukraine expert on the topic. I mean, he's wrong about most things but it would still be entertaining.

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To conclude, Dave is a comedian turned geopolitical analyst who doesn't know history. Yet, if you search social media for educational content about Ukraine or even World War II, the top results you'll get are hot takes from him, Darryl Cooper and Tucker Carlson. Yikes.

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The situation between India and Pakistan seems serious, but I'll wait to form an opinion until Comic Dave Smith finishes reading the Wikipedia article about it.



**Dave Smith**  
@ComicDaveSmith



I was wrong. I didn't think Putin would move forces into Donbass.

The most important issue in the history of humanity is avoiding a nuclear war with Russia. I don't think there will be an invasion, but we better keep that in mind if there is one.

12:26 PM · Feb 23, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone



**Dave Smith**  
@ComicDaveSmith

Buckle up for some serious war propaganda. Don't believe anything the corporate press tells you. The number one priority of all sane people should be to avoid a war with Russia.

8:21 AM · Feb 24, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

More soup for the hungry!

Scott Horton: [https://x.com/P\\_Kallioniemi/status/1870083795992621126](https://x.com/P_Kallioniemi/status/1870083795992621126)

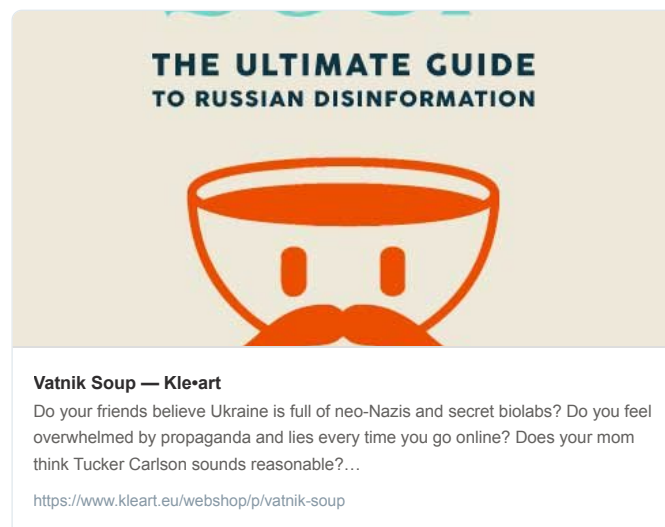
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