

THE GRAYZONE



Paul Mason's covert intelligence-linked plot to destroy The Grayzone exposed

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Leaked emails reveal British journalist Paul Mason plotting with an intel contractor to destroy The Grayzone through “relentless deplatforming” and a “full nuclear legal” attack. The scheme is part of a wider planned assault on the UK left.

A former Trotskyist and BBC journeyman, journalist Paul Mason has made a career as the establishment's favorite gatekeeper of the UK left. Since the Russian military incursion into Ukraine, he has [cemented his position](#) as one of Britain's most vocal “left” cheerleaders for Western military intervention.

While leading a [“U.K. left” delegation](#) to Kiev and a [demonstration](#) through the streets of London in support of NATO military escalation against Russia, Mason has accordingly used his platform to assail journalists, academics, Labour party members and private citizens who oppose shipping piles of advanced weaponry to Ukraine.

In a series of recent columns, Mason [called for](#) the state-enforced suppression of facts and perspectives he considers overly sympathetic to the Kremlin, and [demanded “state action”](#) against members of the media that oppose the NATO line on Ukraine. He placed The Grayzone at the top of his fantasy censorship target list.

Mason has since announced a [run for parliament](#) on the Labour ticket to wage his crusade against “disinformation” from inside the House of Commons.

The Grayzone, meanwhile, has learned through anonymously leaked emails and documents that Mason has been engaged in a malicious secret campaign that aims to enlist the British state and “friendly” intelligence cut-outs to undermine, censor and even criminalize antiwar dissenters.

In one leaked email, Mason thundered for the “relentless deplatforming” of The Grayzone and the creation of “a kind of permanent rebuttal operation” to discredit it.

In another, the celebrity journalist declared that “the far left rogue academics is who I’m after,” then rants that he is motivated by fear of an emergent “left anti imperialist identity” which “will be attractive because liberalism doesn’t know how to counter it.”

From: Paul Mason [REDACTED]
Date: Friday, 8 April 2022 at 10:39
To: DAVIES Huw [REDACTED]
Ce: Dr. Emma Briant [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Confidential: Data/analysis collaboration

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Yep - the far left rogue academics is who I'm after. There's a progression - White Helmets, Anti-Semitism "was a scam" and now Bucha was a false flag. What I believe is happening is the emergence of a "left anti imperialist identity" - and the danger is it will be attractive because liberalism doesn't know how to counter it.

I suspect they're actually about to launch a new party, around Corbyn and Laura Pidcock. Which will make the whole thing much easier.

I don't monitor the rogue academics much and Emma's tipped me off to their current activities. The important political task is to quarantine their "soft" influencers and expose/stigmatise the hard ideologists.

Does that make sense?

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Mason is joined in his covert crusade by Amil Khan, the founder of a shadowy intelligence contractor called [Valent Projects](#). In the cache of leaked emails, Khan proposed to Mason the initiation of a “clever John Oliver style stunt that makes [The Grayzone] a laughing stock,” as well as a “full nuclear legal to squeeze them financially.”

The Grayzone has [previously revealed](#) Khan’s extensive involvement in the Syrian dirty war, during which he provided public relations guidance to jihadist groups, trained anti-government activists in communication strategies, and secretly oversaw supposed citizen journalist collectives backed by foreign governments. His goal was to flood international media with pro-opposition propaganda, destabilize the government of Bashar Assad, and ready the ground for Western regime change.

This ethically dubious work was conducted for a variety of intelligence-adjacent British Foreign Office contractors, such as ARK, a firm founded by [probable MI6 operative](#) Alistair Harris, and IncoStrat, which has been plausibly accused of producing propaganda for the blood-stained UK and Saudi-backed insurgents.

After leaving the Middle East, Khan reinvented himself as an expert in countering “disinformation”, and has since charged a number of [blue chip clients](#) a premium for his dubious services. As this outlet [reported](#), the same techniques of manipulation and information warfare that Khan honed in Syria were turned against Western citizens when he oversaw a British quasi-state funded astroturf YouTube project designed to counter public skepticism of Covid-related restrictions.

Khan’s email communications with Mason illustrate the grudge he has harbored since The Grayzone exposed his devious exploits. In the missives, he descends into self-delusion, insisting this outlet’s factual reporting was, in fact, state-sponsored retaliation for his [crusading work](#) “opposing military dictators and kleptocrats.”

Together, Khan and Mason plotted to assemble a coalition of anti-Grayzone actors, including the US and UK government-funded “open source” outlet Bellingcat, which Mason revealingly described as a channel for “intel service input by proxy.” Khan proposed convening the de facto Victims of Grayzone Memorial Foundation at an in-person summit to “come up with a plan that addresses [The Grayzone’s] objectives and vulnerabilities.”

At one point, a member of their coalition embedded inside the UK Foreign Office reached out across the Atlantic for advice from Nina Jankowicz, the disgraced former head of the Department of Homeland Security’s Disinformation Governance Board.

It is uncertain how Mason and Khan became acquainted, but their mutual coincidence of needs, motives and vendettas is obvious. The public interest in releasing the pair’s private communications is also abundantly clear. If their planned criminalization of The Grayzone for publishing facts and opinions they abhor is successful, it will have dire ramifications for any and all journalists and independent media institutions seeking to challenge the status quo.

When approached by The Grayzone, Paul Mason declined to comment on the incriminating correspondence with Khan, and claimed to have informed local police that “an attempt was made” to hack his email account. While dismissing the leaked content as “likely to be edited, distorted or fake,” he went on to pledge he would “not cease to identify and rebut Russian disinformation operations masquerading as journalism.”

In other words, Mason implied he plans to carry on with the very activity exposed in the leaked emails.

Khan and Mason collude to form anti-Grayzone coalition and shatter Corbynite left

On April 30 this year, Paul Mason emailed Amil Khan, making clear he was “keen to help” de-platform The Grayzone.

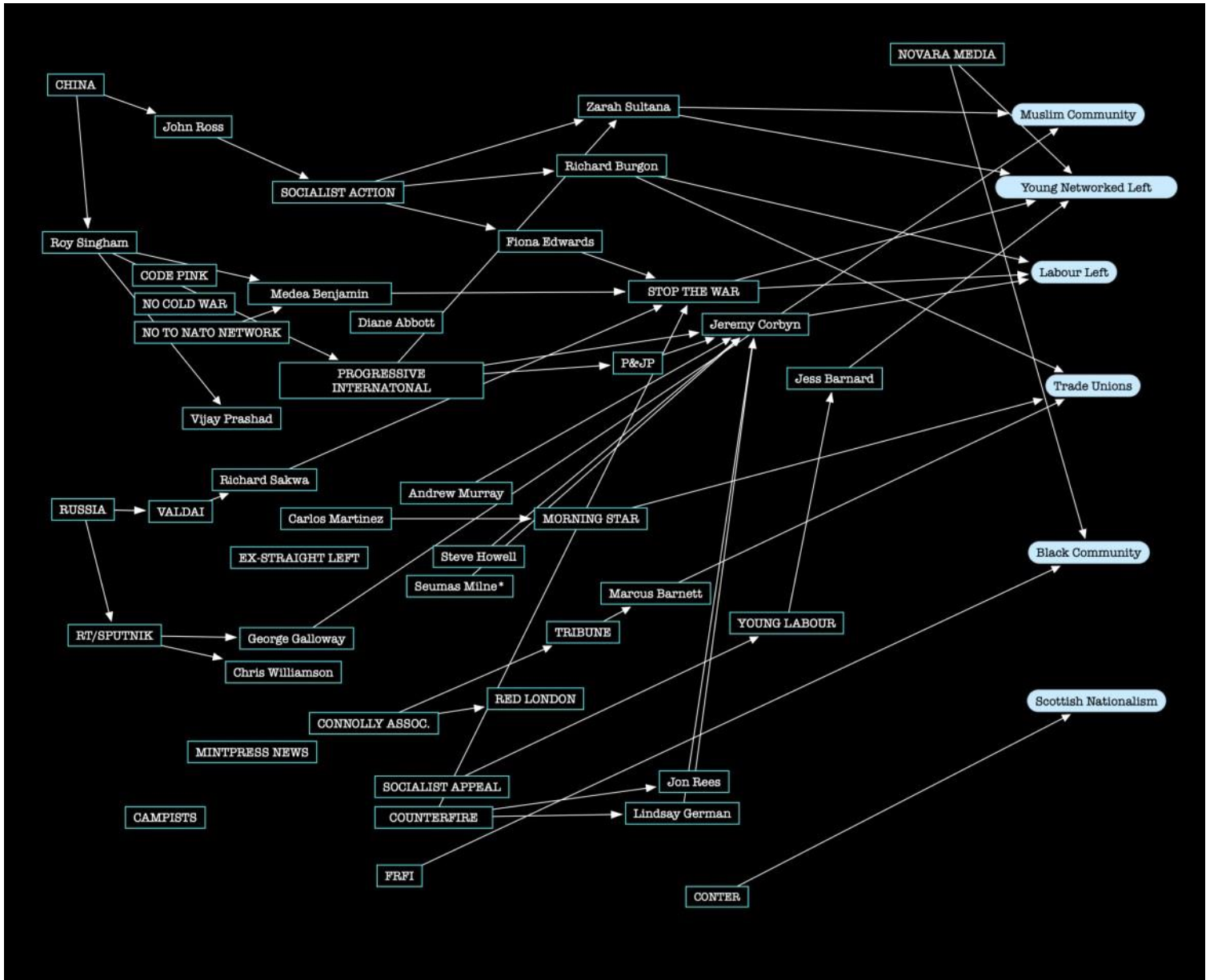
He attached a bizarrely constructed “dynamic map of the ‘left’ pro-Putin infosphere” that resembled a spider’s web, with a mess of arrows linking the names of members of parliament, media outlets, activists, causes, and British minority communities.

The barely coherent, racially-tinged chart connected the Russian government, Russian state broadcaster RT, the People’s Republic of China, and Beijing-based tech millionaire-financier Roy Singham to the “Muslim Community,” “Young Networked Left” and “Black

Community” through a series of leftist outfits and UK Labour figures. No evidence was provided to support Mason’s linkages.

At the center of Mason’s chart (see below) is Jeremy Corbyn. When Corbyn served as Labour leader, Mason plotted against him in private while simultaneously posing as one of his most ardent public supporters. He also sought to influence Shadow Chancellor John McDonnell in a pro-war direction.

The implication behind Mason’s Nixonian enemies chart was clear: Russia and China have weaponized the British left to corrupt key Labour constituencies - therefore the left must be neutralized.



Mason suggested to Khan that he enlist the help of “pro traffic analysts to map” how these “different echo chambers interact, where their material begins - and work out who *might* [emphasis added] be pulling the strings.”

He nonetheless seemed certain about the dark forces animating The Grayzone, bombastically charging that its “attacks” on Khan and others are “fed by Russian and Chinese intel,” including hacking, “electronic warfare” and human intelligence.

Mason compared this process to Bellingcat receiving “a steady stream of intel from Western agencies.” The US and UK government-funded outlet Bellingcat has frequently been

accused of laundering CIA and MI6 dirt, a charge which the operatives behind it aggressively repudiate. However, Khan - a long-time advocate and associate of the outlet - did not once challenge Mason's repeated characterization of the supposed citizen journalist collective as a clearing house for friendly spy agencies.

Underlining the sensitivity of the pair's malicious plans for The Grayzone, Mason stressed the need for their work to be conducted via "white label organisations operating with firm infosec - Signal/ProtonMail, clean phones."

Paul Mason [REDACTED]

4/30/2022 8:23 AM

Grayzone etc

To: ami [REDACTED]

I'm keen to help re Grayzone. If you have any access to resources and expertise here is what I suggest.

1. A dynamic map of the "left" pro-Putin info sphere. I made one of the British left Putin influencers that I can share with you but a more useful project would be to get pro traffic analysts to map how the different echo chambers interact, where their material begins - and work out who might be pulling the strings. We could use the Jacques Baud article on Ukraine as an example of purposefully created disinfo.

Why a map? Because over time it is the behaviour, the priorities and the networks that reveal the truth about who they are - not snapshots of who they profile.

I asked two people on the official side are who are concerned about this "does the state monitor and counter left disinfo" and they said no. I send the beginnings of it, and I can fill you in on why. But this is exactly why someone needs to do it.

2. We need to understand the layered nature of the operation. In Britain my sense is "pro-Kremlin ppl do it for belief, pro-China people do it for money and kudos". I can show you how I think the PRC influence network works, centred on Roy Singham and the GS fund money mentioned here:

<https://newlinesmag.com/reportage/the-big-business-of-uyghur-genocide-denial/>

3. Grayzone is not just pushing disinfo - it is doxxing and exposing counter-disinfo actors - hence their attacks on Valent. There's been similar ops by others against British soft power institutions.

This makes me believe the work should be done by white label organisations operating with firm infosec - Signal/ProtonMail, clean phones. Just as Bellingcat get a steady stream of intel from Western agencies, I suspect the attacks on you and others are fed by Russian and Chinese intel - which will include not just hacking but electronic warfare and HUMINT.

Khan was clearly amenable to his suggestions. Five days later, he outlined two options for taking down The Grayzone: "some sort of clever John Oliver style stunt that makes them a

laughing stock” - referencing a sting operation targeting academic Paul McKeigue conducted by the dubious, intelligence-linked Commission for International Justice and Accountability back in 2021 - “or full nuclear legal to squeeze them financially.”

Mason was enthused by the latter prospect, submitting that it should be “combined with relentless deplatforming,” including cutting off The Grayzone from donation sources such as PayPal, in the manner of Consortium News and MintPress, and setting up “a kind of permanent rebuttal operation.”

Paul Mason [REDACTED]

5/5/2022 7:10 PM

Re: I provoked Aaron Mate...

To: AK [REDACTED]

The latter - but combined with relentless deplatforming - as with PayPal / compendium and mintpress - and a kind of permanent rebuttal operation

Sent from ProtonMail Mobile

On Thu, May 5, 2022 at 17:19, AK <ak@valentprojects.com> wrote:

I feel like there's a couple options with these clowns:

- some sort of clever John Oliver style stunt that makes them a laughing stock
- full nuclear legal to squeeze them financially

I dont know if you saw the CIJA sting, but as clever and shocking as it was, it didnt really affect them substantially

<https://www.theguardian.com/law/2021/mar/28/the-uk-professor-a-fake-russian-spy-and-the-undercover-syria-sting>

Khan agreed, proposing the pair “get a few people together who are looking at/been target [sic] by this together and do a centre of gravity analysis,” pooling “what we've all learnt about how they operate” in order to “come up with a plan that addresses their objectives and vulnerabilities, not just their arguments.”

Mason responded by launching into a conspiratorial aside asserting that the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe's (OSCE) post-February 16, 2022 reports showing a dramatic Ukrainian military escalation against pro-Russian separatists in the Donbas region represented “manipulated facts.”

He then proposed “creating a dynamic reference catalogue debunking all [The Grayzone's] allegetions[sic] and ‘facts,’” pitching the initiative as an alternative to direct engagement or “toe to toe” debate.

Re: I provoked Aaron Mate...

To: Paul Mason [REDACTED]

I think we need to get a few people together who are looking at/been target by this together and do a centre of gravity analysis. Pool what we've all learnt about how they operate and come up with a plan that addresses their objectives and vulnerabilities, not just their arguments.

Amil

On 6 May 2022, at 10:08, Paul Mason [REDACTED] wrote:

Agreed. The trade of all disinfo is manipulated facts - like the OSCE reports after 16 Feb in Donbas. However, rather than engage them toe to toe, creating a dynamic reference catalogue debunking all their allegations and "facts" would be a worthy project. A lot of what they communicate is also verbal, where they go further than in the written word.

We need to look at this strategically; Putin will lose in Ukraine. He will go nuts for a while and their tone and the stakes they are playing for will have to go more manic. But where do they go once the Putin backed project to destabilise the west is defeated?

“Keen” to move on the project, Mason suggested several information warriors to join them; [Emma Briant](#), an academic researching disinformation; Chloe Hadjimatheou, the [British intelligence-linked](#) BBC journalist who produced a multi-part podcast series smearing critics of the NATO-backed Syrian White Helmets organization as Kremlin stooges and fascists; and Bellingcat, which he said could provide “intel service input by proxy.”

Khan said he was “happy” to host a secret meeting of these individuals at Valent Projects’ London offices.

AK [REDACTED]

5/6/2022 11:28 AM

Re: I provoked Aaron Mate...

To: Paul Mason [REDACTED]

It would be good to have BC in a room with others to discuss this.

I think a brain storm session around a centre of gravity analysis (what are their aims, what's the enabling infrastructure etc) and then a discussion about who can/wants to be involved in an effort to address it

We'd be happy to host if people are happy to come to Ladbroke Grove.

Sent from ProtonMail for iOS

On Fri, May 6, 2022 at 10:20, Paul Mason [REDACTED] wrote:

Am keen to do this. Emma Briant has some of it.

Chloe Hakimatheou at BBC, plus the various think tanks - what it really also needs is intel service input by proxy - eg Bellingcat

After Mason proposed inviting a representative of the UK Foreign Office to the anti-Grayzone meet and greet, the Valent Projects chief reached out to a friend at the National Security Council's Communications Directorate, a Whitehall unit "tasked with hybrid threats."

His Directorate source said the British government would be averse to sending a representative to the gathering, "as it could jeopardise outcomes later." Nonetheless, they advocated convening people "targeted" by The Grayzone, to collate evidence that could be submitted to OFCOM, Britain's communications regulator, and/or Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), the name of both a government department and parliamentary committee, "as part of a formal complaint."

They imagined that this process could somehow trigger an investigation into The Grayzone's "funding and activities," leading the government to "get properly involved."

Khan added that his pal suggested also approaching Thomson Reuters Foundation and BBC Media Action for the initiative. The Grayzone [has previously exposed](#) these media charities as having participated in covert British state-funded efforts to "weaken the Russian state's influence."

Khan said he would also be in touch with the Foreign Office's [newly-founded](#) psychological warfare unit, the Government Information Cell.

AK [REDACTED]
Re: I provoked Aaron Mate...

5/6/2022 5:57 PM

To: Paul Mason [REDACTED]

I just spoke to a friend at National Security Council comms directorate - they have been tasked with hybrid threats. He says govt wouldnt want to send someone to a meeting, as it could jeopardise outcomes later. But he says a plan of action could include a bunch of us who have been targeted putting evidence together for OFCOM and/or DCMS as part of a formal complaint, which would then kick off an investigation into GZ's funding and activities - at which point govt can get properly involved. He suggests we keep talking as things progress.

He also mentioned that we might want to bring in Reuters Foundation and BBC Media Action who have also been targeted.

Im separately asking the new FCDO disinfo team

Will shoot you a draft invite text over the weekend

Mason's reaction was mixed. While hailing the prospect of triggering an official government investigation into The Grayzone as "a good idea," he seemed crestfallen the plan did not include securing material from British intelligence on who funds the site, and "what their ultimate deliverables are on behalf of the ppl [people] their work benefits."

"An investigation into them would lead to what? Deplatforming? Anyway that's progress," he concluded.

Khan reassured Mason that OFCOM and DCMS could task "other bits of government to get that intel; and the findings will automatically enter the system" - meaning The Grayzone and its contributors could end up slapped with "Russian state affiliated media" labels on social media, leading to algorithmic discrimination and potential shadow banning, among other penalties.

"I think/hope *there's potential to go further* [emphasis added]. It's too easy for them to flip deplatforming with 'the system is scared of us'. We need to look at their influence/legitimacy with audiences," Khan stated.

Re: I provoked Aaron Mate...

To: Paul Mason [REDACTED]

The advantage of the DCMS or OFCOM route is that they can task other bits of government to get that intel; and the findings will automatically enter the system. But the “demand signal” has to come from elsewhere, which is where we could step in.

Re what it leads to; i hear that they really dont like being tagged as “Russian state affiliated media” as it hits their reach. But i think/hope there’s potential to go further. It’s too easy for them to flip deplatforming with “the system is scared of us”. We need to look at their influence/legitimacy with audiences.

On 6 May 2022, at 18:21, Paul Mason [REDACTED] wrote:

That’s a good idea. But what we need is intel on who finds them and what their ultimate deliverables are on behalf of the ppl their work benefits - an investigation into them would lead to what? Deplatforming?

Anyway that’s progress

Yet Khan is likely to be extremely disappointed if he and Mason follow through on their dream of submitting formal complaints about The Grayzone to OFCOM and/or DCMS.

For one, OFCOM’s remit extends to domestic broadcast media, such as TV, radio, and streaming platforms. In other words, it does not and *cannot* scrutinize or sanction online content, let alone that of US websites. On the same grounds, it is unclear what jurisdiction DCMS has to investigate The Grayzone. Further, no British government department, except perhaps for MI6, could possibly be tasked with unearthing damaging “intel” on this publication or its staff.

It is therefore stunning that veteran mainstream media pros like Mason and Khan were unaware of such an obvious, fatal flaw in their scheme. More importantly, The Grayzone does not and never will receive funding or direction of any kind from the Chinese or Russian governments, or any other foreign state or connected entity.

Khan and Mason plan pro-Ukraine propaganda shop backed by NATO states “through cutouts”

Mason and Khan’s brazen attempt to de-platform and financially cripple an independent media outlet on the slanderous, fictional pretext it is actually a hostile foreign information operation is especially perverse given that other leaked emails in The Grayzone’s possession reveal that Mason participated in a plan to construct a hostile foreign information operation of his own.

The project appears to have been the brainchild of [Andy Pryce](#), the head of the Counter Disinformation and Media Development unit at the UK Foreign Office, who helped guide the British government’s propaganda strategy around the Skripal poisoning affair in 2018.

Dubbed an “International Information Brigade” in an email apparently composed by Pryce, the outfit was pitched as an astroturfed civil society organization that would serve as “the major, forward leaning player in the information war.” While publicly operating as an NGO, the Brigade would be funded by Western states “through cutouts,” and closely intertwined with intelligence services.

On Sat, Mar 5, 2022 at 12:43, [REDACTED] wrote:

A Ukrainian friend and colleague has shared an idea with me. Along the lines of what we were talking about the other day:

- an International information brigade - a civil society organisation with contacts into government but not controlled by government that would:

- 1) be the major, forward leaning, player in the information war
- 2) be the beneficiary of intelligence but also help guide governments
- 3) be funded by a collective from like minded western countries - perhaps through cut outs.

Mason responded that Pryce’s plan for a state-backed propaganda operation presented as a grassroots civil society initiative was a “good idea,” and proposed “immediate translation of Kyiv independent stuff,” noting that “the European Young Socialists are doing this already and have raised funds.”

The Young European Socialists is a social democrat-oriented youth organization [sponsored by the European Union](#). And the Kyiv Independent is a key propaganda organ of the Ukrainian government which has [received financial support](#) from the Canadian government and European Union.

ap [REDACTED]
Re: (No Subject)
To: Paul Mason [REDACTED]

3/5/2022 3:10 PM

On Sat, Mar 5, 2022 at 13:46, Paul Mason <[REDACTED]> wrote:

It's a good idea - would it's existence be public and if public would it be high profile or white label ?

If public it's credibility, like bellinacat's would rely entirely on its independence from Govt funding and the diversity of its apparent contributors...

It would also become a target

However if you adopted a matrioshka approach, and the "real" IIB was a private core of committed people, you could be far more effective.

Let's think about what it would produce that the media and organic networks could not produce

Example: immediate translation and dissemination of Kyiv independent stuff - thr European Young Socialists are doing this already and have raised funds

Khan drafts invite to secret anti-Grayzone summit

Whether Khan and Mason's bold plans for an anti-Grayzone summit have been put into action remains unclear. However, by May 12, Khan had drafted an invitation for prospective members to attend the initial brainstorming session. In his note, he conjured up a vast and fearsome nexus of "pro-Russian trolls" destroying anyone in the Kremlin's way, at the center of which rests The Grayzone Death Star.

"We are getting in touch because, like us, you have also been targeted by a network of pro-Russian trolls...This network revolves around the outlet known as Grayzone and includes a dozen or so individuals who use online intimidation, bullying and harassment to promote pro-Kremlin talking points," Khan wrote. "Social media platforms and governments have identified the [sic] RT, Sputnik etc as Russian state affiliated outlets and taken action accordingly. Grayzone, however has avoided scrutiny."

Draft letter

To: Paul Mason [REDACTED]

Dear XX

We are getting in touch because, like us, you have also been targeted by a network of pro-Russian trolls.

If you have publicly engaged on issues such as the Syrian regime's use of chemical weapons, the US alt right or Covid denial, chances are you have caught their attention.

This network revolves around the outlet known as Grayzone and includes a dozen or so individuals who use online intimidation, bullying and harassment to promote pro-Kremlin talking points. They present themselves as journalists when they are in fact an information operation of a dictatorship that sees a free press as a threat.

Since the invasion of Ukraine, this network has swung into action behind the Kremlin's narrative about "denazifying" Ukraine etc. Social media platforms and governments have identified the RT, Sputnik etc as Russian state affiliated outlets and taken action accordingly. Grayzone, however, has avoided scrutiny.

Since we have all attracted the attention of this network, we are proposing a meeting to compare notes; to get a sense of who they are targeting, the methods they are using and what if any options are available to us to respond.

Please do let us know if such a meeting is something you would be interested in. If there is enough interest, we can fix a location and time.

All the best,

Amil Khan and Paul Mason

Mason suggested a minor amendment to "avoid libel risk": revising the passage referring to The Grayzone as "in fact an information operation of a dictatorship." He felt this should be softened to The Grayzone "present themselves as journalists when their modus operandi looks more like [an] information operation - whether voluntary or co-ordinated - of a dictatorship."

Khan agreed to the alteration and proposed more summit guests. They included the BBC's "first specialist disinformation and social media reporter," Marianna Spring, who [recently smeared](#) several British academics for scrutinizing Western claims relating to the NATO proxy war in Ukraine. He also suggested including former BBC and Jewish Chronicle editor

Martin Bright, who he said may be “heading up a group looking at the legal side of this sort of thing.”

For further participants in the anti-Grayzone summit, Khan referred Mason to Paul Hilder, the Ted Talk-ing, Labourite co-founder of the [National Endowment for Democracy-funded](#) OpenDemocracy.net and Avaaz, which has [lobbied](#) for NATO military interventions in both Libya and Syria.

AK [REDACTED]

5/12/2022 7:55 PM

Re: Draft letter

To: Paul Mason [REDACTED]

Yes, that's better. I've noticed they like to threaten libel

Do you want to send and cc me? I think most of the contacts are people you know better. I would only suggest BBC's Marianna Spring, Nick Waters from Bellingcat, maybe Martin Bright (i dont know him but have heard hes heading up a group looking at the legal side of this sort of thing). Paul Hilder might have other suggestions

Consulting Nina Jankowicz on paranoid scheme against Consortium News

On April 8, Mason emailed Khan to express alarm about [a piece](#) in Consortium News, the independent news platform founded by the late Robert Parry in 1995, questioning the Western narrative of the [Bucha massacre](#). “Who's behind Consortium News?”, the subject header read.

Assistance soon arrived from none other than Andy Pryce from the Counter Disinformation and Media Development unit at the UK Foreign Office.

To learn more about Consortium News, Pryce had consulted Nina Jankowicz, then the chief of the Department of Homeland Security's newly inaugurated Disinformation Governance Board. (Jankowicz would resign her post in disgrace [just three weeks](#) after being appointed due to intense criticism of her professional history, bizarre behavior, and record of censorious statements.)

According to Pryce, Jankowicz saw Consortium News as a case of “useful idiots rather than funding,” presumably a reference to Kremlin financial support. Pryce was by contrast “not so sure,” suggesting “the gap” in its output “between 2005 and 2011” was “of a lot of interest.”

Messaged Nina Jancowitz on this (she is now leading some efforts at the US DHS). She is going to ask around but thinks it is useful idiots rather than funding.

I am not so sure and think the gap in output between 2005 and 2011 is of a lot of interest. And I see a few very familiar names on the board.

Joe Lauria, editor-in-chief of Consortium News, expressed bewilderment at the purported disinformation official's observations, and outrage at the defamatory implication that the site might be in receipt of illicit Russian funding.

"There was never any 'gap' in our publication," Lauria told The Grayzone. "Our founder, Bob Parry, simply switched to WordPress in 2011 and transferred some of the most important articles from the old system. There were thousands of articles so he couldn't possibly transfer all of them, it had to be done manually. The articles that weren't transferred can be found on Wayback Machine."

Indeed, anyone perusing Consortium's archive of "most important" past pieces can see that numerous articles from the period cited by Pryce have been avowedly republished, with their original publication dates clearly stated. This raises the question of whether such conspiratorial thinking influenced PayPal's decision to terminate Consortium's account in May 2022.

Nonetheless, it seems reasonable to infer Khan has been enmeshed in a wilderness of mirrors for so long as a psy-ops professional that he has lost his grip on reality, and has begun to project his own mephitic perspectives and malicious motives onto actually independent, alternative voices.

Similarly, Mason's descent into paranoia about The Grayzone's factual reporting may represent the terminal stage of a career that has taken him from the margins of Trotskyite activism to the molten core of the British establishment, still posing as an authentic radical to wage war on the UK left.

Correction: This article mistakenly sourced two emails apparently by UK Foreign Office official Andy Pryce to Amil Khan. The emails related to the International Information Brigade project and Consortium News We have corrected the article and regret the error.

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The editor-in-chief of The Grayzone, Max Blumenthal is an award-winning journalist and the author of several books, including best-selling Republican Gomorrah, Goliath, The Fifty One Day War, and The Management of Savagery. He has produced print articles for an array of publications, many video reports, and several documentaries, including Killing Gaza. Blumenthal founded The Grayzone in 2015 to shine a journalistic light on America's state of perpetual war and its dangerous domestic repercussions.

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