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In today's [#vatniksoup](#), I'll introduce an American pro-Russian propagandist, communist and "journalist", Caleb T. Maupin ([@RealCalebMaupin](#)). He's best-known for running a communist, cult-like, pro-Russian "think tank", Center for Political Innovation.

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Caleb comes from a small, fanatic and ever decreasing group of people who call themselves communists. His activism goes back to at least to early 2000s, when he was active in the Workers World Party, and was publishing articles for their newspaper, the Workers World.

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Maupin's also launched an organization called The Center for Political Innovation, or CPIUSA for short. According to Caleb, its mission is to "educate and foster visions for a future beyond capitalism".

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In reality, it's an outlet for pushing anti-US and anti-NATO narratives. It also shows many totalitarian regimes, including Russia and China, in a positive light.

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Caleb's spoken in a praising manner about the history of the Communist Party USA that was active in the 1930s and 40s, has spoken in solidarity with communist countries such as Venezuela, Cuba, and PRC, and defended the Russian revolution of 1917.

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He's also very active in organizing various events and demonstrations. In Mar 2022, our favorite "MAGA Communist" Jackson "Z" Hinkle gave a talk on the topic of "Ukraine Crisis & US Media Deceptions" at Caleb's conference in Austin.

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**Events**  
Upcoming (0) Past (2)

**Summit Against Hypocrisy: An Anti-Imperialist Gathering**  
Sat, Mar 26, 1:00 PM  
Hyatt Place Washington DC/Georgetown/West End • Washington, DC

**Preventing World War Three: An evening of music, speeches & discussion**  
Sun, Feb 18, 6:00 PM  
815 14th St NW • Washington, DC

Unite Against the Imperialists! CPI Chicago	Cancel This Webinar	Marching Toward May
Looking Beyond Empire: The Shape of Things to Come	Building Communities of Solidarity	A New Day for America
Revolution 2021 - The Hope For A New Year	The Socialist Future of America	



\*Ukraine Crisis & US Media Deceptions - Jackson Hinkle at CPI Austin Conference



In Aug 2022, Maupin and his colleagues opened a CPIUSA in Chicago in the most grandiose manner - the members of the club/cult held a sign with the letter "Z" and a flag with the symbol of the puppet state DPR. Also, a flag of China and of the US were present. According to...

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..the organizers,the event was held "in support of Stalin,Putin,Mao,Z-occupation and separatists in Ukraine". In an interview to Newsweek, Maupin stated that "We at CPI celebrate the great moment in history where Russia, China and America stood together to defeat fascism."

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## 'This is quite the spectacle': Center for Political Innovation opens Chicago office

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An office for the Center for Political Innovation recently opened in Chicago. | Twitter

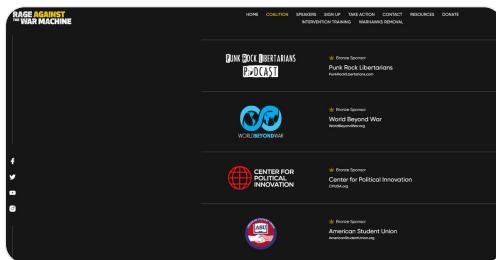
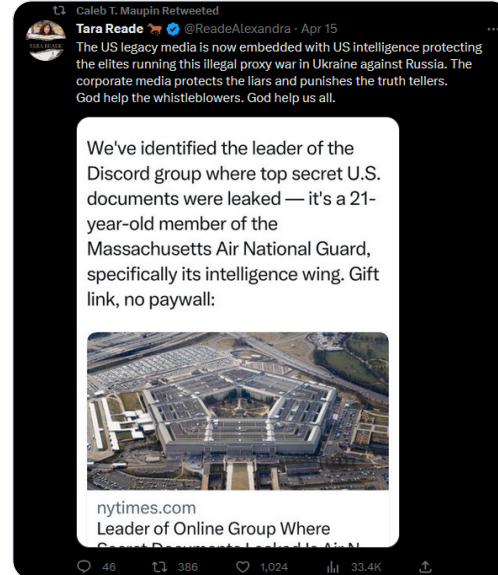
By Chicago City Wire  
Aug 9, 2022

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At the same event, they gave Tara Reade, best-known for her accusations against Joe Biden for sexual harassment, received an award of some sorts.

Maupin's organization was dropped from the tankie gathering, War Against the War Machine, but was listed as its collaborator.

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In a now removed post on Medium, Caleb's "former comrades" speak against him, claiming that "Caleb paid a member for sex who he knew was economically desperate, and then went on to push them out of the group and slander them."

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They also blamed him for running CPIUSA in a cult-like manner. Based on one of these rather young ex-members of the organization, Maupin is "extremely persistent, pushy, wants to isolate you and he wants you to take huge risks with your employment/family..."

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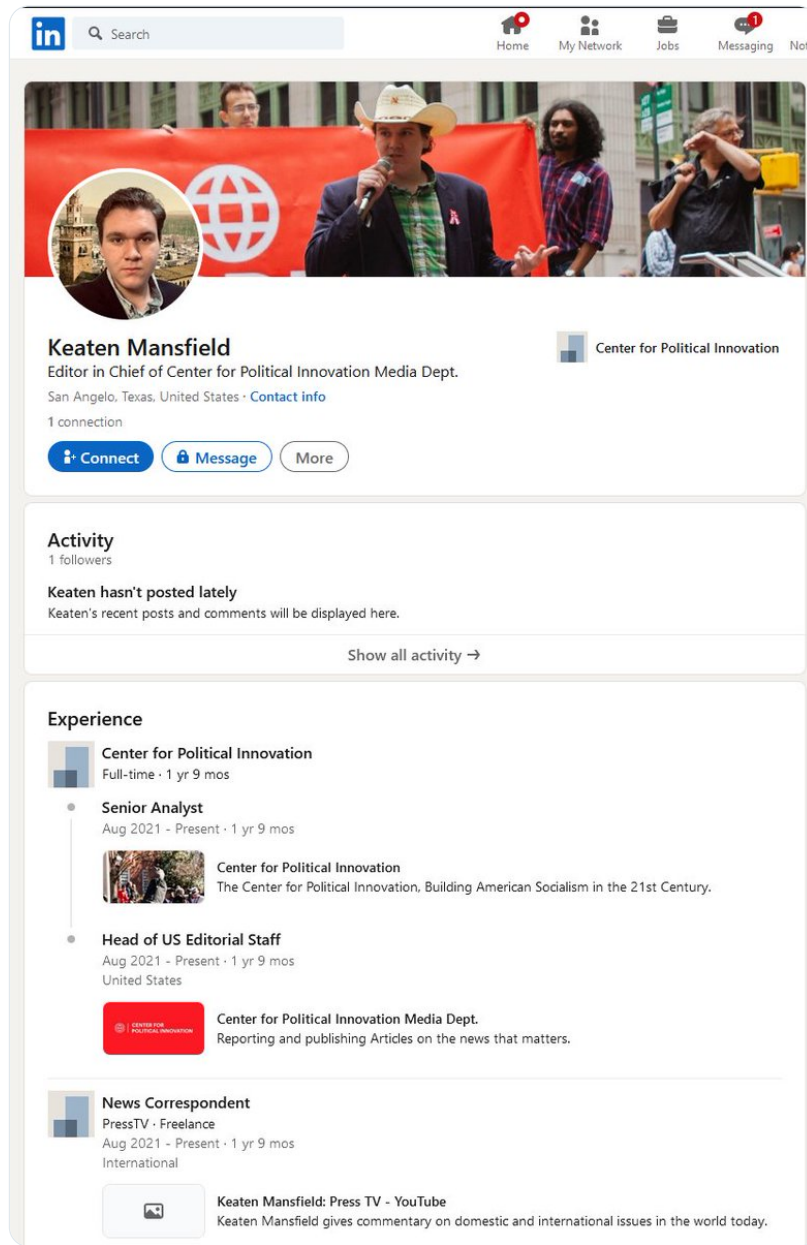
...relationships to show your devotion and commitment to his group, and that he sends text message essays about why you're wrong and bad."

Based on many of the ex-members speaking against Caleb, CPIUSA tries to recruit young people to work for their cause.

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Keaten Mansfield, who allegedly worked/works as the Editor in Chief for "CPIUSA Media Dept.", told how Caleb tried to get an 18-year-old to "give up his old life, move to Chicago, forgo college, drop his plans, and just commit to CPI full-time".

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The image is a screenshot of a LinkedIn profile for Keaten Mansfield. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for Home, My Network, Jobs, and Messaging. Below this is a search bar and a banner image showing Keaten Mansfield speaking into a microphone at a public event, with a red banner featuring a white globe logo in the background. To the left of the banner is a circular profile picture of Keaten Mansfield. Below the banner, the name "Keaten Mansfield" is displayed, followed by his title "Editor in Chief of Center for Political Innovation Media Dept." and location "San Angelo, Texas, United States". There are buttons for "Connect", "Message", and "More". Below this is the "Activity" section, which shows "1 follower" and a message stating "Keaten hasn't posted lately". The "Experience" section lists several roles: "Senior Analyst" at "Center for Political Innovation" (Aug 2021 - Present), "Head of US Editorial Staff" at "Center for Political Innovation Media Dept." (Aug 2021 - Present), and "News Correspondent" at "PressTV - Freelance" (Aug 2021 - Present). A video thumbnail for "Keaten Mansfield: Press TV - YouTube" is also visible.



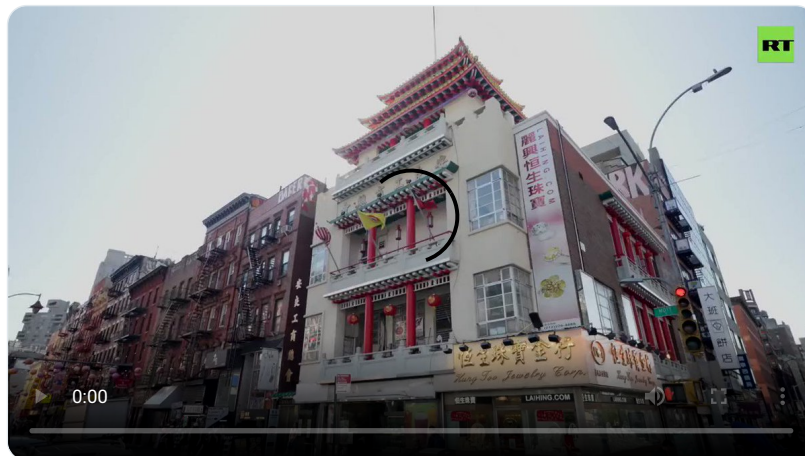
Keaten continued that "This fits Caleb's pattern of attempting to split young people from their families, take advantage of them to more easily manipulate them, and condition them for his cult."

Even fake news blogger Max Blumenthal has come out and called Caleb a "LARPer".14/24



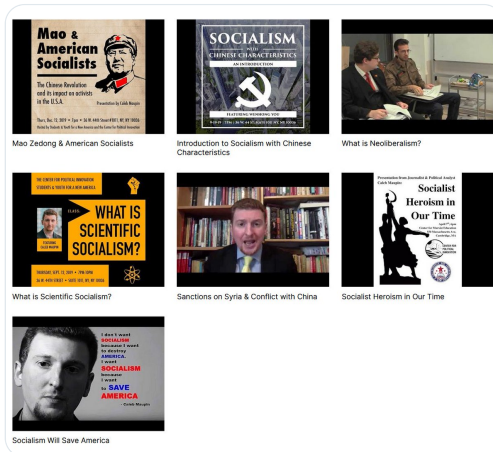
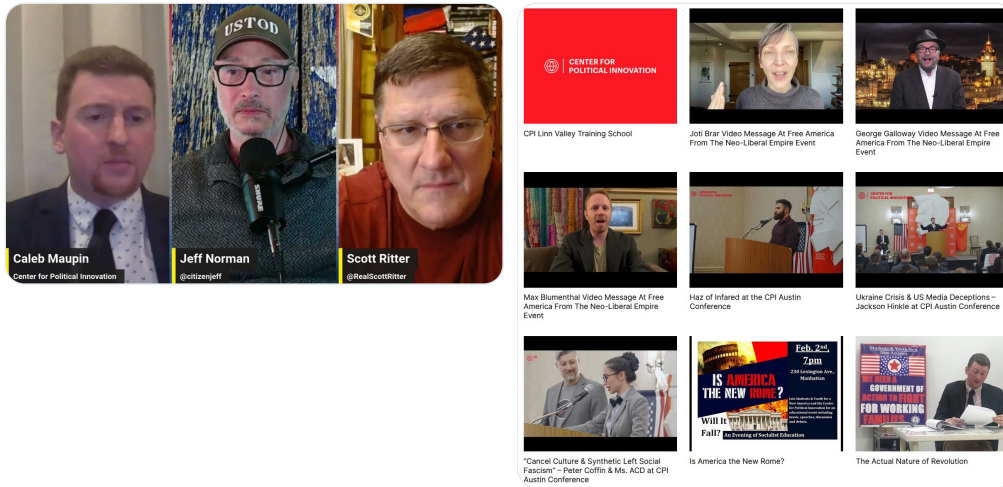
Apparently Caleb's goal was to make enough money from CPIUSA so that he can quit his correspondent work he does for RT. Allegedly he'd also said that he will in a "compound" in the woods where he would live with "the kids," possibly referring to young CPIUSA members.

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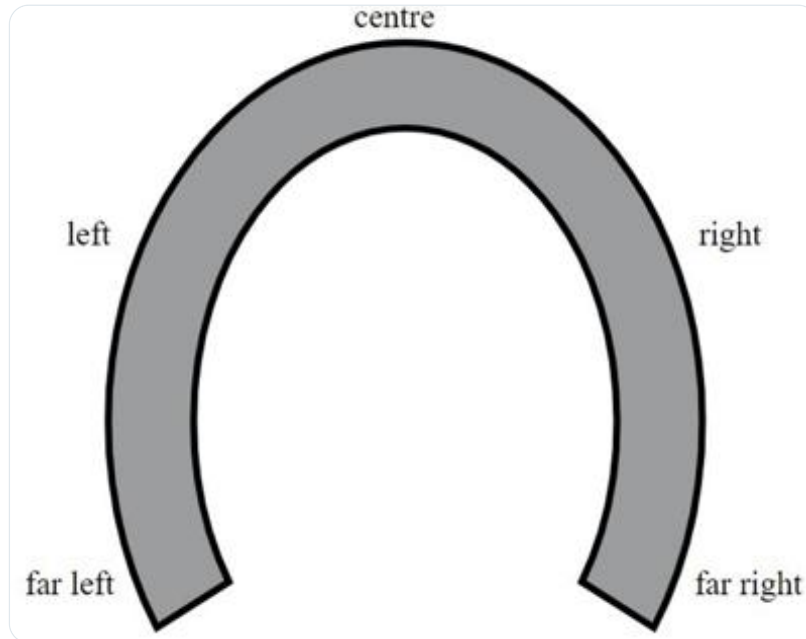
Caleb's communism is a weird mixture of fighting against the "woke mind virus", "deep state" and "liberalism". He's a fervent opponent of the so-called "cancel culture" of the left and he was also a critic of the BLM movement.

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Maupin can be positioned to the very far edges of the left, to the point in the horseshoe where it meets the far-right. Like Glenn Greenwald and Jimmy Dore, Maupin also promotes the idea of forgetting the political "left" and "right", prioritizing the common...

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...goals of bashing the US "neoliberals", the "woke culture", and the NATO. This unification of far-right and far-left has been ongoing for a while, and some have named it accurately the "the red-brown horseshoe alliance".

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## CPI Recognition of LPR and DPR

By Center for Political Innovation  
Published: 4/17/2023

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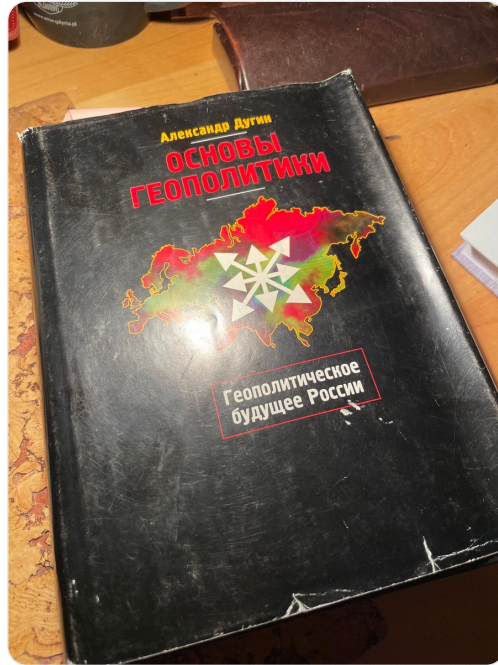
The Center for Political Innovation and all its members congratulate you on your recognition of sovereignty and independence from Ukraine by the Russian Federation. We extend our fullest support for your struggle against oppression and occupation following the US-NATO supported Euromaidan of 2014.

We continue to oppose the existence of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, an alliance formed to counter the influence and interests of the USSR, a country which has not existed since 1991. The Center for Political Innovation condemns the US government's support and funding of Ukrainian aggression and sees it as a direct betrayal of the values born out of 1776 and our War of Independence from British Occupation.

We hope for a swift and successful resolution to Ukraine's continued violence against the Donbas region as well as a prosperous and peaceful future for the Donetsk People's Republic and Luhansk People's Republic.

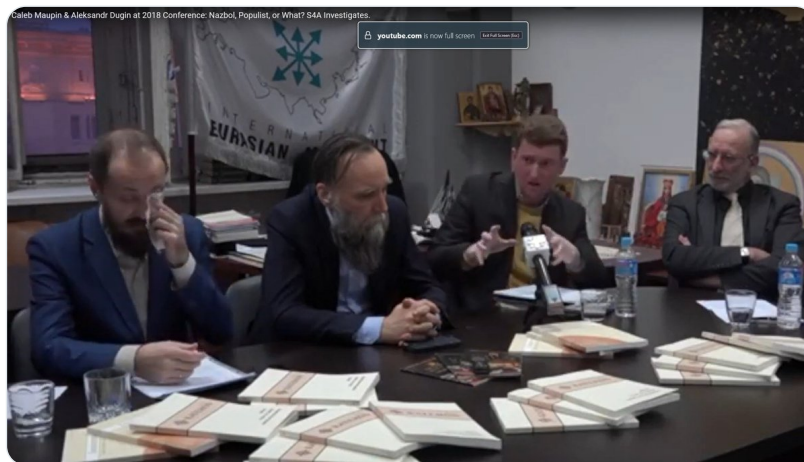
Some have referred to Maupin as a "nazbol", referring to the National Bolshevik movement started in 1993 by Eduard Limonov, Aleksandr Dugin and few others. Dugin's 1997 book, Foundations of Geopolitics (FoG) provided a blueprint for Russia's imperialist endeavors,...

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...and some have stated that he's behind the grand plan of invading countries like Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine. In 2018, Maupin had a chat with Dugin where they talked about various topics ranging from "Eurasianism" to fascism.

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If you want to torture yourself, you can find the talk here:



<https://www.youtube.com/embed/iArranse13M>

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To conclude, Maupin seems to try and create a cult-like communist movement that's not actually communist but fascist. To do this, he recruits and manipulates young people, while moonlighting as "correspondent" for RT. As ridiculous as Caleb's efforts to most of us ...

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..Westerners may seem, they're often used for propaganda purposes in propaganda outlets like Russia's Sputnik, RT, Ruptly, and China's Global Times and People's Republic. In Apr 2023, Global Times interviewed the "ideological leader of CPIUSA", and in this interview Caleb..


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OPINION / VIEWPOINT

## Why we protest Tsai Ing-wen's stopover in the US: anti-war activist

By Global Times  
Published: Apr 03, 2023 05:34 PM




US anti-war organization Center for Political Innovation protests against Taiwan regional leader Tsai Ing-wen's transit in New York on March 29. Photo: Courtesy of Caleb Maupin

**Editor's Note:**

Taiwan regional leader Tsai Ing-wen may meet with US House Speaker Kevin McCarthy during her "stopover" in the US on her way back from Central America. On March 29, American anti-war organization Center for Political Innovation (CPIUSA) protested against Tsai's transit in New York and shouted out loudly "China is not our enemy!" What's the motivation behind this protest? How do the anti-war forces in the US think about US provocation on the Taiwan question? Caleb Maupin (**Maupin**), ideological leader of CPIUSA, shared his views with Global Times (GT) reporter Wang Zixuan in an interview.

gave a pretty grim report on the state of the US: " the US is falling apart - our trains are derailling, our water is not being properly purified, our power plants are collapsing, our roads and bridges are crumbling."

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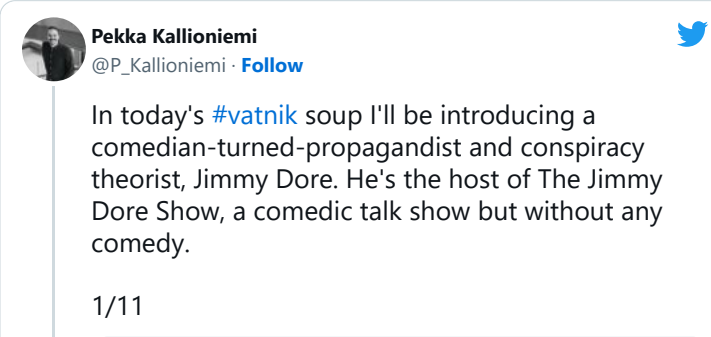
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