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Nov 28, 2022 · 16 tweets · [TTarkkailija/status/1597368229437100038](https://twitter.com/TTarkkailija/status/1597368229437100038)

1/ Steve Bannon's trusted man, Matthew Tyrmand, had a speech at CPAC 2022 in May in Hungary. "Budapest is like modern Day Rome in contemporary culture war", Tyrmand says. Tyrmand considers the Hungarian media to represent free Western pluralism.



<https://www.youtube.com/embed/-9o53xiX0BI>



2/ Matthew Tyrmand praises news service run by his friend Stefan Tompson: "We have social media accounts that has become journalist platforms in itself like Visegrad24 Twitter account with nearly 300K followers that has coverage of Central European Politics better than ANY..."

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OUR INTERVIEW

OUR INTERVIEW. Stefan Tompson, friend of Tommy Robinson, friend of Tommy Robinson: They want to silence him because he represents the views of millions of Britons

Policy

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MFA Russia
@mfa_russia
Russia government organization

#Zakharova (on the sentence of #journalist and civil activist Tommy Robinson): We will continue to closely monitor this case, mainly from the perspective of #Britain's declared commitment to the immutability of high human rights standards.

Matthew Tyrmand
@MatthewTyrmand
My boyz @makowski_m @StefanTompson @lkwarzecha all together:)

Marcin Makowski @makowski_m · Jun 28, 2019
Friends will be friends 🤝 @lkwarzecha, @StefanTompson, @MatthewTyrmand.

10:30 PM · Jun 28, 2019 from Krakow, Poland · Twitter for iPhone

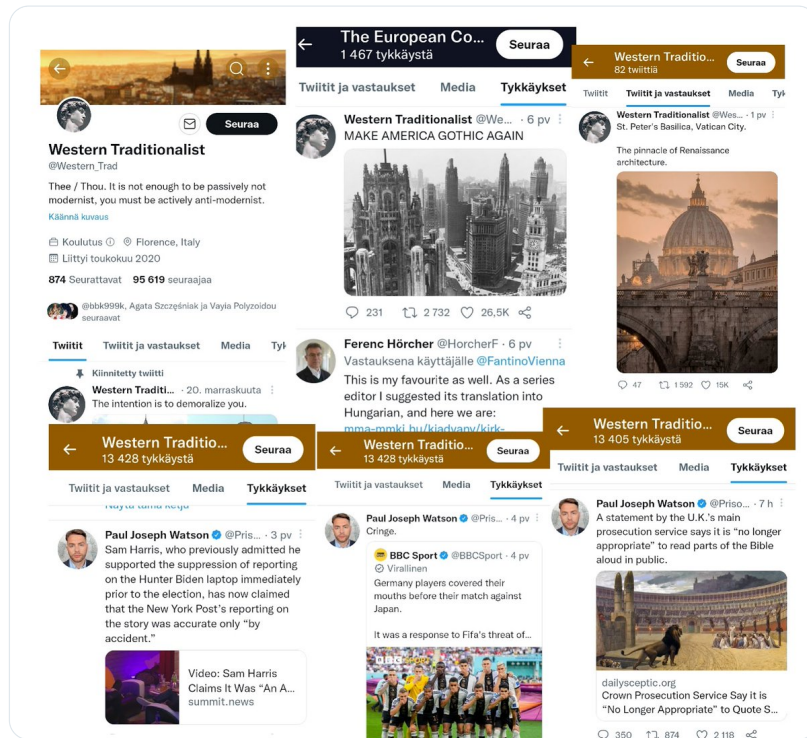
Krzysztof Szczawiński
Ale nam gwiazda wyrosła z tej Wolności (celebrating Ayn Rand's b-day)
Zdjęcia użytkownika Matthew Tyrmand w albumie
Zdjęcia z telefonu · 3 lut 2019 · 📷

3/ ...mainstream news desk like FT or BBC...."

Tyrmand says that he works also on the editorial board of the European Conservative media. He call it "academic style conservative media". The timeline also includes entertainment targeted at CE's followers.



4/ EC's Twitter account likes e.g. "Western Traditionalist" account. It likes Paul Joseph Watson, who has worked e.g. to Sputnik and RT and spread conspiracy theories.



5/ EC publishes an interview with Rand Paul, in which he continues to repeat his position that Finland and Sweden's joining NATO will unnecessarily escalate the relationship with Russia. Article describe widely weakness of SE's defence capabilities.

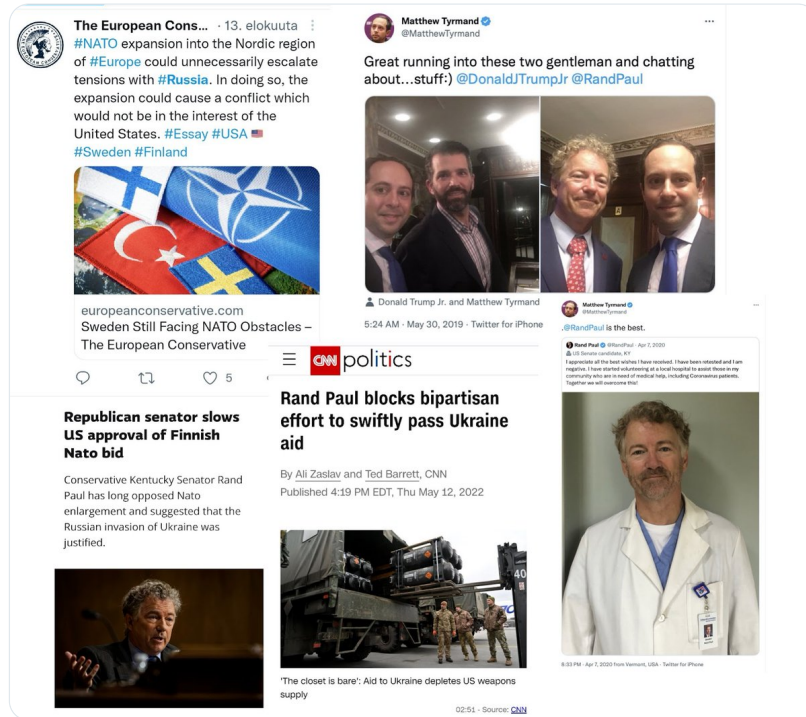


Sweden Still Facing NATO Obstacles

NATO expansion into the Nordic region of Europe could unnecessarily escalate tensions with Russia. In doing so, the expansion could cause a conflict which w ...

<https://europeanconservative.com/articles/essay/sweden-still-facing-nato-obstacles/>

6/ Finland is almost completely ignored in the story. Matthew Tyrmand admires Rand Paul and he appears in pictures with him.



The screenshot shows a social media feed with three main items:

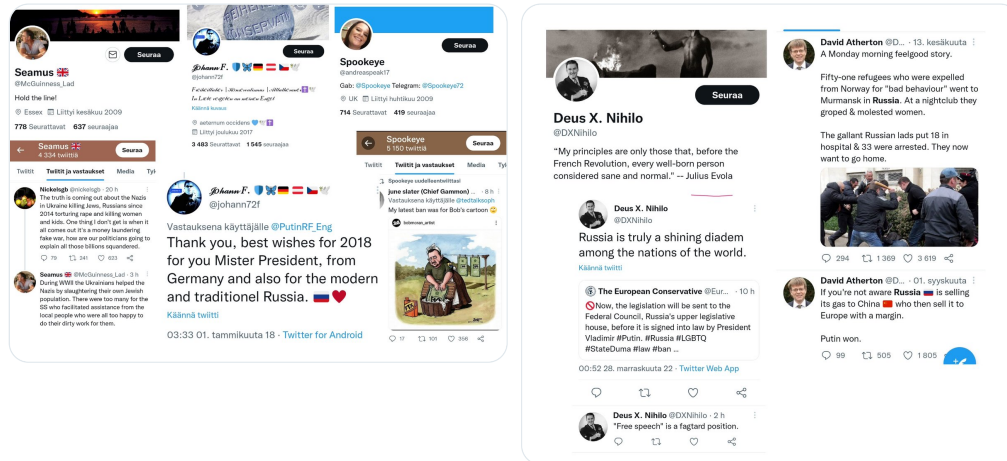
- Top Left:** A tweet from "The European Cons..." dated 13. elokuuta. The text discusses NATO expansion into the Nordic region, mentioning tensions with Russia and the interest of the United States. It includes hashtags #Essay #USA, #Sweden, and #Finland. Below the text is an image of the flags of Finland, Sweden, and the NATO logo.
- Top Right:** A tweet by Matthew Tyrmand (@MatthewTyrmand) dated May 30, 2019. The text says "Great running into these two gentleman and chatting about...stuff:) @DonaldJTrumpJr @RandPaul". Below the text are two photos: one of Donald Trump Jr. and Matthew Tyrmand, and another of Matthew Tyrmand and Rand Paul.
- Bottom Left:** A news article snippet from CNN titled "Republican senator slows US approval of Finnish Nato bid". The text states that Conservative Kentucky Senator Rand Paul has long opposed NATO enlargement and suggested that the Russian invasion of Ukraine was justified. It includes a small photo of Rand Paul.
- Bottom Center:** A news article snippet from CNN titled "Rand Paul blocks bipartisan effort to swiftly pass Ukraine aid". The text mentions that aid to Ukraine depletes US weapons supply. It includes a photo of military trucks and soldiers.
- Bottom Right:** A tweet by Rand Paul (@RandPaul) dated April 7, 2020. The text says "#RandPaul is the best." and includes a photo of Rand Paul in a white lab coat.

7/ November 27, 2022, the EC publishes article by Robert Semonsen about how Russia's LGBTQ legislation is being further tightened. No direct position is taken on the subject.

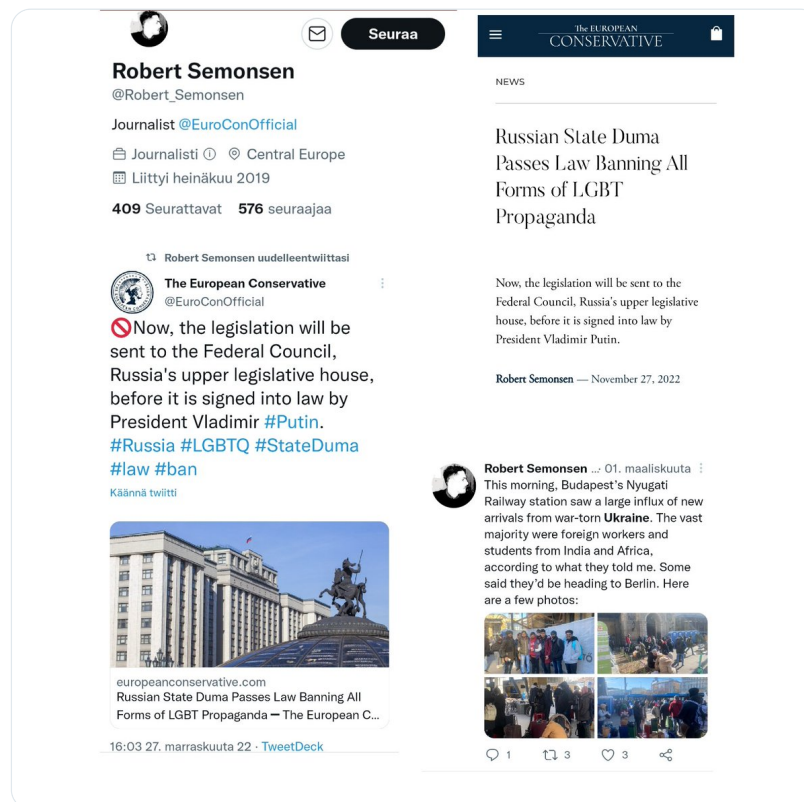


Russian State Duma Passes Law Banning All Forms of LGBT Propaga...
Now, the legislation will be sent to the Federal Council, Russia's upper legislative house, before it is signed into law by President Vladimir Putin.
<https://europeanconservative.com/articles/news/russian-state-duma-passes-law-banni...>

8/ Tweets achieve likes by followers of European Conservative. At least in the initial stages, these accounts are accounts that support Russian politics.



9/ Journalist Semonsen has published one tweet including word Ukraine. It tells about "the a large influx of Indian and African refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine to Hungary and towards Berlin". In other respects, the war in Ukraine has not inspired his journalistic ambition.



10/ European Conservative writes about the generous support granted by Orbán's government to Ukraine. However, the text of the story shows that it is actually Hungary's share of the 18 billion loan granted by the EU's joint agreement.



Ukraine to Receive 186 Million Euros in Aid from Hungary

Hungary's generous assistance comes despite the fact that it's been maligned repeatedly as a "trojan horse" of Russia.

<https://europeanconservative.com/articles/news/ukraine-to-receive-186-million-euros-i...>

11/ European Conservative publishes a thread related to John Mearsheimer's speech at Századvég institute in Budapest on November 8, 2022.

Mearsheimer believes that NATO expansion has forced Russia into "balancing behavior".

The European C... · 08. marraskuuta

In its drive "to make Ukraine a western bulwark" (part of a push to expand NATO all the way to Russia's doorstep), the U.S. forced Russia's hand, says John Mearsheimer, in a magisterial talk on current geopolitical realities.

"This is balancing behavior on Russia's part."

The European C... · 08. marraskuuta

"There is no evidence that Putin has ever said that he thought it would be a good idea to conquer Ukraine ... or ... that it is feasible ... or ... that that's what he plans to do."—John Mearsheimer making comments bound to make many hawks uncomfortable.

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12/ The institute criticizes “US interference in Hungary’s internal politics” and says that Hungarians oppose financing Ukraine.

szazadvég.hu/en/

The screenshot displays the Századvég website interface. On the left, there are four article teasers, each with a background image and a title:

- Teaser 1:** Background image of a man in a top hat and stacks of money. Title: "The Lincoln Project, or the Trojan horse of Soros and the liberals on the American right?".
- Teaser 2:** Background image of a city skyline and a Chinese flag. Title: "The United States and China win, everyone else loses with Brussels sanctions".
- Teaser 3:** Background image of hands holding a globe. Title: "The importance of the institution of the family is unquestionable across Europe".
- Teaser 4:** Background image of a crowd of people. Title: "EU citizens still view those entering the EU as economic immigrants".

On the right, a larger article is featured with the following content:

- Header:** "HUNGARIANS REJECT U.S. INTERFERENCE IN DOMESTIC POLITICS".
- Sub-header:** "Brussels is preparing for an unfair move – it would pay Ukraine while the European Commission is withholding financial assistance from Hungary and Poland".
- Text:** "After her talks with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, Ursula von der Leyen said the leaders of Brussels propose a package of EUR 1.5 billion per month and up to EUR 18 billion in total to cover Ukraine’s financial needs next year. The President of the European Commission underlined that the European Union will support Ukraine as long as the country at war needs it. At the same time, Hungary and Poland, despite being EU Member States, have not yet had access to the EU funds that are rightfully due. In light of these developments, Századvég examined the Hungarians’ position on the financial support of Ukraine."
- Sub-header:** "Hungary cannot foot the bill – public opinion rejects Brussels' plan to finance Ukraine".

13/ Tyrmand has made a few for European Conservative media, but some of the links have been removed. For example, this article about Duda’s victory:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20200927230657/https://europeanconservative.com/2020/08/on-polands-recent-victory/>

EC tweet also a link to an American Newsweek article about Mateusz Morawiecki.

14/ Written by Matthew Tyrmand and Josh Hammer. The article is written in an admiring tone. Morawiecki appears strict towards Russia.



Polish Leader Morawiecki on the Threats Posed by Russia, China—an...

In his first in-depth conversation with a U.S. media outlet, the Polish prime minister expressed frustration with President Biden's energy policy, offered a nuanced view of China and stressed the

<https://www.newsweek.com/exclusive-polish-prime-minister-morawiecki-threats-posed-...>

15/ An interesting contrast is Hammer's position on the war in Ukraine. He does not like the USA sending armed or financial support to Ukraine and says that Zelensky makes him feel sick. END

The screenshot shows a Twitter thread from 'The European Conservative' (@europeanconservative). The main tweet is from Josh Hammer (@josh_hammer) dated 23rd August, discussing alternative media and political motivations. A reply from Matt Tyrmand (@MatthewTyrmand) dated 03rd March discusses Biden's interference in Brazil's election. Another reply from Josh Hammer (@josh_hammer) dated 09th September quotes Tyrmand's interview, stating: "[F]or Europe to be strong, it has to be a 'Europe of homelands.' It cannot be one superpower, because if that is the case, there will be frictions and tensions."

The screenshot shows a tweet by Josh Hammer (@josh_hammer) dated 22nd October. The tweet reads: "I am beyond sick of Volodymyr Zelensky." It has 8,642 retweets and 62,4K likes. Below the tweet is a link to a full argument on newsweek.com titled "The U.S. Needs To Change Course Right Now in Ukraine".

Update:

<https://www.ft.com/content/5ac5e2ec-c4b9-404c-b8e5-8b72f96c4568>