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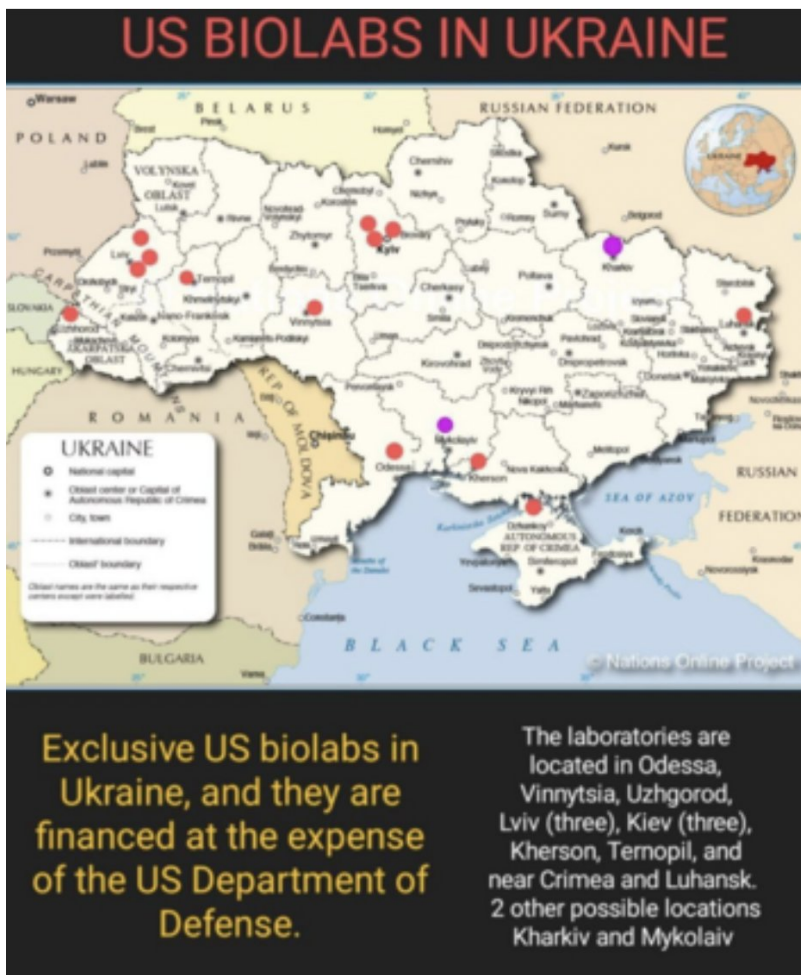
Quick thread:

I spent the last week figuring how the American far-right became obsessed with "Ukrainian biolabs."

I learned two things:

1 — The right really is warming back up to Putin.

2 — The origins of this specific conspiracy theory are dumber than you'd ever imagine. <https://t.co/m2w1EZWdrC>



First off, Russia has always claimed its adversaries were the ones using biological weapons when they were about to use them.

But they didn't use it to justify the Ukraine invasion until last week.

Putin gave an ambling speech before the invasion.

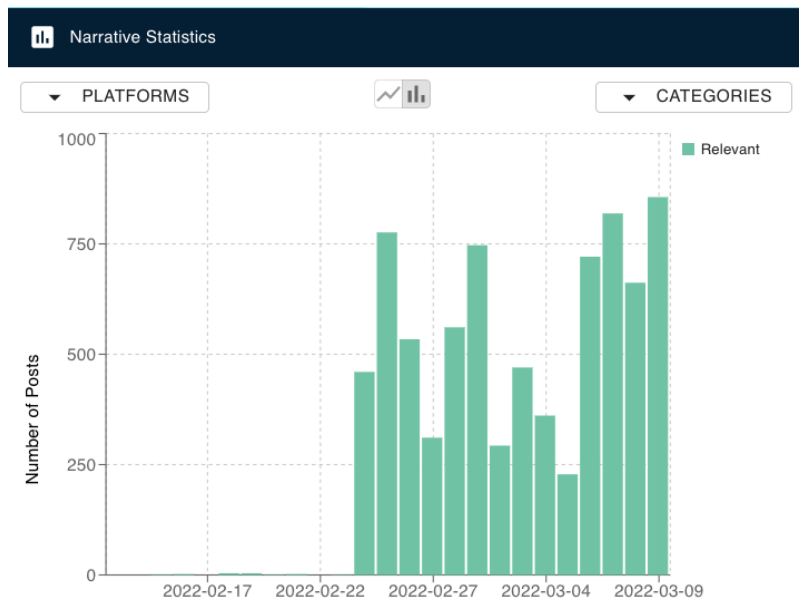
Never mentioned biolabs. <https://t.co/QsX5GtFnEa>



"Biolabs" weren't a talking point until Russia's first line of propaganda—about Zelensky being a "nazi"—failed spectacularly.

Here's a striking chart from the data company Pyrra, tracking "biolabs" on 15 influential far-right social networks.

That jump? The day of the invasion. <https://t.co/e2FVHY2RYo>



So what made the "biolabs" conspiracy theory take off on the day of the invasion?

It was a Twitter thread from a now-banned account called [@WarClandestine](#).

The account was previously a QAnon account that had been evading bans with new names. <https://t.co/Cx5CrDxi6R>

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1) HOLY SHIT! I think I may be onto something about #Ukraine.

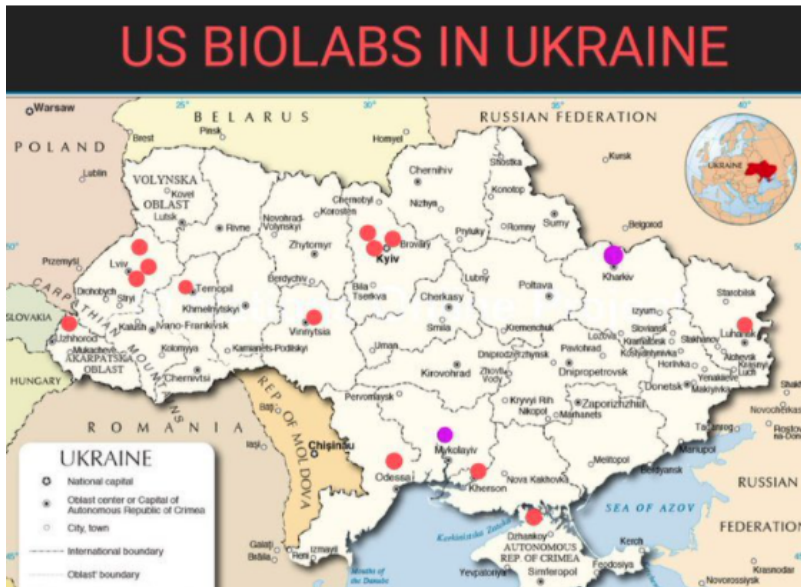
Zelensky said the Russians are firing at "military installations". How broad is that term?

I am seeing speculation that could include US installed biolabs.

At first I was like no way.

Then I started digging.

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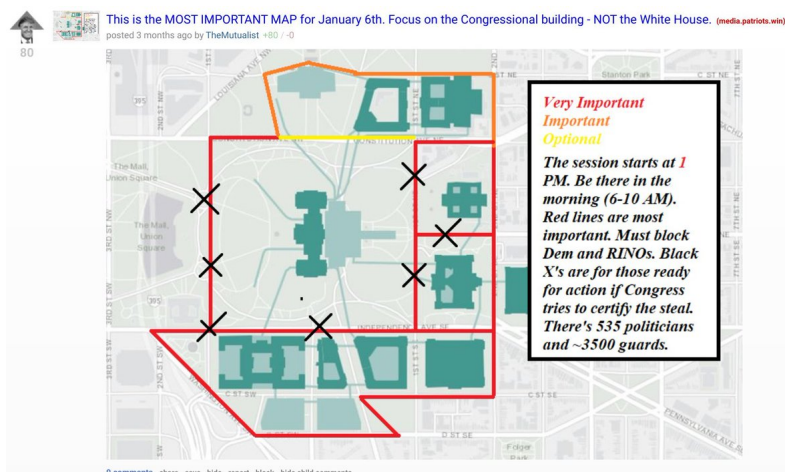


WarClandestine's "biolabs" thread spread like wildfire across the right on Rumble and the QAnon forum TheGreatAwakening.

It got a massive push by TheDonald, now called PatriotsDotWin.

You might remember TheDonald because its users posted literal battle plans before January 6th.

<https://t.co/QTFVYrr7hr>




But let's dive deeper into where @WarClandestine got his insider info about the Ukrainian biolabs.

Where did he get that map of Ukrainian biolabs for his viral tweet?

From an antivaxx Gab user eight days prior.

It had 3 comments. It just wasn't part of the talking points yet. <https://t.co/X5IAxS6y9b>

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WHY DOES THE #US HAVE EXCLUSIVE US #BIOLABS IN #UKRAINE???
Over 13 BIOLABS!
Financed at the expense of the US Dept of Defense DOD!!!

Risking the #HEALTH of #WeThePeople #Worldwide?
Especially since #FakeNews is #warmongering: Setting-up the narrative. It's a #SureSign of a falseFlag, i.e. OperationNorthwoods.

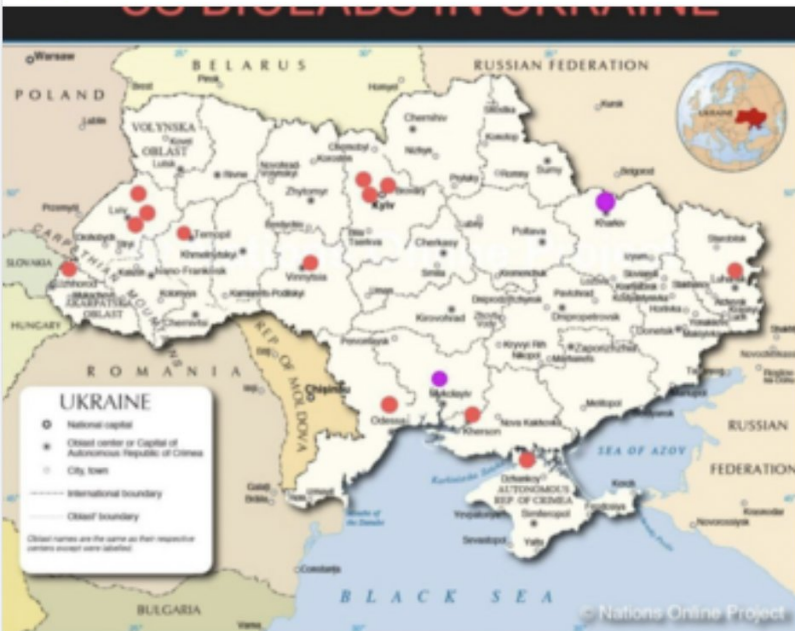
Wonder who is behind these bio-labs?

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The laboratories are located::
#ODESSA, #VINNYTSIA, #UZHGOROD, #LVIV(three), #KIEV (three) #KHERSON, #TERNOPIL
and near #Crimea & #Luhansk.
2 other possible locations #kharkiv & #Mykolaiv

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Exclusive US biolabs in Ukraine, and they are financed at the expense of the US Department of Defense.

The laboratories are located in Odessa, Vinnytsia, Uzhgorod, Lviv (three), Kiev (three), Kherson, Ternopil, and near Crimea and Luhansk. 2 other possible locations Kharkiv and Mykolaiv

Once @WarClandestine's post took off among right-wing influencers, it was everywhere on the English-language far-right.

Pro-Trump and Q forums had been uneasy rooting against Putin.

The “biolabs” allowed them to refocus on their major enemies: the Bidens and Anthony Fauci. <https://t.co/AFhKweoYif>



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Are Jeffrey Epstein, Ghislaine Maxwell, Dr. Fauci, and Klaus Schwab connected to Ukraine biolabs?



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By Tuesday, China’s foreign affairs ministry started pushing the conspiracy theory, de facto aligning with Russia.

On Wednesday, Tucker Carlson led his show claiming the “Biden administration was funding secret biolabs in Ukraine.” <https://t.co/7bv1XJbynI>

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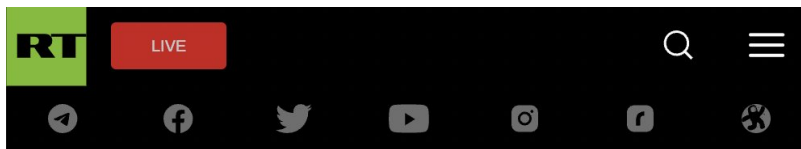
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After failing for two full weeks, Russian propaganda finally had its line that resonated with the global far-right:

The reason they invaded is now the biolabs, despite not mentioning that before invading. <https://t.co/q8rUISuMgt>



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Do Ukrainian biolabs violate the ban on biological weapons programs?

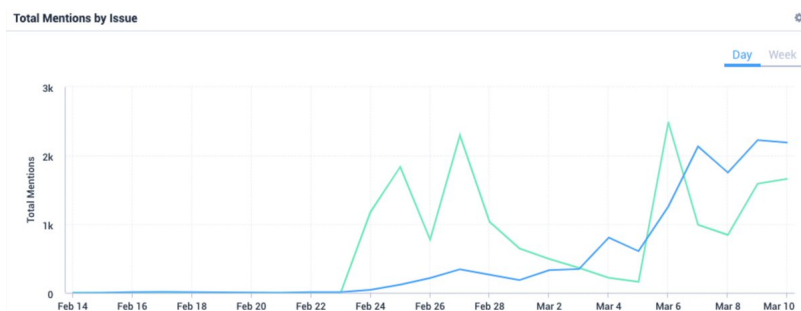
An explanation must be offered for what was really going on in Ukrainian laboratories working with highly dangerous pathogens

Here's a jarring chart from Signal Labs.

The “bioweapons” were an English-language (green) conspiracy theory until last week.

Now, most posts about it are in Russian (blue).

Russia finally found a pretext—well, posttext—for the Ukraine war, a gift from the American far-right. <https://t.co/qH0mCksefF>



So here's my whole story with [@kevincollier](#) on how the Ukrainian “biolabs” conspiracy came to take over the global far-right, and put Putin back in the good graces of American conspiracy theorists.

It has decades of history in it. I hope you read it.

<https://t.co/YOxOiqrQwi>