



## PROPAGANDA: Mainstream Media's Top Trending Ukraine Stories Turned Out To Be Completely Fake

### Description

**UKRAINE: All of the viral stories chronicling Ukraine's resistance against Russia's ongoing invasion by the mainstream media have turned out to be fake propaganda, despite garnering millions of shares and likes.**

The viral, fake stories come amidst social media platforms using strict "fact-checking" operations, which are used to censor stories that counter the establishment narratives. These fact checkers, however, have been silent regarding the mainstream media's recent spate of fake Ukraine news.

### 1. The Snake Island "Martyrs."

Thirteen Ukrainian border guards stationed on the country's Snake Island, located in the Black Sea, were quickly alleged to have been killed by Russian forces, at the onset of Russia's invasion. Audio recordings of what was allegedly their final moment went viral on social media, with a Russian warship demanding: "I ask you to lay down your arms and surrender to avoid bloodshed and unnecessary deaths. Otherwise, you will be bombed."

"Russian warship," came the reply, "go f\*\*k yourself."

The 13 Ukrainians, the country's president Volodymyr Zelenskyy said, died "heroically." He later promised to recognize each soldier with the title of Hero of Ukraine. Days [later](#), however, the Ukraine Navy [revealed](#) that the guards had actually been "taken captive by Russian occupiers" and were all still alive.

### 2. The 'Ghost of Kiev'.

A video of a Ukrainian fighter pilot dubbed the "Ghost of Kiev/Kyiv" showed a jet supposedly shooting down multiple Russian fighter jets, causing several casualties. Social media users were quick to

champion the pilot as a “[hero](#)” despite the video actually tracing its [origins](#) to a video game. The video was created with the 2008 game “Digital Combat Simulator” and was first shared via YouTube, where the original poster acknowledged the footage was from a simulator.

Representative Dan Crenshaw also [hyped](#) the debunked “Ghost of Kiev” tale in a Tweet along with promoting the “Snake Island” myth.

Snake Island says go f yourself.

Ghost of Kyiv kills 5 Russian jets by himself.

Woman passes out sunflower seeds to Russians so they’ll “grow flowers when they die.”

25 y/o woman says she’ll make Molotov cocktails this weekend.

Ukrainians are fighters. Putin can go to hell.

— Dan Crenshaw (@DanCrenshawTX) [February 25, 2022](#)

### 3. The Fake Farewell.

A photo of two Ukrainian children sending off soldiers to fight Russians quickly went viral on social media, with posts on Twitter containing the image [amassing](#) tens of thousands of likes. Pro-war Representative Adam Kinzinger even shared the [picture](#). In reality, the dramatic image actually traces its roots over half of a decade back to Ukraine in 2016 and has appeared in [several](#) news stories since then.

### 4. It’s An Airsoft Gun...

The story of former Miss Grand Ukraine Anastasiia Lenna joining Ukraine’s military to fight against Russia also turned out to be false despite amassing thousands of likes and shares across social media platforms. While the photo of Lenna is from one of her [recent](#) Instagram posts, where she expressed support for Ukraine against Russian forces, the gun in the popular picture is actually an airsoft [rifle](#).

Even “conservative” outlets like Breitbart News peddled the propaganda, which in turn led to Lenna clarifying the lack of her military status, [writing](#) “I AM NOT A MILITARY, JUST A HUMAN” in a post five days later.

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Miss Ukraine Anastasiia  
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## 5. Straight From The Big Screen... Literally.

Clips of Ukrainian soldiers [kissing](#) their loved ones goodbye as they supposedly left to fight Russia also quickly went viral, except the [footage](#), which has already garnered [thousands](#) of likes, comes from a 2017 film “The War of Chimeras.”

“The story of war, love and death that was documented by the immediate participants of events. Off screen and later on it are the two – a boy and a girl. He volunteered for the front; she went to the place just after the battle,” explains its plot summary.

## 6. Anonymous Imposters.

A video supposedly created by the notorious hacker group “Anonymous” threatened to launch massive cyberattacks and empty the bank accounts of Russian citizens who refused to protest Putin in a minute-long video circulating [across](#) social media platforms.

“On March 3rd, 2022, all money will be debited from your bank accounts and transferred in favor of the Armed Forces of Ukraine,” claimed a video voiceover, appearing to attempt to try to get Russian citizens to withdraw funds from their bank accounts.

Ukraine’s Ministry of Digital Transformation, however, admitted that the [video](#) wasn’t actually created by Anonymous.

CORRECTION: Ukraine’s Ministry of Digital Transformation said the video address by the Anonymous hacker group that threatened to withdraw money from Russians’ bank accounts if they don’t protest Putin turned out to be fake.

— The Kyiv Independent (@KyivIndependent) [February 28, 2022](#)

The plethora of false stories in such a short period of time serves as a reminder about vigilance in reporting and fact-checking. The National Pulse is committed to reporting the truth, 100 percent of the time. Not just when it suits a political, or geopolitical narrative.

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