

Context: on 28.6. russian band Slaughter to Prevail performed in Helsinki. Slaughter to Prevail was invited by Finnish biggest metal festival Tuska. According to organizers, Slaughter to Prevail is “against russian war against Ukraine”. However this opinion is not supported by Slaughter to Prevail’s frontman Aleksandr Shikolai’s actions. In this document we’ve collected proves of Shikolai’s support to russian aggression. The main source is Shikolai’s public Telegram channel, where he writes in russian.

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Promise to donate to the russian military school.

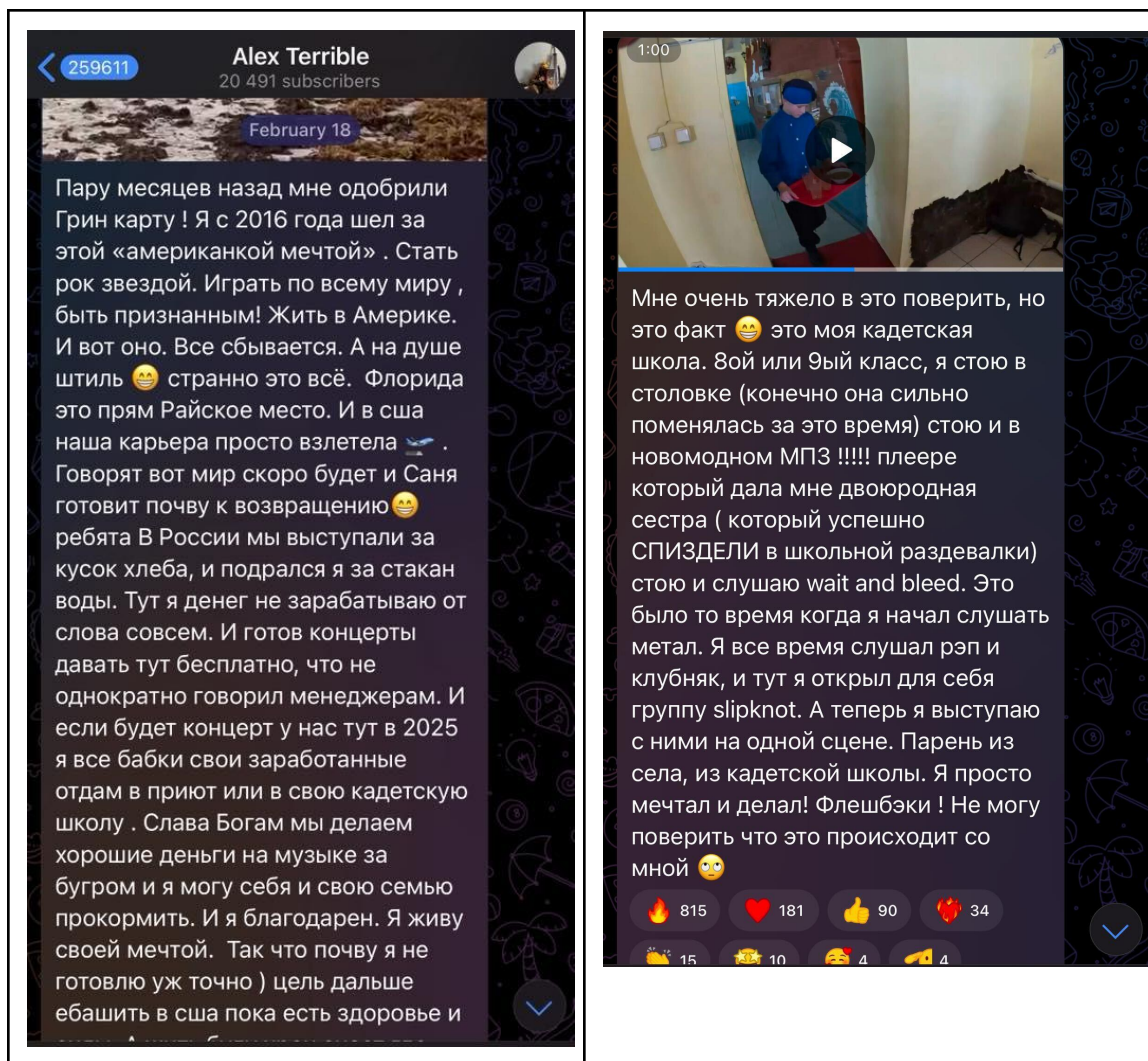
On February 18, Alexandr made a post in his Telegram channel, where he promised to donate all income from his concerts in 2025 in russia to “orphanage or his cadet school”, if the concerts will be organized. Alexandr went to “SPU Kadet”, located in Syrset’, Sverdlovsk oblast. Currently the school was transformed into a Cadet Corps, which official name is “Sverdlovsk Cadet Corps named after Captain 1st Rank M.V. Bannykh”. In russia cadet corps is a military school, usually run by russian ministry of “defense”. Sverdlovsk Cadet Corps are, apparently, related to russian navy. Studying at a cadet school typically leads to a career in military or the police force.

<http://kadet-sysert.ru/>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20250630071434/https://t.me/alexterribleofficial/678>

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Connections with russian pro-war patriotic clothing brand “Svoja Kultura”

Alexandr has been promoting clothes from russian patriotic brand “Svoja Kultura” in his social media. For example, on 12th of June Alexandr celebrated russia’s day by posting a picture, where he had both a T-shirt and hoodie from this brand. Svoja Kultura is russian brand that promotes russian militarism and shows support to the russian war against Ukraine by both information campaigns and donating to russian occupants. The brand’s owner Maksym Ahtyrski claimed that they help “(russian) boys on the frontlines”. There are videos of russian occupants thanking Maksym Ahtyrski for donations:

<https://www.facebook.com/olgabird/posts/pfbid02ZabSbxskgGVB8JeJVtGkXuvncTDiyPyp8cYBwAFSg7jKCbVELXjuKbFHYsGVFDAVI>

https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/2uwgh4jqkhlhrtu5zw755/ABybbbj_h4bvby0dOQHA8yA?rlkey=57r1h3ntivr46mytmsoxvrlz&e=1&st=moefhctp&dl=0

https://t.me/svoya_kultura

https://tgstat.ru/channel/@svoya_kultura/451?ysclid=mcdffddc356106128105&fbclid=IwY2xjawLPR7NleHRuA2FibQIxMABicmlkETBUOUV2UmE5S2JDVldPWEG3AR5wkjU9a7UMkabH6FOX7nEkRsvRCwiNfr9YQD7g05RK5VgmFDJ0iwEPIg9u7w_aem_grXSQQSAqi83s9aOYEXqVA

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12. Jun at 10.17



Video by Одежда "СВОЯ КУЛЬТУРА" ✓

56 658 views



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In the last photo Aleksandr poses in “Svoja Kultura”’s T-shirt, which says “But’ dobru”. This phrase, translated to English, means “all will be good”. It is used by russian neonazis and z-patriots to show support to russian war against Ukraine. For example, russians tend to write it in comments and posts related to donations campaigns to russian army. Some of the examples: <https://gazeta-zarya31.ru/articles/obshestvo/2025-02-21/byt-dobru-kak-alekseevtsy-boleyut-dus-hoy-za-uchastnikov-svo-431950>

https://www.ozon.ru/product/oblozhka-na-pasport-s-printom-byt-dobru-rossiya-armiya-svo-1769108452/?_rr=1&abt_att=1&origin_referer=www.google.com

<https://vk.com/bytdobruro>

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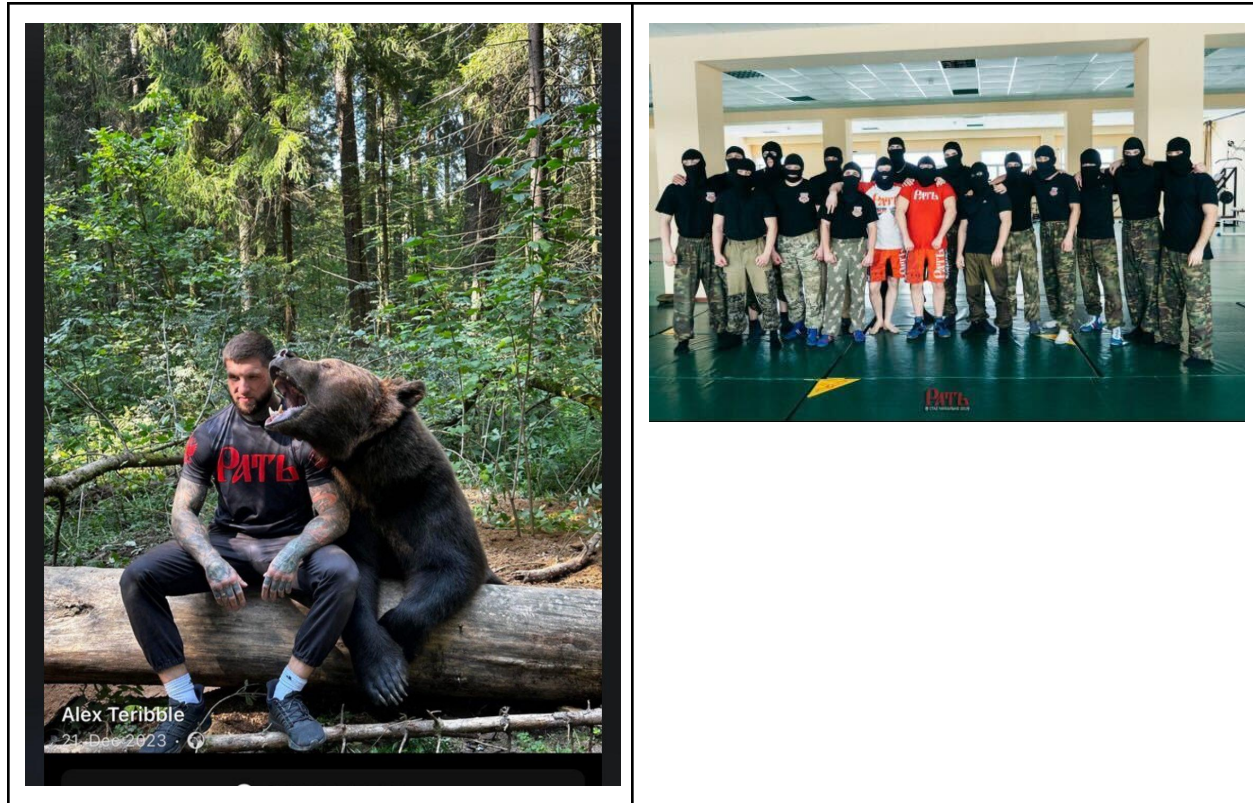
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Rat' and russian militarism

In his social media, Alexandr poses in a T-shirt with the word “Rat” and a bear. The word (Rat’) “РАТЬ” is an old Russian term meaning army, troop – and is often used today in russian imperialist or militaristic rhetoric. Such symbolism in today’s context clearly communicates the following: glorification of military power, romanticization of the “Russian warrior” and echoing of ideologies that are the basis of Russia’s current war of aggression against Ukraine – and a threat to the whole of Europe. A T-shirt with the words “РАТЬ” is not just clothing for an “artist” – but for an artist who consciously shows his support for an ideology that contradicts European values.

The T-shirt comes from a russian MMA team that also promotes russian militarism. For example, in some photos people train in balaklavas and military pants. Apparently they trained with russian spetsnaz (special forces) school.

<https://raty-team.ru/>



Always on russia's side

In an interview to russian media, Alexandr claims that he is and will always be on russia's side, since he grew up in russia:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20250116050334/https://www.e1.ru/text/culture/2025/01/16/74981690/>

The same message can be found from his Telegram channel. For example, he writes: "But russia is my home, my beloved home. With its history, with its people, with its wounds and victories. I am with you, russia. Forever."

<https://web.archive.org/web/20250630105726/https://t.me/alexterribleofficial/826>

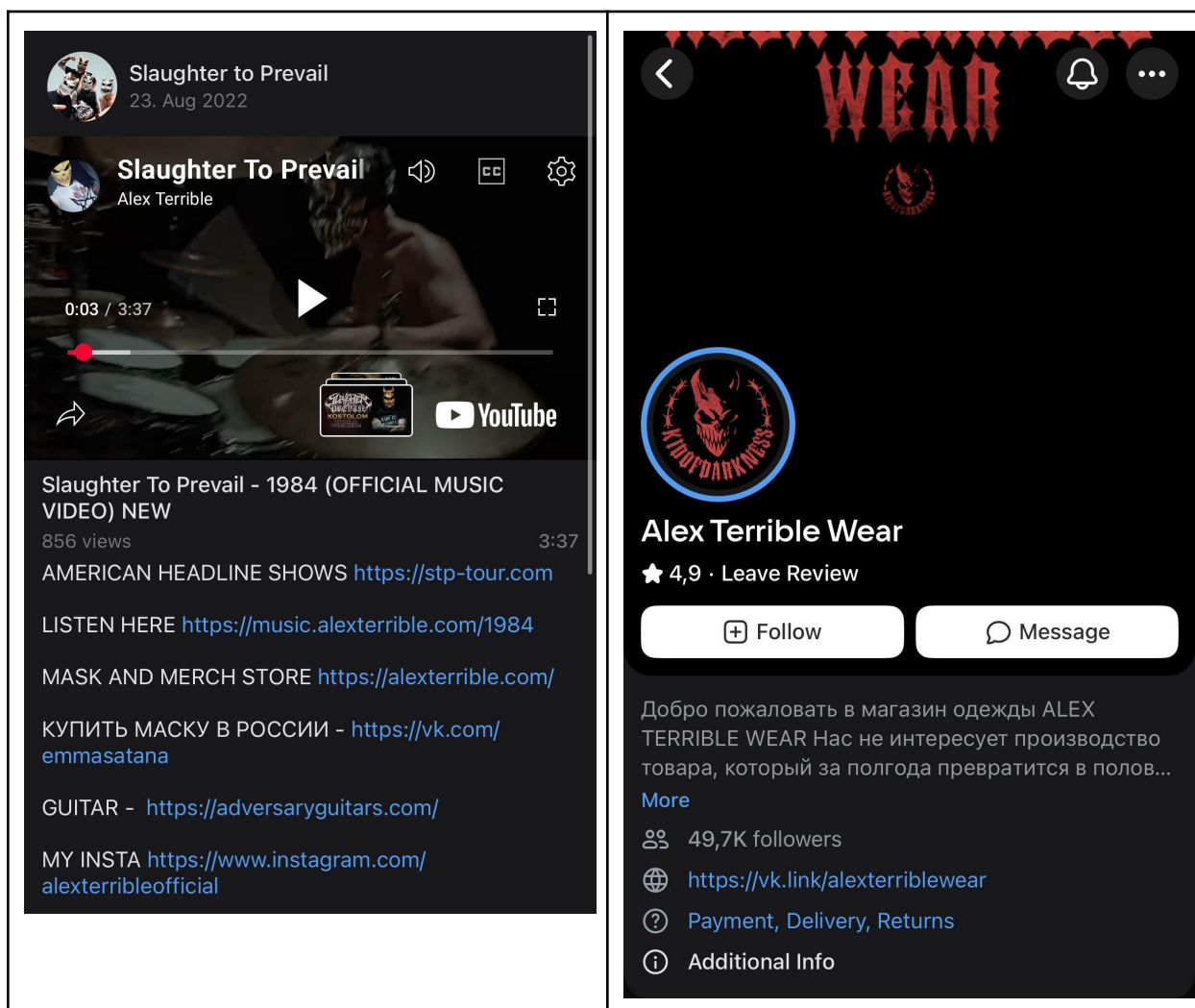
In this post he hints that he no longer shares the same views that he had in the beginning of full-scale invasion:

"I always wanted to get out of russia. In the company of friends we always started such conversations, like here putin has been in power for a hundred years, everything has been

stolen, there are no roads, this and that, I should go to wonderful Europe or the United States. I criticized our government and everyone was bad for me. Then in February 2022 I didn't spare words. Now I look at myself and think. I was a moron. A typical moron. Is it better in Europe? No, it doesn't seem that way. Maybe it's better in America? No, it's not better. Everything is different there. Everywhere is different. Not better, not worse. Just different. And everywhere there are nuances. And oppression, and injustice. *There's definitely less infantilism in me. And I started filtering my speech more. There have always been and will be wars, that's a fact. And there is only one Motherland. Of course, I don't consider myself a patriot, but I have only one motherland. Even if I live abroad, russia will always be my home. I wrote the song 1984 in February '22. And I wrote the song Motherland (which will be included in our new album) in October '22.*" <https://web.archive.org/web/20250617132009/https://t.me/alexterribleofficial/677>

Business in russia.

Alexandr Shikolai has businesses in russia, which pay taxes to the russian government. For example, Slaughter to Prevail sells its merch in russia. The store's name is Alex Terrible Wear: <https://vk.com/alexterriblewear> On top of that, Shikolai's music is fully available on russian streaming platforms. For example, the official music video of the song "1984" is available in Vontakte, which is controlled by the russian government. https://vkvideo.ru/video-73641180_456239196



Court hearing and direct support to russian army

On 8.7.2025 Nagatinsky court in Moscow charged Shikolai for discreditation of the russian army, due to a video published in 2023. According to the court's decision, Shikolai was present at the hearing, and explained the publication being done under emotions. Shikolai claimed that he is sorry for the publication, that he has friends in russian army, and has been donating to russian occupants.

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The whole document can be found here:

https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/7pvykloabppe0rufer774/05-0498_2025-...doc?rlkey=ce9jbithckbmhccm7m0ch85nk&st=xxtegg3o&dl=0

Public reactions to the band and protests in Finland

<https://www.iltalehti.fi/kamppailulajit/a/9780e57b-0772-45ac-8a74-fd0bdd64e760>

<https://www.hs.fi/kulttuuri/art-2000011316244.html>

<https://www.iltalehti.fi/viihdeuutiset/a/1478be2f-2f1f-4f47-b83a-52d64101930f>

<https://yle.fi/a/74-20169926>

<https://yle.fi/a/74-20170120>

<https://yle.fi/a/74-20170205>

Next steps

While the concert has already taken place, we need to make sure that no supporters of russian aggression are invited to Finland in the future.

We call for the Tuska festival to take responsibility for inviting a supporter of russian aggression to perform in Finland. We'd like to hear which practices Tuska is willing to onboard, to make sure no pro-russian-aggression bands are booked in the future.

The city of Helsinki has a cooperation agreement with Tuska festival, total value of which is estimated to be 65000€ a year. According to Helsinki, events such as the Tuska Festival play a vital role in developing Helsinki's attractiveness and pleasantness.

<https://paatokset.hel.fi/fi/asia/hel-2024-004952?paatos=8432c204-0d72-4aae-b1f0-6d29b3afde9c> How does booking a pro-russian artist affect the attractiveness of Helsinki?

The city of Helsinki needs to reconsider funding events that continue booking bands with questionable ties with the russian military-industrial machinery. So far, we have contacted the city by email and through Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Bluesky. We are waiting for them to engage in a dialogue with us.