



# Anti-Vaxxers Banned from Raising Money on GoFundMe

Anti-vaxxers have been banned from raising money on GoFundMe in an attempt to stop their message warning that vaccines can be dangerous. YouTube has demonetized anti-vaxxer videos, Pinterest has blocked search results for the term and Facebook claims to have reduced the prominence of posts spreading misleading information.

[Anti-vaxxers](#) have been banned from raising money on [GoFundMe](#) in an attempt to stop the spread of [conspiracy theories](#) and misinformation.

The crowdfunding platform announced it was carrying out a “thorough review” following reports that one campaigner had gathered nearly \$80,000 (£60,000) in donations.

Larry Cook, who promoted his fundraising efforts using [Facebook](#) adverts, targeted mothers with claims the medical community was covering up baby “slaughter”.

GoFundMe spokesman Bobby Whithorne said: “Campaigns raising

money

to promote misinformation about vaccines violate GoFundMe's terms of service and will be removed from the platform.

"We are conducting a thorough review and will remove any campaigns currently on the platform."

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## **Sri Lanka: More than 200 Killed as Catholic Churches and Tourist Hotels Targeted in Bomb Attacks**

Sri Lanka: A string of at least eight explosions ripped through three Catholic churches and three high-end hotels filled with tourists, killing more than 200 and injuring many more on Easter morning. Sri Lanka's police chief issued an alert to top officers ten days ago warning that Muslim suicide

bombers planned to hit “prominent churches”. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, but there has been an increase in persecution and threats against Christians from the Muslim and Buddhist populations. One of the alleged suicide bombers behind the attacks has been identified as Zahran Hashim, who previously made a video declaring declaring: “Anyone who disagrees with Muslims should be killed.” -GEG

update 2: A ninth bomb found at the Colombo International Airport in Sri Lanka had reportedly sent the major international flight hub into lockdown for hours.

Local media, citing military officials, says it was [successfully defused](#):

*A spokesman for the Sri Lankan Air Force claims a massive PVC pipe packed with explosives was “discovered on the way to Colombo International and defused by the Air Force”.*

All major social media networks were reported blocked in the country shortly after the series of eight bomb attacks on churches and luxury hotels – mostly in Colombo – making information slow to come out.

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update: US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has said in a statement hours after the string of at least 8 coordinated bombing attacks as Easter services were underway that "several" Americans have been killed, though without giving specifics.

Local authorities have said further that 5 British nationals were killed, two of which had dual American citizens. Police are still attempting to identify some among the over 200 deceased, as [Reuters reports](#):

*"Altogether, we have information of 207 dead from all hospitals.*

*According to the information as of now we have 450 injured people admitted to hospitals," police spokesman Ruwan Gunasekera told reporters.*

*Three churches in various parts of the country and four hotels in Colombo were hit. At least 27 of the dead were foreigners, including five British people, two of whom had dual U.S. citizenship, and three Indians, according to officials in those countries.*

Sri Lankan authorities have still not officially identified a culprit,

nor have any militant groups claimed responsibility, this as multiple suspects were reportedly arrested in connection with the string of near simultaneous bombings of churches and luxury hotels, mostly in the capital of Colombo.

However, as [Time reports](#):

*News agency AFP says it has seen documents that show that Sri Lankan police have [been on the alert](#) for several days, fearing that suicide bombers from a local radical Muslim group, the National Thowheeth Jama'ath (NTJ) were targeting prominent churches.*

*AFP also reported that Sri Lankan police seized a haul of explosives and detonators in January after arresting four men "from a newly formed radical Muslim group."*

*A number of Sri Lankan Muslims were known to have [joined ISIS in Syria](#), according to Reuters.*

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[Alleged Sri Lanka Suicide Bomber: "Anyone Who Disagrees With Muslims Should be Killed"](#)

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## **Comedian, Volodymyr Zelenskiy, Wins Presidency of Ukraine in Landslide Election**

Ukraine: According to exit polls, Volodymyr Zelenskiy, a comedian and political novice, crushed incumbent Petro Poroshenko in the presidential vote. Zelenskiy's victory was fueled by reaction against government corruption, the country's lingering war, and a sluggish economy. Zelenskiy has been accused of being a puppet of Ihor Kolomoisky, a Ukrainian oligarch currently residing in self-imposed exile in Israel. Kolomoisky is accused by Ukrainian authorities of embezzling more than \$5-billion from account-holders at his former bank, PrivatBank. [In politics, the more things change, the more they remain the same.] -GEG

Volodymyr Zelenskiy, a comedian and political novice, scored a crushing victory over incumbent Petro Poroshenko in Ukraine's runoff presidential vote Sunday, according to exit polls, in a resounding rebuke to the country's political establishment.

The national exit poll, which consisted of results from a number of polling agencies, showed Zelenskiy winning 73.2 percent of the vote compared to Poroshenko's 25.3 percent – a margin of victory of nearly 48 percentage points.

Other exit polls gave similar results. First official results are expected to be released early Monday morning.

Zelenskiy's triumph was fueled by a wave of anti-establishment sentiment, similar to other populist insurgencies sweeping across the West.

But the comedian, who has promised to clean house among Ukraine's ruling elite, will likely find fulfilling his supporters' high expectations difficult – not the least due to his dearth of political knowledge: His only brush with Ukrainian politics has been to play the president in a popular television show called "Servant of the People."

“I promise all of you, I will never let you down,” Zelenskiy told a jubilant crowd of supporters at his campaign headquarters upon hearing the exit poll results.

Zelenskiy thrashed Poroshenko in the first round of the election at the end of last month, setting the stage for Sunday’s runoff.

His meteoric political rise is largely due to being a new face in the political arena of a country where voters have grown tired with establishment politicians, and feel frustrated about issues such as corruption, the country’s unresolved war and a sluggish economy.

Zelenskiy’s TV character, Vasily Goloborodko, is a modest high school teacher unexpectedly catapulted into the presidency overnight to confront the crooked political establishment and fight corruption.

Poroshenko, a billionaire candy tycoon and one of Ukraine’s richest men, was himself elected five years ago on a wave of anti-establishment sentiment, following a revolution that drove the country’s pro-Moscow leader, Viktor Yanukovich, from power.

The outgoing president can point to a number of big wins during his time in office, such as containing the Kremlin-led insurrection in the country's east, acquiring visa-free travel for Ukrainians to the EU and staving off economic collapse. But for many voters, Poroshenko has come to symbolize oligarchs' continued grip on Ukraine's economy and government.

## Links to oligarch

Election day was fairly uneventful – a stark contrast to the [campaign itself](#), which was marked by accusations of foul play, insults and heated rhetoric.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko casts his ballot in Kiev on April 21, 2019 | Sergei Supinsky/AFP via Getty Images

A [debate between the two candidates](#) Friday in Kiev's central football stadium, for example, resembled more a sporting contest than a political discussion, with more than 20,000 cheering supporters in attendance and millions more watching on television.

On Sunday, Zelenskiy was greeted by a crush of journalists

when he arrived at his polling station, and said little more than that the election was “a victory for the Ukrainian people.”

Poroshenko, for his part, cast his ballot in central Kiev around midday and warned against taking the election lightly.

“It is very important to be guided by reason during the vote,” he said. “Because it’s not funny. At first maybe it seems funny and fun, but it should not be painful later.”

During the campaign, Poroshenko said Zelenskiy was too weak and inexperienced to stand up to Russian President Vladimir Putin, and called him a “bright candy wrapper” – an attractive, insubstantial covering that concealed the vested interests of other oligarchs.

In particular, he accused Zelenskiy of [being a “puppet” of Ihor Kolomoisky](#), a Ukrainian billionaire currently residing in self-imposed exile in Israel, who is accused by Ukrainian authorities of embezzling more than \$5 billion from account-holders at his former bank, PrivatBank.

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## **Philosophy Professor Arrested at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan with Gasoline, Lighter Fluid, and Butane Lighters**

Marc Lamparello, a philosophy professor who has taught at Lehman College, Brooklyn College, and Seton Hall University, was arrested in Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan for suspicious activity. He was carrying four gallons of gasoline, two bottles of lighter fluid, and two butane lighters. -GEG

**A New Jersey man arrested after entering St. Patrick's Cathedral carrying cans of gasoline and lighter fluid has been identified as philosophy professor Marc Lamparello, according to**

## **a report.**

The suspect arrived Wednesday night in a minivan outside the landmark cathedral on Fifth Avenue in midtown Manhattan, walked around the area, then returned to his vehicle at 7:55 p.m. EST and retrieved the gasoline, lighter fluid, and butane lighters, said NYPD Deputy Commissioner of Intelligence and Counterterrorism John Miller.

“As he enters the cathedral he’s confronted by a cathedral security officer who asks him where he’s going and informs him he can’t proceed into the cathedral carrying these things,” [said](#) Miller. “At that point, some gasoline apparently spills out onto the floor as he’s turned around.”

Security then notified officers from the counter-terrorism bureau who were standing outside, Miller said. The officers caught up to the man and arrested him after he was questioned.

“His basic story was he was cutting through the cathedral to get to Madison Avenue. That his car had run out of gas,” [said](#) the NYPD Deputy Commissioner of Intelligence and Counterterrorism. “We took a look at the vehicle. It was not out of gas and at that point he was taken into custody.”

He [continued](#):

“It’s hard to say exactly what his intentions were, but I think the totality of circumstances of an individual walking into an iconic location like St. Patrick’s Cathedral carrying over four gallons of gasoline, two bottles of lighter fluid, and lighters is something that we would have great concern over. His story is not consistent.”

Miller said the suspect is known to police, who are currently looking further into his background.

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**Citizen Group Stops 357  
People in a Migrant Caravan**

# from Illegally Entering US

New Mexico: Last week, the United Constitution Patriots, which is an armed group that includes veterans, stopped the movement of 357 migrants who had illegally crossed into the US until the Border Patrol arrived. Weapons were never pointed at the migrants but were carried for protection in the event of armed attack by paramilitary groups that sometimes escort the illegal caravans. Nevertheless, the group's leader, Larry Mitchell Hopkins, was arrested by the FBI on a federal charge of possessing firearms. The arrest came two days after the American Civil Liberties Union accused the group of being a "fascist militia." New Mexico's Democratic Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham ordered an investigation to see if the group impersonated law enforcement. PayPal and GoFundMe have barred the group from raising money and have frozen their funds. -GEG

The FBI on Saturday said it had arrested Larry Hopkins, the leader of an armed group that is stopping undocumented migrants after they cross the U.S.-Mexico border into New Mexico.

The arrest came two days after the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) accused the group of illegally detaining migrants and New Mexico's Democratic Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham ordered an investigation.

Hopkins,

69, also known as Johnny Horton, was arrested in Sunland Park, New Mexico, on a federal complaint charging him with being a felon in possession of firearms and ammunition, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said in a statement.

“We’re not worried about it, he’s going to be cleared,” said Jim Benvie, a spokesman for the United Constitutional Patriots (UCP), blaming his arrest on political pressure from Lujan Grisham.

Hopkins is the “national commander” of the UCP, which has had around half a dozen members camped out on a rotating basis near Sunland Park since late February.

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## **US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo Boasted, “I Was CIA Director – We Lied, We Cheated, We Stole”**

Last week, former CIA director and current Secretary of State Mike Pompeo spoke at Texas A&M University and proudly announced, “What’s the cadet motto at West Point? You will not lie, cheat, or steal, or tolerate those who do. I was the CIA director. We lied, we cheated, we stole. It was like – we had entire training courses. It reminds you of the glory of the American experiment.” And the students applauded. [Let’s look deeper. Everyone present was in agreement that, as head of the CIA, Pompeo was defending America against the ‘bad guys’ in the world. He was seen as hero and savior. The students applauded, because they, too, would gladly lie, cheat, steal – and even kill if it would save American lives and defend liberty, justice, and prosperity? Isn’t that what we have to do in war? Wouldn’t you lie to save someone’s life? So there you have it. As long as people fail to see a difference between their country and their leaders, as long as they think that men become saints and heroes merely by being elected or appointed to public office, we shall have to endure widespread approval of comments like this. ] -GEG

Pompeo’s comment begins at 29:24.

Former CIA director and now Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has long accused WikiLeaks of being a “non-state hostile intelligence agency”, usually manipulated by Russia. Since Pompeo first made this claim as CIA Director in April 2017, countless major US news sources from NPR to CNN to the Washington Post have uncritically repeated the line, smearing Julian Assange and WikiLeaks as “Russian agents,” and more broadly using the narrative to stifle independent journalism and government whistleblowers.

But whether Pompeo or any other current or former CIA director makes such a bombastic claim without offering evidence – such as [more recently asserting](#) that China and Russia have “helped destroy” Venezuela through faltering investments, *should anyone ever believe a high CIA official?* Certainly the mainstream media routinely takes intelligence officials simply at their word, but Pompeo himself recently admitted the CIA is in the business of *lying, cheating, and stealing*.

Last week Mike Pompeo spoke at Texas A&M University, itself long known for being a favored recruiting ground of the CIA, considering too that one of the university’s last presidents, Robert Gates, was CIA chief and later served as Bush and Obama’s Secretary of Defense.

During the Q&A session, Pompeo boasted that in the CIA both the training and culture are geared toward the following:

*“We lied, we cheated, we stole.”*

Interestingly, a Christian religious news broadcaster was the only media that seemed to pick up on Pompeo's words last week, and described it as follows: *"that's not the resume of the Secretary of State... that's the resume of Satan."*

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