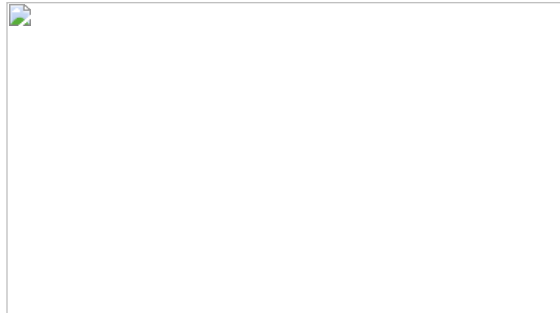**AMERICAN BIG NEWS OUTLETS FOUND TO BE TOTALLY FAKE AND PROPAGANDA FOR CORRUPT SENATORS**

CNN and MSNBC Helped Russia Sow Discord by Promoting Fake Anti-Trump Rally

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One of the revelations in Friday's indictment handed down by Special Counsel Robert Mueller was that alleged Russian attempts to sow disunity in 2016 included the organization of both pro- and anti-Trump rallies in New York City on the Saturday after Election Day.

A check of their November 12 coverage showed both CNN and MSNBC gave enthusiastic coverage to the Russian-organized anti-Trump rally that day, with live reports every hour. Correspondents celebrated the idea that it was "a love rally," and repeated the marchers' anti-Trump mantras, such as: "We reject the President-elect."

While the two liberal anti-Trump networks offered heavy coverage of the anti-Trump rally throughout the day, a check of coverage between noon and 5:00 p.m. Eastern found that the Fox News Channel offered only a short re-cap (66 seconds) at the start of their 4:00 p.m. Eastern hour.
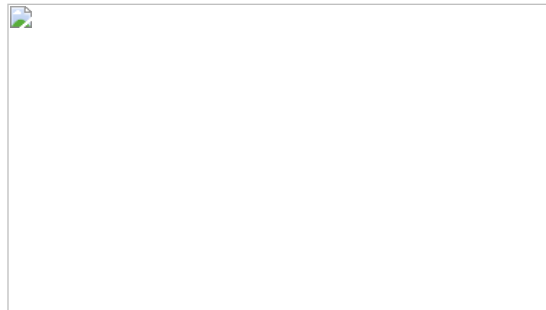
Of course, none of the networks were aware of who was allegedly behind the march, but CNN and MSNBC reveled in the inflammatory messages of the march. At one point, MSNBC anchor Alex Witt credulously responded to the ridiculously alarmist

rhetoric: "That woman, when she's saying she's concerned that black people will be shot in the street....Is that a legitimate concern for her? Because, that's scary."

Correspondent Morgan Radford cheerfully played along: "Alex, it's not only a legitimate concern for her, it's a legitimate concern for a lot of people I've spoken to....They're wondering if this [Trump's election] is almost a license to carry in terms of hate."

If the goal of the secret Russian organizers was to inject nonsense like that into the American political dialogue, then their unwitting helpers on CNN and MSNBC certainly gave them plenty of assistance that day.

Both CNN and MSNBC talked about who they thought was organizing the rally. On MSNBC a few minutes before the march began, anchor Alex Witt asked Radford: "Hey, Morgan, can you tell who has organized this rally?...Is there someone in charge here?"

"Right now, this is lots of different groups of people who have come together," Radford explained, "with no, necessarily, official leader, and that's been some of the criticism."
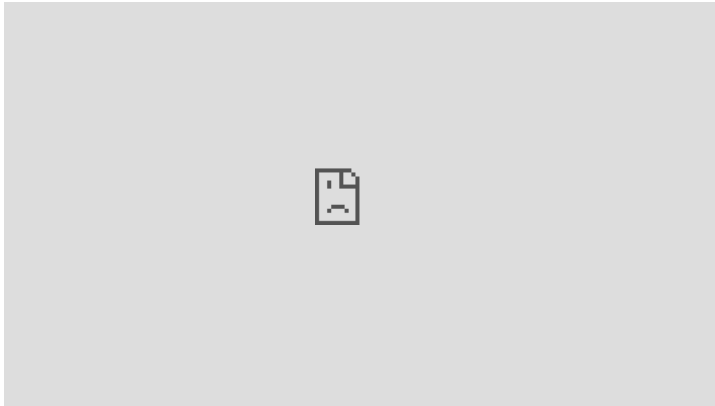
An hour later on CNN, correspondent Brynn Gingras said the rally had been organized by "a 20-year-old student from St. John's University here in New York....We've seen him several times shaking hands with police officers....It is the most organized protest that I've seen here in New York City."

A little after 3:00 p.m. Eastern, Gingras marveled at the crowd size, saying she had been "texting with the person, a 20-year-old college student here in New York City who organized this protest. I've been texting with him, and I asked, 'Are you impressed with the size,' and he says 'It's amazing what the collective voices can spread.'"

But **according to Mueller's indictment**:

> In or around November 2016, Defendants and their co-conspirators organized a rally in New York through one ORGANIZATION-controlled group designed to "show your support for President-Elect Donald Trump," held on or about November 12, 2016. At the same time, Defendants and their co-conspirators, through another ORGANIZATION-controlled group, organized a rally in New York called "Trump is NOT my President" held on or about November 12, 2016.

Here's a video with more highlights from CNN and MSNBC's coverage of the Russian-organized anti-Trump march, all from between noon and 5:00 p.m. Eastern on November 12, 2016:

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The new game encourages players to build audiences for imaginary fake news sites through tactics like stoking fear, anger and mistrust (AFP Photo/Timothy A. CLARY)

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London (AFP) - Trolling, impersonating, demonising: these are just some of the behaviours encouraged in a new online game launching Tuesday in which young players become "fake news tycoons" -- to counter growing misinformation.

Researchers at Cambridge University have teamed up with a Dutch media collective to develop an English version of the game aimed at inoculating people against the spread of so-called fake news.

The exercise encourages participants, who are tasked with building audiences for their imaginary fake news sites, to stoke fear, anger and mistrust by simulating the manipulation of online content.

In the game they choose polarising falsehoods to publish, cultivate an army of Twitter bots, fabricate evidence, and propagate dubious articles and conspiracy theories.

"If you know what it is like to walk in the shoes of someone who is actively trying to deceive you, it should increase your ability to spot and resist the techniques of deceit," said Sander Van Der Linden, director of the university's Social Decision-Making Lab.

"We want to help grow 'mental antibodies' that can provide some immunity against the rapid spread of misinformation," she added.

The psychological theory behind the effort is called "inoculation".

Researchers at Cambridge last year found that briefly exposing people to tactics used by fake news producers can act as a "psychological vaccine" against bogus anti-science campaigns.

A pilot study conducted with teenagers in a Dutch high school used an early paper-and-pen trial of the online game, and showed the perceived "reliability" of fake

news to be diminished in teens that played compared to a control group.

"A biological vaccine administers a small dose of the disease to build immunity," said Van Der Linden.

"Similarly, inoculation theory suggests that exposure to a weak or demystified version of an argument makes it easier to refute when confronted with more persuasive claims."

The game, based in part on existing studies of online disinformation, takes its cues from actual conspiracy theories about organisations such as the United Nations, and about issues such as vaccines.

It is set to be translated for countries such as Ukraine, where disinformation campaigns are particularly rife.

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