

THE VIOLENT MISOGYNIST REACHING MILLIONS: A BRIEFING ON ANDREW TATE

Andrew Tate is a content creator who has become a major internet celebrity in 2022. He is a former professional kickboxer who in 2016 acquired notoriety after appearing on the reality TV show Big Brother. Though born in Chicago, he was raised in Luton, England, where he became a close associate of the far-right extremist Stephen Lennon (aka Tommy Robinson) and has a long history of close association with a variety of far-right figures in the UK and America.

He made his money operating a pornographic webcam business, while also producing his own direct-to-camera content for YouTube where he spoke about a range of issues, most notably anti-feminism and misogyny.

He later set up his Hustler University, a subscription service that claims to help its “students” become rich. Tate then encouraged these students to manipulate social media and post masses of his content online. As of 16 August 2022 the #Andrewtate hashtag has over 12.7 billion views on Tik Tok.

From early April 2022 onwards his online presence began to grow rapidly and he is at present widely regarded as one of the most famous people online. Due to his extreme misogyny, racism and homophobia, he therefore poses a real danger to young people online. Large numbers of young men are consuming his content and he is widely celebrated for having brought back ‘traditional masculinity’.

He has now broken out of the confines of fringe manosphere and anti-feminist communities and has been invited on some of the largest podcasts in the world, many of which specifically target a young male audience.

KEY POINTS

- Tate is an extreme misogynist. He goes far beyond calling for traditional gender roles and believes women are actually the property of men. He has actively aligned himself with the organised misogyny subculture known as the Manosphere.



Andrew Tate with Stephen Lennon (aka Tommy Robinson)

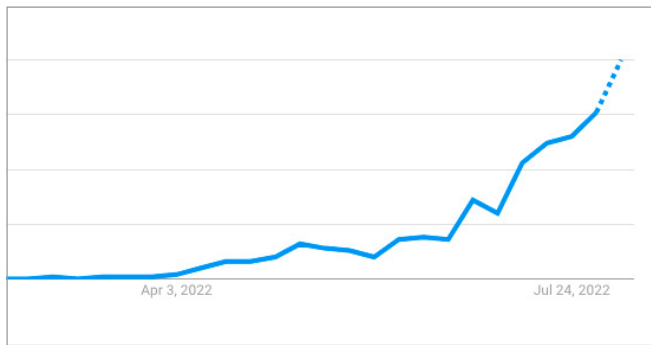
- He has a long history of expressing far-right views, especially towards Islam and Muslims.
- He is homophobic and transphobic.
- He is a close associate of numerous far-right extremists including Tommy Robinson.
- He has intimidated his critics, even to the extent of turning up at their home address.
- He has a history of violence against women.
- He has admitted to criminality, including bribing officials and police.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECH PLATFORMS

- For any platform that takes both on- and off-platform behavior into account, Tate should clearly pass the threshold for removal.
- If a platform believes he falls short of the requirements for designation as a dangerous individual, content that includes Tate should

be demonitised to undercut the business model which is driving the rapid spread of his harmful content.

- Platforms should also consider his publicly-admitted efforts at platform manipulation, especially on Tik Tok.



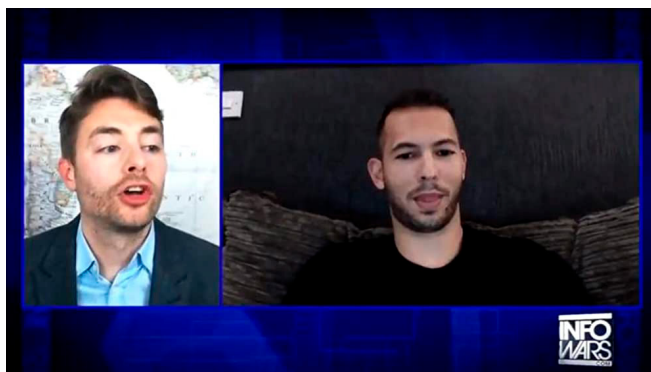
Google Trends for Andrew Tate

MANIPULATION OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Tate runs the Hustler University, a subscription based service where ‘students’ gain access to a discord channel where they are ‘taught’ how to become richer. While it perhaps falls short of a traditional multi-level marketing scheme as subscribers receive a product of sorts, it has been widely criticized as a possible scam.

While offering a range of advice about how to get rich, he also uses the university to manipulate social media and increase his online reach. Tate claims that some of his supporters publish 300 videos per day,² which he encourages his supporters to spread as widely as possible on the platform.

Tate claims to have 1000 people working for him doing this and that is why he has “conquered the platform”. He tells his supporters that they can earn significant sums by sharing his videos; in one podcast he claimed that a 16-year-old Hustler University student is making £45,000 a month from publishing clips of Tate on Tik Tok.



Andrew Tate on InfoWars with Paul Joseph Watson

Below is a collection of quotes by Andrew Tate:

MISOGYNY

General

“It doesn’t matter whether a woman wants to be a lawyer, a house makers or a webcam girl, unless she has a man directing her she’s going to fuck it up. They’re just not built to be completely independent creatures. [...] There is no such thing as an independent female, they’re all relying on a man to some degree.”³

“I will state right now that I am absolutely sexist, I am absolutely a misogynist and I have fuck you money so I’ll say what I want. [...] There is no way you can be rooted in reality and not be sexist.”⁴

In one video, Tate describes how he would deal with a woman who accused him of cheating: “It’s bang out the machete, boom in her face and grip her by the neck. Shut up bitch.”⁵

Big Brother Incident

In 2016 Tate was removed from Big Brother after a clip, obtained by *The Sun*, showed him hitting a woman with a belt.⁶

The video appeared to show him beating a woman with a belt, calling her a “whore” and telling her to count her bruises.

Tate claimed the video was edited and that the incident was consensual.

Moved to Romania to Avoid Sexual Assault Repercussions

In a since deleted video Tate says he moved to Romania to avoid criminal repercussions for sexual assault. He says this is “probably 40 per cent of the reason” he moved there. He says: “I’m not a rapist, but I like the idea of just being able to do what I want. I like being free.”⁷

The video was originally posted to his YouTube channel, but has since been deleted.

Rape Tweets

In 2017 when the Harvey Weinstein allegations emerged he tweeted⁸:

‘Sexual harassment is disgusting and inexcusable. However. A man looking at you or whistling at you or asking your name isn’t harassment

‘This belief does discredit as a whole. Stick to the serious definitions and stop pretending normal male behavior is rape.

‘Secondly – harvey. Creep? Obviously. But women have been exchanging sex for opportunity for a very long time. Some did this. Weren’t abused.

Of course now they will say they were abused. However at the time it was a simple exchange they partook in voluntarily. Not all. But some.

Tate went on: 'Next point, if you put yourself in a position to be raped, you must bare some responsibility. I'm not saying it's OK you got raped.

'No woman should be abused regardless. However with sexual assault they want to put zero blame on the victim whatsoever.

'If you go out. Meet a guy. Take his drinks all night. Go to his apartment drunk. Start to kiss him. Then he grabs your tits. Not harassment.'

He continued: 'If I left a million dollars outside my front door – when it got stolen people would say. "Why was it there? Irresponsible".

'Take some personal responsibility. This zero blame game is damaging to the female cause as a whole. Protect yourselves.'

Other Prejudices (Homophobia/Racism/Etc)

"Romania is a beautiful place. There's no feminists, there's no open homosexuality. [...] No homosexual agenda. No feminists. It's corrupt, which suits me because I'm fucking rich. [...] No immigrants or refugees which is great because it means no one gets stabbed."

"I have no problem with gay sex. If you want to bum men, bum men, but all it is is sex. Don't start coming along and pretending it's a family and putting it in every single TV show, talking about how brave it is, marching down the street half naked once a year. All that shit is unnecessary."⁹

Tate has talked about Muslim's outbreeding white people in the UK.¹⁰

"A lot of the reason the Taliban are fighting Americans, a lot of the reasons they are literally fighting wars they can't win with an AK against a fucking Predator Drone is because they are fighting for their right to have their virgin wife in a burka. Literally, pussy drives things on that level."¹¹

Tate has essentially espoused the Great Replacement Theory:

"I think the future of Western Europe is Islamic for that reason. And to a degree that pisses me off but then to another degree, I look at how the people who are supposed to be protecting the country are acting. [...] If the guardians of British society refuse to protect their own culture, and they refuse to protect their society, they refuse to inspire people to have children, and they refuse to inspire marriage, and they want to demonize men every chance they get, and let in millions of third worlders who don't play by the

game. Whose fault is it they are going to lose. [...] They've signed the bill to their own demise."¹²

He calls multiculturalism a "failed experiment"¹³

In 2016 Twitter posts emerged where Tate used racial slurs including: "f*g", "ch**ky", "p**i", and "w*g".¹⁴

CRIMINALITY

Bribery

He has admitted to paying bribes as part of his casino business.¹⁵

Arrest

In April 2022 his Romanian home was raided.

"In a statement provided to The Daily Beast, Romania's Directorate for Investigating Organized Crime and Terrorism said the raid on the Tates' house was part of an investigation that began after a woman was reported to be held at the house against her will. As the probe continued, it escalated to include "crimes of human trafficking and rape." On Tuesday, April 27, a spokesperson for the Romanian policy agency added that no one has been charged or arrested yet in the case, but that the investigation is ongoing."¹⁶

Broke Woman's Jaw

Tate has described an incident where he accidentally broke a woman's jaw after she knocked his phone out his hand in a night club. According to him, a man punched him and in the ensuing tussle her jaw was broken.¹⁷

FAR RIGHT LINKS

In 2019 Tate attended the CPAC conference in the US where he spent time with far-right figures including **Paul Joseph Watson and Jack Posobiec**.¹⁸



Dan Jukes, Andrew Tate, Paul Joseph Watson, and Jack Posobiec



Andrew Tate, Candace Owens, Paul Joseph Watson

Mike Cernovich visited the Tate brothers in Romania in 2019, describing them as his “friends” in the description of his podcast.¹⁹

Stephen Lennon (Aka Tommy Robinson)

Tate is a long term friend and associate of far-right extremist Stephen Lennon.

During an interview he said of Lennon: “He’s a Luton guy, I know him very well. [...] You can message Tommy right now and say you’re talking to Tate and he’ll love it. We’re best, I’ve hung out with Tommy untold times. [...] I’ll tell you something, he’s a solid guy, he means what he says, he’s got a good heart, he’s honest, and I think what the establishment is trying to do to him is extremely unfair.”²⁰

In another interview in 2022 he said: “If you look at Tommy Robinson he is doing his very best to protect England from Islamisation.”²¹

In 2019 Tate turned up at the home of the anti-fascist Mike Stuchbery to intimidate him after Stuchbery criticised Lennon.²² Stuchbery claimed this was part of a prolonged harassment by Tate against him.²³ Tate has since bragged about the event online.²⁴

21 CONVENTION/ANTHONY DREAM JOHNSON

Anthony Johnson is a notorious misogynist and far-right activist and the self-declared ‘President of the Manosphere’. He is also founder of 21 Studios and the 21 Conventions.²⁵

Tate did a long interview for 21 Studios in April 2019 with Johnson.

In it he trumpets numerous far-right positions:

He talks about ‘the psychos you let in from the third world’ in relation to immigration.

He describes **Alex Jones** as “one of the greatest men on the planet.”²⁶

He said, “All I really believe in is a strong immigration law, protecting your country and putting your country first.”²⁷ And “I love **Trump**, he’s the best we could ever have hoped for.”²⁸

He was due to speak at the 2019 21 Convention in Warsaw²⁹ but later pulled out due to ‘travel considerations’.³⁰

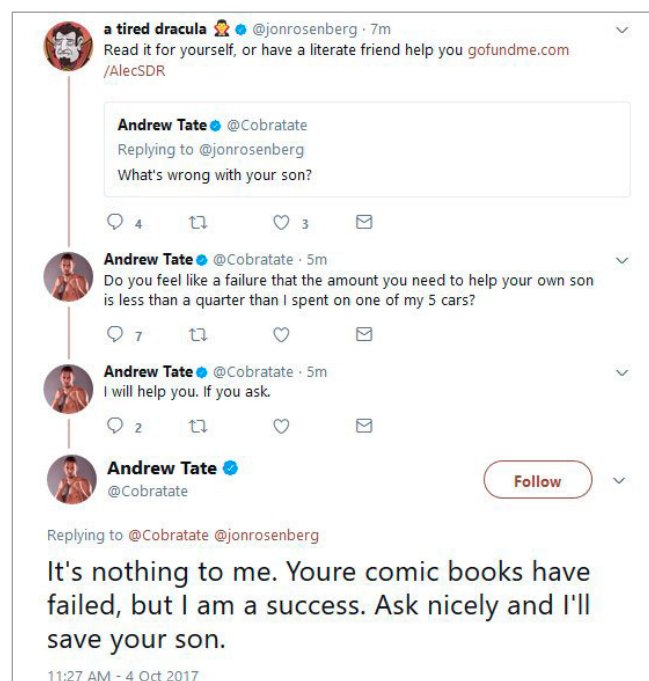
CONSPIRACY THEORY CONTENT

Tate regularly espouses conspiracy theories, especially the New World Order theory.³¹

MENTAL HEALTH AND ABLEISM

In 2017 Tate made headlines for publicly stating “depression isn’t real” and it “is not a clinical disease”, but rather it’s “a circumstance which they must change.” He added: “Sure. Natural to sometimes FEEL depressed. It doesn’t make it a DISEASE. I feel hungry sometimes, then I change it.”³²

He also taunted the father who has a son with cerebral palsy. The father set up a Go Fund Me page to pay for surgery to which Tate responded: “Do you feel like a failure that the amount you need to help your own son is less than a quarter than I spend on one of my 5 cars?”



Endnotes

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