

Diagolon: Canada's Homegrown White Nationalist Network

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The Canadian Anti-Hate Network (CAHN) is an independent nonprofit organization with the mandate to counter, monitor, and expose far-right hate promoting movements, groups, and individuals in Canada using every reasonable, legal, and ethical tool at our disposal. We use our research and experience to support communities in confronting and preventing far-right hate wherever it appears. We believe that factual reporting exposing far-right intentions and organizing is a necessary component to stopping the far-right. Our reporting is grounded in a strong focus on ethics, based in part on the Canadian Association of Journalists Ethics Guidelines.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Over approximately four years, Diagolon has grown from a small collective of livestreamers and their audiences to a large interconnected network holding in-person meetups and a cross-country tour. They have attracted the attention of law enforcement and security services, and have been discussed in national news stories.

The views expressed by Diagolon borrow from conspiracy theories ubiquitous among the far-right: the great replacement theory, global plots orchestrated by Jewish cabals, accusations of widespread pedophilia by 2SLGBTQ+ people. All of it is packaged with Canadian nationalism.

Diagolon community leaders endorse and network with established militant white nationalist organizations.¹ This has culminated in the leaders forming a new, more selective organization that, unlike Diagolon, has formal membership requirements. They are calling this group "Second Sons Canada."

This report will discuss Diagolon's origins, activities, and structure up until 2025 to provide insight into how this decentralized far-right movement within Canada has grown and spread.

¹ Peter Smith, "Diagolon Livestreamer Making Inroads with International Neo-Nazis," *Canadian Anti-Hate Network*, March 13, 2024, www.antihate.ca/diagolon-live-streamer-making-inroads-with-international-neo-nazis.

INTRODUCTION

In crowded meeting halls, people passed through bag searches, a metal detecting wand, and other trappings of security theatre to see the first live tour of Jeremy MacKenzie, Derek Harrison, Alex Vriend and Morgan Guptill. Virtually unknown outside of Canada, the four make up some of the most influential members of Diagolon.

Beginning as a collective of like-minded far-right podcasters and content creators, the fandom around these figures has grown into a community driven by conspiracy theory, with participants across the country. Identified as ideologically motivated violent extremists by Canadian law enforcement and intelligence agencies, Diagolon is one of the largest and most active white nationalist networks in Canada.²

Unlike more traditional models of far-right organizations, there is no formal method of joining Diagolon—no official membership or vetting process. This means that the audience for Diagolon's content is diverse among age and geography. Not every Diagolon supporter espouses racism, antisemitism or calls for violence against immigrants. However, the recent content from many members of the community has become so bellicose in its racism and ultra-nationalism that to consume Diagolon material is to undeniably consume militant white nationalist material.

"War is coming, act accordingly," MacKenzie wrote on the application Telegram.

In the same post, he referred to the Government of Canada as "a terrorist organization promoting violence on peaceful protestors and funding a violent communist revolution." He added, "We cannot coexist, so someone has to go."³

Non-European descendant individuals, even those who support the community, are viewed as invaders in Canada. The solution for Diagolon's followers is simple: "mass deportation now."⁴

Racism, especially Islamophobia and antisemitism, has always been present in this network's content and discourse.⁵ Some of the network's earliest content includes calls to stop Muslim immigration to Canada, fearing a coming "civil war,"⁶ and conspiracy theories about the creeping orchestrated erasure of white people.⁷ These views have accelerated where some Diagolon community members promote and support neo-Nazi activists in the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia, and directly collaborate with these groups.⁸

In recent months, Diagolon's leaders have created Second Sons Canada, a new organization with membership requirements.⁹

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- 3 Hunter Walker, "How Alex Jones and White Nationalist Podcasts Exploded into Canadian Politics," *Talking Points Memo*, May 6, 2024, www.talkingpointsmemo.com/news/how-alex-jones-and-white-nationalist-podcasts-exploded-into-canadian-politics.
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- 6 Kurt Phillips, "After Being Shoved Tarek Fatah Strikes White Nationalist and Faith Goldy Supporter Derek Harrison with Cane at Bernier's PPC Immigration Speech," *Anti-Racist Canada Collective*, August 7, 2019, www.anti-racistcanada.blogspot.com/2019/08/tarek-fatah-strikes-white-nationalist.html.
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NOTABLE MEMBERS

Based on comments by its followers, Diagolon is almost wholly made up of Canadians and caters to a Canadian audience. Some listeners and supporters live elsewhere, notably the United States, portions of Europe and Australia. Diagolon is managed and directed by a series of key figures, some who remain anonymous while others are much more public.

Jeremy MacKenzie is the leader, chief proselytizer, and originator of the concept of Diagolon. He began his streaming career under the moniker Raging Humanist, but changed it to Raging Dissident, a name he continues to use.



A livestreamer, Afghanistan combat veteran, and founding member¹⁰ of the populist People's Party of Canada (PPC),¹¹ he drew some attention in early 2020 after staging a one-man protest of a talk by Omar Khadr.¹²

A firebrand who has made conspiracy theories, Islamophobia, and antisemitism a central feature of his content, MacKenzie has been key to the growth of a community of far-right Canadians connected through him and a handful of other influencers essential to promoting and shaping the direction of the Diagolon network.¹³

Derek Harrison is an Ontario resident and former gas fitter¹⁴ who streams under the moniker "Derek Rants." Posting his first videos onto YouTube in the late 2010s, his videos often deal with issues of immigration, conspiracy theories, and his claims about Jewish influence over global affairs.



He was active in protests and early PPC organizing, but his work with Jeremy MacKenzie gained him the most attention. The two connected over their videos and began appearing on each other's livestreams. According to Harrison, during an appearance on the white nationalist podcast "Red Ice," a commenter watching a livestream remarked that both men made up a "Plaid Army," as they were both wearing plaid.¹⁵

His early activism included volunteering with Faith Goldy, a far-right media personality and self-proclaimed "propaganda arm" for the alt-right neo-Nazi movement when she ran for mayor of Toronto.¹⁶ Harrison often engages in overt hate speech;¹⁷ while other times, he couches his language by using newly created or established slang to refer to marginalized groups, particularly Jews.

10 Alex Ballingall, "RCMP Investigating Rape Threats Made by Far-Right Figure about Pierre Poilievre's Wife," *Toronto Star*, September 26, 2022, www.thestar.com/politics/federal/rcmp-investigating-rape-threats-made-by-far-right-figure-about-pierre-poilievre-s-wife/article-f3db8fa-b194-5e41-93b9-31fcd4b7b346.html.

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Alex Vriend operates within Diagolon under the pseudonym "The Ferryman's Toll." Often posing in a white ski mask, Vriend was originally from the rural Ottawa suburb of Metcalf. Educated as an architect, he now produces many of the Diagolon memes pushed out via Telegram. He also hosts an after-show on Telegram that follows MacKenzie's streams.¹⁸



Vriend brought together Diagolon community members in person during a cross-country trip while he was relocating from Ontario to Alberta. During this trip, Vriend—and his dog Strider—networked extensively with the typically geographically separated Diagolon community. Staying at supporters' houses and posting his progress on Telegram, this trip cemented him as an important part of the community.

In December of 2021, Vriend encouraged followers to attend a protest against the changing name of Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson) and be prepared to brawl with "antifa" as a "prime propaganda opportunity."¹⁹

Morgan Guptill began her activism opposing pandemic health restrictions, organizing in-person meetups as both social events and protests.²⁰ Currently, MacKenzie's romantic partner, she continues to organize gatherings and will sometimes appear in videos and content.



Often referring to herself as the "Queen of Diagolon" on social media like X and Telegram, Guptill's content frequently includes disparaging remarks about Jewish and South Asian people.²¹

Guptill was arrested with MacKenzie for participating in protests outside of the home of Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Robert Strang where, it was alleged, the pair repeatedly called Strang's home phone number. The charges were stayed after the judge ruled that the prosecution had taken too long before going to trial.²²

¹⁸ Peter Smith, "A Holocaust Denier Is Travelling Across Canada Building up the Country's Newest Far-Right Militia Movement," *Canadian Anti-Hate Network*, January 11, 2022, www.antihate.ca/holocaust-denier-travelling-canada-building-up-far-right-militia-diagolon-alex-vriend.

¹⁹ "'These Mother F*****s Need to Die': Far-Right Talking About Attacking Anti-Racists in Downtown Toronto This Weekend," *Canadian Anti-Hate Network*, December 15, 2021, www.antihate.ca/far-right-attacking-anti-racists-downtown-toronto.

²⁰ "Jeremy Mackenzie Agrees to a Peace Bond in Saskatchewan Assault Case," *Canadian Anti-Hate Network*, September 6, 2023, www.antihate.ca/jeremy-mackenzie-peace-bond-saskatchewan-assault-case.

²¹ Moregun May(hem) 🇨🇦 (@QueenofDiagolon), [Screenshot of a post by X user Cracker Jack reading "Don't ignore the rise of Jewish supremacy in Canada. Don't hope it goes away. Actively resist the loxist Jews. Tell these genocidal white hating bitches to fuck off. No loxists in Canada."], Telegram, April 15, 2025, 10:21AM, <https://archive.is/iH9Qp>; Moregun May(hem) 🇨🇦 (@QueenofDiagolon), "Harjit Sajjan was born in Punjab, 🇮🇳 He does not represent Canadians nor does he permit Twitter replies from most of them. We should be demanding 3rd generation Canadians at minimum to represent our country's interests only," Telegram, March 15, 2025, 8:49PM, <https://archive.is/HnL6v>.

²² "Charges stayed against pair accused of harassing N.S. medical officer during pandemic," *Canadian Press*, June 6, 2024, www.halifax.citynews.ca/2024/06/06/charges-dismissed-against-pair-accused-of-harassing-n-s-medical-officer-during-covid/.

Daniel Sleno is a livestreamer connected to Diagolon and its predecessor network, the Plaid Army. Like many of the other streamers, he claims most of his content is a type of comedy, though he will routinely dive into what he refers to as "pro-white" political concepts and movements. Unlike the other creators, Sleno has performed some stand-up. He frequently discusses far-right political movements as well as topics relating to neo-Nazism and the "Jewish Question."²³



Nigel McDougal is a neo-Nazi²⁴ and perhaps best described as a fitness influencer within the Diagolon community. Under the name Aryan Goggins (sometimes stylized as Anthony Ryan Goggins) he posts racist, antisemitic, and neo-Nazi content²⁵



alongside videos of him and others working out. One of his several tattoos includes the words "White Pride" tattooed on his leg. It is not known when he first came to Diagolon, but he initially gained attention in the community for his exercise routine of running the stairs of his apartment building in a weighted vest.

²³ Sébastien Roback, "Canada First Exposed: Months Inside One of Canada's Biggest, Youngest, and Newest White Supremacist Chatrooms," *Canadian Anti-Hate Network*, June 29, 2021, www.antihate.ca/canada_first_exposed_tyler_russell. The "Jewish Question" is an antisemitic talking point about what should be "done" about Jews, inspired in the present day by the full name of the Nazis' exterminationist plan – "Final Solution to the Jewish Question."

²⁴ Anthony RYAN (@A_RyanGoggins), "Chief physical training Nazi concurs Heil Liftler \\\\", X, July 19, 2023, 5:58PM, <https://archive.is/Qt4vM>; schizo stair guy ⚡️ Anthony Ryan (@schizostairguy), "Support your brothers #westernfrontier <https://t.me/westernfrontier>," Telegram, May 11, 11:21PM, <https://archive.is/vKGLB>; "How Creators on Tiktok are Using Their Profile Details to Promote Hate," Institute for Strategic Dialogue, August 24, 2021, https://www.isdglobal.org/digital_dispatches/how-creators-on-tiktok-are-using-their-profile-details-to-promote-hate/.

²⁵ Anthony RYAN (@A_RyanGoggins), "Mussies and Jews....hindis pakis and kalistanis....you are all the enemy of the Anglo Saxon....all of you have been attacking us in different forms for thousands of years....they are just more up front....jews do it through porn money drugs and greed," X, May 22, 2024, 8:17AM, <https://archive.is/5TMNF>.

ORIGINS

Diagolon's structure is an example of how decentralized online movements form, operate, and communicate in a large network. Rather than a traditional organizational hierarchy that has official members and leadership, Diagolon relies on a post-organizational structure.²⁶ It is a community of individuals united by their support of Diagolon's creators, their message, and the social relationships the fandom fosters. This has been described by the creators themselves as more similar to the relationship between a sports team and their fans. They are a group of individuals who share common beliefs, goals, symbols, and culture. The flag of Diagolon, along with its other iconography, phrases, and now merchandise, all serve as indicators to followers that those broadcasting it share similar ideals. This type of model is not unique to extremism. It demonstrates how online communities form organically, intentionally, or, like Diagolon, a mixture of both.

Pre-Pandemic Era

Before "Diagolon" there was the "Plaid Army": a collective of livestreamers centred around Jeremy MacKenzie and Derek Harrison.

The barrier for entry was informal, but the livestreamers were all white Canadians, almost exclusively male, and shared a conspiratorial worldview that included Holocaust denial/minimization, hostility towards immigrants—particularly refugees—and repeated accusations of Jewish-led plots to control society.

Diagolon Telegram channels have typically been deleted or wiped of their contents on an infrequent basis in response to negative publicity or for reasons of self-protection.²⁷ Mackenzie wrote of deleting the pay-for-entry chat server they offer to fans and supporters:

While I don't care if anyone wants to waste their days staring at a screen all day long—I do care that some friends and associates have to volunteer time to stay on top of moderating criminal behaviour, subversion and so on—ultimately for zero benefit.

Diagolon's Use of Streaming

The most prominent public-facing members of Diagolon are livestreamers, though it also includes many other individuals producing original and AI-generated artwork, short videos, music and more. Streaming content is created by fewer than a dozen individuals who hold accounts on mainstream platforms like YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, as well as so-called "alternative platforms" like Entropy, Telegram, and Rumble.

While streams often deal with a variety of public issues and current events, they are the primary means by which new and existing supporters receive the narratives disseminated by the group. This can include attacks on enemies, information about who is on the ins or outs within the community, as well as information about networks and organizations outside of Diagolon. The other primary source for information from Diagolon is the group's Telegram channel. Telegram is a one-to-one and one-to-many communication application and is characterized by its end-to-end encryption and lack of moderation.²⁸ It houses the main channels of the individual creators, which are used to post links to news stories, livestreams, documents, images, and audio and video files.

²⁶ Joe Mulhall, "A Post-Organisational Far Right?," *HOPE Not Hate*, 2018, www.hopenothate.org.uk/research-old/state-of-hate-2018/online-radicalisation/post-organisational-far-right/.

²⁷ "Diagolon Influencer Deletes Telegram History, Announces Hiatus from Streaming," *Canadian Anti-Hate Network*, February 14, 2025, www.antihate.ca/diagolon-influencer-deletes-telegram-history-announces-hiatus-streaming-vriend.

²⁸ Alex Hern and Dan Milmo, "What Is Telegram and Why Has Its Founder Pavel Durov Been Arrested?" *The Guardian*, March 17, 2025, www.theguardian.com/media/article/2024/aug/26/what-is-telegram-why-has-founder-pavel-durov-been-arrested.

Pandemic Era

Diagolon's profile grew along with many other far-right movements, networks and organizations after the rapid spread of COVID-19 led to restrictions and lockdowns.²⁹ It was during this period that the first in-person events were organized. Typically organized by small collectives of local individuals, these events included fairly innocuous meet-ups, like barbeques and other largely social events. Recordings from some individuals involved in Diagolon at the time also included trips to firearm ranges.

Jeremy MacKenzie first created the idea of Diagolon during a livestream in January 2021. He imagined a fictional country starting in Alaska and running Southeast through Canada and the United States, mostly incorporating regions that did not have masking mandates to combat the pandemic. The group adopted a flag, a white diagonal line on a black background, and a diagonal arm salute as their symbols. MacKenzie and other supporters of Diagolon point to this origin story and other absurd aspects of their shows to argue that their content is a joke and that the media's portrayal of them as extremists is inaccurate.



"Ol' Slashy," the symbol and flag of Diagolon.

Despite these claims, Diagolon streamers and followers frequently have discussed violence against political enemies,³⁰ preparing for a coming inevitable conflict against "foreign invaders,"³¹ and the frequent dehumanization of any non-white, non-heteronormative people.³²

Ottawa "Freedom Convoy" 2022

MacKenzie, Harrison, Vriend, and several others travelled to Ontario to participate in the 2022 convoy protests in Ottawa. During this time, MacKenzie encouraged his followers to refrain from flying the Diagolon flag or engaging in any illegal activity.

When law enforcement did intervene in Ottawa, Vriend was one of many individuals taken into custody and then released shortly after.³³ Like others who were detained during the day, no charges were filed.

The regional meet-ups were largely abandoned post-convoy. This seems to have been in part due to the arrest of four individuals in Coutts, Alberta, who were charged with plotting to kill police officers. The Canadian Anti-Hate Network identified a Diagolon patch among the gear seized in the arrest. Two of the men would later plead to lesser charges and two others were found guilty of possession of a weapon for dangerous purposes. One of the men arrested was reported to be the administrator of a regional Diagolon Telegram group.³⁴

²⁹ Elizabeth Thompson, "Canadian Online Searches for Far-Right Material Increased During Pandemic, MPs Told," CBC, May 10, 2022, www.cbc.ca/news/politics/pandemic-far-right-extremist-groups-1.6448332; Merlyna Lim and Brandon Rigato, "Close to Home: The Canadian Far Right, COVID-19 and Social Media," *The Conversation*, April 3, 2022, www.theconversation.com/close-to-home-the-canadian-far-right-covid-19-and-social-media-178714.

³⁰ "These Mother F****s Need to Die': Far-Right Talking about Attacking Anti-Racists in Downtown Toronto This Weekend."

³¹ "White Supremacist Diagolon Movement Now Calling for Deportation of All Indians," *Global Project Against Hate and Extremism*, June 16, 2024, www.globalextrism.org/post/white-supremacist-diagolon-movement-now-calling-for-deportation-of-all-indians/.

³² "Canadian White Supremacist Diagolon Movement Increasingly Targets the LGBTQ+ Community," *Global Project Against Hate and Extremism*, April 27, 2023, www.globalextrism.org/post/diagolon-lgbtq/.

³³ Standing Committee on Procedural and House Affairs, *Emergency Measures Regulations – Law Enforcement*, May 17, 2022, www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/trnsprnc/brfng-mtrls/prlmntry-bndrs/20220517/09-en.aspx.

³⁴ Mack Lamoureux, "'Freedom Convoy' Suspects Charged with Plan to Kill Cops Linked to Anti-Government Group," *VICE*, February 16, 2022, www.vice.com/en/article/freedom-convoy-murder-conspiracy-diagolon/.

The testimony of an officer with the York Regional Police (YRP) in a case investigating a member of the network sheds more light into the inner workings of Diagolon during this transition period. After a report by the Canadian Anti-Hate Network in August 2021 that a member of the YRP was an associate of MacKenzie, the department began an investigation into Diagolon.³⁵ Initially intended to be a two-month "surface-level assessment" of MacKenzie, the probe grew to include a team of 10 to 12 investigators who found Gary Schill of Keswick, Ontario, encouraging militia-type training.

According to the court documents obtained by the Canadian Anti-Hate Network, Schill was an administrator of at least two Diagolon Telegram channels that have since been shuttered.³⁶ The content of the Diagolon Telegram channels included "anti-vaccine, anti-government, white nationalist and white supremacy rhetoric" as well as "talk about assembl[ing] a militia by acquiring weaponry and body armour and planning meet-ups."³⁷

The court documents provide insights into an investigation into Schill, Diagolon, and how organizing went "underground" following arrests outside of Coutts, Alberta. As DC Ernest Carmichael told the court at the time:

*By virtue of the amount of attention they've, for lack of a better term, gone underground. They've closed down their Telegram channels. They've reorganized and reconstituted a lot of how they were functioning. They've hidden themselves behind a paywall now...They've made efforts to conceal and hide some of what they're doing and what their activities are.*³⁸

Schill, according to transcripts of Carmichael's testimony, was interested in recruiting ex-military members on behalf of Diagolon to build a militia. His ex-wife gave the same testimony.

Carmichael testified to having reviewed both Schill and MacKenzie's devices during his investigation, offering unique insights into Diagolon's structure and evolution since the convoy in 2022. Carmichael testified as follows:

*There was an indication that they were trying to formalize a leadership component, which [was] really just comprised of their closest inner circle. And they had implemented a hierarchy, so to speak, but it's intended to be a loose formation. In which case, Jeremy MacKenzie tables his ideology for his followers. And then he encourages everyone, to quote him, 'Find your friends,' and encourages his membership to form chapters, we'll call it, depending on their geography.*³⁹

Other evidence presented from a since-shuttered group chat on the encrypted communication application Telegram could "reasonably be interpreted" as attempts by Schill to organize "tactical shooting and combat training outings," as found by Ontario Justice Rohan Michael Robinson in his decision.⁴⁰

While the legal difficulties of MacKenzie and the men arrested in Coutts may have contributed to a chilling effect on the in-person organizing aspect of Diagolon, that time appears to be at an end with the formation of the Second Sons Canada.

³⁵ "Anti-Restriction Protester and Active Duty Police Officer Appears with Antisemitic Livestreamer," *Canadian Anti-Hate Network*, August 3, 2021, https://www.antihate.ca/anti_restriction_protester_active_duty_police_officer_appears_antisemitic_livestreamer.

³⁶ "White Supremacist in Diagolon Inner Circle Trying to Recruit Ex-military Members to Build a Militia: Court," *Canadian Anti-Hate Network*, June 20, 2024, https://www.antihate.ca/white_supremacist_diagolon_inner_circle_recruit_military_members

³⁷ R. v. Schill Reasons for Judgement, (Ontario Supreme Court of Justice May 14, 2024), www.canlii.ca/t/k4spf.

³⁸ R. v. Schill Evidence of Ernest Carmichael, (Ontario Supreme Court of Justice May 14, 2024), https://assets.nationbuilder.com/antihate/pages/174/attachments/original/1718911105/Day_2_-_Redacted_by_CAHN_-_2024.4.9_-_SCHILL_-_1007341_-_68_PGS_-_EXCERPT_-_GB_-_FINAL_COPY_-_PREPARED_BY_VP.pdf?1718911105.

³⁹ Ibid.

⁴⁰ R. v. Schill Reasons for Judgement.

NETWORKING WITH INTERNATIONAL HATE GROUPS

Part of Diagolon's recent moves towards engaging more aggressively in far-right politics has included networking with other, much more well-known white nationalist networks and organizations—including one listed as a terrorist organization by the US State Department.⁴¹ Most of these connections are developed through online communications and social media, typically with Diagolon's livestreamers hosting or appearing on other shows.

There has also been a large amount of public networking occurring over X's (formerly Twitter) "Spaces" program—a conference call feature that allows large groups of people to listen and speak over the platform. Spaces have been used by these groups to facilitate relationships and garner support from the international far-right.

Calls on Spaces have seen influencers and supporters from Diagolon share a microphone with antisemitic conspiracy theorist and leader of the antisemitic Goyim Defence League, Jon Eugene Minadeo II;⁴² violent neo-Nazi and leader of the Australian National Socialist Network, Thomas Sewell;⁴³ and numerous other white nationalist activists and organizers in Ireland, the United Kingdom, and more.

Nordic Resistance Movement Scandinavia

One of the more notable appearances was by Alex Vriend on a December 2023 episode of Nordic Frontier, the podcast for the Nordic Resistance Movement (NRM).⁴⁴ It was hosted by NRM member Andreas Johansson. The show, part of NRM's English-language outreach, presents itself as the "final solution to your podcast problems," a reference to the "final solution" enacted by Nazi Germany against the Jewish people.

During the interview, Vriend expanded on his grievances with mainstream politics—made up of what he called "kosher parties"⁴⁵—during which he mostly focused on immigration and the racial makeup of Canada.

Vriend discussed how his employment in construction results in "a lot of work in schools," and he bemoaned to Johansson the visible diversity in student portraits hanging in the buildings' hallways.

Vriend said, "If I look at class photos going back to the 90s you can see it was all white kids or 95% plus white kids and all you have to do is start walking down the line of these photos."

⁴¹ Peter Smith, "The History and Future of the Nordic Resistance Movement," *CTC Sentinel* 17, no. 7 (2024): 38–42, www.ctc.westpoint.edu/the-history-and-future-of-the-nordic-resistance-movement/.

⁴² Mack Lamoureux, "A Neo-Nazi Troll Network Is Making Money Abusing Jews," *VICE*, March 1, 2023, www.vice.com/en/article/goyim-defense-league-jon-minadeo/.

⁴³ Australian Associated Press, "Neo-Nazi Thomas Sewell Avoids Jail Time over 'Brutal' Attack on Nine Network Security Guard," *The Guardian*, January 12, 2023, www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2023/jan/12/neo-nazi-thomas-sewell-avoids-jail-time-over-brutal-attack-on-nine-network-security-guard.

⁴⁴ Daniel Sallamaa and Tommi Kotonen, "The Case Against the Nordic Resistance Movement in Finland: An Overview and Some Explanations," *Center for Research on Extremism*, November 2, 2020, www.sv.uio.no/c-rex/english/news-and-events/right-now/2020/the-case-against-the-nordic-resistance-movement.html; "The History and Future of the Nordic Resistance Movement." NRM is a militant fascist organization operating across Scandinavia with chapters in Norway, Sweden, and Iceland. NRM is banned in Finland for promoting a political system based on National Socialism and was recently designated a terrorist group by the United States. While non-ethnic Nordic people are not allowed to join NRM, they fundraise and promote the organization through a multi-language media strategy. This often includes reframing the violent acts committed by members of the group, which include assaults, bombings, and murders.

⁴⁵ "Kosher parties" refers to the antisemitic conspiracy theory belief that certain political parties are controlled by Jews.

He also discussed the arrest of two former Atomwaffen Division members: Kristoffer Nippak and Matthew Althorpe.⁴⁶ Both were members of Ontario chapters of the Active Club.⁴⁷ Althorpe specifically is accused of being one of several pseudonymous authors of four manuals that encourage and outline how to carry out single-person or small-group acts of terror.

About Nippak and Althorpe, Vriend told the NRM podcast, "[t]hey were alleged to take part in terroristic activities and terroristic materials—which means memes." He did not mention that the works allegedly produced by Althorpe provide ideological justification and directions on attack types, target selection, and more necessary information for carrying out effective acts of terror.

Vriend also indicated during the interview that he has continued to engage in offline organizing, including another reference to his Active Club. He complained that Canada lacks far-right organizations like Patriotic Alternative in the United Kingdom and Patriot Front in the United States.

"Remember to put race first," Johansson added, reminding Vriend and listeners of both the "race question and the Jewish question."

Patriotic Alternative **United Kingdom**

In March and June 2024, MacKenzie appeared on Patriotic Alternative⁴⁸ founder Mark Collett's livestream as a "special guest." Together in the June episode, they discussed other far-right activists they felt were not committed to the cause, vaccine fatalities, and the invasion of foreigners into the West.

Patriot Front **US**

Despite having a limited audience compared to some other Diagolon members, Vriend has also used his show as a vehicle to connect with Thomas Rousseau, the founder and leader of the US-based organization Patriot Front.⁴⁹ Rousseau appeared on Vriend's stream on January 25, 2023. Known for holding rallies and marches in matching blue and khaki uniforms, the group uses the striking imagery to gain media attention and bring in new members. Patriot Front held marches through the streets of Chicago, near an Idaho Pride event, and in New York City, only days before he appeared on Vriend's livestream.

Goyim Defence League **US**

Perhaps more significant have been Diagolon's increasing links to the Goyim Defense League (GDL),⁵⁰ a publicity-hungry neo-Nazi organization based primarily in the US with some Canadian members. Besides both sides sharing each other's content, GDL and Diagolon followers regularly appear on the social media platform X's conference call feature together. Several Diagolon livestreams appeared on GTV (Goyim TV), a website created by the GDL after their content has been banned from most major streaming services. This sharing practice ended but, according to a message on Telegram by Vriend to the community, this was due to legal considerations and not a souring of the relationship.

⁴⁶ Peter Smith, "Alleged Terrorgram Author Will Remain in Detention While Co-accused Granted Bail," *Canadian Anti-Hate Network*, December 22, 2023, www.antihate.ca/alleged-terrorgram-author-remain-detention-atomwaffen.

⁴⁷ Peter Smith, "Underground Neo-Nazi Street Gang Quietly Running Whites-Only Workout Clubs from Coast to Coast," *Canadian Anti-Hate Network*, April 13, 2022, www.antihate.ca/neo-nazi-street-gang-quietly-whites-only-workout-clubs-canada-vinland-hammerskins. The Active Clubs are a decentralized neo-Nazi movement that promotes the formation of white-only training clubs in North America and Europe. Despite presenting themselves as bastions of positive health and community for white men, the Active Clubs are built on a foundation of white supremacy, preparing its members for a future they believe will be mired in racial conflict. The first wave of Canadian Active Clubs went silent following the arrests of Nippak (who has been identified as a key leader in the network) and Althorpe.

⁴⁸ Tim Hume, "'Dangerous': The UK's Most Powerful Fascist Group Has Just Split in Two," *VICE*, April 27, 2023, www.vice.com/en/article/g5yqgx/patriotic-alternative-split-homeland.

⁴⁹ "Patriot Front," *Southern Poverty Law Centre*, www.splcenter.org/resources/extremist-files/patriot-front/; Justin Wm. Moyer and Lindsey Bever, "Vanguard America, a White Supremacist Group, Denies Charlottesville Ramming Suspect Was a Member," *Washington Post*, August 15, 2017, www.washingtonpost.com/local/vanguard-america-a-white-supremacist-group-denies-charlottesville-attacker-was-a-member/2017/08/15/2ec897c6-810e-11e7-8072-73e1718c524d_story.html. Patriot Front formed as a splinter group of another, Vanguard America, after the deadly Unite The Right (UTR) rally in Charlottesville, Virginia in 2017. James Fields, who drove into a crowd of people during UTR, killing Heather Heyer, had been seen rallying with Vanguard America and pictured holding a shield with the group's logo—VA denied Fields was a member.

⁵⁰ "Goyim Defense League (GDL)" *Institute for Strategic Dialogue*, February 25, 2025, www.isdglobal.org/explainers/goyim-defense-league-gdl/.

DIAGOLON ON TOUR

On July 6, 2024, in the small town of Carp, Ontario just 40 minutes from Ottawa, over 100 people gathered for an event held by Jeremy MacKenzie on the "Road Rage Terror Tour."⁵¹

Billing itself as a comedy show, in practice, it was a networking event for the typically online white nationalist community to come together, support one another, and share a vision of Canada without racial, religious, and sexual minorities.

The atmosphere was jubilant and the crowd engaged in a chant promoting mass deportation of "they have to go back," as MacKenzie and other Diagolon influencers Alex Vriend, Derek Harrison, and Morgan May Guphill took the stage.

The "Terror Tour" was a victory lap for the Diagolon network, which has turned from a small, sparsely covered network into a recognizable and distinctive Canadian far-right brand.

Costing between \$60 to \$100 a ticket, the tour promoted the network, sold merchandise, and connected the typically online community in person. The tour took place in locations near Ottawa and Hamilton, Ontario; Calgary and Edmonton, Alberta; Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Vancouver and Kamloops, British Columbia; and Halifax, Nova Scotia. Each event involved a planned performance by the participants, which included comedic elements but also elements of advocating for political organizing.

Footage from tour participants has shown Harrison, Vriend and MacKenzie in clothing from a company whose owner is an associate of the Vinland Hammerskins,⁵² as well as sunglasses and shirts sold by the GDL.⁵³

The shows' exact locations were hidden until shortly before the events. After one meet-and-greet venue withdrew the use of the building, even the exact addresses were not sent to attendees, but rather, a nearby location—typically a parking lot—where a trusted party would reveal the final destination.



Screenshot of a video from the Road Rage Terror Tour of Derek Harrison wearing a GTV hat and sunglasses (which have a totenkopf—the death's head skull worn by Hitler's SS—on them).⁵⁴



Picture from the Road Rage Terror Tour of Derek Harrison wearing a Vinland Battlewear hoodie and shirt.⁵⁵

51 Peter Hum, "Carp Residents Decry Far-Right Event Saturday Night at Local Hall," *Ottawa Citizen*, July 7, 2024, www.ottawacitizen.com/news/local-news/diagolon-in-ottawa.

52 "Underground Neo-Nazi Street Gang Quietly Running Whites-Only Workout Clubs from Coast to Coast."

53 "Diagolon Leaders Wearing Neo-Nazi Symbols on 'Road Rage Terror Tour,'" *Canadian Anti-Hate Network*, August 1, 2024, www.antihate.ca/diagolon_leaders_wearing_neo-nazi_symbols_road_rage_terror_tour.

54 Canadian Anti-Hate Network (@antihateca), "Leaders of the far right Diagolon community - who are on a cross country tour - have been seen repeatedly wearing GDL merch." X, July 17, 2024, 4:58 PM, www.x.com/antihateca/status/1813679775350931871.

55 Johnny Fondue (@Eatsfood2), "They've also been wearing shirts and hoodies sold by Vinland Hammerskins," X, July 17, 2024, 7:56 PM, www.x.com/Eatsfood2/status/1813724390221402315.

After the events, several venues shared that they were unaware of who they were hosting.⁵⁶ In many cases elected officials also condemned the local appearances.⁵⁷ Attempts to locate the venues ahead of each performance generally were unsuccessful in disrupting the events and members of the network also began to spread false or misleading information ahead of the performances to disrupt efforts to locate them.

There were also eight free additional “meet-and-greet” events along the way following a similar pattern of security procedures. Rather than a performance, these were small social events meant to connect individuals living nearby and allow the attendees to meet their leaders in person. The meet-and-greets typically took place in public spaces, like community centres, parks, and beaches.

While security precautions may have proved somewhat inconvenient for ticket holders—some venue locations were around an hour outside the associated city—the shows were able to move forward with little interference. Crowd sizes varied, with the largest event appearing to be Hamilton, with over 100 people in attendance.

An audio recording of the Ottawa event, which took place in the suburb of Carp, was obtained by an anonymous activist who was able to smuggle in a recording device and shared it with the Canadian Anti-Hate Network.⁵⁸ Beyond short video clips released by Diagolon over Telegram, this recording is the only insight into the actual content of the tour that has not been released by Diagolon.

Derek Harrison was recorded saying:

This all started as a joke. Making YouTube videos, but then we got noticed, right? The Prime Minister had said our name in the House of Commons multiple times. So, we realized that we can move the needle in politics in Canada. So we decided to take it a little bit more seriously.

Vriend also used the forum to promote local organizing and post tour he claimed to have networked thousands of like-minded individuals together for the first time:

What really scares the absolute shit out of these demonic scumbags is when you start coming together and you're like moving towards something bigger than yourself. That's what they've tried to stop for so long. They've tried to anatomize you, they've tried to, you know, turn you into an individual that's disconnected from everyone around you. The n-word for white people, pretty much, is nationalism.

⁵⁶ Jen St. Denis, “A ‘Terror Tour’ Found Safe Spaces in Small Communities Across Canada,” *The Tyee*, July 25, 2024, www.thetyee.ca/News/2024/07/25/Diagolon-Terror-Tour-Canada/.

⁵⁷ Joey Coleman, “Hamilton Politicians Denounce Planned Diagolon Event,” *The Public Record*, July 15, 2024, www.thepublicrecord.ca/2024/07/hamilton-politicians-denounce-planned-diagolon-event/.

⁵⁸ “Diagolon Leaders Wearing Neo-Nazi Symbols on ‘Road Rage Terror Tour.’”

FINANCES

The total amount that Diagolon's streamers earn through their various activities is not known and there is not enough publicly available data to make anywhere near an approximate estimate.

Primarily, Diagolon's livestreamers have relied on Super Chats—in which the audience can send money directly to content creators through YouTube and other video streaming platforms.⁵⁹

Diagolon's frequent battles with deplatforming, including across so-called "alt-tech" platforms that usually offer little in the way of moderation,⁶⁰ have sometimes made claiming these funds difficult. For instance, when MacKenzie was removed from the streaming service DLive, he complained that many of the "lemons"—the digital currency available for purchase on the platform by users which can then be donated to content creators—were inaccessible.

Stripe, Diagolon's payment processor during the 2024 "Terror Tour," allegedly stopped processing ticket sales, forcing the tour to switch to direct e-mail money transfers. MacKenzie has also claimed to have had his bank account cancelled."

The tour's tickets sold for \$60, as well as VIP packages for \$100. Meet and greets were free to attend but also were a vector for fundraising. Merchandise was available for purchase at all these events, and MacKenzie claimed that much of the funding would be going towards paying for the creation of Second Sons Canada.

MacKenzie's website also still carries the address of multiple cryptocurrency wallets, open for donations. He can be considered an early adopter of cryptocurrency and has repeatedly discussed possessing crypto savings over several years. He also complained in 2024 about being banned by several platforms that facilitate cryptocurrency commodity trading in Canada.

⁵⁹ "Super Chats" is the term used by YouTube to quantify these monetary donations. Most live-streaming platforms offer a similar service, claiming a nominal amount of these payments for themselves.

⁶⁰ Nicole Buckley and Joseph S. Schafer. "'Censorship-Free' Platforms: Evaluating Content Moderation Policies and Practices of Alternative Social Media." *For(e)Dialogue* 4, no. 1 (February 3, 2022). <https://doi.org/10.21428/e3990ae6.483f18da>.

SECOND SONS CANADA

Diagolon's influencers have embarked on a group-building project with the creation of Second Sons Canada (SSC), inspired by more militant white nationalist groups abroad.⁶¹

Mackenzie and Vriend have both expressed admiration for the white nationalist protest group Patriot Front, whom Mackenzie referred to in 2021 as Diagolon's "American Counterpart,"⁶² and the Active Club movement, a decentralized "standby militia"⁶³ of white nationalists workout clubs with chapters throughout North America, Australia, and Europe.

There is an indication that the SSC plans to utilize the aesthetics and methods of the other white nationalist organizations they admire. Their uniforms, currently black jackets printed with the tri-maple leaf, a symbol taken from Canada's previous flag, and white neck gaiters, imitate the blue jackets and white face coverings worn by Patriot Front. Drawing inspiration from the Active Club, SSC also focuses on martial arts and combat sports training.⁶⁴ All full members are required to pass a series of physical requirements to join. Vetting also allegedly includes a background check and participation in group activities.

A website set up for the group describes it as a "fraternal organization that transcends mere politics or social clubs." The group claims to have chapters in Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Ontario, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island.

There has been a trickle of other information about the new club. These include pictures of men with their faces digitally obscured training martial arts. A disgruntled member leaked a slew of alleged bylaws governing group conduct and a firm leadership structure.

"Our birthright has been stolen from us as we are being pushed out of society, academics and the workforce and replaced by foreigners without any roots or connection to the Canadian people," the group's website adds.

After their demonstration at the Halifax Cenotaph in March, the group said they were recording for a propaganda video rather than staging a protest, decrying the negative attention showered on the organization in the media.⁶⁵ The promised footage has not been released, but the SSC, its message, organization, and now, unveiling, have been a slow process since mentions of its formation began to circulate months ago.

⁶¹ "Diagolon Livestreamer Making Inroads with International Neo-Nazis."

⁶² Tony the antifascist swan (@TonyYvce), "This week Jeremy said that white nationalist/ fascist group Patriot Front are their 'American counter-parts,'" X, December 12, 2021, 1:51PM, www.x.com/TonyYvce/status/1470104021784481793.

⁶³ Alexander Ritzmann, "Hiding in Plain Sight – The Transnational Right-Wing Extremist Active Club Network," *Counter-Extremism Project*, September 22, 2023, www.counterextremism.com/de/content/hiding-plain-sight-transnational-right-wing-extremist-active-club-network.

⁶⁴ Tony YVCE, "Is It Time to Start Referring to Diagolon as a Neo-Nazi Movement?," *Anti-Fascism Canada*, December 21, 2023, www.canadaantifa.blogspot.com/2023/12/is-it-time-to-start-referring-to.html?m=1.

⁶⁵ "Diagolon Founder Brings New 'Nationalist' Organization Into Public for the First Time."

CONCLUSION

Diagolon remains one of the largest and most popular far-right movements within Canada. While it draws from a variety of well-worn conspiracy theories that are hardly unique to the country, it has created a uniquely Canadian mythos around not only its own origin story but in the way it targets certain communities for derision and vitriol.

The network has continued to slowly expand its membership and connections with other established groups, while also developing a more formal structure. Diagolon's sudden interest in creating organizations that would act in parallel to more militant European and US far-right groups is deeply concerning.

Statements on the tour, particularly by Derek Harrison, reinforced by the collective's statements on Telegram, show a desire to become further involved in Canada's extremist landscape. They simultaneously advocate a position of "there is no political solution" alongside rhetoric that paints non-European descendant immigrants as invaders and an existential threat to Canada.⁶⁶

The focus on training in combat sports, when paired with the collaboration with domestic and international white nationalist movements and organizations, make a dangerous combination of individuals who expect and are preparing for violence. Despite being a small community, they have managed to network extensively domestically and internationally with extremist groups.

⁶⁶ Peter Smith and Mathew Kriner, "The Diagolon Movement and Militant Accelerationism," *Canadian Anti-Hate Network*, www.antihate.ca/diagolon_movement_militant_accelerationism; Jeremy Mackenzie, "Enough," *Raging Dissident*, April 22, 2024, www.archive.is/SLJKO.

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