

Top Stories: Rubio at Munich security forum | It's time to crush it!  | DHS shutdown | Nancy Guthrie latest

## 'Pizzagate' Hits Voat Shortly After Being Banned On Reddit, Comet Ping Pong Nightmare Continues

David Cornell

Updated Wed, November 23, 2016 at 8:09 AM HST



"Pizzagate" Voat transition implicating Comet Ping Pong pizzeria after Reddit ban

"Pizzagate" has gone to Voat following a decision by Reddit admins to stop the harassment of the Chevy Chase pizzeria, Comet Ping Pong. It's clear that some alt-right voters are not happy about president-elect Donald Trump letting go of Hillary Clinton's email scandal, and now the pizza restaurant is under fire from conspiracy theorists.

The alleged offense is that Comet Ping Pong is a child sex-trafficking ring under the cover of a restaurant being used by Democrats in power in the United States. The connection to the recent election is that the people in charge of Clinton's campaign were using the restaurant to facilitate illegal and satanic activity.

This might be an extension of Hillary Clinton's scandal where she had used a private server to exchange emails [containing classified government](#)

[documents](#). Some of the documents pointed to the possibility of her controlling the media and making Donald Trump look like more of a monster to sway the vote. It ties in with Trump's pre-election days of calling Hillary crooked on Twitter and accusing her of planning to rig the vote in her favor via the Electoral College.



Not found

— ¡Elizabeth! (@MissLizzyNJ) [November 23, 2016](#)

Now, it appears that political conspiracy theorists are making connections, which could lead to the biggest scandal since Watergate.

Alt-right protesters appear to be looking for something similar, and they are harassing Comet Ping Pong for its alleged connection to someone in power.

Where does all of this tie in with Hillary Clinton? Secretary Clinton's emails had revealed possible child sex-trafficking behind the scenes. Add to this that one of the theories, however ridiculous, is that the pizzeria owner's name is James Alefantis, which sounds like a French phrase meaning "I like children."

Similar connections were made about President Obama, whose middle name is Hussein. This stretch of a connection had him allegedly connected with Osama bin Laden and Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. Accusing someone of something just because their name sounds suspicious might be the biggest hole in the "pizzagate" theory.

A more solid connection is the fact that Alefantis is an acquaintance of Democratic operative David Brock, who was mentioned in *GQ's* list of Washington's most powerful people. This, theorists allege, means that someone is trying to cover up Comet Ping Pong's connection with child sex-trafficking. One of the emails released by Wikileaks also pointed to a meeting between John Podesta and Alefantis, and there is a picture of Podesta [holding a handkerchief](#) with a "pizza-related" map on it, according to *Washington City Paper*.

The fact that Reddit has now banned all “Pizzagate” discussions, and the pizzeria is now being forced to leave an Active Cleanup Alert to remove all negative reviews concerning the alleged scandal is only [reinforcing theorists’ claims](#), says *DCist*. Those involved in the discussion are now saying that Comet Ping Pong is using its power to silence the accusations on Reddit.

Alefantis has taken to the public with a statement on how horrible this theory is, and how it unfairly costs him business while engaging in borderline illegal practices.

*“The most sickening part of this vicious attack has been the stealing of Instagram images, Facebook images of children, minors, aged 5, 7, and 8 years old that are then slapped across their chat boards as nothing but pawns. Yes, it’s scary to be attacked, it’s dangerous for business, but it’s disgusting and filthy of these people to be posting photos on these websites.... Someone should be prosecuting these people.”*

Alefantis added, unfortunately, that the [people perpetuating](#) the “pizzagate” rumors even on Voat are “white nationalists made up largely of racists [and] homophobic individuals.” The same label has been used on people who voted for Donald Trump or even support him.



Not found

RED ALERT: They are shutting down the research at the [#PizzaGate](#) Sub-Reddit on Reddit today. Apparently, it’s been deemed “Fake News”.  
[pic.twitter.com/aNG5UIXGnV](https://pic.twitter.com/aNG5UIXGnV)

— Brittany Pettibone (@BrittPettibone) [November 22, 2016](#)

Reddit admins had previously warned users of their personal information policy, and after pictures of the children of people who work for or even “like” Comet began circulating on the site, the violations had gone too far.

The alt-right protesters don’t appear to be stopping the allegations, having moved to Voat even after fact-checking site *Politifact* stated that the connection between [Clinton’s alleged child sex network](#) and Comet Ping Pong is “ridiculously thin.”

## More in News



**Crechale's Cafe in Jackson, MS, has closed. See photos from its last night open**



The Clarion Ledger



7 Best Substitutes For Lime Juice

Mashed

## Emails Show Epstein Scheming That Environmental Destruction Could Solve “Overpopulation”

F Futurism

Alefantis has said that the alleged scandal isn't just affecting his business, but also that of an NGO which works to save Haitian orphans right across the street, linking them and other businesses on the same street with an underground satanic network.

It's doubtful that "pizzagate" will leave Voat before Comet Ping Pong and other businesses are driven out of business by conspiracy theorists. What are your thoughts on this potentially disastrous theory?

[Featured Image by FoodStocker / Shutterstock.com]

'Pizzagate' Hits Voat Shortly After Being Banned On Reddit, Comet Ping Pong Nightmare Continues is an article from: [The Inquisitr News](#)

 [View comments](#)

[Terms and Privacy Policy](#)

[Your Privacy Choices](#)

[CA Privacy Notice](#) [About Our Ads](#)

Up next

**yahoo/finance**

## Did Kevin Warsh sign a loyalty pledge to Trump? 2 senators are asking.



Jennifer Schonberger, Senior Reporter

Updated Sun, February 15, 2026 at 5:49 AM HST  
3 min read

 Add Yahoo on Google



 1.5k

## Failed to load script - yers.brightcove.net/6415665815001/Q4OxsCweb\_default/ir

Error Code: 400-404

Session Id: whytim4z (Pls: 7702c015-8742-4846-8caf-ebedd7ede903)

### Key takeaways

- Senators Schumer and Warren question Federal Reserve chair nominee Kevin Warsh about loyalty pledge to President Trump and potential influence on i [See more](#)

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) and Senate Banking Committee ranking member Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) sent a letter Thursday to Federal Reserve chair nominee Kevin Warsh, pressing him on whether he has signed a loyalty pledge to President Trump.

"We seek to understand the extent to which President Trump — who has stated that 'anybody that disagrees with me will never be the Fed Chairman' and bemoaned potential 'disloyalty' amongst appointees — demanded, either implicitly or explicitly, that you do his bidding as a condition of your appointment," the senators wrote in the letter shared exclusively with Yahoo Finance.

They also asked Warsh to confirm or deny reporting that Trump asked if he could trust Warsh to lower interest rates if appointed as Fed chair. Yahoo Finance reached out to Warsh for comment but did not immediately hear back.

Trump nominated Warsh to be the next chair of the central bank on Jan. 30. Republican Sen. Thom Tillis of North Carolina has vowed to block Warsh's confirmation until a criminal investigation into current Fed Chair Jay Powell is resolved.

Warsh served as a Fed governor from 2006 to 2011. During his tenure, he routinely raised concerns about inflation and protecting central bank credibility by ensuring inflation expectations remained anchored, even as he regularly voted to either hold interest rates steady or lower them.

While seen as an inflation hawk and data-driven practitioner, Warsh has more recently advocated for lower interest rates, arguing that the Fed should "discard its forecast of stagflation" and predicting that AI will be a "significant" force that boosts productivity and pushes down inflation, allowing for lower rates.

Read more: [How jobs, inflation, and the Fed are all related](#)



Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) and Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) speak during a roundtable discussion on the high cost of housing on Capitol Hill on Jan. 7, 2026, in...[More](#)

## An independent body?

The letter from Schumer and Warren seeks to keep a spotlight on the issue of Fed independence, which has been under overt pressure from Trump since the start of his second term.

In addition to the criminal probe involving Powell, Trump's rhetoric has left little doubt about how he expects the next Fed chair to lead monetary policy.

Trump told NBC News that there's "not much" doubt in his mind that interest rates would soon be lowered. Pressed about how he could be so sure, he said, "I just think they're going to be lowered. I mean, they should be lower."

### More in Politics



**'They're Real!' Barack Obama Spills What He Learned About Aliens When He Wa...**

 Mediaite /  688



**"I Cannot Believe How**



Incredibly Stupid This Country Has Become": This...

BuzzFeed / 2.6K

## **BREAKING: Pam Bondi Says DOJ Released 'All' Epstein Files — Names Trump, Biden,...**

Mediaite / 2.7K

On whether he believes the Fed chair answers to the president or heads an independent body, Trump said, "Well, I mean, in theory it's an independent body."

*Read more: [How much control does the president have over the Fed and interest rates?](#)*

Trump joked earlier this month at a dinner in Washington about suing Warsh if he didn't cut interest rates, telling reporters afterward that the event was "a roast."

He later told reporters on Air Force One that he expected his nominee would lower interest rates.

"Oh, he's going to lower them. ... I hope he's going to lower, but you know, he's gonna have to do what he wants to do," Trump said.

During a Senate Banking Committee hearing earlier this month, Warren pressed Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent about whether he would commit that Warsh would not be sued or investigated by the Justice Department if he didn't cut interest rates as Trump wants.

"That is up to the president," Bessent said.

In Thursday's letter, Schumer and Warren wrote that they want to "better understand the extent to which President Trump pushed you."

"A willingness to exercise independent judgment in the best interest of American families and to refuse to serve as President Trump's sock puppet is a bare minimum qualification for the job of Fed Chair," the senators wrote.

*Jennifer Schonberger is a veteran financial journalist covering markets, the economy, and investing. At Yahoo Finance she covers the Federal Reserve, Congress, the White House, the Treasury, the SEC, the economy, cryptocurrencies, and the intersection of Washington policy with finance. Follow her on X [@Jenniferisms](#) and on [Instagram](#).*

[Click here for the latest economic news and indicators to help inform your investing decisions](#)

[Read the latest financial and business news from Yahoo Finance](#)

[Terms and Privacy Policy](#)

[Your Privacy Choices](#)

[CA Privacy Notice](#) [About Our Ads](#)

 [View comments \(1.5k\)](#)

Up next

---

**B B C NEWS**

## Russia killed opposition leader Alexei Navalny using dart frog toxin, UK says

Adam Goldsmith; Tom McArthur

Sat, February 14, 2026 at 6:53 PM HST

5 min read

 [Add Yahoo on Google](#)



[Getty Images]

Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny was killed using a poison developed from a dart frog toxin, the UK and European allies have said.

Two years on from the death of Navalny at a Siberian penal colony, Britain and its allies have blamed the Kremlin following analysis of material samples found on his body.

Speaking from the Munich Security Conference, Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper said "only the Russian government had the means, motive and opportunity" to use the poison while Navalny was imprisoned in Russia.

According to Tass news agency Moscow has dismissed the finding as "an

information campaign", but Cooper said there is no explanation for the toxin, called epibatidine, being found.

While Cooper announced the findings, a joint statement was issued by the UK, Sweden, France, Germany and the Netherlands.

Cooper met with Navalny's widow Yulia Navalnaya at the conference this weekend.

"Russia saw Navalny as a threat," Cooper said at the event.

"By using this form of poison the Russian state demonstrated the despicable tools it has at its disposal and the overwhelming fear it has of political opposition," she added.

In the statement the allies said: "Only the Russian state had the means, motive and opportunity to deploy this lethal toxin to target Navalny during his imprisonment in a Russian penal colony in Siberia, and we hold it responsible for his death.

"Epibatidine can be found naturally in dart frogs in the wild in South America. Dart frogs in captivity do not produce this toxin and it is not found naturally in Russia.

"There is no innocent explanation for its presence in Navalny's body."

The Foreign Office said the UK has informed the Organisation on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons of Russia's alleged breach of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Praising Navalny's "huge courage", UK Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer said "his determination to expose the truth has left an enduring legacy".

"I am doing whatever it takes to defend our people, our values and our way of life from the threat of Russia and Putin's murderous intent," he added.

French Foreign Minister Jean-Noël Barrot also said his country "pays tribute" to Navalny, who he suggested was "killed for his fight in favour of a free and democratic Russia".

Navalny – an anti-corruption campaigner and Russia's most vociferous opposition leader - died suddenly in jail on 16 February 2024 at the age of 47.

In 2020 he was poisoned with a Novichok nerve agent. He underwent treatment in Germany, and was arrested at the airport upon his return to

Russia.

## **'Extremely rare' toxin**

Epibatidine, the toxin the UK and its European allies have said was used to kill Alexei Navalny, was first derived from a group of poison dart frogs native to northern South America.

Though epibatidine has previously been investigated as a pain killer and for relief from painful inflammatory conditions of the lungs, it has been deemed too toxic to use clinically.

Speaking to BBC Russian, toxicology expert Jill Johnson said it was "200 times more potent than morphine".

By acting on receptors in the central nervous system, it can cause "muscle twitching and paralysis, seizures, slow heart rate, respiratory failure and finally death," Johnson said.

The extremely rare neurotoxin is only found in one wild frog species in tiny quantities, and only when the frog eats a specific diet, she told the BBC.

Researchers believe the frogs acquire it through their diet because animals from different habitats have displayed different levels of the toxin, and those raised in captivity have none.

Johnson described it as an "incredibly rare way to poison a person".

She added: "Finding the wild frog in the correct location that is eating the specific diet to create the correct alkaloids is almost impossible...almost."

Navalny's wife Yulia Navalnaya had consistently claimed that her husband was poisoned by Russia [German Federal Foreign Office via Getty Images]

Before Saturday's announcement, Navalny's wife Yulia Navalnaya had

consistently argued that her husband was killed by poisoning while serving a prison sentence in an Arctic penal colony in 2024.

In September last year, Navalnaya said analysis of smuggled biological samples carried out by laboratories in two countries [showed that her husband had been "murdered"](#).

She did not provide details on the poison allegedly used, on the samples or on the analysis – but challenged the two laboratories to publish their results.

Reacting to the announcement, Navalnaya said: "I was certain from the first day that my husband had been poisoned, but now there is proof.

"I am grateful to the European states for the meticulous work they carried out over two years and for uncovering the truth," she added.

According to the state-run news agency Tass, Kremlin spokesperson Maria Zakharova said: "All the talks and statements are an information campaign aimed at distracting attention from the West's pressing problems."

Russian President Vladimir Putin, who studiously avoided naming Navalny while he was alive, briefly referred to him a month after his death by stating that a person passing was "always a sad event".

At the time of his death, Navalny had been in jail for three years on trumped-up charges and had recently been transferred to the penal colony.

According to Russian accounts, the 47-year-old took a short walk at his Siberian penal colony, said he felt unwell, then collapsed and never regained consciousness.

- [Navalny believed he would die in prison, memoir reveals](#)
- [One year on: Did democratic opposition in Russia die with Alexei Navalny?](#)

 **View comments**

[Terms and Privacy Policy](#)

[Your Privacy Choices](#)

[CA Privacy Notice](#)

[About Our Ads](#)



Recommended articles







[Yahoo!](#)

[US](#)

[Politics](#)

[2024 Election](#)

[World](#)

[Health](#)

[Science](#)

[The 360](#)

[Contact Us](#)

[Originals](#)

[Terms and Privacy Policy](#)

[Your Privacy Choices](#)

[CA Privacy Notice](#)

[Help](#)

[Share Your Feedback](#)

[About Us](#)

[About Our Ads](#)

[Site Map](#)

Follow us on



[Download our app](#)