

**Yabloko-Lucas Dossier:  
A Report on Allegations of a Grand  
Micronational Conspiracy**

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at the behest of community members**

## Preamble

Members of the intermicronational community,  
Dear friends and colleagues,

It is with great sadness that I must report that, in recent weeks and days, I have been made aware of a substantial body of evidence that appears to suggest one of the most prominent nations in this community – and indeed, one of the most prominent leaders of it – has been engaged in an enterprise that entails the mass manipulation of other micronational states, with the intention of controlling the community and using it as a means to amuse itself. This is a nation whose leadership and citizens have expressed admiration for the methods employed during my experiment from 2008 to 2010, but without any of the noble goals or intentions. When I left the community in the summer of 2010, it was agreed – by myself as well – that the community should never again be the victim of such a campaign of manipulation; that the community had evolved to the point where it was both capable and deserving of standing proud and tall upon its own two feet. That nation is, of course, Yabloko, and the leader in question Aldrich Lucas.

This dossier has been compiled at the behest of a number of prominent individuals within the micronational community to which we belong – persons who have grave and long-standing concerns over this Yabloko and its leader, and who were responsible for beginning the investigation that led to the creation of this dossier. Over the past few weeks, a wealth of evidence has been unearthed that implicates Yabloko – and by extension Mister Lucas – in a plot to seize and maintain control of this community. Furthermore, the items contained within this dossier appear to suggest that Yabloko is not, in reality, a micronation, but rather a virtual forum that adopted a pseudonation as a game to liven itself up.

I encourage every member of the community to carefully read and consider the information and evidence contained within this document, and the conclusions we have drawn from it at the end. Aware of my reputation for producing lengthy bodies of text that a number of individuals find difficult and tiring to tackle, I have endeavoured to be as concise and to the point as possible. Furthermore, this document is presented in a basic, easy-to-read format for the same reason.

Robert Lethler

# 1 – Yabloko’s Non-Seriousness

All though it would appear to be the least of the crimes involved, it has become apparent in our investigations that Yabloko is little to nothing more than a virtual forum with a fake micronation attached. One need only examine the homepage of Yabloko’s forum to see this: the website was created on January 4<sup>th</sup> 2010, by the individual we know as Aldrich Lucas, appearing to be a split from another website that as of the end of 2010 was named the “Homework Support Network Community”. At point in its life named “32Bit”, the entity we now know as Yabloko was originally little more than a forum created by a group of school friends and individuals. Indeed, to this date, there is a page on Yabloko’s official website which advertises several reasons for joining, the most notable two of which are because “It’s... FREE!!! No hidden costs, no extra fees, no monthly payments, no strings attached. COMPLETELY FREE! =D” and “You know, all the usual boring stuff that you can find on any other forum site... or Facebook.”

This 32Bit forum did not ostensibly become a micronational state until June 25<sup>th</sup> 2010 – and when it did, it did not do so with serious intentions. In a discussion which can be found here on Yabloko’s publicly accessible forums, the Minister for the Interior clearly states:

***“this whole idea started as a game to make the forums more interesting... It’s worked really well. But ultimately, it’s just a game. Isn’t it? None of these micronations are ever going to amount to anything...”***

It is worth noting that the Minister states that, when the question of whether Mister Lucas himself takes micronationalism seriously or not, he is “**pretty sure he [Aldrich] doesn’t**” – a claim that is not once, during the course of the thread, denied by Mister Lucas, even though he is active in it at various points.

A simple glance at the forums of Yabloko will demonstrate that there is little more to it than its forums – the vast majority of content can be found in informal areas, which are utterly devoid of discussions of any micronational or political consequence. Furthermore, by January 12<sup>th</sup> 2011 on the same conversation thread, Mister Lucas himself notes that the state has a resounding “**active membership of three**”, at a time when the Yablokan Cabinet alone was ostensibly comprised of five member and the nation at large claimed a population of 37 individuals. Additionally, a certain individual who was formerly involved in Yabloko’s affairs – at Cabinet level – has testified, before twenty-seven other micronationalists, that there was a time when he was **the only citizen active in domestic politics**, and that when he was privilege to its Parliament, it was **utterly devoid of activity** (“empty”, in his own words). When Joseph Puglisi, a former parliamentarian who still has access to these closed parliamentary forums, was questioned concerning Yabloko’s internal activity, he insisted that its parliamentary chamber is active but was **unable to name even a single piece of legislation passed by it**. All though he did report that there had been recent discussions on a variety of issues, searching the parliamentary archives suggests that there has **been little formal legislation since the start of 2011**.

It is painfully apparent that Yabloko is not a serious, or even a real, micronationalism. One of its own senior leaders admits that it is nothing more than a game to bring life to an entirely unrelated forum; there is little to no evidence of any serious internal activity on its part pertaining to micronationalism. Indeed, its internal activity appears to be largely or entirely informal and unrelated to micronationalism at all – as previously stated, it is little more than a webforum. There is no discussion of serious domestic issues within its Parliament on a regular basis, despite this being supposedly one of the most well developed and active micronations within our community. Even the Grand Chancellor himself appears to do very little domestically, if anything at all – he, and the “nation” itself, appear to be exclusively concerned with foreign affairs. On Yabloko’s forums, Mister Lucas considers himself to be first and foremost an Administrator, as noted by the fact he seems to constantly refer to himself as such, and is much more concerned with exercising his Administrative power than his political power.

It does rather seem that the recent MicroChan scandal that has unfolded in the past twenty-four hours is testament to this fact. This scandal demonstrates the true attitude of Mister Lucas and his citizens to

this community and to the micronational cause – the fact that Mister Lucas, a leading Administrator and respected figure within the community, would consider engaging in such an enterprise in a micronational capacity demonstrates strongly that he is utterly non-serious in his approach to micronational affairs. He appears to view his “nation”, and indeed the community at large, as nothing more than webforums; a game in which he and his friends can indulge for their own private amusement.

It is absolutely unacceptable that someone with such a callous attitude towards micronationalism should be permitted to enjoy a position of such prominence and authority within our community. This community is the product of years of hard work by a group of dedicated, passionate members of our movement – it is absolutely unacceptable that it should be hijacked by someone who is not only not a true micronationalist by *any* definition of the word, but who regards the community as nothing more than a playground, as this dossier is about to demonstrate.

## 2 – Yabloko’s Manipulation

Much more alarming than Yabloko’s true nature is its true purpose. During the course of our investigations, we are able to uncover a wealth of evidence that indicates our community has been the victim of a concerted plot to seize control of this community. By exploiting a basic flaw in the search engine on Yabloko’s forums, we were able to gain access to – quite legitimately – the private proceedings of Yabloko’s Parliament and other closed areas of its forum.

We discovered, without the need for any kind of concerted infiltration of the nation, that certain individuals within Yabloko’s private circles had conceived, as early as September 2010, a plot to seize control of the community. It seems that Yabloko has, **by aligning itself with as many nations as possible and securing the elevation of Mister Lucas to a position of power where he seems indispensable**, sought to make itself the supreme controlling entity within this community. It has manipulated entire nations to this end.

At the end of September last year, this plan was discussed in a debate forum by senior members of Yabloko. The transcript of the most important post from this discussion, the screenshotted proof of which can be found in the “Control” folder of this dossier, tells us a great deal about this plan:

“Our primary goal is to **direct the metagame in a direction that suits us**. Ideally, we would stand out from the mainstream micronations and establish ourselves as an independent. To achieve this, we obviously need something bold and brilliant. Something that **affects micronationalism on a large scale**. At the same time, this thing has to make us popular with everyone. So ideas like declaring war is stupid. **Ending a war that everyone is interested in however, is a great idea**. We need something that fits in with mainstream but is different enough that people will start to see us **more than just the standard Cajak puppet**. There are potentially two demographics we could appeal to:

- 1) The **micronationalists who are doing this for fun**. If we are going to target these people, it would be easier to appeal to them: as newbies, they are excluded from several large organisations. Further, they find it difficult and boring to relate to them as they are just starting out or is playing this as a game. If we choose this group of people then potentially we will **end up being more exposed**. How do I mean? These micronations are **more likely to fizzle out after a few months** meaning we have to **constantly recruit and cycle new members in and out**. This presents a challenge in that our support base is quite shallow. A risk indeed but this is the **easier route to take**.
- 2) The **serious micronationalists**. This is the more difficult group to tackle. They already have existing groups and alliances and thus is unlikely to want to follow us more. Nonetheless, **if we could catch the attention of these people, we stand a real chance of jumping ahead of the metagame**. This brings me to another point.

Micronations tend to not last very long, if we want to get **our names etched into micronational history**, we have to be brilliant. **We have to assume control of the community longer than other people have** and possess real influence. **To consistently stay ahead of this constantly changing metagame, we have to move it around ourselves which is the whole point of this goal**. I'm repeating myself just in case you didn't get the point. Anyway. Here is a list of some possible ideas. Please contribute your own as well:

- 1) Change the meaning of micronationalism: The idea is that we take micronationalism to a whole new level with a brand new interpretation. I've got an idea that I will post in DDD if anyone asks. How does this help? Well, it will certainly attract **attention among the more serious micronations if we take that route...** And will earn enough respect for young nations to want to be our allies. Only if we pull it off first though...
- 2) Suggest an idea in OAM that completely changes the face of micronationalism: See this part is the hard one and the one that I think will work best. **But it may end up giving more credit to A1 and other bigger/better micronations as a result...** It's a good risk though. I don't have many ideas for this one...
- 3) Stop a war. This is a great one. It doesn't have to be a war any conflict is fine. **We want people to think that we are the sort of nation that can just step in and fix everything. Unrealistic of course but it's the impression we want**. Think along the lines of a difficult argument or dilemma more than one micronation is facing...
- 4) **Get published**. We want to post as many opinions as possible in as many different areas as possible.

While not an effective strategy in itself, it will get us noticed. Then we can get started working on 2. I seriously need ideas for 2. And I've got 1 covered."

This text does not stand alone, however. There is a corresponding one, documented in the "Micro Analysis" folder, which is similarly disturbing. In this text, Yabloko **expresses admiration for the methodologies of the Lethler experiment, which even I have since admitted were not always justified and overstepped certain boundaries** and seems to **express a desire to repeat them**:

"Looking through a brief one year overview of micronationalism, there are some distinct patterns. In short, I'm talking about what works and what do not work. All micronations follow some ideology and differ from each through ideology. Mainstream micronations then, are really mainstream ideals. Considering that almost all micronations are in some sort of alliance of some sort, **we can begin to analyze the general metagame of micronationalism**. If we stay ahead of the game, we could possibly become a more successful micronation. Until very recently, the most powerful organisation was the GUM. This organisation functions very similarly to the UN and I believe that is the idea. To model micronationalism on the real world. Furthermore, many of the ideals this organisation supports and by extension its members are quite left and libertarian. It is interesting that many of the decisions in this organisation is quite forced by a few individuals namely the ones who assert most power over others through influence (Robert Lethler). **Amazingly, Lethler acts almost as the man behind every single decision. Thus it comes with no surprise that when he was revealed to be a fraud, GUM collapsed. Until that point, many micronations that made it to mainstream and became widely accepted did so because their ideologies are similar to Lethler's. Maybe Lethler was on to something, the leading micronations of the present very much resonate Lethler's own ideologies. In his own way, he modeled the current micronational community after himself. An amazing individual....**

The current leading organisation that everyone wants to get into is the OAM. Their **influence is amazing**. We got in and now many nations now accept and befriend us. The OAM originally started as a splinter group from the GUM despite that, their ideologies really are not that different. the OAM can be seen to be a lot more isocratic process than the GUM where in reality only a few people were making decisions. Despite that though, the OAM and GUM have similar goals which I will mention later on. **The way to be a success at micronationalism at the moment is to not copy the popular ideals but to stay in favour**. Micronations that stray from the mainstream may still gather a cult following but they simply lack the influence mainstream nations have. The **key here is recognizing how the metagame is changing** and keeping up with it. We are **coping well with the current metagame but as shown with the GUM, metagames could change rapidly and unpredictably**. That is why **we should look for the signs before it happens or more importantly stay ahead of other micronations and lead the metagame ourselves. That should be our foremost goal**.

Looking at the most powerful micronations at the moment Slinky, A1, St Charlie etc.... We can see they all have things in common. They are led by young people and focus in rights, ethics and progressive policies (as I previously said) **At the same time, given that micronations tend to not last very long, we should start to look ahead a bit if we are to lead the next metagame**. First of all, we're already in position or I would not be making this thread we are a popular young nation that is progressing very quickly. Secondly, there is the matter of current micronations that's in power. Considering that we share very similar ideologies, we mix well with them. Regardless, **we can't fade into the background** what do I mean by this? **We have to have something no other similar micronations have something bold and that it stands out. More importantly, this should impress other nations. This should be our primary goal for now. We have passed the beginner's stage of this game. If we are to win, we have to analyze and act. Our auxiliary goal should be exposure. We should have more of our members meeting people and contributing in the community. Our tertiary goal is to recruit more members. That is quite important."**

In this case, Mister Lucas himself is known to have definitely responded – he acknowledges the post and makes no statement that he objects to these ideas, going so far as to lament that he is unable to contribute how best to further them ("**Quote aldrich lucas no idea what we could do to "stand out from the crowd".**") It seems painfully apparent that at the absolute least, Mister Lucas has been a willing instrument in this plot – evidence that is further supported by a deeply disturbing thread made, again by the Interior Minister who earlier in this dossier remarked on how Yabloko was nothing but a game:

**"We (or should I say Aldy) are the leaders of the MicroWiki community.**

We have **essentially accomplished everything** that needs to be accomplished.

So what do we do now?

I say **mess around with the game mechanics** a bit.

There **are no rules per se** but if you don't behave a certain way, you get ostracised.

Knowing that, why don't we **push the boundaries a bit** and **make the game a bit more fun**.

**RecWars are interesting**. But so are political simulations. Assume such a position which models a hypothetical scenario in RL future could have potentially interesting results.

But then again I am **overestimating the intelligence of many MicroWiki denizens**

Case in point: Bradley and AuburnAttack121

**seriously stupid**.

**Have some fun."**

The Interior Minister – who, given his prominence in Yabloko, is certainly a close political ally and personal friend of Mister Lucas – demonstrates, quite clearly, an utter contempt for the micronationalists of our community. He takes great pride in how his nations machinations have succeeded, and discusses how readily he would use us for his own amusement. Once again, there is absolutely no effort by Mister Lucas to suppress these kind of remarks **coming from his own Interior Minister**.

Similar contempt for the community can be found in the evidence contained within the "Istoria" folder, where one member of Yabloko notes:

**"Who cares about the big guys. What can they do, say bad things about us in their top hat and monocle snub nose communities? What'd those pretentious self-righteous bastards no lifers who got there first so think they're in charge big micronations in charge of themselves ever do to each other? Seriously. Who cares what they say about us. We don't take this seriously enough as it is to worry about the fat cats damaging our reputation."**

More alarmingly, in the same thread, one prominent politician, in keeping with the ethos and ideas outlined previously, remarks:

**"The first step to conquering the world is to make friends with the weaker groups. Then we can slowly work on the bigger ones."**

It is clear, then, that there has been – over the course of the past year – an organised conspiracy within Yabloko to seize control of this community and treat it as a game for the personal amusement of its leaders; individuals who regard their own micronation as nothing more than something to entertain themselves with. Indeed, Mister Lucas himself summarises his attitude towards our community rather well in the "Stagnation" thread, remarking that **"I find the current community we're part of to be quite dreary"**, before **suggesting that Yabloko should depart for Micras**. The evidence speaks for itself.

## **3 – Methodology**

As you have no doubt all ready noticed, the majority of this information was acquired by exploiting a flaw in Yabloko's search engine. When one searches for a term, it searches all indexed locations – including private forums that should not be accessible to all users. This means that, once one knows only a couple of words found in a specific thread, or even the thread title, one can read and reconstruct the contents of a post and even a thread in their entirety. This is how the majority of our information was collected. Other items were provided by intelligence agencies who at one point or another had direct access to the forums in question. If you wish to validate the evidence presented within this dossier, you need only search for the same terms yourself on Yabloko's forum – provided Mister Lucas has not attempted to cover his tracks by deleting these items, they will turn up, though be aware that it is a painstaking process to read them all.

## 4 – Conclusions

We have included, within this document and its attached folder, what we believe to be the most important items of evidence concerning Yabloko and its conspiracy to seize power within this community. No doubt there is a wealth more – indeed, there are other discussions which are telling about Yabloko's character, but we have endeavoured to be as rigorous as possible when compiling this dossier, including items we believe to be most alarming and – above all – most conclusive. Certainly, our evidence cannot be dismissed as circumstantial: it shows quite clearly that senior members of the Government, including the Interior Minister and Mister Lucas himself, have either been the creators or willing instruments of this plot since at least September last year. I have endeavoured, in writing this, to allow the evidence to speak for itself, with only minimal commentary on my part. When one considers that Yabloko is not, as demonstrated, even a serious nation, it becomes painfully apparent that action must be taken immediately.

It is the firm belief of the individuals who have asked me to compile this dossier, including myself, that Yabloko must – at the first possible opportunity – be ostracised from this community. No matter what defence it may seek to offer, it has demonstrated that it cannot be trusted. The evidence we have found clearly demonstrates that Mister Lucas and his “nation” view this community with a kind of cold contempt; those nations they have become diplomatically friendly with they have only done so in order to further their own interests. Yabloko has befriended powerful and influential nations to assure itself a position of security and prestige; it has brought younger nations under its wing in order to build a powerbase from which it can control the community.

Mister Lucas himself, surely, can no longer be allowed to continue in the role of Administrator – of either the forum or the wiki. Everything he has done, it seems, has been only to further his own power; to create the false impression that he is absolutely and unquestionably indispensable to the community due to his technological knowledge (incidentally, if he is so committed to this community, then he would surely be willing to relinquish all of his actual, non-technical administrative authority and powers, and serve the community as technical support). The fact of the matter is that he has been the willing instrument of a campaign of vile, sadistic manipulation on the part of his psuedonation – he can no longer be trusted in any kind of position of authority.

I am aware that there are those who would presume I am being hypocritical in my judgements here; perhaps that are indeed the case. But I would note that, when the Lethler Experiment was unveiled, I fully accepted that it was necessary for me to stand down as an Administrator – I made no effort to fight the decision and recognised that without the confidence of the community, it was absolutely unacceptable for me to continue in office. Quite reasonably, I asked for a period of only a few days to set my affairs in order, which I was granted, before officially resigning and having my administrative powers terminated before I left the community. Mister Lucas, in turn, must now do the same. The Yablokan conspiracy having been unveiled and laid bare before the public, the only moral and just course of action is for him to make the necessary arrangements to minimise the impact of his departure and resign as an Administrator.

If Mister Lucas is unwilling to do so, then I must implore the community to call upon the Administration to remove him from his position by force. This community has long since earned the right to be free from such vile manipulations – if even I, of all people, am prepared to recognise this, then surely too must the Administration that once removed me for my work.

Robert Lethler