

Epik, Inc. is an internet services company that should under no circumstances be patronized or otherwise financially supported in any way due to their willingness to assist the internet's biggest scumbags in avoiding the consequences for their heinous views and reckless actions.

A quick rundown of the company's egggregious activities:

Epik is a domain registrar and web hosting company known for providing services to websites that host far-right, neo-Nazi, and other extremist content. It has been described as a haven for the far-right because of its willingness to provide services to far-right websites that have been denied service by other Internet service providers.

Some of Epik's notable clients have included social network Gab, neo-Nazi website The Daily Stormer, and the imageboard website 8chan. In 2021, the Parler social network moved its domain registration to Epik when it was denied hosting and other web services after it was used to help plan the 2021 storming of the U.S. Capitol. Epik has also provided hosting and registrar services to Patriots.win, formerly TheDonald.win, an independent far-right forum that has served as the successor for the r/The\_Donald subreddit that was banned in June 2020.

source: en.wikipedia.org – [Epik \(company\)](#) [link] [revision] pulled on 2021/02/20

Naturally, organizations that are willing to provide technical support to these scumbags should not be supported by anyone. Included in this document are links to articles and references for Epik's eager willingness to extend an olive-branch to extremist neo-Nazi websites and alt-right weirdos.

[Meet The Man Behind Epik, The Tech Firm Keeping Far-Right Websites Alive](#)

source: scpr.org [link] [archive] pulled on 2021/02/20, archive capture 2021/02/09

see also: [npr.org 1](#), [npr.org 2](#)

That weirdo, Rob Monster, is quite the character himself. He doesn't seem to consider himself some kind of right-wing extremist, but he does seem rather concerned with making sure that right-wing extremists have the means to provide internet services when they are not tolerated by other providers. Apparently he's also quite fond of antisemitic conspiracy theories and white-nationalist sentiments. He also seems to be very concerned about "cancel culture" and "[Big Tech](#)", whatever that means.

He has received media attention in relation to Epik, particularly surrounding his statements about Epik customer Gab, a social network known for its far-right userbase. He has also received attention for controversial statements, including some in which he has promoted various conspiracy theories and some which have been described by HuffPost and the Southern Poverty Law Center as espousing antisemitic or white nationalist sentiments.

source: en.wikipedia.org – [Rob Monster](#) [link] [revision] pulled on 2021/02/20

[The Bible-Thumping Tech CEO Who's Proud Of Keeping Neo-Nazis Online](#)

source: huffpost.com [link] [archive] pulled on 2021/02/20, archive capture 2018/12/24

Below is a link to Epik's domain registrar website. This should only be used for management, transfer-out, or cancellation of existing services as it would be very irresponsible of us to support this company by purchasing or renewing products there. This link may be revoked after this document is posted. Keep scrolling to the next page for more links and references.

[Epik homepage](#)

Here's some more fun stuff that Epik props up. Below is an excerpt from an article on the Hatewatch section of the Southern Poverty Law Center's website, "[A Problem of Epik Proportions](#)". The full article is worth a quick read.

Quietly, a small domain registrar called Epik is cornering the market on websites where hate speech is thriving.

First, the company picked up the glitchy Twitter knockoff Gab after that site was deplatformed for its associations with October's domestic terror attack at Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, which left 11 people dead. Now, the company has picked up the business of BitChute, a low-rent YouTube clone that carries an array of hate-fueled material, including white nationalist podcasts, propaganda linked to a murderous neo-Nazi group and a parody song called "N----- Babies," which chortles at the idea of slaughtering and then eating black infants.

source: splcenter.org [[link](#)] [[archive](#)] pulled on 2021/02/20, archive capture 2019/01/12

Epik's CEO, Rob Monster, also seems to have some interesting things to say about (and on) the neo-Nazi social media service, Gab. He also attempted to defend Epik's decision to provide technical support for 8chan before their upstream provider threatened to axe them. Despite being a total pussy, he is an important figure and Epik is an important ISP in keeping far-right services online.

Monster has been an outspoken defender of Epik's choice to host far-right, neo-Nazi, and other extremist content that other web hosts have refused, saying that the company is committed to protecting "lawful free speech". He learned about Gab, a far-right social network, in 2018 when the company received media attention after it was discovered that the perpetrator of the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting had used the service to post extremist content. After it was dropped by its registrar, GoDaddy, he met with Gab CEO Andrew Torba and agreed to register the website. The BBC reported Monster as saying that Gab's founder Andrew Torba was "doing something that looks useful", and that Gab's removal from the internet was "digital censorship". He subsequently became an active user and defender of the network. He has received media attention for publicly defending violent neo-Nazi Gab users, maligning people who criticize the site and call for stricter moderation, and making unevdenced claims that racist users are fake accounts created to hurt the site's reputation.

[...]

The Daily Telegraph described Monster in 2021 as "a key figure in the far-right's battle to stay online". Michael Edison Hayden, a researcher with the Southern Poverty Law Center, has said that many harmful websites would not be on the internet if it were not for Epik, and that "No one is saying that Rob Monster himself is going out there and making terroristic threats, but if he doesn't want to be associated with this brand, he can certainly step up and say, 'absolutely, I don't want anything to do with this material. But he's not doing that.'" Monster himself has joked that he is the "Lex Luthor of the Internet".

source: en.wikipedia.org – [Rob Monster](#) [[link](#)] [[revision](#)] pulled on 2021/02/20

This is the part of the show where I include excerpts from the whois records for various domains that host hateful content. Any guesses as to who the registrar for most of them is?

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Domain Name: GAB.COM
Registry Domain ID: 4274190_DOMAIN_COM-VRSN
Registrar WHOIS Server: whois.epik.com
Registrar URL: http://www.epik.com
Updated Date: 2020-09-01T16:41:30Z
Creation Date: 1998-12-08T05:00:00Z
Registry Expiry Date: 2023-12-07T05:00:00Z
Registrar: Epik Inc.
Registrar IANA ID: 617
Registrar Abuse Contact Email:
Registrar Abuse Contact Phone:
Domain Status: clientTransferProhibited https://icann.org/epp#clientTransferProhibited
Name Server: ELMO.NS.CLOUDFLARE.COM
Name Server: SUE.NS.CLOUDFLARE.COM
DNSSEC: unsigned
URL of the ICANN Whois Inaccuracy Complaint Form: https://www.icann.org/wicf/
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Domain Name: BITCHUTE.COM
Registry Domain ID: 1860639149_DOMAIN_COM-VRSN
Registrar WHOIS Server: whois.epik.com
Registrar URL: http://www.epik.com
Updated Date: 2020-09-02T01:47:54Z
Creation Date: 2014-05-29T01:47:54Z
Registry Expiry Date: 2021-05-29T01:47:54Z
Registrar: Epik Inc.
Registrar IANA ID: 617
Registrar Abuse Contact Email:
Registrar Abuse Contact Phone:
Domain Status: clientTransferProhibited https://icann.org/epp#clientTransferProhibited
Name Server: ISLA.NS.CLOUDFLARE.COM
Name Server: WILL.NS.CLOUDFLARE.COM
DNSSEC: unsigned
URL of the ICANN Whois Inaccuracy Complaint Form: https://www.icann.org/wicf/
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Domain Name: PARLER.COM
Registry Domain ID: 1336588_DOMAIN_COM-VRSN
Registrar WHOIS Server: whois.epik.com
Registrar URL: http://www.epik.com
Updated Date: 2021-02-15T13:57:12Z
Creation Date: 1998-05-28T04:00:00Z
Registry Expiry Date: 2022-05-27T04:00:00Z
Registrar: Epik Inc.
Registrar IANA ID: 617
Registrar Abuse Contact Email:
Registrar Abuse Contact Phone:
Domain Status: clientTransferProhibited https://icann.org/epp#clientTransferProhibited
Name Server: NS1.PARLER.COM
Name Server: NS2.PARLER.COM
DNSSEC: signedDelegation
DNSSEC DS Data: 52659 7 2 21CEDE24CA5B533B6B9B4C9858448E3B6785B9D41D1922768E9A0022F944DF95
URL of the ICANN Whois Inaccuracy Complaint Form: https://www.icann.org/wicf/
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Domain Name: INFOWARS.COM
Registry Domain ID: 4148646_DOMAIN_COM-VRSN
Registrar WHOIS Server: whois.epik.com
Registrar URL: http://www.epik.com
Updated Date: 2020-09-02T02:00:59Z
Creation Date: 1999-03-07T05:00:00Z
Registry Expiry Date: 2030-03-07T05:00:00Z
Registrar: Epik Inc.
Registrar IANA ID: 617
Registrar Abuse Contact Email:
Registrar Abuse Contact Phone:
Domain Status: clientTransferProhibited https://icann.org/epp#clientTransferProhibited
Name Server: MERLIN.NS.CLOUDFLARE.COM
Name Server: ROBIN.NS.CLOUDFLARE.COM
DNSSEC: unsigned
URL of the ICANN Whois Inaccuracy Complaint Form: https://www.icann.org/wicf/
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Yep, there's another whole page of these.

Domain Name: patriots.win  
Registry Domain ID: D82F87A14519A4DCA9F04B88987DEEDD7-NSR  
Registrar WHOIS Server: whois.epik.com  
Registrar URL: www.epik.com  
Updated Date: 2021-01-25T11:22:48Z  
Creation Date: 2021-01-20T11:22:43Z  
Registry Expiry Date: 2022-01-20T11:22:43Z  
Registrar: Epik Inc.  
Registrar IANA ID: 617  
Registrar Abuse Contact Email:  
Registrar Abuse Contact Phone:  
Domain Status: clientTransferProhibited <https://icann.org/epp#clientTransferProhibited>

Domain Name: thedonald.win  
Registry Domain ID: D078585F5DBE04445800C7022AB404E98-NSR  
Registrar WHOIS Server: whois.epik.com  
Registrar URL: www.epik.com  
Updated Date: 2021-02-07T18:15:07Z  
Creation Date: 2019-07-22T00:04:42Z  
Registry Expiry Date: 2025-07-22T00:04:42Z  
Registrar: Epik Inc.  
Registrar IANA ID: 617  
Registrar Abuse Contact Email:  
Registrar Abuse Contact Phone:  
Domain Status: ok <https://icann.org/epp#ok>

Domain Name: banned.video  
Registry Domain ID: 78bc7fe57ae147aac12ed152b36f1c4-DONUTS  
Registrar WHOIS Server: whois.epik.com  
Registrar URL: <http://www.epik.com>  
Updated Date: 2020-09-02T11:19:36Z  
Creation Date: 2019-07-04T02:21:05Z  
Registry Expiry Date: 2021-07-04T02:21:05Z  
Registrar: Epik, Inc.  
Registrar IANA ID: 617  
Registrar Abuse Contact Email: donuts@epik.com  
Registrar Abuse Contact Phone: 425-765-0077  
Domain Status: clientTransferProhibited <https://icann.org/epp#clientTransferProhibited>

Domain Name: AR15.COM  
Registry Domain ID: 984217\_DOMAIN\_COM-VRSN  
Registrar WHOIS Server: whois.epik.com  
Registrar URL: <http://www.epik.com>  
Updated Date: 2021-01-13T18:14:02Z  
Creation Date: 1997-03-28T05:00:00Z  
Registry Expiry Date: 2023-03-29T04:00:00Z  
Registrar: Epik Inc.  
Registrar IANA ID: 617  
Registrar Abuse Contact Email:  
Registrar Abuse Contact Phone:  
Domain Status: clientTransferProhibited <https://icann.org/epp#clientTransferProhibited>  
Name Server: ALGIN.NS.CLOUDFLARE.COM  
Name Server: MELINDA.NS.CLOUDFLARE.COM  
DNSSEC: unsigned  
URL of the ICANN Whois Inaccuracy Complaint Form: <https://www.icann.org/wicf/>  
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Domain Name: OFFICIALPROUDBOYS.COM  
Registry Domain ID: 2104786499\_DOMAIN\_COM-VRSN  
Registrar WHOIS Server: whois.epik.com  
Registrar URL: <http://www.epik.com>  
Updated Date: 2020-10-22T02:24:31Z  
Creation Date: 2017-03-14T04:06:17Z  
Registry Expiry Date: 2022-03-14T04:06:17Z  
Registrar: Epik Inc.  
Registrar IANA ID: 617  
Registrar Abuse Contact Email:  
Registrar Abuse Contact Phone:  
Domain Status: clientTransferProhibited <https://icann.org/epp#clientTransferProhibited>  
Name Server: NS3.EPIK.COM  
Name Server: NS4.EPIK.COM  
DNSSEC: signedDelegation  
DNSSEC DS Data: 19474 13 2 553073D878ED6522AAE26AD513185DD5E292E5F46AC123BEEFE946430BA60E78  
URL of the ICANN Whois Inaccuracy Complaint Form: <https://www.icann.org/wicf/>  
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One more, then we'll wrap this up.

Domain Name: OATHKEEPERS.ORG  
Registry Domain ID: D155496425-LROR  
Registrar WHOIS Server: whois.epik.com  
Registrar URL: https://www.epik.com  
Updated Date: 2021-01-13T11:46:34Z  
Creation Date: 2009-03-01T21:07:55Z  
Registry Expiry Date: 2030-03-01T21:07:55Z  
Registrar Registration Expiration Date:  
Registrar: Epik Inc.  
Registrar IANA ID: 617  
Registrar Abuse Contact Email: support@epik.com  
Registrar Abuse Contact Phone: +1.4252025160  
Reseller:  
Domain Status: clientTransferProhibited https://icann.org/epp#clientTransferProhibited  
Domain Status: serverTransferProhibited https://icann.org/epp#serverTransferProhibited  
Registrant Organization: Anonymize, Inc.  
Registrant State/Province: WA  
Registrant Country: US  
Name Server: NS3.EPIK.COM  
Name Server: NS4.EPIK.COM  
DNSSEC: signedDelegation  
URL of the ICANN Whois Inaccuracy Complaint Form https://www.icann.org/wicf/  
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A full dump of all the records featured above as collected with the whois command line tool is available at [this link](#).

Many of the sites mentioned are full of conspiracy theories surrounding, among other things, the 2020 election, vaccines, mass shootings, and Qanon, along with a steady stream of bigoted content about Jews, women, and people of color. Indeed, it seems any far-right internet service that allows and/or encourages hate speech and disinformation will find safe harbor at Epik. As reported by [Bobby Allyn's NPR article](#), "When websites flooded with hate speech or harmful disinformation become too radioactive for the internet, the sites often turn to [Epik] for a lifeline."

After compiling this massive document, I still feel I've barely scratched the surface. We glossed over many of their shady activities, including lying about supporting neo-Nazi message boards intentionally, and acquisitions of shady ISPs that seem to have been created with zero transparency for the sole purpose of providing hosting services for far-right extremist content. The articles and resources mentioned in this document discuss some of these issues and provide further citations if you're curious.

In conclusion, Epik is clearly dangerous. Epik's domain registrar has competitive pricing and a slick website, but we believe it is irresponsible to patronize a business that is happy to profit from and promote themselves to the dispicable ghouls who promote hateful ideologies, socially destructive conspiracy theories, and deadly stochastic terrorism over the internet. Frankly, being associated with this company in any way, including simply having them listed as the registrar for your domain, is just embarrassing when you consider their track record and the content they're willing to platform.