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Basic Information

- **Type:** Right-wing media platform
- **Status:** Active
- **HQ:** Canada
- **Founder:** Ezra Levant
- **Former name:** The Rebel Media (rebranded to Rebel News)
- **Political role:** Host platform for Shillman Fellows (counter-jihad network)

Role in Ecosystem

Rebel Media (now Rebel News) is a Canadian right-wing media platform that served as the host organisation for Robert Shillman's fellowship programme. It employed Tommy Robinson, Katie Hopkins, Laura Loomer, and Raheem Kassam as "Shillman Fellows" — funded by US tech billionaire Robert Shillman and managed by the David Horowitz Freedom Center.

Rebel Media is the **key node** in the transatlantic counter-jihad funding pipeline:

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Robert Shillman (US tech billionaire)
  → David Horowitz Freedom Center (manages fellowships)
    → Rebel Media / Rebel News (hosts fellows)
      → Tommy Robinson (£85k fellowship)
      → Katie Hopkins (fellowship)
      → Laura Loomer (fellowship)
      → Raheem Kassam (fellowship)
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Money IN (Funding Received)

Date	From	Amount	Type	Confidence	Source
2015-ongoing	Robert Shillman / DHFC	Unknown (significant)	Fellowship funding	CONFIRMED	Wikipedia, Observer
Ongoing	Subscriptions / donations	Unknown	Viewer funding	REPORTED	Platform
Ongoing	Advertising	Unknown	Revenue	REPORTED	Platform

Money OUT (Funding Given)

Date	To	Amount	Type	Confidence	Source
2017-2018	Tommy Robinson	~£85,000	Fellowship salary (1 year)	CONFIRMED	The Observer
2017-2018	Katie Hopkins	Unknown	Fellowship salary	CONFIRMED	Wikipedia
2017-2018	Laura Loomer	Unknown	Fellowship salary	CONFIRMED	Wikipedia
2017-2018	Raheem Kassam	Unknown	Fellowship salary	CONFIRMED	Wikipedia

Known Associations

Person/Org	Relationship	Evidence
Ezra Levant	Founder	Public knowledge
Robert Shillman	Fellowship funder	Wikipedia, Observer
David Horowitz Freedom Center	Fellowship manager	Al Bawaba
Tommy Robinson	Former fellow/employee	Observer
Katie Hopkins	Former fellow	Wikipedia
Laura Loomer	Former fellow	Wikipedia
Raheem Kassam	Former fellow	Wikipedia

Significance

Rebel Media is the operational hub of the transatlantic counter-jihad network:

1. **US money → Canadian platform → UK/European influencers**
2. Provided legitimacy and reach to far-right content creators
3. Fellowship model obscured direct donor-recipient relationship
4. Created interconnected web of influencers who amplified each other
5. Tommy Robinson's transformation from street agitator to media figure happened here

Research Notes

Key questions:

- **Ezra Levant:** Full profile, other political funding?
- **Canadian corporate structure:** Registration, financial filings?
- **Current fellows:** Who are the current Shillman Fellows at Rebel News?
- **Revenue model:** How much does Rebel News make from subscriptions/donations?
- **Other UK connections:** Any other UK-based content creators?

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