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Date	Language / Targeted Audience	Summary of the Disinformation	Link to the Disinformation	Disinforming outlet (s)	Disproof	Reported by
14.11.2016	LTU	Islamists are using Bulgarian arms as Bulgaria is supplying weapons to Islamic radicals. Americans might know about this.	http://bit.ly/2gYP3we	LDiena.lt	No evidence given for this conspiracy theory.	East Stratcom Network
19.11.2016	CZE	Visa-liberalisation for Ukrainians will lead to fewer working opportunities for Czechs; it may also lead to the spreading of Ukrainian mafias and ultranationalists into Europe. Ukraine is violating the rights of whole groups of its population.	http://bit.ly/2gi83o7	Sputnik	The visa liberalisation will grant Ukrainians only short-term visits to Europe (90 days every half a year), and is not connected to the issue of labour liberalisation for Ukrainians. The visa liberalisation doesn't mean abolition of border security checks. Furthermore, all Ukrainians seeking to use the visa-free regime will have to possess a biometric passport. (http://ceip.org/2gzwP3J). Ukraine has no policy of repressions towards any of its population groups.	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/
23.11.2016	ENG	The "White Helmets" produce fake videos about their own work in Syria and their work is dubious.	http://bit.ly/2f7W5Bu	Russia Today	The White Helmets produced a so-called staged "mannequin challenge" video. They also apologized for the "error of judgement": http://cnn.it/2gtZ07j // This does not mean that all their other videos, filmed by cameras on their helmets, are false. The White Helmets are the only independent observers present in the part of Syria where Russia is fighting alongside Assad. Russia has consistently tried to compromise the NGO with accusations. The NGO is widely respected and recently received this year's Right Livelihood Award http://bit.ly/2h5udy1 .	East Stratcom
24.11.2016	CZE	The influx of migrants into Europe is directed from the USA by certain influential circles.	http://bit.ly/2hmKu2n	Sputnik	No evidence given.	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/
25.11.2016	CZE	German Chancellor Angela Merkel welcomed the fact that Donald Trump won the US presidential election.	http://bit.ly/2hmVr43	Parlamentní listy	Ms. Merkel accepted Mr. Trump's election and stated that she will cooperate with the future US President based on common values like democracy, freedom, or rule of law: http://on.ft.com/2fpMO4t	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/
26.11.2016	CZE	The enlargement of NATO after the Cold War was imposed on Eastern European states by the USA. Russia received assurances that NATO will not expand further East in 1990.	http://bit.ly/2hcFywC	První zprávy, Česko aktuálně	No evidence given as regards the imposition of NATO membership by the USA on Eastern European states. The alleged promise that NATO will not enlarge further east, which was supposedly given to Gorbachev during negotiations on the reunification of Germany, is not recorded anywhere (http://bit.ly/1TOdz4k), is not part of any treaties, and was even denied by Gorbachev himself (http://bit.ly/1XZDtSz).	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/
27.11.2016	GEO	An American naval base is being constructed in Anaklia on the Georgian Black Sea coast, masquerading as a deep sea port.	Printed newspaper	Asaval-Dasavali	This disinformation has been published in pro-Kremlin outlets since 2011. Anaklia Deep Sea Port project is planned to create an industrial port with modern infrastructure. Further debunking at Euro Communicator http://bit.ly/2h2OF2H .	Myth Detector

28.11.2016	RUS	Ukraine proposes to accept middle-Eastern migrants in exchange for visa-free travel into the EU.	http://bit.ly/2hb0JMB	Lenta.ru	The headline does not correspond with the content of the article. The visa liberalisation is not linked to migration policies but is based on benchmarks fulfilled by Ukraine. The proposal referred to was voiced by a civil servant on his personal Facebook page. It is not Ukrainian official policy.	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/
28.11.2016	CZE	Visa-liberalisation with Ukraine will lead to the influx of Ukrainian neonazis into Europe. Also, there is a civil war in Eastern Ukraine.	http://bit.ly/2gibonf	Svobodné noviny	The visa liberalisation will grant Ukrainians only short-term visits to Europe (90 days every half a year), and is not connected to the issue of labour liberalisation for Ukrainians. The visa liberalisation doesn't mean abolition of border security checks. Furthermore, all Ukrainians seeking to use the visa-free regime will have to possess a biometric passport. (http://ceip.org/2gzwp3J). // Repeating a myth debunked many times already, see e.g. Disinformation Review 50: http://bit.ly/2hrUtdG // There is no civil war in Ukraine, there is Russian military aggression in Ukraine.	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/
28.11.2016	GEO	Europe works intensively on declaring that paedophilia is an ordinary occurrence.	Printed newspaper	Asaval Dasavali	Conspiracy theory. Paedophilia is illegal in all EU member states.	EEAS Tbilisi
29.11.2016	LTU	Political persecutions are becoming a daily occurrence in Lithuania. Mass searches and illegal arrests as well as constant threats to journalists and politicians are prevalent.	http://bit.ly/2gYVWh0	Socialistinis Liaudies Frontas	No evidence given. Contrary to the claims, Lithuania scores high on the democracy index in the annual World Freedom Report 2016 issued by Freedom House http://bit.ly/1nnmU3Z . Furthermore, the organisation behind the claims is one of the organisations that Russia financially supports http://bit.ly/1JGZMV9 .	East Stratcom Network
29.11.2016	RUS	Forbes article states that Ukraine is playing the victim after one year without Russian gas.	http://bit.ly/2ggSal4	Baltnews.lv	Distorted translation. In fact, the Forbes article does not mention anything about Ukraine being a victim, on the contrary the article states that Ukraine is celebrating their one year of independence from Russian gas http://bit.ly/2h30vtW .	Biedriba Novosti
29.11.2016	CZE	Ukraine proposes to be settled by middle-Eastern migrants in exchange for visa-free travel into the EU.	http://bit.ly/2heihrw	Nová republika	Czech translation of the Lenta.ru disinformation above.	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/
29.11.2016	CZE	People in Need (the Czech humanitarian NGO) is in fact an intelligence organisation serving in favour of NED and George Soros' OSF, which are providing its financing. That is why the People in Need were expelled from DNR by local separatists.	http://bit.ly/2gs3zhl	Protiproud	No evidence given.	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/

30.11.2016	RUS	Europe needs Moldova as a buffer zone against Russia and that is the only reason why Moldova has been included in the Eastern Partnership.	http://bit.ly/2gYTLdI	bogdantsirdea.eu	Moldova is a sovereign state. Eastern Partnership countries and the EU commit to deepening their ties, including through free trade agreements, eventual visa liberalisation and EU-funded projects. The Eastern Partnership offers both bilateral and multilateral measures for enhanced cooperation. The agreements does not concern any other countries that the ones cooperating within the partnership http://bit.ly/2g6rmR4 . The EU does not treat its neighbours as "buffer zone".	EEAS Chisinau
30.11.2016	RUS	Amnesty International has secret links to international terror groups. The organisation has received a "multi-million budget in U.S. dollars," that was earmarked to covertly "encourage international terrorism."	http://bit.ly/2qMHNG8	NTV	No evidence given for the claims. Amnesty International is one of the worlds biggest and most well-renowned Human Rights organisations. They investigate and expose the facts in cases of abuses of human rights. More on the funding of Amnesty here http://bit.ly/2gMUP6x .	East Stratcom
30.11.2016	CZE	The war in Donbass is caused by the unwillingness of Kyiv to recognize the rights of ethnic minorities regarding their languages. Ukraine is not fulfilling EU norms on minority languages	http://bit.ly/2h4P7x9	Bez politické korektnosti	After the Revolution of Dignity, the provisional government of Ukraine maintained ethnic minorities' rights to their native languages. Russian is widely spoken in Ukraine: http://bit.ly/2hei47I . In November 2016, a Council of Europe delegation was in Ukraine to evaluate the progress made in the monitoring of the protection of national minorities http://bit.ly/2hsQMut .	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/
30.11.2016	CZE	NATO is surrounding Russia with military bases. The USA were planning to build a military base in Ukraine, about 300km from Moscow. Ukraine is an artificial state and the government in Kyiv should allow the people from all its parts to carry out self-determination - to secede from Ukraine and join Russia.	http://bit.ly/2gi62bp	AC24	There is no evidence for that claim that the USA is planning to build bases in Ukraine. The separatism in both Crimea and in Donbas was sparked and greatly supported by Russia. The referendum in Crimea was considered illegitimate by the international community, as are the so-called "People's republics" in Donbas. Furthermore, a recent poll suggest that 57% of Ukrainians have negative feelings towards Russia while 43% would be positive towards joining NATO http://bit.ly/2e1oc4R .	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/
30.11.2016	ENG	The EU's ban on issuing visas to Russian citizens living in Crimea is a blatant violation of human rights, it is a question of "visa genocide" of Crimean residents.	http://bit.ly/2giBFBC	Russia Today	There is no EU demand that Crimeans "change the citizenship that they had once accepted" to get an EU visa. There is no blanket ban on Crimeans coming into the EU. However, Crimeans who attempt to use post-annexation Russian passports issued in Crimea will not be granted an EU visa, since the EU does not recognize the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol and thus does not recognize the Russian authorities illegally established in the annexed territory. Therefore, Russian passports issued by these authorities should not be used to apply for Schengen visas http://bit.ly/2gl1ea2 .	Polygraph.info
01.12.2016	SVK	Hillary Clinton asked for a recount of the votes cast during the US presidential election.	http://bit.ly/2h4UXhN	AC24	It was not Mrs. Clinton, but the Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein.	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/
01.12.2016	RUS	Ukraine will ask NATO to provoke Russia during a joint patrol to the Black Sea.	http://bit.ly/2h2Z3HH	Baltnews.lv	No evidence given for these claims.	Biedriba Novosti

01.12.2016	GEO	The European Parliament put the Russian Orthodox Church on a "Black List" and affiliated it with terrorism.	http://bit.ly/2h6zxPg	Mediacity.ge	The resolution referred to in the article is about strengthening EU strategic communication to counteract anti-EU propaganda by third parties. Not once does it mention the word Orthodox. http://bit.ly/2fai3Uv . Detailed debunking at Stopfake http://bit.ly/2gbgWR4 .	Myth Detector
01.12.2016	RUS	Finland is the first country to de facto waive the sanctions against Russia and to officially declare so.	http://bit.ly/2hcGSzz	Topwar.ru	The Finnish-Russian trade commission has met for the first time since 2013. However, Finland gives its full support to the EU's common sanctions and unity. The implementation of the Minsk agreement is the first condition for lifting the EU's sanctions on Russia, according to the Finnish Prime Minister http://bit.ly/2giA5Qr .	Official from an EU country
02.12.2016	CZE	The Czech governmental activity against pro-Kremlin media is the same as communist counter-propaganda.	http://bit.ly/2hdLBAH	Bez politické korektnosti	The Czech Centre against Terrorism and Hybrid Threats within the Ministry of Internal will be tasked with monitoring the disinformation efforts in the Czech republic, proposing legislative or countermeasures and spread awareness among the public.	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/
03.12.2016	RUS	The UK did not send "a single gram of flour, any medicine or blankets to help" civilians in Aleppo during the whole Syrian war.	http://bit.ly/2hldQKZ	Russia Today	In response to the crisis, the UK has committed £2.3 billion since 2012. Aid access might have been hindered since Russia vetoed a French-drafted United Nations Security Council resolution in October that would have demanded an immediate end to air strikes and military flights over Syria's Aleppo city and called for a truce and humanitarian aid access throughout Syria. http://bit.ly/1O5yESF , http://reut.rs/2dzKuJD . UN figures for Russian aid channelled through the UN for 2015 amount to USD 6,5 million http://bit.ly/1jB4X8W . In general, the EU is the leading donor in the international response to the Syrian crisis, with over €8.9 billion from the EU and Member States collectively allocated in humanitarian, stabilisation and development assistance since the start of the conflict. The UK is the biggest donor in the EU.	East Stratcom
03.12.2016	CZE	The UN Secretary General - elect António Guterres urged the EU to introduce brutal totalitarianism, said politicians should ignore voter and should destroy white race.	http://bit.ly/2hroi7r	Bez politické korektnosti	The article claims to cite a speech of UN Secretary General António Guterres from Vision Europe Summit. The article was first published on Breitbart and republished by Infowars.com, Beforeitsnews and other known conspiracy websites. The UN Secretary General did speak at the Summit, but said no such things http://bit.ly/2dvXKzK .	Kremlin Watch (European Values think-tank), http://www.europeanvalues.net/kremlinwatch/
04.12.2016	RUS	Angela Merkel has a complex of an Eastern German Woman, she and her party spread anti-Russian hysteria.	http://bit.ly/2hiw8wI	Večer s Vladimirom Solovyovym @ Rossiya 1, time 07:40	Statements about destabilizing propaganda or cyberattacks are not anti-Russian hysteria. The claims about this danger were made not only by Angela Merkel, but also by the head of domestic secret service: http://reut.rs/2hrO1fL	Pavel Spirin, former journalist

04.12.2016	RUS	There is nothing wrong with "spheres of influence", and Russia is going to prove it.	http://bit.ly/2hiw8wI	Vecher s Vladimirom Solovyovym @ Rossiya 1, time 10:37	Russia committed itself to create a Europe without spheres of influence. See the Founding Act on Mutual Relations, Cooperation and Security between NATO and Russia: "NATO and Russia will seek the widest possible cooperation among participating States of the OSCE with the aim of creating in Europe a common space of security and stability, without dividing lines or spheres of influence limiting the sovereignty of any state." http://bit.ly/1B9ft2s	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
04.12.2016	RUS	Ukrainian people will soon be "Donbasized" and start fighting against nazism.	http://bit.ly/2hiw8wI	Vecher s Vladimirom Solovyovym @ Rossiya 1, time 11:35	Repeating a myth debunked many times already, see e.g. Disinformation Review 50: http://bit.ly/2hrUtDG	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
04.12.2016	RUS	European countries have lost their sovereignty to the EU and the US.	http://bit.ly/2hiw8wI	Vecher s Vladimirom Solovyovym @ Rossiya 1, time 1:04:33	EU Member states make sovereign decisions. The recent challenges to European countries' security have been in Georgia and in Ukraine - by Russia.	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
04.12.2016	RUS	The nazi regime of Petro Poroshenko has started the war in Donbas, and Russia has to call for a trial in the Hague for this.	http://bit.ly/2hiw8wI	Vecher s Vladimirom Solovyovym @ Rossiya 1, time 1:28:58	Repeating a myth debunked many times already, see e.g. Disinformation Review 50: http://bit.ly/2hrUtDG . Besides, Russia has withdrawn its signature from the International Criminal Court statute: http://bit.ly/2ggCQ9b	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
04.12.2016	RUS	MPs of any country, including the US, Europe and Russia, have only two reasons not to take bribes for their votes: either the MP has business and he is rich or the MP is obliged to follow the instructions of their parliamentary faction.	http://bit.ly/2hiw8wI	Vecher s Vladimirom Solovyovym @ Rossiya 1, time 1:46:13	No evidence for this accusation given.	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
04.12.2016	RUS	Ukraine is governed by a totalitarian gang of bandits.	http://bit.ly/2hiw8wI	Vecher s Vladimirom Solovyovym @ Rossiya 1, time 2:21:50	Both the Presidential and the Parliamentary elections in Ukraine in 2014 were free and legitimate.	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
04.12.2016	ENG	NGOs are smuggling immigrants into Europe on an industrial scale, which is done with the full consent of the Italian and European authorities.	http://bit.ly/2fWFm4K	zerohedge.com	The ships belonging to the accused NGOs are specializing on rescuing immigrants in international waters and provide public information about these activities, see e.g.: http://bit.ly/2hiNn0V // No evidence for the conspiracy theory given.	Collected by the Prague Security Studies Institute within the framework of the Centre for International Relations' project co-financed by the Visegrad Fund
05.12.2016	RUS	Putin congratulated Russia's National team which won the championship EuroSkills, Europe's largest contest of professional skills, with a total of 15,882 points which awarded them first place in the competition held in Sweden.	http://bit.ly/2h62Yk6	TASS	Actually, Russia did not win. Russia sent the largest number of participants and therefore they got the highest number of total "skill points"-due to the number of participants. The article does not mention the fact that Austria won in terms of medals, Finland came in second and France secured the third place http://bit.ly/2gneb1G .	East Stratcom Network
05.12.2016	RUS	The Italians have said "No" to the dictate of Brussels. The Italian Brexit took place.	http://bit.ly/2gsjGxO	Mesto vstrechi @ NTV, time 0:58	The December referendum in Italy was about internal political structure of the country.	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
05.12.2016	RUS	Today's Europe has proved it is unable to reach an agreement with Russia.	http://bit.ly/2gsjGxO	Mesto vstrechi @ NTV, time 1:34:11	No evidence given for the claim. The cooperation between the EU and Russia was mostly harmed because of Russia's illegal actions in Ukraine and following occupation of its territories. Yet, the EU still offers selective engagement with Russia.	Pavel Spirin, former journalist

05.12.2016	RUS	After the Cold War, the West has deprived Russia of voting rights in international politics and demanded that Russia has to pay reparations and accept "occupational command and control" on its territory.	http://bit.ly/2gsIXZR	Vremya Pokazhet @ Pervyi Kanal, time 3: 29	<p>No evidence of depriving of voting rights, of reparations, of occupation. Directly the opposite: There is a clear record of strong cooperation between the EU and Russia, dating back to 1994, when the two sides negotiated a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement. Russia was identified as a strategic partner for the EU, and was the only country with which the EU held summits not once, but twice a year. A new EU-Russia agreement was being negotiated up until 2014, at which point talks were suspended due to Russia's involvement in the Ukraine conflict. Negotiations were also in train on visa facilitation. There was also cooperation between the EU and Russia on a number of foreign policy issues, some of which continues to this day. The EU and its Member States have maintained a clear policy of reaching out to Russian society and youth, mainly through the Erasmus+ student exchange programme and other people to people contacts.</p> <p>// NATO has consistently striven to build a cooperative relationship with Russia since the early 1990s, through the Partnership for Peace and creation of a NATO-Russia Council, and specific cooperation in the Western Balkans on and issues like counter-narcotics and counter-terrorism. No other NATO partner has been offered a comparable relationship, nor a similarly comprehensive institutional framework: http://bit.ly/2e0TZnG. // In 1997, Russia was invited to join the G7 group of major advanced economies in the world, thus forming the G8. (At the time, Russia ranked 14th to 17th in the list of countries according to GDP: http://bit.ly/2dWb51I; http://bit.ly/2ejhOpw; http://bit.ly/2dqu4jQ). In 2006, President Putin hosted the G8 summit in Saint Petersburg. Russia's membership of the G8 was suspended in 2014 because of its illegal annexation of Crimea. // Russia joined the Council of Europe, the continent's leading human rights organisation, in 1996. // The EU supported and welcomed Russia's accession to the World Trade Organization in 2012, after 18 years of negotiations: http://bit.ly/2e3tg6m. Russia has however not yet fulfilled some of the commitments it made before its accession, including fundamental WTO rules on customs duties: http://bit.ly/2bf2kAt.</p>	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
05.12.2016	RUS	Russia performed a peacekeeping mission in Georgia in 2008.	http://bit.ly/2gsIXZR	Vremya Pokazhet @ Pervyi Kanal, time 10:59	In 2008, Russia performed a military aggression against a sovereign and independent country.	Pavel Spirin, former journalist

05.12.2016	RUS	Ukraine lives in Russophobia, and the Western elites still live in the Cold War mentality.	http://bit.ly/2gsIXZR	Vremya Pokazhet @ Pervyi Kanal, time 16:30	The actions of Russia such as the illegal annexation of Crimea and the backing of the separatists and their self-proclaimed authorities in eastern Ukraine are perceived as unfriendly steps/aggression by the majority of Ukrainian society. But this is not "Russophobia", indeed a significant part of Ukrainians freely speaks Russian. // For the facts how the West reaches out to Russia, see above.	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
05.12.2016	RUS	In Donbas, Ukraine tries to provoke war with Russia.	http://bit.ly/2gsIXZR	Vremya Pokazhet @ Pervyi Kanal, time 33:18	In Donbas, Ukrainian army is defending its territorial sovereignty. It is Russia who wages the war in Ukraine and occupies Ukrainian territory.	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
05.12.2016	RUS	The referendum in Crimea expressed the will of local people and means the annexation by Russia was legal.	http://bit.ly/2gOsVV2	Vremya Pokazhet @ Pervyi Kanal, time 04:16	Any decision relating to Ukraine's sovereignty or sovereign choices can only be taken without undue external pressure. This so-called referendum was organised by a self-proclaimed Crimean leadership lacking democratic legitimacy and installed by armed Russian military personnel following the seizure of public buildings. The EU does not recognise it. The United Nations General Assembly Resolution No. 68/262, adopted on 27 March 2014 and supported by 100 states (only 10 states opposed it), clearly says that Russia's actions in the peninsula as well as the referendum held in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea violate international law http://bit.ly/1RZGnjo .	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
05.12.2016	CZE	NGOs are smuggling immigrants into Europe on an industrial scale, which is done with the full consent of the Italian and European authorities.	http://bit.ly/2gzTJlh	AC24.cz	Czech translation of the Zerohedge disinformation mentioned above.	Collected by the Prague Security Studies Institute within the framework of the Centre for International Relations' project co-financed by the Visegrad Fund
06.12.2016	HUN	Western social media giants will launch a joint effort to completely restrict the freedom of speech, as they will step up against hate speech and terrorism.	http://bit.ly/2hmZCwM	Világlátó	The agreement the article talks about is about creating a database of online terrorist content. The tech giants will continue to use their own rules for filtering out such content, thus the basic restrictions on free speech will stay as they are currently. Furthermore, countering hate speech and terrorist content does not constitute a restriction on the freedom of speech.	Political Capital Institute
06.12.2016	HUN	Members of the OSCE mission in Ukraine write a lot about the Ukrainians breaching the terms of the Minsk Agreement, but these reports are stopped by the Head of Mission.	http://bit.ly/2glUvmH	Kiállunk Novorosszija mellett – Support Donbass from Hungary	In fact, the OSCE mission's reports available on the OSCE website conclude that both sides breach the Minsk Treaty, however, it is mainly the self-proclaimed republics that refuse to grant the OSCE full access to the areas controlled by them. http://bit.ly/2gkw2b5	Political Capital Institute
06.12.2016	RUS	The attack on the Russian hospital in Aleppo, which resulted in two deaths of Russian nurses, is a conscious provocation to which the US and Europe are related.	http://bit.ly/2gOyl2n	Vremya Pokazhet @ Pervyi Kanal, time 07:39, 15:32	No evidence given.	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
06.12.2016	RUS	There are international courts that suggest not to struggle with terrorists, but to negotiate with them.	http://bit.ly/2gOyl2n	Vremya Pokazhet @ Pervyi Kanal, time 26:48	No international court offers to negotiate with terrorists.	Pavel Spirin, former journalist

07.12.2016	RUS	Ukrainians infringe the Russian language.	http://bit.ly/2hd5c40	Vremya Pokazhet @ Pervyi Kanal, time 0:06	There are no restrictions to speak Russian in Ukraine, in certain regions it is even the prevalent language. See above.	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
07.12.2016	RUS	Ukrainian authorities intend to oppress Russian speakers, to start selection, to introduce purely Nazi laws.	http://bit.ly/2hd5c40	Vremya Pokazhet @ Pervyi Kanal, time 11:30	No evidence for these accusations given. For the myth about Russian language, see above. For the myth about nazism in Ukraine, see above.	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
07.12.2016	RUS	The pathological Russophobia in Europe and in the Baltic states will destroy these two blocks.	http://bit.ly/2hd5c40	Vremya Pokazhet @ Pervyi Kanal, time 20:48	For reaching out of the EU towards Russia, see above. // Russophobia is not a problem in Europe or Baltic states. Minority language programmes are implemented in 13% of publicly funded schools in Latvia; and 26% of all Latvian students were enrolled in national minority education programmes in 2015/16: http://bit.ly/2eNWE0b // Estonia has facilitated the naturalization process for all legal residents who wish to acquire Estonian citizenship: http://bit.ly/2fbkUwj . The number of people with undetermined citizenship (grey passports) in Estonia is gradually decreasing.	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
07.12.2016	GEO	The Georgian government clearly understands that anti-Western sentiments are increasing with geometric progression among Georgian people. People start believing that contemporary Europe is not Georgia's choice, we are culturally and mentally very different.	http://bit.ly/2gsxzM4	Geworld.ge	No evidence to prove that support to Georgia's Euro-Atlantic integration is declining or that anti-Western sentiments are gaining momentum in Georgia. On the contrary, according to opinion polls, the number of supporters of Georgia's integration into NATO and the EU has increased in 2016 comparing to the previous years: http://bit.ly/2hIMPrU	Givi Gigitashvili, The Latvian Institute of International Affairs
07.12.2016	GEO	The UK banned Russian Today TV channel.	http://bit.ly/2gsxzM4	Geworld.ge	The National Westminster Bank decided it will close the bank account of Russia Today. The British government has nothing to do with this decision which has no effect on Russia Today's freedom to broadcast: http://bbc.in/2dYx5ed	Givi Gigitashvili, The Latvian Institute of International Affairs
07.12.2016	GEO	The EU postponed granting visa-free regime to Georgia for one year.	http://bit.ly/2gsxzM4	Geworld.ge	The process of a visa-free regime is well underway. The Council, Commission, and European Parliament agreed on Thursday 8 December on an emergency brake to suspend visa waivers, ending an EU dispute holding this up: http://bit.ly/2h6dDOe . Now the process continues and whereas there is not yet a concrete date when visa liberalisation will become effective for Georgia, it will hopefully be very soon.	Givi Gigitashvili, The Latvian Institute of International Affairs
07.12.2016	GEO	The UK is going to colonize Georgia once and for all, it uses Georgia to fight against Russia. Based on it, the UK will never allow Tbilisi to normalize its relations with Russia. The final goal of the UK is to colonize the entire South Caucasus region.	http://bit.ly/2gsxzM4	Geworld.ge	The UK, as well as all EU Member States, fully respects Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity. At the moment, Russia is the only country violating both.	Givi Gigitashvili, The Latvian Institute of International Affairs

07.12.2016	GEO	The UK "assists" Georgia to reform its state security system. In fact, the UK plants its own spies in Georgian security services, thereby it intends to destroy Georgia's statehood.	http://bit.ly/2gsxzM4	Geworld.ge	Georgian state invited British security defence advisor to help in reforming the state security system and increase the effectiveness of it. In addition, the British side assists Georgia to implement the components of the Substantial Package granted to Georgia at the NATO Wales Summit: http://bit.ly/2gOFMGC // No evidence for the conspiracy theory given.	Givi Gigitashvili, The Latvian Institute of International Affairs
07.12.2016	GEO	Russia Today TV channel enjoys greater trust in the Western society than other mainstream Western TV channels. Whereas RT's popularity increases, CNN loses its audience.	http://bit.ly/2gsxzM4	Geworld.ge	No evidence supporting this claim given. In the ranking of the most watched TV networks in the US, Russia Today is not among the first 113: http://bit.ly/2aAMQHR	Givi Gigitashvili, The Latvian Institute of International Affairs
07.12.2016	CZE	Barack Obama is doing everything he can to sever US relations with Russia, which is proved by the supply of several jet fighters F-18 from the US to Finland.	http://bit.ly/2goWICK	Sputnik CZ	The agreement was conducted based on a Finnish request. It involves support, equipment and training for jet fighters F-18, which forms an integral part of Finnish Military Air Force: http://bit.ly/2g5dQSJ // Russia has no word in how Finland decides to defend itself.	Collected by the Prague Security Studies Institute within the framework of the Centre for International Relations' project co-financed by the Visegrad Fund
08.12.2016	SWE	Crimea has always been a part of Russia, no Russian military was ever on Crimea and Russia has not occupied any foreign territory ever.	http://bit.ly/2ge1TFE	Russias ambassador to Sweden on Swedish national TV.	In fact, Crimea hasn't always been Russian. But the point is that Russia violated international law as well as key principles of the European security framework in illegally annexing the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol. The European Union does not recognise and continues to strongly condemn this violation of international law, which remains a challenge to the international security order. President Putin himself admitted to the presence of Russian "people there, who deal with certain matters, including in the military area" [aka soldiers] in December 2015 (http://bit.ly/1kC94ch) and again in October 2016 (http://bit.ly/2enbpt2). UNGA Resolution 68/262, which condemned Russia's illegal actions in Ukraine, was supported by 100 United Nations member states. Only 10 states opposed it. http://bit.ly/1RZGnjo .	East Stratcom
08.12.2016	RUS	The West deceived Russia in 1990's.	http://bit.ly/2hd9lzi	Vremya Pokazhet @ Pervyi Kanal, time 35:10	No evidence given. For reaching out of the West towards Russia since the 1990's, see above.	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
08.12.2016	RUS	The journalists from Euronews Ukraine are on strike because they are not perceived as Russians. "We were all born in the USSR," they say.	http://bit.ly/2hiZA8z	baltnews.lv	The journalists from Euronews are on a strike to demand saving of the Ukrainian service: http://bit.ly/2gzlAtE	Novosti.org
09.12.2016	RUS	Even Merkel has said that the accusations that Russia tries to destabilize Germany are nonsense.	http://bit.ly/2gOwmuz	rubaltic.ru	Such a statement is unknown in Germany: http://bit.ly/2hlPOAg	Novosti.org
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