**Anchoring & prompt:**

On February 24th 2022, Russia initiated a large-scale military invasion of Ukraine. A group of researchers seeks to investigate how different Russian warbloggers, who post about the war on their Telegram channels, write about Vladimir Putin, the President of Russia. They gathered all posts that mention Putin. Imagine you are a political scientist with in-depth knowledge about Russia and have been hired to code the content of Telegram posts, utilizing your knowledge.

The warbloggers frequently refer to the war as a special operation. They hold anti-Western views, exhibit pro-Russian sentiments (though not necessarily unconditional support for the Russian government), and generally endorse the ongoing war.

The Telegram post reads: “X”. Your task is to answer the following questions. Answer based on explicit clues in the post.

Consider adding more on support (e.g. support = praise competence etc, oppose = criticize).

**FOCUS QUESTIONS**

War\_mention: Is the post about the war against Ukraine? 0 (no), 1 (yes).

Putin\_focus: All the post mention Putin, but not all posts are about Putin mainly. Is Putin the main focus of this post? 0 (no), 1 (yes), 2 (unclear).

Post\_type: What kind of post is this? (0) news/quote/factual description, (1) opinion/commentary.

Alternatively: Is this post only news? Yes/no.

**MAIN QUESTIONS**

Support\_for\_Putin: Does the post appear to be supportive or opposed to Putin personally? 1 (opposed), 2 (neither opposed nor supportive), 3 (supportive).

Alternatively:

- Does this post explicitly support Putin?

- Does the post criticize (oppose) Putin?

- Does it paint Putin in a good light?