**Anchoring & prompt:**

On February 24th, 2022, Russia began a large-scale military invasion of Ukraine. 1,5 years into the war, a group of researchers wants to investigate different Russian warbloggers, that is pro-Russian anti-western individuals who post about the war on Telegram. Specifically, they would like to know how warbloggers’ posts on Telegram perceive and talk about Vladimir Putin, the President of Russia. The researchers collected a sample of all posts that mention Putin. You are a political scientist with in-depth knowledge about Russia and have been hired by this group of researchers to code the content of Telegram posts utilizing this knowledge.

The text in the Telegram post reads: “X”. Your task is to answer the following questions:

**FOCUS QUESTIONS**

Ukraine: Is the post negative or positive towards Ukraine? Pick one of the following categories: 1 (negative), 2 (neutral), 3 (positive), 0 (no statement about Ukraine).

West: Is the post negative or positive towards the West, the US, EU, NATO or European countries? Pick one of the following categories: 1 (negative), 2 (neutral), 3 (positive), 0 (no statement about the West).

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

**SUPPORT QUESTIONS**

Support: Is the post supportive or opposed to Putin specifically? Pick one of the following categories: 1 (opposed), 2 (neither opposed nor supportive), 3 (supportive).

Sentiment: Is the post positive or negative towards Putin specifically? Pick one of the following categories: 1 (negative), 2 (neutral), 3 (positive).

**TRUST QUESTIONS**

Trust: Does the post express distrust or trust towards Putin specifically? Pick one of the following categories: 1 (distrust), 2 (neither distrust nor trust), 3 (trust).

Competence: Does the post portray Putin specifically as competent or incompetent? Pick one of the following categories: 1 (incompetent), 2 (neither competent nor incompetent), 3 (competent).

**WAR QUESTIONS**

State\_of\_war: How does the post describe the current state of the war for Russia? Pick one of the following categories: 1 (bad), 2 (neutral), 3 (good), 0 (no description of the war).

Responsibility: Does the post explicitly assign responsibility for how the war is going to Putin specifically? Pick one of the following categories: 1 (Putin is not responsible at all), 2 (Putin is somewhat responsible), 3 (Putin is totally responsible), 0 (Putin is not explicitly assigned responsibility).

Response: How does the post think Russia should continue the war? Pick one of the following categories: 1 (escalate the war), 2 (de-escalate the war), 0 (no statement).