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Date	Language / Targeted Audience	Summary of the Disinformation	Link to the Disinformation	Disinforming outlet(s)	Disproof	Reported by
04.04.2016	RUS	Despite the Russophobia and anti-Russian hysteria that has always existed in the West, Russia has a great mission: the salvation of mankind.	http://bit.ly/1MvKCak	Secret TV, YouTube channel	Criticism of Russian government's policy is not "Russophobia". // There is no evidence of prosecution of Russian minority in the West.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
04.04.2016	RUS	ATO is a terrorist operation conducted by the Ukrainian leadership against its own people. //The struggle of the Ukrainian military in Donbass is a "godless affair". The separatists have God on their side as they are fighting for the right cause. // Ukrainians are Russian in fact. // There is a civil war going on in Eastern Ukraine.	http://bit.ly/1RVyobi	Igor Druz (expert, RISS) on Yury Kotenok's video blog	The Ukrainian army in Eastern Ukraine is defending the country's sovereignty, territorial integrity and citizens (http://bit.ly/1RMKnDr). // Repeating an already debunked myth. Ukraine is a sovereign nation. // The war in Ukraine is a result of Russian aggression (http://bit.ly/1KpsngN).	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
05.04.2015	RUS	The war in Ukraine is directed solely against Russia. This includes the extermination of the people of Novorossiia. There is also an ideological and economic war (sanctions) going on against Russia. Anglo-Saxons also aim to destroy the Russian Orthodox Church.	http://bit.ly/1S8WZpK	Alexander Goncharov (historian) on Yury Kotenok's video blog	Repeating already debunked disinformation. Outside of the Russian media there have been no credible reports of threats to the Russian-descent or Russian speaking population (http://bit.ly/1Tl9X7W). // The EU imposed restrictive measures against the Russian Federation in response to the illegal annexation of Crimea and the deliberate destabilisation of a neighbouring sovereign country (http://bit.ly/19wwzP3). // No evidence given for the rest of the claims.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
05.04.2015	RUS	Ukraine is training Daesh soldiers.	http://bit.ly/23xbP3Y	dnr-pravda.ru	No evidence given.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher

07.04.2016	RUS	Europe will never accept Ukraine into its ranks. // If EU governments allowed their people to express their opinions [similarly to the Dutch referendum on the EU-Ukraine DCFTA] the European Union would dissolve.	http://bit.ly/1Yv4N8U	"Zhivaya mishen" YouTube Channel	Leaders of the EU have repeatedly reaffirmed that Brussels regards Ukraine as part of the European family (http://bit.ly/1z99Q7j). // The Dutch referendum was not about EU membership. // Participatory democracy is one of the principles on which the working of the European Union is founded (http://bit.ly/1Qh8dX3). The right to submit a citizens' initiative is enshrined in the Treaty on European Union. Such instruments are also available to citizens in the majority of the Member States, be it at national, regional or local level (http://bit.ly/1qSxCBN).	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
07.04.2016	RUS	Europeans are "zombified", that is why many of them advocate for the DCFTA between the EU and Ukraine. Dutch people realised that Ukraine is a corrupt country whose leaders have blood on their hands so they chose to reject the agreement.	http://bit.ly/1T5NTw8	Igor Druz (expert, RISS) on Yury Kotenok's video blog	Media freedom and pluralism is guaranteed in all Member States of the European Union. EU citizens make their own sovereign choices. The Ukrainian army in Eastern Ukraine is defending the country's sovereignty, territorial integrity and citizens (http://bit.ly/1RMKnDr).	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
07.04.2016	RUS	Petro Poroshenko has requested a phone interview with the New York Times in order to refute the claims of an article previously published in the NYT about Ukraine being a corrupt country.	http://bit.ly/1SM85Ax	Fake letter sent to Dean Baquet, Executive Editor of The New York Times	Press Secretary of the President of Ukraine Svyatoslav Tsegolko as well as NYT have confirmed that the letter is a fake (http://bit.ly/1SM85Ax , http://nyti.ms/1RW4raV).	East StratCom
09.04.2016	RUS	Ukraine is ran by American supervisors. Ambassador Geoffrey R. Pyatt is waging information war against Russia. The objective of the Fulbright Program is to train new cadres [journalists] for the information war.	http://bit.ly/1SbWPAb	Vladimir Rogov (leader of the "Slavic Guard") on Yury Kotenok's video blog	Conspiracy theory, no evidence given. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program is the largest U.S. exchange program offering opportunities for students and young professionals to undertake international graduate study, advanced research, university teaching, and primary and secondary school teaching worldwide. It operates in over 160 countries (http://bit.ly/1wAVrco).	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher

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09.04.2016	RUS	Turkey is on the verge of a breakup. // Ukraine will soon disappear after which Russia will have the opportunity to create a land passage to the Crimea. Once Ukraine collapses, the UN SC will recognise Crimea as part of Russia.	http://bit.ly/1VY84yD	Stepan Demura's YouTube channel	No evidence given. The UN General Assembly has affirmed its commitment to the "sovereignty, political independence, unity and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders" (http://bit.ly/1RZGnjo).	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
09.04.2016	RUS	The process of disintegration has already begun in Ukraine: Transcarpathia oblast council is demanding autonomy. // The US has refused to continue supporting president Poroshenko. // Ukrainians are part of the Russian world. // There was coup in Kyiv.	http://bit.ly/1qraeeb	Vkontakte page of the "Armed Forces of Novorossiya"	Repeating already debunked disinformation. The Transcarpathian regional council has dismissed this claim as a fake (http://bit.ly/1SHO4Ls). // The United States is firmly committed to supporting Ukraine as it works to establish security and stability, respond to humanitarian and reconstruction needs, conduct democratic elections and carry out constitutional reforms, restore its economy, and combat corruption (http://1.usa.gov/1qCWSfd). // Ukraine is a sovereign nation. // Repeating already debunked disinformation. The demonstrations which began in Kiev in November 2013 were born out of Ukrainians' own desire for a closer relationship with the European Union, and their frustration when former President Yanukovich halted progress toward that goal as a result of Russian pressure (http://bit.ly/1Ri9ldy).	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
09.04.2016	RUS	The escalation of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict was prompted by US Secretary of State, John Kerry's visit to Azerbaijan.	http://bit.ly/1SCoveA	Voyennaya tayna s Igorem Prokopenko, YouTube channel	Conspiracy theory, no evidence given.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher

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10.04.2016	RUS	According to MI6 and CIA internal documents, Alexei Navalny had been recruited to work for MI6 by UK hedge fund manager Bill Browder. His task is to carry out operation "Quake" which aims to undermine the existing constitutional order of the Russian Federation. He is being paid handsomely for his services via the Moscow Helsinki Group (MHG) human rights organisation.	http://bit.ly/1NiNRgb	vesti.ru	The documents on which these accusations are based are confirmed to be fake. Navalny has dismissed the accusations as "fantasy" and "deliberate slander" and has said he will sue Rossiya 1 which ran a 15-minute report about the "case". MHG head Lyudmila Alekseyeva said the group had never given money to Mr Navalny (http://bbc.in/20BShpQ).	East StratCom
10.04.2016	ENG	Before the G7 meeting in Japan on 10 April, German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier praised Russia's "constructive role in resolving the crises in Ukraine and Syria".	http://bit.ly/20N95dl	RT	Steinmeier did not point out Russia's "constructive role in resolving the Ukraine and Syria crises". What Steinmeier actually said was that Russia must contribute a "political solution" to the Ukraine conflict as a prerequisite for its return. In addition, the Kremlin must play a permanent "constructive role" in the search for peace in Syria. Steinmeier maintains that excluding Russia over its actions in Ukraine is a necessary step, but not a goal in itself (http://bit.ly/1S2UqJ7).	StopFake.org
10.04.2016	RUS	The US supports terrorism. Washington also blocked the MH17 investigation.	http://bit.ly/1RSuwrw	Dmitriy Kiselyev's "Vesti nedeli" news show, 5:54	The US government is committed to fight terrorism. The investigation into the shooting down of flight MH17 was carried out by the Dutch safety board, over which the US has no authority (http://bit.ly/1PdSc90).	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
10.04.2016	RUS	By publishing the Panama Papers, the US wants to drive off-shore money from all over the world to the US.	http://bit.ly/1RSuwrw	Dmitriy Kiselyev's "Vesti nedeli" news show, 17:18, 19:39	The Panama Papers were published by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ), a global network of more than 190 investigative journalists in more than 65 countries who collaborate on in-depth investigative stories (http://bit.ly/1WAKWM3).	Pavel Spirin, former journalist

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10.04.2016	RUS	The CIA is conducting a secret operation entitled "Quake" with the aim of destroying Russia. // In this operation, the West relies on its Russian agent, Alexei Navalny.	http://bit.ly/1RSuwrw	Dmitriy Kiselyev's "Vesti nedeli" news show, 49:17-1:03:34	The documents on which these accusations are based are confirmed to be fake. Navalny has dismissed the accusations as "fantasy" and "deliberate slander" and has said he will sue Rossiya 1 which ran a 15-minute report about the "case" (http://bbc.in/20BShpQ).	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
10.04.2016	RUS	The US supports the escalation of frozen conflicts along the borders of Russia.	http://bit.ly/1VtWyfh	"Voskresnyi vecher s Vladimirom Solovyevym", political talk show, 6:37	No evidence supports this claim.	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
10.04.2016	RUS	Europe died in 2004 after the new member states joined the EU.	http://bit.ly/1VtWyfh	"Voskresnyi vecher s Vladimirom Solovyevym", political talk show, 1:38:36	The first of May 2004 represents a historic and unprecedented milestone in the development of the EU. By welcoming in 10 new countries, the EU bound 25 member states together through the common values of freedom, democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights. (http://bit.ly/1WAqAxy).	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
10.04.2016	CZE	George Soros openly admits his plan to destroy national borders, to destroy every European state, and to flood Europe with refugees.	http://bit.ly/1MCuHa4	svetkolemnas.info	The article references George Soros's reaction to Viktor Orban's accusations which was published on Bloomberg in October 2015. Soros mentions that the plan of his foundation is to uphold European values and to ensure the protection of refugees. He does not say anything about the European states' identity or their destruction: http://bloom.bg/1S4HQJx	European Values Think-Tank
11.04.2016	CZE	Former CIA agent Doug Laux admitted that President Obama created Daesh as an excuse to invade Syria and to overthrow the Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.	http://bit.ly/23GyD16 // http://bit.ly/1SmhGki	AC24.cz // nwoo.org	Distorting the article "Obama Nixed CIA Plan That Could Have Stopped ISIS: Officials" on NBC: http://nbcnews.to/1WANlWZ . The article does not say President Obama created Daesh, but that a plan - not approved by Obama - might have stopped the rise of Daesh.	European Values Think-Tank

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11.04.2016	ENG	Prominent Danish professor warns that western civilization is threatened by the influx of migrants from the Middle East and North Africa and that a "civil war" is the most likely outcome. Low IQ of refugees threatens foundations of western civilization.	http://bit.ly/1qSnzg5	prisonplanet.com	Helmuth Nyborg is a controversial Danish professor suspended by Aarhus University "lack of due diligence in a number of circumstances in his research and in his relations with the press": http://bit.ly/23HPT6a	European Values Think-Tank
11.04.2016	RUS	The European Commission intends to introduce EU visa free travel for Ukrainians despite the results of the recent Dutch referendum in which the majority of participants voted against the EU Association and Free Trade Agreement with Ukraine.	http://bit.ly/22Ex3qR	vesti.ru	The process of visa liberalization for Ukraine is not related to the EU-Ukraine DCFTA. The negotiations on Ukraine's visa free travel to the EU began at the 2008 EU Ukraine Paris Summit, and the EU-Ukraine Visa liberalization action plan was signed in 2010. (http://bit.ly/1W95PIW).	StopFake.org
11.04.2016	GEO	The English firm Human Leather makes clothes out of actual human leather. They use the skin of the victims of the Ukrainian and Syrian crises.		Asaval Dasavali (printed newspaper)	The company is a fake, their website has been reported as being untrustworthy (http://bit.ly/1SNSf8x).	Myth Detector (MDF's publication)
11.04.2016	RUS	Yatsenyuk embezzled one billion US dollars and now he needs free time to secure this money in the West.	http://bit.ly/1MBc5Y5	Petr Tolstoy's "Vremya Pokazhet", political talk show, 4:01	No evidence given.	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
12.04.2016	CZE	Since 2008, the EU has been demanding an amendment to the law on protection of minorities, which would establish defamation and instigation of hatred as a crime. This proves that the EU has been preparing for the 'invasion of migrants' long time in advance, and through these censorship laws it aimed to silence any popular protests.	http://bit.ly/1VxkxLa	nwoo.org	Preventing defamation and instigation of hatred is no "censorship". // As for "preparation of invasion": repeating an older disinformation with no supporting evidence given.	European Values Think-Tank
12.04.2016	ENG	There are no US citizens in the Panama Papers. That proves it is a CIA operation, an attack on US competitors or enemies.	http://bit.ly/1U1pE4P	zerohedge.com	No evidence given for the conspiracy. Panama Papers were written by a group of 190 investigative journalists in 65 countries, not by CIA.	European Values Think-Tank
12.04.2016	CZE	Panama Papers are George Soros's campaign against Putin for banning Soros's NGOs that were planning Russian Maidan.	http://bit.ly/22GJ7lh	aeronet.cz	No evidence given.	European Values Think-Tank
12.04.2016	CZE	The Arab spring was directed by global elites, the US and governments of some western EU member states and it fits into the scenario of the New World Order.	http://bit.ly/1SUnv60	svobodnenoviny.eu	No evidence given.	European Values Think-Tank

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12.04.2016	CZE	Half a billion Europeans in the hands of a criminal gang: smugglers reside in Brussels, Berlin and even Prague. The migration crisis is a secret New World Order plan.	http://bit.ly/26a1gm6	protiproud.parlamentnilisty.cz	No evidence given.	European Values Think-Tank
12.04.2016	RUS	Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko has stripped Chernobyl liquidators and all those who had participated in the clean-up operation of all their benefits.	http://bit.ly/1TZzKmA	ukraina.ru	Chernobyl accident liquidators have not been stripped of any of their previous state benefits and perks. Earlier this year the Ukrainian parliament passed law No.2093 expanding benefits for Chernobyl liquidators, however President Poroshenko vetoed that law (http://bit.ly/1XCLB9f).	StopFake.org
12.04.2016	RUS	The Americans use terror to maintain the regime of global domination.	http://bit.ly/22EJlQ5	Petr Tolstoy's "Vremya Pokazhet", political talk show, 1:33:00	Conspiracy theory.	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
13.04.2016	CZE	There are no US citizens in the Panama Papers. That proves it is a CIA operation, an attack on US competitors or enemies.	http://bit.ly/269X8CK	AC24.cz	Czech translation of the zero hedge.com disinformation article mentioned above.	European Values Think-Tank
13.04.2016	RUS	Prices of basic foodstuffs are significantly lower in the Donetsk People's Republic than in Ukraine.	http://bit.ly/1SLsaGT	dnr-news.com	According to United Nations food relief agency's latest report, the two-year long conflict in Eastern Ukraine has left around 1.5 million people hungry, including almost 300,000 people who are severely food insecure and in need of immediate food assistance (http://bit.ly/1VcKtLO).	Political Capital Institute
13.04.2016	HUN	Prices of basic foodstuffs are significantly lower in the Donetsk People's Republic than in Ukraine.	http://bit.ly/1YBibIR	"Kiállunk Oroszország mellett - Support Vladimir Putin from Hungary" Facebook group	Hungarian translation of the dnr-news.com disinformation article.	Political Capital Institute
13.04.2016	GER	Germany has promised NATO to make the Bundeswehr (German national army) available for whatever purpose. The Bundestag's approval is no longer needed for the foreign deployment of the army.	http://bit.ly/1SCYcF6	deutsch.rt.com	The German Parliament's consent is still necessary for the foreign deployment of the country's army (http://bit.ly/1TTxnBM).	Mark Wittfoth
14.04.2016	ENG	Classified report of Russian Ministry of Defense states that Russia used electronic warfare defences to cripple US missile destroyer USS Donald Cook in the Baltic sea.	http://bit.ly/1WaTeF5	whatdoesitmean.com	The report is not mentioned anywhere apart from pro-Kremlin media. Whatdoesitmean.com regularly bases its articles on so-called "inaccessible secret" documents.	European Values Think-Tank

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14.04.2016	CZE	Classified report of Russian Ministry of Defense states that Russia used electronic warfare defences to cripple US missile destroyer USS Donald Cook in the Baltic sea.	http://bit.ly/1WaThka // http://bit.ly/1TebNWy // http://bit.ly/1Qh1koo	OrgoNet @ Blogspot // lajkit.cz // irucz.ru	Czech translations of the whatdoesitmean.com disinformation article mentioned above.	European Values Think-Tank
14.04.2016	HUN	Several thousands of American soldiers are stationed in Ukraine in the framework of a bilateral agreement between Kyiv and Washington.	http://bit.ly/1SeYAdy	hidfo.ru	No such agreement exists between the US and Ukraine.	Political Capital Institute
14.04.2016	HUN	The EU uses the migrant crisis to annex Serbia, i.e. to force it to become a member state: both Federica Mogherini and Donald Tusk referred to the fact that Brussels can help Serbia to find a remedy to the crisis.	http://bit.ly/1p8Wt2H	hidfo.ru	Serbia voluntarily applied for EU membership in December 2009. The European Commission recommended making it an official candidate in October 2011. Serbian PM Aleksandar Vucic has confirmed, that despite the migrant crisis, joining the EU remains the top policy goal for Serbia, which began formal accession talks in 2014 (http://reut.rs/1oxvKNp).	Political Capital Institute
14.04.2016	HUN	The Turkish Secret Service is training ex-Daesh soldiers who, having returned from Syria, want to join the Azerbaijani army and fight against Armenia in Nagorno-Karabakh.	http://bit.ly/1W9BGsU	orientalista.hu	No evidence given.	Political Capital Institute
15.04.2016	RUS	According to military expert Igor Korotchenko, the new Ukrainian government is creating new mechanisms to coordinate the extrajudicial killings by Ukrainian Siloviki.	http://bit.ly/1Sn9UJZ	ria.ru	No evidence given.	Jürgen Buch, freelance journalist
15.04.2016	RUS	Petro Poroshenko is responsible for the war and famine in Eastern Ukraine.	http://bit.ly/1MBcl42	Petr Tolstoy's "Vremya Pokazhet", political talk show, 3:15	The war in Eastern Ukraine is a consequence of Russian military aggression, therefore the Russian government bears the responsibility for the humanitarian crisis in Donbass (http://bit.ly/1KpsngN).	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
17.04.2016	RUS	The US agrees to divide Ukraine between Russia, Poland, Hungary and Romania by the second half of 2016. Washington also plans to build a NATO naval base in Odessa.	http://bit.ly/1VaQ19u	tele8.ru	Repeating already debunked disinformation. No evidence given.	Jürgen Buch, freelance journalist

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