

Disinformation Review Issue 27

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Date	Language / Targeted Audience	Summary of the Disinformation	Link to the Disinformation	Disinforming outlet(s)	Disproof	Reported by
11.05.2016	GEO	Georgia will have to give up its territorial integrity in exchange for NATO membership.	http://bit.ly/1WsQxjX	Sakinformi	Untrue. NATO membership is not tied to such requirements. Georgia's territorial integrity and sovereignty has been violated by the Russian Federation, not NATO.	Myth Detector (MDF's publication)
14.05.2016	ENG	The revolution in Ukraine was led by the USA with the aim to create a Ukro-Nazi puppet government.	http://bit.ly/1Xlb2rW	thesaker.is	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). Ukraine's President Poroshenko was elected on 25 May with a clear majority in a vote which the OSCE characterized as showing the "clear resolve of the authorities to hold what was a genuine election largely in line with international commitments and with a respect for fundamental freedoms" (http://bit.ly/1Tdu8Qw).	European Values think-tank
17.05.2016	RUS	Young conscripts in Lithuania fall ill on a mass scale because of hygiene conditions in military canteens.	http://bit.ly/1Z6zdik	baltnews.lt	No evidence given.	Official from Lithuania
17.05.2016	RUS	For the first time in the history of NATO's strategic leadership, domination was passed to representatives of Eastern Europe.	http://bit.ly/1sFnmgB	vz.ru	All decisions in NATO are taken by consensus, which means that a decision can only be taken if every single Ally accepts it. Equally, the decision for any country to take part in NATO-led operations falls to that country alone, according to its own legal procedures. No member of the Alliance can decide on the deployment of any other Ally's forces (http://bit.ly/23VH17U).	Official from Lithuania
18.05.2016	RUS	The death of a conscript is an example of the Lithuanian military and political leadership's negligence towards conscripts. Lithuanian generals are creating preferential conditions to US and other Allied soldiers at the expense of Lithuanian conscripts.	http://bit.ly/20Q1lai	belvpo.com	No evidence given. The cause of death of the conscription soldier who died on 16 May is not published, because there is no written consent of the deceased soldier's parents'.	Official from Lithuania

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18.05.2016	RUS	The death of a young Lithuanian soldier exposed a deficiency of health care in Lithuanian military.	http://bit.ly/1XGmggC	sotvorilos.ru	The cause of death of the conscription soldier who died on 16 May is not published, because there is no written consent of the deceased soldier's parents'.	Official from Lithuania
18.05.2016	ENG	NATO announces war policy against Russia: the Alliance has revoked the treaty of 1997 prohibiting the stationing of nuclear weapons in the new NATO member states. This is just another promise breached by NATO, after it had violated the promise given to Gorbachev in 1990 that NATO won't expand further to the East.	http://bit.ly/1REfJf7	zerohedge.com	Untrue. The 1997 Founding Act on Mutual Relations, Cooperation and Security between NATO and the Russian Federation is still in force (http://bit.ly/1JYSTOF). // Repeating an already debunked myth, such a promise was never made (http://bit.ly/1qQ3wHH). This is acknowledged by Gorbachev himself.	European Values think-tank
19.05.2016	RUS	The Ukrainian parliament is advocating a repeated deportation of Crimeans.	http://bit.ly/25tVYUK	ren.tv	Andriy Senchenko was proposing that all persons who had moved to Crimea after February 20, 2014 should be evacuated from the peninsula. He is no longer a member of the Ukrainian parliament and his views on Crimean issues are those of a private person and in no way reflect official Ukrainian policy (http://bit.ly/1sFwMsw).	StopFake.org
19.05.2016	RUS	Tatars demand renaming of Crimea.	http://bit.ly/1Voc9N8	ng.ru	Crimean Tatars want changes in the Ukrainian constitution regarding the status of their autonomy in Crimea, but they are not calling for a name change (http://bit.ly/27XLHyY).	StopFake.org
19.05.2016	ENG	Europe recognizes Crimea as part of Russia.	http://bit.ly/25qCmgI	pravdareport.com	Repeating already debunked disinformation. Veneto regional council has no authority over Italy's foreign policy and the resolution on Crimea is not binding (http://bit.ly/1U5GYDK). Two years on from the illegal annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol by the Russian Federation, the European Union remains firmly committed to Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity (http://bit.ly/1MdiecD).	Mark Wittfoth, student

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19.05.2016	CZE	NATO is preparing to start a war with Russia. This is the final stage of a long-term policy that also includes the introduction of economic sanctions that the USA forced other Western states to adopt.	http://bit.ly/1Tr74m3	sputniknews.com	As stated by NATO heads of state and government at the Wales Summit in September 2014, "the Alliance does not seek confrontation and poses no threat to Russia. But we cannot and will not compromise on the principles on which our Alliance and security in Europe and North America rest" (http://bit.ly/1u0c1ky). // 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).	European Values think-tank
19.05.2016	ENG	Russian aggression is just a Western propaganda myth.	http://bit.ly/2449pF1	paulcraigroberts.org	Repeating already debunked disinformation. The UN GA Resolution 68/262, which condemned Russia's illegal actions in Ukraine, was supported by 100 United Nations member states (http://bit.ly/1RZGnjo).	European Values think-tank
20.05.2016	ENG	Following the collapse of the USSR, the West pursued a policy of Russia's destruction but was veiled with honey words of friendship and cooperation.	http://bit.ly/22sJ5Fa	pravdareport.com	In 2010 the EU and Russia launched a Partnership for Modernisation. Since 2010 the EU through its Delegation to Russia has allocated EUR 7 mln for projects under the EU-Russia Partnership for Modernisation Facility (http://bit.ly/1p648gA).	Mark Wittfoth, student
20.05.2016	RUS	A young Ukrainian girl was not allowed to participate in an embroidery show because of the dark colour of her skin.	http://bit.ly/1VobpYn	lenta.ru	Untrue. The little girl was not barred from participating in the school show during Ukrainian embroidery day (http://bit.ly/22sQd4r).	StopFake.org
20.05.2016	CZE	NATO is preparing to start a war with Russia. This is the final stage of a long-term policy that also includes the introduction of economic sanctions that the USA forced other Western states to adopt.	http://bit.ly/24gawS0	nwoo.org	Czech translation of the sputniknews.com disinformation article.	European Values think-tank

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21.05.2016	RUS	The European Union is a continuation of Napoleon's and Hitler's plans.	http://bit.ly/1U58ezF	kv-journal.su	Repeating already debunked disinformation. The European Union was set up with the aim of ending the frequent and bloody wars between neighbours, which culminated in the Second World War. Today, it consists of 28 independent and sovereign member countries (http://bit.ly/1g2oBJj).	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
21.05.2016	RUS	Erdogan is privatizing Ukrainian enterprises as part of the plan to revive the Ottoman Empire.	http://bit.ly/1TQpBbq	"Secret TV", YouTube channel	The Turkish president is not in the position to sell the state-owned enterprises of a foreign country.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
21.05.2016	RUS	Kiev's desire to gain control over its border with Russia becomes the main obstacle to the implementation of the Minsk agreements.	http://bit.ly/1VofdsH	svpressa.ru	Every country has the right to have access to and full control over its national borders. The Ukrainian government is committed to the full implementation of the Minsk agreements and is actively participating in the work of the Trilateral Contact Group.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
21.05.2016	CZE	NATO announces war policy against Russia: the Alliance has revoked the treaty of 1997 prohibiting the stationing of nuclear weapons in the new NATO member states. This is just another promise breached by NATO, after it had violated the promise given to Gorbachev in 1990 that NATO won't expand further to the East.	http://bit.ly/24galWK	ac24.cz	Czech translation of the zero hedge.com disinformation article.	European Values think-tank
22.05.2016	RUS	Ukraine's newly appointed Prosecutor General Yuriy Lutsenko is disbanding the special branch investigating events on the Maidan.	http://bit.ly/25tTJRi	ukraina.ru	The task force investigating violations and killings committed during the 2013-2014 Maidan protests is not being eliminated, it is receiving additional powers and is being reassigned to report directly to the Prosecutor General (http://bit.ly/1OVw8fw).	StopFake.org
22.05.2016	RUS	The Gulag was not a concentration camp but a correctional facility with developed sanitary and medical services, decent food supplies as well as access to various leisure activities.	http://bit.ly/1P8LnXQ	cont.ws	Historical revisionism.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher

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22.05.2016	RUS	NATO behaves more aggressively than during the Cold War.	http://bit.ly/24eXtQS	"Voskresnyi vecher s Vladimirom Solovyevym", political talk show, 3:42	Since the end of the Cold War, NATO has introduced sweeping changes to its membership and working practices – changes made clear by its adoption of new Strategic Concepts in 1999 and 2010. Accusations that NATO has retained its Cold War purpose ignore the reality of those changes. Over the same period, NATO reached out to Russia with a series of partnership initiatives, culminating in the foundation of the NATO-Russia Council in 2002. No other country has such a privileged relationship with NATO (http://bit.ly/1RZsFzv).	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
22.05.2016	RUS	Russia is at war with NATO in Syria.	http://bit.ly/24eXtQS	"Voskresnyi vecher s Vladimirom Solovyevym", political talk show, 10:16	Members of NATO are at war with Daesh in Syria and Iraq (http://ind.pn/1MiV7NN).	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
22.05.2016	RUS	In the last 25 years NATO and the United States violated all agreements concerning nuclear parity and missile defense issues.	http://bit.ly/24eXtQS	"Voskresnyi vecher s Vladimirom Solovyevym", political talk show, 15:19	No evidence supports this claim.	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
22.05.2016	RUS	"Doping and corruption" are the new themes in America's hybrid war against Russia.	http://bit.ly/24eXtQS	"Voskresnyi vecher s Vladimirom Solovyevym", political talk show, 21:03	Repeating an already debunked myth. The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) was established in 1999 as an international independent agency composed and funded equally by the sport movement and governments of the world. WADA's regulations equally apply to every athlete, regardless of his or her country of origin. Vitaly Mutko, Russian sports minister has also acknowledged that doping problems existed among its athletes and apologised for the "serious mistakes" made by Russian officials, coaches and athletes (http://nyti.ms/1ZUMTNA). // The US government is not responsible for the level of corruption in Russia.	Pavel Spirin, former journalist

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23.05.2016	GER	There was a nationalist coup in Kiev.	http://bit.ly/25qCvRz	de.sputniknews.com	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).	Mark Wittfoth, student
23.05.2016	GEO	Europeans will set as precondition for Georgia's NATO and the EU membership not only the holding of gay parades on Rustaveli Avenue and the legalisation of same sex marriage, but also the recognition of the independence of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali regions.		Asaval-Dasavali (printed newspaper)	Untrue. EU membership is not tied to such requirements (http://bit.ly/1jNwskO).	EEAS
23.05.2016	GEO	The American Ambassador ordered Ukraine to hold gay parades.		Asaval-Dasavali (printed newspaper)	Ukraine is a sovereign country. Geoffrey R. Pyatt, US Ambassador to Ukraine, is not in the position to give orders to government of Ukraine.	EEAS
23.05.2016	GEO	Homosexuality is the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah. The Christian and honest Europe is in the captivity of LGBT activists.		Asaval-Dasavali (printed newspaper)	Any discrimination based on any ground such as sex, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, age or sexual orientation is prohibited in the European Union (http://bit.ly/1cOQRQV).	EEAS
23.05.2016	RUS	The West is planning to turn Ukraine into a nuclear dumpsite: after the coup in February 2014, the process of building an infrastructure for massive radioactive waste disposal was launched with funds from foreign donors.	http://bit.ly/1P8E6Y8	rg.ru	Ukraine signed an agreement with the EBRD on a loan financing the construction of a new nuclear waste repository in 1996. The actual construction of the new facility began in 2001 but was suspended because of problems with the French contractor Famatome. In 2007 a new contract was signed with the US company Holtec International. Ukraine's prime minister at that time was Viktor Yanukovich (http://bit.ly/1UqQdi7).	StopFake.org

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23.05.2016	RUS	Following the recent US-Georgian "Worthy Partnership" military exercise, US tanks will remain on the territory of Georgia.	http://bit.ly/25ucBzM	Petr Tolstoy's "Vremya Pokazhet", political talk show, 15:40	No evidence given.	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
23.05.2016	CZE	The new Austrian president hates his own country. Van Der Bellen declared once in his campaign that "anyone who loves Austria is s**t".	http://bit.ly/1NY4BPN	ac24.cz	President van der Bellen never said that. The sentence was on a poster created by a local branch of the youth branch of the Greens party. The party itself distanced itself from the campaign (http://bit.ly/1X7UMIs).	European Values think-tank
23.05.2016	CZE	The US, Britain and EU have become dictatorships.	http://bit.ly/1TQprQi	novarepublika.cz	Repeating already debunked disinformation. According to the Freedom House's Freedom in the World Index 2016, which measures the degree of civil liberties and political rights in every nation, all members of the European Union as well as the USA classify as "free" (http://bit.ly/1nnmU3Z).	European Values think-tank
23.05.2016	CZE	Queen Elizabeth revealed that she is preparing to flee Britain.	http://bit.ly/1qWoY4z	desitka.org	No evidence given.	European Values think-tank
24.05.2016	RUS	The Russophobic West wants to destroy Russians, like Nazis wanted to destroy the Jews.	http://bit.ly/1Z6U45d	Petr Tolstoy's "Vremya Pokazhet", political talk show, 09:49	The EU is not Russophobic. In 2010 the EU and Russia launched a Partnership for Modernisation. As stated in the Joint Declaration: "The European Union and Russia, as long-standing strategic partners in a changing multipolar world, are committed to working together to address common challenges with a balanced and result-oriented approach, based on democracy and the rule of law, both at the national and international level" (http://bit.ly/1p648gA).	Pavel Spirin, former journalist

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24.05.2016	ENG	Since 2014, the NATO has been building up its military presence in Europe, using alleged Russian interference in the Eastern Ukraine conflict as pretext. NATO's policy of confrontation against Russia is doomed to fail.	http://bit.ly/1U4ONHk	sputniknews.com	As stated by NATO heads of state and government at the Wales Summit in September 2014, "the Alliance does not seek confrontation and poses no threat to Russia. But we cannot and will not compromise on the principles on which our Alliance and security in Europe and North America rest" (http://bit.ly/1u0c1ky). NATO's decision to increase its military presence in the eastern part of the alliance is a response to Russia's aggressive actions in Ukraine. // Russian president Vladimir Putin has admitted Russian military presence in Ukraine (http://bit.ly/1mpvejy).	Mark Wittfoth, student
24.05.2016	CZE	The authenticity of the results of the recent Austrian elections is questionable. People voting from a distance often vote "under supervision". This is part of a totalitarian plan to enslave European nations.	http://bit.ly/1U6Mrrk	protiproud.parlamentnilisty.cz	Before the 2016 Austrian presidential elections, the OSCE/ODIHR undertook a Needs Assessment Mission (NAM) to Vienna. Its interlocutors expressed full confidence in the Austrian electoral process and the ability of the election administration to conduct professional and transparent elections (http://bit.ly/1TO769p). In contrast, OSCE Chair considers the 2014 Crimean referendum illegal (http://bit.ly/1XLpbob).	European Values think-tank
24.05.2016	CZE	Following the collapse of the USSR, the West pursued a policy of Russia's destruction but was veiled with honey words of friendship and cooperation.	http://bit.ly/1slRiOZ	zvedavec.org	Czech translation of the pravdareport.com disinformation article.	European Values think-tank
24.05.2016	CZE	The Russian agriculture benefited from the introduction of EU sanctions. // the EU Member States are the satellites of Washington.	http://bit.ly/1XZgJCd	svobodnenoviny.eu	No evidence given. All EU member states are independent and sovereign countries.	European Values think-tank
25.05.2016	RUS	Savchenko was [fighting] on the territory of a foreign country, the Luhansk People's Republic. There is no such country as Ukraine.	http://bit.ly/1VooVLI	Petr Tolstoy's "Vremya Pokazhet", political talk show, 15:46	Donbass is part of Ukraine. The UN GA Resolution 68/262, has also affirmed its commitment to the sovereignty, political independence, unity and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders (http://bit.ly/1RZGnjo).	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
25.05.2016	RUS	Eastern Ukraine is populated by the "nation of Donbass".	http://bit.ly/1VooVLI	Petr Tolstoy's "Vremya Pokazhet", political talk show, 22:05	The population of Donbass is part of the Ukrainian nation.	Pavel Spirin, former journalist

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25.05.2016	ENG	US Navy SEALs are training in Bulgaria to storm Russia's Crimea.	http://bit.ly/1TO3Ac4	sputniknews.com	No evidence given. Crimea is part of Ukraine. The UN GA Resolution 68/262, has also affirmed its commitment to the sovereignty, political independence, unity and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders (http://bit.ly/1RZGnjo).	Mark Wittfoth, student
25.05.2016	GER	Nadiya Savchenko opened fire on a group of civilians and killed two Russian journalists.	http://bit.ly/1Z6y6iG	de.sputniknews.com	Repeating already debunked disinformation. There is compelling evidence that Savchenko did not murder the two Russian journalists (http://bit.ly/1WbGqMD).	Mark Wittfoth, student
25.05.2016	CZE	Germany recruits Muslim migrants as policemen. They enforce sharia law.	http://bit.ly/1TO6n8k	ac24.cz	Bavaria encourages to recruit immigrants to the police force. As Joachim Herrmann, the Bavarian state interior minister stated, "our colleagues of foreign origin are an important asset to the police service and the best example of how to make integration really work" (http://bit.ly/1X7vi7l).	European Values think-tank
25.05.2016	RUS	Due to her mental illness, Sacvhenko will soon be considered as a problem and will be murdered by the Ukrainian authorities.	http://bit.ly/25mT97P	izvestia.ru	No evidence given.	European Values think-tank
25.05.2016	CZE	The revolution in Ukraine was led by the USA with the aim to create a Ukro-Nazi puppet government.	http://bit.ly/1sGxy8Q	novarepublika.cz	Czech translation of the thesaker.is disinformation article.	European Values think-tank
26.05.2016	CZE	Due to her mental illness, Sacvhenko will soon be considered as a problem and will be murdered by the Ukrainian authorities.	http://bit.ly/1TQqZcV	novarepublika.cz	Czech translation of the izvestia.ru disinformation article.	European Values think-tank
26.05.2016	ENG	Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir said Riyadh appreciated Russia's stance on Syria.	http://bit.ly/1qUih30	tass.ru	Adel al-Jubeir stated just the opposite: "I would like to say that we disagree with the position of Russia on the issue of members of the delegation at the Syrian talks. We believe that the only legitimate representative of the Syrian people at the talks should be the Riyadh Group," said Jubeir, referring to the Saudi-based opposition, called the High Negotiations Committee (HNC) (http://bit.ly/1sSup6n).	EEAS

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26.05.2016	ENG	NATO requested Greece to close its airspace to Libyan flights in preparation for a NATO operation in Libya.	http://bit.ly/1UcLuOa	rt.com	NATO spokesperson Oana Lungescu has confirmed that the Alliance has not requested any airspace closure and is not planning any combat operation in Libya (http://bit.ly/25vymzg).	NATO official
26.05.2016	RUS	On her Twitter account Savchenko has vowed to kill Russians.	http://bit.ly/1X5r4xp	kp.ru	The @NadiyaSavchenko Twitter account is fake (http://bit.ly/1sjJugM).	StopFake.org
26.05.2016	RUS	Nadiya Savchenko was pardoned after she had pleaded guilty.	http://bit.ly/1TGPd72	Petr Tolstoy's "Vremya Pokazhet", political talk show, 06:30	Nadiya Savchenko did not plead guilty.	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
26.05.2016	CZE	Russian aggressiveness is just a Western propaganda myth.	http://bit.ly/1X7p8V8	svobodnenoviny.eu	Czech translation of the paulcraigroberts.org disinformation article.	European Values think-tank
27.05.2016	CZE	The EU finances anti-Russian trolls.	http://bit.ly/1Z7KTSd	protiproud.parlamentnilisty.cz	No evidence given.	European Values think-tank
28.05.2016	GER	Savchenko was sentenced to 22 years in jail for the killing of two Russian journalists. Despite that, the West elevates her to the status of a hero.	http://bit.ly/1Umd0vg	deutsch.rt.com	Repeating already debunked disinformation. There is compelling evidence that Savchenko did not murder the two Russian journalists (http://bit.ly/1WbGqMD).	Mark Wittfoth, student

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