

Disinformation Review Week Ten
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Date	Language / Targeted Audience	Summary of the Disinformation	Link to the Disinformation	Disproof	Reported by
20.12.2015	CZE	Outraged mob in Geldermalsen, Netherlands, interrupted a meeting of the city council about establishment of refugee camp. The mainstream media wouldn't inform about this.	http://bit.ly/1JXuLu7 (AC24.cz)	The most-read news website of Czech Republic informed about the incident three days earlier: http://bit.ly/1UwmJOy // The incident was also covered widely by the Dutch media: http://bit.ly/1mQ0Glh // http://bit.ly/1Sdjfmc // http://bit.ly/1RFVS3f	European Values Think-Tank
21.12.2015	CZE, ENG	While Russia alongside with Syrian Arab Army celebrates great successes in fight against terrorists in Syria, USA are building their first airbase there, specifically in northern Kurdish region. It means that USA and NATO are going to increase their military presence in the region and are not interested in any political solution.	http://bit.ly/1ONXnr6 (AC24.cz) // http://bit.ly/1VIA8o1 (southfront.org)	Many proofs confirm that Russia bombs not only islamists in Syria, see e.g. statement of NATO Secretary General: http://bit.ly/1ljARtA , or Humn Rights Watch in Syria: http://bit.ly/1OYOP76 // There are no official reports about any alleged US airbase in Syria.	European Values Think-Tank
21.12.2015	CZE	Germany warns it will sue the refugee quotas rejecters. Will German army invade the Czech Republic? It can happen.	http://bit.ly/1MT8q9A (aeronet.cz)	Vice-Chancellor Sigmar Gabriel demands financial (not military) penalties for EU countries that do not take more refugees: http://bit.ly/1RJ4GFG	European Values Think-Tank
21.12.2015	ENG, CZE	The EU makes use of migrant crisis to create occupation army which would have the authority to take control over the national borders without the consent of the member state. It is another step to undermine national sovereignty of member states.	http://bit.ly/1ZNMAVU (svobodnenoviny.eu) // http://bit.ly/1Pf7fuk (zvedavec.org) // http://bit.ly/1Ri1nae (prisonplanet.com)	European Commission proposed creation of European Border and Coast Guard which would have the authority to help member states in protecting Schengen borders even without the consent of particular member states. It does not mean that it could take control over the border. The unit could have around 1500 border guards. Before its creation the proposal must be agreed upon by European parliament and by national governments.	European Values Think-Tank

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24.-31.12.2015	RUS, CZE	The Daily Telegraph published an article where Dutch investigators of MH17 crash inform that Ukraine has concealed radar information after MH17 crash.	http://bit.ly/1OAFhls (tass.ru) // http://bit.ly/1mG473D (leva-net.webnode.cz) // http://bit.ly/1mG473D (czechfreepress.cz)	The article was not published by The Daily Telegraph but by Dutch De Telegraaf. It informs that both Ukraine and Russia have not provided information from radars. This is not new information, the unavailability of radar information has already been stated in the final report by the investigators published in October: http://bit.ly/1nRiUCw	European Values Think-Tank
24.12.2015	CZE, ENG	Germany pulls its Patriot aerial defence systems back from Turkey. This is the same step that the USA have made as well. It is a reaction of the West to Turkish ties with Islamic state and to Turkey's intentions to provoke wider conflict in the region.	http://bit.ly/1VIA8o1 (AC24.cz) // http://bit.ly/1IQNBbm (southfront.org)	The decisions to pull the German and US' Patriots was made already in August (http://reut.rs/1Rs6tyP), thus, it is not some kind of retaliation for anything claimed.	European Values Think-Tank
29.12.2015	RUS, CZE	OSCE observers were under shelling by Ukrainian gunmen at Kominternovo near Donetsk.	http://bit.ly/1Pf7sxy (politruussia.com) // http://bit.ly/1Pf7shb (nwoo.org)	OSCE confirmed it was under shelling but did not specify who was responsible for it: http://bit.ly/1TEAef3 . In the report on the next day they informed about the presence of separatist units in the area: http://bit.ly/1TEAieM	European Values Think-Tank
29.12.2015-02.01.2016	ENG, CZE	A new bail-in system came into effect for all European banks on 1st of January. To save banks during a crisis, money will be taken from everyone with more than 100 000 euro on their bank accounts.	http://bit.ly/1OkTomv (activistpost.com) // http://bit.ly/1kYqyqh (nwoo.org) // http://bit.ly/1N1js41 (ac24.cz)	The bail-in system is a way how to avoid taxpayers losing money when their bank is in the crisis. The directive makes the shareholders and bond holders (not the account holders) take a hit first when the bank is struggling: http://bit.ly/1RuROor	European Values Think-Tank
30.12.2015-04.01.2016	CZE	Refugees pay a lot of money to smugglers to get to Europe. And many NGOs are profiting from the refugee crisis.	http://bit.ly/1RuQMsn (parlamentnilisty.cz) // http://bit.ly/1P0pJhM (svobodnenoviny.eu) // http://bit.ly/1ZViU9h (ceskoaktualne.cz)	No cases reported of NGOs helping refugees trading with refugees.	European Values Think-Tank
31.12.2015-04.01.2016	ENG, GER, CZE	Three battalions of soldiers from Turkey and other countries have recently arrived to Mariupol and are considered a threat. Ukrainians are continuing to shell inhabited areas.	http://bit.ly/1OkUyhQ (Sputnik) // http://bit.ly/1mO4kCs (contra-magazin.com) // http://bit.ly/1OW2fRa (nwoo.org)	No independent reports support these claims.	European Values Think-Tank

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01.-07.01.2016	ENG, CZE	Islam is a product and an instrument of hidden US politics. It became an asset for an American project of broad dominance over the world. Al-Qaeda or the Islamic State are led by US special forces - John McMurtry, Emeritus Professor of philosophy at the Canadian University of Guelph. // Collective demonization of Muslims applied over the world represents an ideological instrument of the US. The US leads a holy crusade against Muslims. Muslims are confused with terrorists. Islamophobia serves a campaign against Muslims in Europe and North America.	http://bit.ly/1ZVi78d and http://bit.ly/1nbEpob (globalresearch.ca) // http://bit.ly/1ZVi8Je (zemavek.sk) // http://bit.ly/1OkRPVz (ac24.cz)	No evidence given of US trying to demonize Muslims and support islamophobia. President Obama rejects the term Islamic radicalism: http://huff.to/1kYf8MG	European Values Think-Tank
01.01.2016	RUS, UKR	BBC: Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko was hospitalized due to heavy alcohol intoxication. His wife found him unconscious under the Christmas tree.	http://bit.ly/1PZe345 (oppps.ru) and others (see the Disproof column)	There is no such story on the BBC website, or anywhere else: http://bit.ly/1Rw7GH3	StopFake.org
02.-03.01.2016	ENG, CZE	The West is to blame for what's happening in Syria. However, the Syrian people have risen and are still fighting for their culture, independence and future, in spite of the fascist West and their Arab allies, treacherous NGOs, media etc. Russians came to rescue Syrian people and since then over one million of Syrians have returned home.	http://bit.ly/1SbQXJ4 (globalresearch.ca) // http://bit.ly/1ZlcQdc (nwoo.org) // http://bit.ly/1IXDiCC (ac24.cz)	No evidence for any of these claims. The claims about a million refugees returning home can be found only on pro-Kremlin sites.	European Values Think-Tank
02.01.2016	RUS, UKR	Joe Biden gave the Ukrainians the go-ahead to start the military operations in Donbass, that grew into brutal civil war.	http://bit.ly/1ZV1R78 (ria.ru)	No evidence given.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
02.01.2016	RUS	Secretary of the Russian Security Council Nikolay Patrushev advocates the introduction of Russian troops in the Baltic states.	http://bit.ly/1K8hwXR (vesti.lv) and multiple others: see the Disproof column	It was Russian academic Mikhail Alexandrov who said that, not Nikolay Patrushev: http://bit.ly/1UIvs03	StopFake.org

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03.01.2016	RUS	EU leaders are trying to eradicate Christianity. Not only in the EU countries, but in those affected by Brussels and Washington, too - says Igor Druz from the presidential institute RISS.	http://bit.ly/1RguQ3N (novorosinform.org)	No evidence given.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
03.01.2016	CZE	Czech mainstream media do not inform about the New Year's vandalism in Brussels.	http://bit.ly/1IXAXr6 (ceskoaktualne.cz)	Many Czech media reported the incident, e.g. the most popular ones: http://bit.ly/1kYqeb4 // http://bit.ly/1VX7hMC // http://bit.ly/1TNW3IW	European Values Think-Tank
04.-05.01.2016	CZE	Edward Snowden says that Osama Bin Laden is alive and living in Bahamas sponsored by CIA.	http://bit.ly/1PYi20G (svetkolemnas.info) // http://bit.ly/1PmmDoL (ceskoaktualne.cz)	The information was published in August last year by World News Daily report (http://bit.ly/1PQXqFG) which clearly admits the satirical natural and fictional content of its articles: http://bit.ly/1OcCtES	European Values Think-Tank
04.-06.01.2016	ENG, CZE	NATO escalates the situation in Europe through military exercises and by attempts to move nuclear weapons near the Russian borders.	http://bit.ly/1RuV96Z (southfront.org) // http://bit.ly/1OW3Eaq (nwoo.org) // http://bit.ly/1XDuBl (ac24.cz)	As for escalation through military exercises, see Atlantic Council graphic: http://bit.ly/1PmlXjq // NATO hasn't taken the decision on moving nuclear weapons, but Russia does threaten to move nuclear weapons to NATO borders: http://bit.ly/1OIl0D0	European Values Think-Tank
04.-08.01.2016	RUS, SVK, CZE	Russian president's call for peace towards Europeans: The USA desire to overtake Russian lands and wealth and destroy its population, even if that means war in Europe and slaughter of European nations. Ukrainian government is openly fascist and is committing genocide of Russian-speaking population, and the EU is now its accomplice. The article calls for a boycott of warmongering mainstream media and pro-Western and pro-Ukrainian politicians.	http://bit.ly/1PQTOUf (prvopodstata.com) // http://bit.ly/1K7kz2n (czechfreepress.cz) // http://bit.ly/1SbPatN (svetkolemnas.info) // http://bit.ly/1nbG5xW (ceskoaktualne.cz) // http://bit.ly/1RE1c7a (chelemendik.sk)	Origin of the "Vladimir Putin's call" is unknown. // Repeating older disinformation, all claims have already been debunked many times.	European Values Think-Tank

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04.01.2016	RUS, UKR	Alexander Tulupov, mayor of Ukrainian city of Geniches, asked Vladimir Putin for gas supplies because of cold snap. Following Putin's orders, Crimea began pumping gas to Geniches.	All major Russian newsagencies. see printscreens in the Disproof article.	Alexander Tulupov denies he would ask Russians for gas, he dealt only with the Ukrainian authorities: http://bit.ly/1kLCaWM (Ukrainska Pravda), http://bit.ly/1Z5V2mq (The Telegraph).	Sergei Sidorenko, journalist for Evropeiska pravda // Oles Datsko, journalist
04.01.2016	RUS, UKR, POL	The Polish President Andrzej Duda said that Ukrainians must return the former Polish territory. "Every Polish citizen should be ready for war," Duda said.	bit.ly/1kOFIx0 (sevstory.ru)	Repeating disinformation debunked already in October 2015: bit.ly/1OE31Aq , bit.ly/1PSjYla	Igor Solovey, journalist, expert of "Агентство международных исследований" (АМИ)
04.01.2016	RUS, UKR	Ukraine cut the "LNR" off from water supply.	http://bit.ly/1mPpL6i (lenta.ru)	The water supply pressure was reduced due to an accident on a water pipe. Supply itself wasn't shut off, it was just organized through the backup path, as the head of city administration stated: http://bit.ly/1Odm4Qr	StopFake.org
04.01.2016	RUS, UKR	Deutsche Welle: Angela Merkel insulted President Poroshenko and Prime Minister Yatsenyuk.	http://bit.ly/1ZfF9oi (oppps.ru) and others (see the Disproof column)	No such story on the Deutsche Welle website, the alleged author published his last story early December: http://bit.ly/1OJOpzz	StopFake.org
05.01.2016	RUS, LTA	Graduates in a Latvian school will receive memorial rings with Nazi Swastika.	bit.ly/1PLNaPd (regnum.ru)	Every graduate will choose his own ring with his favourite symbol: bit.ly/1OcYyB5	Alexey Kovalev, noodleremover.news
05.01.2016	RUS, UKR	Kyiv is governed by junta, Oleksandr Turchynov organized a state coup and violence against peaceful citizens in Donbass - Igor Druz from the presidential institute RISS.	http://bit.ly/1Oku3Jy (Georgyi Kotyonok @ Youtube)	Repeating disinformation that was debunked many times before.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
05.01.2016	RUS, UKR	The whole Euromaidan was directed by Western puppeteers. NATO soldiers are fighting in the east of Ukraine - experts from the presidential institute RISS.	http://bit.ly/1SbDMHQ (RISI TV @ Youtube)	Repeating older disinformation.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher

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05.01.2016	ENG, CZE	In 2011 NATO, under the US leadership, disrupted Libya and therefore helped ISIS to get the influence there. Now, new bombing campaign is very probable. In reality it will only help ISIS, similarly as the USA are helping them in Syria.	http://bit.ly/1SbRydl (strategic-culture.org) // http://bit.ly/1N1nd9P (ac24.cz) // http://bit.ly/1PmmeTq (nwoo.org)	International coalition acted with UN Security Council mandate (http://bit.ly/1kYkWWp) to protect civilians. Political instability after Gaddafi's fall, caused by lack of cooperation between rebel groups, led to fragmentation of the country and rise of extremist groups in some areas. There is no evidence of US support to Islamic state. USA lead the coalition fighting Islamic state in Syria.	European Values Think-Tank
06.-07.01.2016	ENG, GER, CZE	USA supported and still supports pro-fascist movement in Ukraine. They started with their projects in early 1950s. They have used similar programs in the Baltics as well and nowadays the hammer and sickle is prohibited and SS-veterans are allowed to organize their parades.	http://bit.ly/1ZlbrkM (novorossia.today) // http://bit.ly/1mO4RUy (contra-magazin.com) // http://bit.ly/1RuToXd (nwoo.org)	Public support for the ideas of ultranationalism is very low in Ukraine (see the outcomes of 2014-2015 elections), as it is in the Baltic states. No evidence of any recent US support to any of such ultranationalist movements.	European Values Think-Tank
06.-08.01.2016	RUS, UKR	ISIS fighters are joining Ukrainian battalions.	http://bit.ly/1ZUYfCb (oplot.info) // http://bit.ly/1ZevhLe (expert.ru) // http://bit.ly/1P014dh (rusnext.ru)	Repeating older disinformation with no supporting evidence.	Igor Solovey, journalist, expert of "Агентство международных исследований" (АМИ)
06.01.2016	HUN	Angela Merkel has not condemned in any way the harassment of women by a mob during new year's eve celebrations in Germany.	bit.ly/1Zascfg (hidfo.ru)	Chancellor Angela Merkel has indeed voiced outrage over the sexual assaults and thefts that male gangs inflicted on women in Cologne on New Year's Eve: bbc.in/1PL6SfM	Political Capital Institute
06.01.2016	ENG, HUN, and others	A picture proves that there are ISIS fighters in the Azov battalion.	http://bit.ly/1O8MUct (southfront.org) // http://on.fb.me/1RxTmfl (Kiállunk Oroszország mellett on FB)	The picture does not prove that claim. But a Google search of the picture proves it is being used by the pro-Kremlin outlets for past several months: http://bit.ly/1K8xKjA	Political Capital Institute
06.01.2016	RUS	Europe is becoming less and less European. Within a month, first sexual harassment attacks similar to those in Germany will arrive in the Baltics. The intervention in Libya is to blame.	http://bit.ly/1OVOEcX (@ Livejournal)	No evidence given.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher

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06.01.2016	UKR	Euromaidan was a coup and a betrayal, the Kyiv government is illegitimate - Igor Druz with a separatist fighter wish the Ukrainians a Happy New Year.	http://bit.ly/1UH3bHp (Georgyi Kotyonok @ Youtube)	Euromaidan was a people's revolution against pro-Kremlin President Yanukovich. The Kyiv government is legitimate following domestic elections.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
06.01.2016	RUS, UKR	The Tatars are going to form a barbarous battalion for a mopping-up operation in Crimea.	http://bit.ly/1OckZIE (rusnext.ru)	No evidence given.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
06.01.2016	CZE	During the rampage of thugs in Cologne the German police did not intervene at all. They were hidden and they only observed. They are probably instructed not to touch migrants to prevent an Intifada in Germany.	http://bit.ly/1RgMowV (aeronet.cz)	German police in Cologne intervened quite actively, nevertheless they could not prevent all the incidents because they were outnumbered: http://on.wsj.com/1P0pao8	European Values Think-Tank
06.01.2016	CZE	Published emails of Czech Prime Minister show that government is trying to use manipulated surveys to change the public opinion in favour of immigration.	http://bit.ly/1nbK3qx (aeronet.cz)	The emails are not about manipulating the opinion polls; they are about the necessity of using them to analyze the situation properly.	European Values Think-Tank
07.01.2016	RUS	As The Guardian columnist Michael Simkins writes, you cannot trust categorically Barack Obama's tears.	bit.ly/1PSBjRa (TV Zvezda)	Michael Simkins wrote the exact opposite - that the tears were genuine: bit.ly/1kLW3Nr	Alexey Kovalev, noodleremover.news
08.01.2016	RUS, UKR	American mercenaries, who are helping Ukrainian army, get drunk in Mariupol, then bully local residents.	bit.ly/1kLW3Nr (Komsomolskaya Pravda) // http://bit.ly/1SHECvh (politnavigator.net) and many others	No evidence given. The photograph used in the article was used for similar purposes last August by another pro-Kremlin site rusvesna.su: bit.ly/1n7P8Qs , and by Komsomolskaya Pravda itself in September 2014: bit.ly/1Zarij4 . // The local details used in the fake story are false as well: http://bit.ly/1N2urKJ	Dmytro Spivak, Dragomanov University // Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher // StopFake.org
08.01.2016	RUS, FIN	Finnish social workers have taken a child into custody because his mother is a Russian; Finnish Ministry of Health and its officials are recommended to pursue Russian parents, it is a business based on Russophobia - says human rights activist Johan Bäckman.	http://bit.ly/1VQnP9e (vesti.ru)	Johan Bäckman is no human rights activist, he is a known pro-Kremlin mouthpiece in Finland. In Finland, all people are treated equally before the law, regardless of their nationality: http://bit.ly/1RdLsJD	Official from EU member state

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08.01.2016	RUS	The West aims to destroy Russian civilization, therefore it supported color revolutions and created ISIS.	http://bit.ly/1Oljsf3 (Aleksandr Samsonov from Voyennoe Obozrenie @ Livejournal)	No evidence given.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
09.01.2016	RUS, UKR	The Kherson Oblast (neighbouring Crimea) is full of drunk Ukrainian soldiers firing from heavy weapons.	http://bit.ly/1OcmbM5 (pro-Kremlin activists @ VKontakte)	No independent reports support these claims.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
09.01.2016	RUS	The United Kingdom created Israel to stop Russia from expanding southwards.	http://bit.ly/1P048Ga (Poznavatelnoe.tv @ Youtube)	No evidence given.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
09.01.2016	RUS, UKR	Ukrainian Crimea? That's unreal - first Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk.	http://bit.ly/1UlyDoA (ukraina.ru)	In reality, he said that it's unreal for Crimea to be back in Ukraine the same way it was, but that politics should be rebooted: http://bit.ly/1ScMfL2	StopFake.org

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