

Disinformation Review Issue No 40 - 20 September 2016

Date	Language / Targeted Audience	Summary of the Disinformation	Link to the Disinformation	Disinforming outlet(s)	Disproof	Reported by
22.08.2016	ENG	George Soros is financing programs around the world that "all work to weaken the ability of national and local authorities in Western democracies to uphold the laws and values of their nations and communities and to hinder free markets."	http://bit.ly/2bMkQzo	The Jerusalem Post	George Soros established the Open Society Foundations to help countries make the transition from communism. https://osf.to/203Rs8X // No evidence for the accusations given.	European Values think-tank
30.08.2016	CZE	Western democracies keep trying to defile Russia and that is why they "create" the Russian threat and now even support the option of a direct military conflict between NATO and Russia.	http://bit.ly/2cc6F7h	Parlamentni Listy	Neither the US nor other NATO members have intentions to attack Russia. http://bit.ly/29wBtNW 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. The UNGA 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
01.09.2016	ENG	Ukraine is falling apart. Ukraine has already been broken up into at least three parts (occupied Banderastan, Novorussia and Crimea).	http://bit.ly/2cQuws2	The Unz Review	Ukraine is a functioning state that is currently taking important reform steps in key areas, notably constitutional reform, decentralisation, the fight against corruption and reform of the judiciary. The Russian Federation violated international law and key principles of the European security framework in illegally annexing the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol http://bit.ly/2clTINR	Collected in the framework of a Centre for International Relations' project co-financed by the Visegrad Fund // www.visegradfund.org
01.09.2016	CZE	The chairman of the German SPD Sigmar Gabriel and "his comrades from the Socialist International" unleashed the migration wave.	http://bit.ly/2coeQxk	Parlamentni Listy	There is no proof that German politicians would orchestrate the migration crisis. In fact, the EU is trying to prevent the crisis. On the contrary, there are many concerns that Russia is fueling the migration crisis through its actions in Syria: http://bit.ly/2csUQqR	European Values think-tank

02.09.2016	RUS	There are parallels between the events in Donbass and the events in, for example, Kosovo - both being self-proclaimed countries.	http://bit.ly/2cXV6jb	lugansk1795.info	The two cases cannot be compared. In Kosovo, there was a war with thousands of casualties and hundreds of thousands of refugees, which the Western countries stopped. There was no war in Ukraine until Russian military aggression. Furthermore, the EU Council, back in 2008, specifically stressed that in view of the conflict of the 1990s and the extended period of international administration under SCR 1244, Kosovo constitutes a sui generis case which does not call into question these principles and resolutions. As regards Kosovo's independence, the EU Council has underlined the EU's adherence to the principles of the UN Charter and the Helsinki Final Act, inter alia the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity and all UN Security Council resolutions.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
02.09.2016	GEO	Foreign countries embassies and NGOs decided outside of Georgia that a pro-European politician should be an MP in Georgia. The NGOs are funded by Soros Foundation Central Office and they are mobilizing to get him elected.	Printed newspaper	Asaval - Dasavali	No evidence given. The West (EU, US) respects Georgian sovereignty. NGOs are autonomous groups reflecting the interests of civil society and promoting human rights and freedoms in accordance with Georgia's own international engagements	EEAS Tbilisi
05.09.2016	POL	Ukraine is falling apart. Ukraine has already been broken up into at least three parts (occupied Banderastan, Novorussia and Crimea).	http://bit.ly/2c5uGyY	Neon24.pl	Polish translation of the Unz review disinformation mentioned above.	Collected in the framework of a Centre for International Relations' project co-financed by the Visegrad Fund www.visegradfund.org
05.09.2016	CZE	National Endowment for Democracy and Open Society Fund are responsible for a whole range of "colour revolutions" and regime changes, and are aiming for the same goal in Russia.	http://bit.ly/2ctBBz8	czechfreepress.cz	No evidence given. The West (EU, US) respects Russian sovereignty. NGOs are autonomous groups reflecting the interests of civil society and promoting human rights and freedoms in accordance with Russia's own international engagements.	Collected by Prague Security Studies Institute in the framework of the Centre for International Relations' project co-financed by the Visegrad Fund www.visegradfund.org
05.09.2016	RUS	Ukrainian Minister of Interior has not excluded that the fire in the Inter TV channel in Kiev on 4 September 2016 may not have been a case of arson.	http://bit.ly/2cqDgpY	baltnews.ee	It is true that the minister did not exclude anything yet, however he confirmed that six people have been detained, criminal proceedings have been opened and an investigation is underway (http://bit.ly/2ce0lwk).	Biedriba NOVOSTI
06.09.2016	CZE	George Soros is financing programs around the world that "all work to weaken the ability of national and local authorities in Western democracies to uphold the laws and values of their nations and communities and to hinder free markets."	http://bit.ly/2csMeAr	Zvedavec.org	Czech translation of the Jerusalem post article mentioned above	European Values think-tank

06.09.2016	RUS	The UN and other affiliated organizations are merely a platform for the establishment of a New world order where the main leader is supposed to be the United States.	http://bit.ly/2csVB3b	Politrussia	The UN was founded to maintain international peace and security and is based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all its Members. Furthermore, Russia is a signatory of the UN Charter and have a place in the Security Council http://bit.ly/1k7qX3t // No evidence for the accusations given.	European Values think-tank
06.09.2016	SVK	Neo-Nazi groups and political party PARNAS are preparing a revolution in Russia which might start the day after parliamentary elections, on September 19.	http://bit.ly/2d3csex	Hlavne Spravy	No evidence given.	Collected by the Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association in the framework of the Centre for International Relations' project co-financed by the Visegrad Fund www.visegradfund.org
07.09.2016	ENG	The New World Order attempted a suicide attack on Vladimir Putin.	http://bit.ly/2cnkm0Y	yournewswire.com	No evidence given.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
07.09.2016	RUS	The New World Order attempted a suicide attack on Vladimir Putin.	http://bit.ly/2cmLd2C	newscom.md	No evidence given.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
08.09.2016	RUS	Lithuanian Minister of Foreign Affairs justified the Turkish president's alleged repressive measures at the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe meeting in Strasbourg.	http://bit.ly/2ciTS6p	baltnews.lv	The minister invited the CoE to be more acvutely involved and support Turkey via its mechanisms in coping with attempted coup's consequences and emphasized the need to ensure rule of law in this regard. (http://bit.ly/2cUMv0I)	Biedriba NOVOSTI
08.09.2016	RUS	Head of the Political Committee of the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated that Poland wants to reestablish friendly relations with Russia.	http://bit.ly/2clw2NQ	baltnews.it	Even the referenced pro-Kremlin website (ria.ru) uses a different wording, stating solely that Poland supports cooperation with Russia in general terms. (http://bit.ly/2csBWCb)	Biedriba NOVOSTI
08.09.2016	RUS	The Eurovision Song Contest 2017 may take place in Russia instead of Ukraine.	http://bit.ly/2cMJCP3	baltnews.lv	Eurovision 2017 will be held in Kyiv http://bit.ly/2ddgTq5 Detailed debunking at http://bit.ly/2cX7hg8 .	Biedriba NOVOSTI // StopFake.org
08.09.2016	SVK	Sanctions from USA and EU are unfair to Russia since it has not showed aggression against Ukraine.	http://bit.ly/2ctAUKi	Hlavne Spravy	The EU has imposed sanctions on Russia and on certain entities and persons supporting Russia's current policy and actions in Ukraine, following the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol as well at Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine http://bit.ly/2cC6Cm0	Collected by the Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association in the framework of the Centre for International Relations' project co-financed by the Visegrad Fund www.visegradfund.org

09.09.2016	CZE	EU plans are not different from those of the nazis // EU wants to force racism on its population by mixing the nationalities violently // The US wants to start a nuclear war with Russia in Ukraine	http://bit.ly/2cokUpN	Parlamentni Listy	Recycling already many times debunked myths. Martin Koller, author of all the notorious pro-Kremlin disinformation claims, has been identified as an active informer of the former communist secret police in Czechoslovakia (StB) who believes that the MH17 was not shot down by Russia-backed separatists: http://bit.ly/2cgDglw	European Values think-tank
09.09.2016	CZE	Hillary Clinton coughed and had to take a pill during a speech in Cleveland which induced a shock in the audience. Hillary Clinton was hospitalized 4 years ago and she still suffers from various symptoms since then.	http://bit.ly/2cB5WOr	Aeronet	The fact that Hillary took a pill on the stage did not cause a shock in the audience. According to her personal physician, Hillary is healthy and fully able to function as a president after her 2012 experience. CNN has covered the conspiracy theories regarding Hillary Clinton's health http://cnn.it/2cHVTZA	European Values think-tank
09.09.2016	RUS	Russian fascists and opposition liberals are plotting together in order to conduct a revolution in Russia following the tried and tested "colour revolutions" scenario.	http://bit.ly/2cnmyWi	REN TV	No evidence given.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
09.09.2016	RUS	Three CANSOFCOM (Canadian Special Operations Forces Command) groups of at least 20 men strong attempted to attack the positions of separatist gangs of the "DNR" and the "LNR" in an area in Eastern Ukraine for which the CANSOFCOM is responsible.	http://bit.ly/2cckKhXp	taksisto.livejournal.com	No evidence, such as a date and time of the attack, is given. No confirmation provided by the separatists or by CANSOFCOM.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
09.09.2016	RUS	Lithuanian president claims that the EU could collapse if Brussels does not tackle terrorism	http://bit.ly/2c8blTh	baltnews.lt	The wording is misleading. The Lithuanian president stated that the EU is not in a position to quickly and efficiently respond to current challenges, such as terrorism. She further stated that one of the major objectives the EU has to fulfil, is to safeguard the security of EU citizens (http://bit.ly/2ce3yfe)	Biedriba NOVOSTI
10.09.2016	CZE	The UN and other affiliated organizations are merely a platform for the establishment of a New world order where the main leader is supposed to be the United States.	http://bit.ly/2cc1wwj	Nwoo.org	Czech translation of the Politrussia article mentioned above	European Values think-tank
10.09.2016	RUS	The only way the West is willing to accept Ukraine is as a colony and its citizens as its slaves. It is the US Ambassador, and not the president, who calls the shots in Ukraine.	http://bit.ly/2c8LWOS	baltnews.ee	The West (the EU, the US) respects Ukrainian sovereignty. The EU is helping Ukraine through various very concrete means towards democratic transformation and stabilisation.	Biedriba NOVOSTI
10.09.2016	RUS	In the EU, nudist restaurants are all the hype, society is ruled by ideals of free love, and television shows spew erotic propaganda.	http://bit.ly/2cbVP1v	Voyennaya Tayna @ REN TV	Reports exist of one nudist restaurant in the EU (London) with another to open in Paris (http://ind.pn/2b5gp1p). As to "free love", the EU upholds equality for all citizens regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher

10.09.2016	RUS	The West is degrading, falling into decadence and immorality in the name of "freedom" and "democratic principles".	http://bit.ly/2ckJWUq	Territoriya Zabluzhdennyi @ REN TV	The EU upholds equality for all citizens regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. See the disproof above.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
10.09.2016	RUS	Ukrainian armed forces are firing at their own positions in order to pin it on separatists.	http://bit.ly/2ckNruc	miaistok.su	No evidence given. No confirmation provided even by separatists.	Oleksandr Nykonorov, journalist for Depo.ua, blogger, researcher
11.09.2016	SWE	Popular TV quiz show in Sweden spreads anti-Russian feelings, posing the question "Who is the aggressive threat?" with "Russians/Russia/Putin/Pro-Russia people" as the only answers possible.	http://bit.ly/2cDOtRD	Exponera Russofobin Facebook page	Confirmed as false by the TV channel's press officer in an answer to East StratCom's question.	East Stratcom Task Force
11.09.2016	RUS	The army of the EU attacked the Soviet Union and then was defeated in 1945.	http://bit.ly/2cvE6zH	The Lugansk Information Centre	The EU did not exist during the World War II. http://bit.ly/2cnX6Dg	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
11.09.2016	RUS	Archipelago of Svalbard was given to Norway in a "strange way" as a result of the First World War.	http://bit.ly/2cJbQt0	Vesti nedeli s Dmitriy Kiselyov @ Rossia-1 TV (1:26:52)	No evidence given. In 1920, the Paris Peace Conference cemented Norway sovereignty over the archipelago. http://bit.ly/2d7xtVe	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
11.09.2016	RUS	The US secret service or oligarchs may issue an order to kill Donald Trump.	http://bit.ly/2cJbQt0	Vesti nedeli s Dmitriy Kiselyov @ Rossia-1 TV (44:57, 48:06)	No evidence given.	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
11.09.2016	RUS	The 1999 apartment bombings in Moscow was carried out by international terrorists, who led a war in Russia.	http://bit.ly/2cmst0s	Voskresnyi vecher s Vladimirom Solovyovym @ Rossia-1 TV (01:19)	No evidence is given. According to Human Rights organisation Memorial, no serious investigation was carried out in this case, and there were no proofs who carried out the bombings. http://bit.ly/2cGJAdR	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
11.09.2016	RUS	The US is constructing secret biological labs in Georgia, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan and Ukraine in order to attack Russia.	http://bit.ly/2cmst0s	Voskresnyi vecher s Vladimirom Solovyovym @ Rossia-1 TV (09:43)	Conspiracy theory with no evidence given.	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
11.09.2016	RUS	Bin Laden never claimed responsibility for the 9/11 terror act and it is the US that has benefited from the 9/11 attacks.	http://bit.ly/2cmst0s	Voskresnyi vecher s Vladimirom Solovyovym @ Rossia-1 TV (31:36, 32:50)	No evidence given. In 2004, Bin Laden officially claimed responsibility for the 9/11 attacks http://bit.ly/2cfHs98	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
12.09.2016	RUS	The 9/11 terrorist attack in the US was organised by the security services of the US, Saudi Arabia and Israel.	http://bit.ly/2cTbdPK	Vremya pokazhet @ Pervyi Kanal (2:20)	Conspiracy theory. No evidence given. In 2004, Bin Laden officially claimed responsibility for the 9/11 attacks http://bit.ly/2cfHs98	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
12.09.2016	RUS	The US was financially supporting the terrorist groups of North Caucasus in Russia in the 90ies.	http://bit.ly/2cTbdPK	Vremya pokazhet @ Pervyi Kanal (8:17, 24:45)	Conspiracy theory. No evidence given.	Pavel Spirin, former journalist

12.09.2016	RUS	There was no Revolution of Dignity in Ukraine, it was a coup d'etat that helped terrorists seize power in Kyiv.	http://bit.ly/2czBDGJ	Vremya pokazhet @ Pervyi Kanal (3:45)	Repeating already debunked disinformation. The spontaneous onset of the Euromaidan protests was a reaction of large parts of the Ukrainian population to the Yanukovich government's sudden departure from the Association Agreement with the European Union in November 2013. The 2014 presidential election in Ukraine was a genuine election largely in line with international commitments and it respected fundamental freedoms. http://bit.ly/1hqcdUR	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
12.09.2016	RUS	Ukraine is trying to dictate the rules by which Russia should hold Duma elections in her territory (referring to Crimea)	http://bit.ly/2czBDGJ	Vremya pokazhet @ Pervyi Kanal (25:06)	The United Nations General Assembly Resolution No. 68/262 adopted on 27 March 2014, supported by 100 states clearly states that Russia's actions in the peninsula as well as the referendum held in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea violate international law http://bit.ly/1RZGnjo . Similarly, Duma elections in this territory is a violation of international law.	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
12.09.2016	RUS	The 9/11 terrorist attack was organised by the US.	http://bit.ly/2cvQFuZ	Mesto vstrechi @ NTV (31:10)	Conspiracy theory. No evidence given. In 2004, Bin Laden officially claimed responsibility for the 9/11 attacks http://bit.ly/2cfHs98	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
12.09.2016	CZE	The UN General Assembly will push for adoption of a draft proposal that will legally bind all developed countries to accommodate 10% of the world's refugees. Any objections from the local populations will be ignored. This is part of a plot to get rid of the middle class across the European states.	http://bit.ly/2d48iqE	<u>Zvedavec.org</u>	The proposal of a Global compact will not be legally binding but it will be based on the principles of the United Nations Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the core international human rights treaties. http://bit.ly/2aw6nrX	European Values think-tank
13.09.2016	RUS	There is no united Ukraine. Ukraine is divided into three parts.	http://bit.ly/2cGVLaw	Vremya pokazhet @ Pervyi Kanal (14:48)	Ukraine is a functioning state that is currently taking important reform steps in key areas, notably constitutional reform, decentralisation, the fight against corruption and reform of the judiciary. The Russian Federation violated international law and key principles of the European security framework in illegally annexing the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol http://bit.ly/2cTINR	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
13.09.2016	RUS	Ukrainian authorities have set up a dictatorial regime.	http://bit.ly/2cGVLaw	Vremya pokazhet @ Pervyi Kanal (32:53)	Repeating already debunked myths. The 2014 presidential election in Ukraine was a genuine election largely in line with international commitments and it respected fundamental freedoms. http://bit.ly/1hqcdUR	Pavel Spirin, former journalist

13.09.2016	RUS	Crimea has never been Ukrainian.	http://bit.ly/2cGVLaw	Vremya pokazhet @ Pervyi Kanal (41:21)	Contradicts obvious facts. The United Nations General Assembly Resolution No. 68/262 adopted on 27 March 2014, supported by 100 states clearly states that Russia's actions in the peninsula as well as the referendum held in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea violate international law http://bit.ly/1RZGnjo .	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
13.09.2016	ENG	Hillary Clinton is suffering from advanced stages of Parkinson's disease.	http://bit.ly/2cEDJXY	Russia insider	According to her personal physician, Hillary is healthy and fully able to function as a president after her 2012 experience. CNN has covered the conspiracy theories regarding Hillary Clinton's health http://cnn.it/2CHVTZA	Promote Ukraine
14.09.2016	ENG	The West is demonizing President Vladimir Putin, destabilizing the Russian economy and pressing for "regime change" in Moscow.	http://bit.ly/2cJCsud	Consortiumnews.com	There is no evidence of direct interference of the West in Russian politics, or of plans to orchestrate a "colour revolution" in Russia. Both the EU and the US respect Russian sovereignty, while at the same time encouraging its democratisation. The 28 EU Member States unanimously 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). The sanctions were imposed in a transparent manner, in accordance with its internal regulations.	Promote Ukraine
15.09.2016	HUN	A total of 30 thousand civilians have died in Ukraine since the coup that installed an illegitimate, pro-Western government which allowed NATO forces to stay in Ukraine, despite the Minsk Agreements.	http://bit.ly/2ccNXcX	hidfo.ru	The current Ukrainian government was elected in free and fair elections. No NATO armed forces are currently stationed in Ukraine.	Political Capital Institute
15.09.2016	RUS	The Ukrainian Army is using chemical weapons against the civil population of Donbass.	http://bit.ly/2cUTUk7	Mesto vstrechi @ NTV (02:16, 12:43)	No evidence given. Ukraine is a signatory to the Chemical Weapons Convention, prohibiting them from the use of such weapons. http://bit.ly/2cUVFhv	Pavel Spirin, former journalist

15.09.2016	RUS	EU supports the regime in Kiev, which came to power through a coup. This shows the moral degradation of the EU.	http://bit.ly/2cUTUk7	Mesto vstrechi @ NTV (12:43)	Repeating already debunked disinformation. The spontaneous onset of the Euromaidan protests was a reaction of large parts of the Ukrainian population to the Yanukovich government's sudden departure from the Association Agreement with the European Union in November 2013. The 2014 presidential election in Ukraine was a genuine election largely in line with international commitments and it respected fundamental freedoms. http://bit.ly/1hqcdUR . Similarly, Ukraine's local elections in October 2015 were competitive and generally showed respect for the democratic process http://bit.ly/1VUL9V5 .	Pavel Spirin, former journalist
15.09.2016	CZE	European bureaucrats postponed the Austrian elections to influence the outcome.	http://bit.ly/2cAiDaS	Protiproud	No evidence given. The elections in Austria are postponed due to the technical problems with faulty glue used on ballot papers. http://bit.ly/2cQyi52	European Values think-tank
15.09.2016	CZE	Brussels policy is totalitarian.	http://bit.ly/2cUKlUi	Parlamentni Listy	The EU is governed by the principle of representative democracy, with citizens directly represented at Union level in the European Parliament and Member States represented in the European Council and the Council of the EU. There are a number of ways to get involved in European policy making: http://bit.ly/2cZU9X4	European Values think-tank
18.09.2016	RUS	According to Reuters, US Central Command has said that the bombing in Syria on Saturday has paved the way for the Islamic State.	http://bit.ly/2cn77Ql	Baltnews	The Reuters article does not have that statement, but refers to the Russian MFA spokeswoman Maria Zakharova as well as the Syrian Army for these statements. http://reut.rs/2d5tuIS	Biedriba Novosti

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