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# DISINFORMATION NARRATIVES ABOUT THE WAR IN UKRAINE

12/05/2022 to 26/05/2022

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# 4 CIRCULATING FALSE NARRATIVES

## TREND #1

### False information on foreign support for Ukraine

Focus on alleged military intervention (e.g., [here](#) & [here](#))

Distorting NATO's past & present role and responsibilities (e.g., [here](#) & [here](#))

Focus on institutional and societal support (e.g., [here](#))

□ 26% of analyses

## TREND #2

### Distorted representation of Ukrainians and Zelensky

Ukrainians are neo-Nazis (e.g., [here](#))

Discreditation of Zelensky (e.g., [here](#))

False information on Ukrainian army (e.g., [here](#))

□ 26% of analyses

## TREND #3

### Disinformation on Ukrainian refugees

Ukrainians refugees are violent (e.g., [here](#))

Exploiting hosting governments and economies (e.g., [here](#) & [here](#))

□ 18% of analyses

## TREND #4

### Discrediting media reporting on Ukraine

Media is falsely reporting on the war (e.g., [here](#))

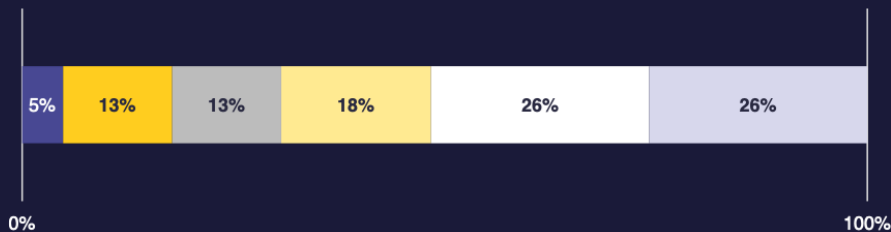
Targeting mainstream media (e.g., [here](#))

□ 13% of analyses

→5% of analysis did not fall in any of the above trends

# DATA PROVIDED BY EDMO'S FACT-CHECKING NETWORK

Occurrence of trends in the fact-checking analysis published by the EDMO network between 12.05.2022 and 26.05.2022



- Non Classifiable
- Discrediting media reporting on Ukraine
- Other\*
- Disinformation on Ukrainian refugees
- Distorted representation of Ukrainians and Zelensky
- False information on foreign support for Ukraine

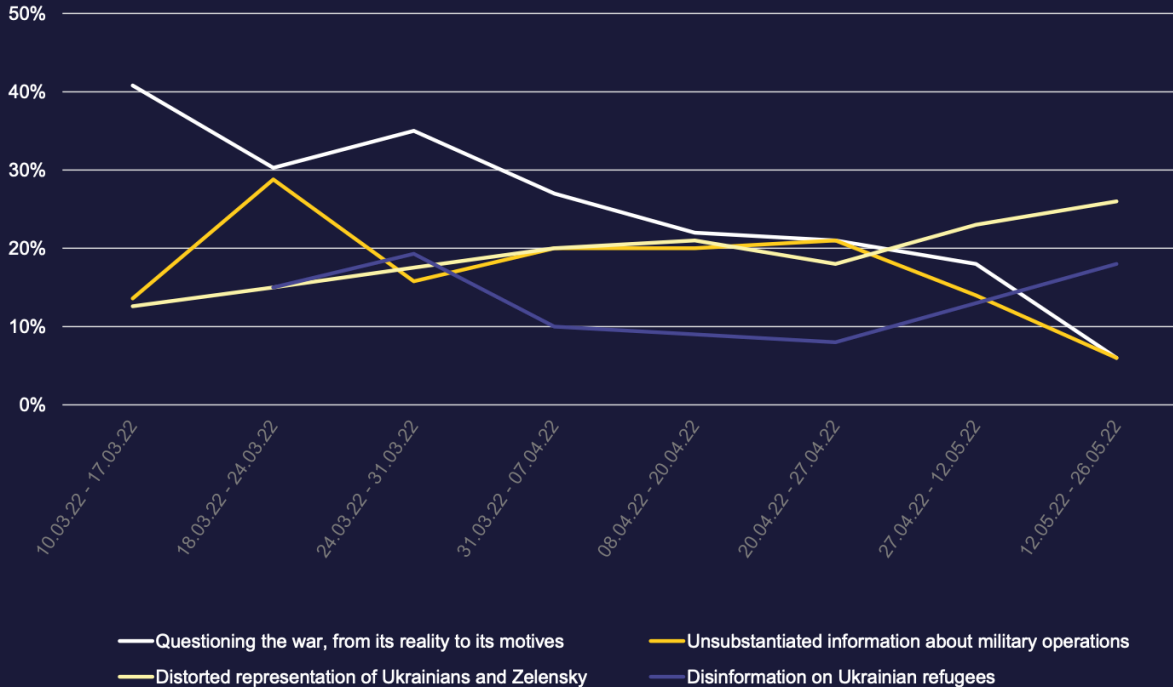
\* "Unsubstantiated information about military operations" & "Questioning the war, from its reality to its motives"

In total, 1.307 analyses have been provided by EDMO's fact-checking network partners since 24 February 2022 and 62 in the period covered by this report (12.05 to 26.05).

Organisations that contributed to this report: Mimikama, AFP Factual, DPA Belgium, Factcheck Vlaanderen, Knack, AFP Proveri, Provera činjenica, AFP Na pravou miru, TjekDet, AFP Faktantarkistus, AFP Factcheck, Correctiv, DPA Germany, AFP Faktencheck Germany/Austria, AFP Factcheck Greek, EllinikaHoaxes, AFP Tenykerdes, The Journal – FactCheck, FactaNews, Re:Baltica, Delfi, DPA Luxembourg, AFP Faktencheck Netherlands, DPA Netherlands, Faktisk.no, AFP Sprawdzam, Demagog, Polígrafo, AFP Verificat, AFP Fakty, Ostro, AFP Comprovem, AFP Factual, EFE Verifica, MALDITA.ES, Newtral, Verificat, Eesti Päevaleht, 15min.

# DATA PROVIDED BY EDMO'S FACT-CHECKING NETWORK

Evolution of main trends identified in the eight insights published since 18.03.2022



## LEGEND

Insight 1: (10.03.22 - 17.03.22)

Insight 2: (18.03.22 - 24.03.22)

Insight 3: (24.03.22 - 31.03.22)

Insight 4: (31.03.22 - 07.04.22)

Insight 5: (08.04.22 - 20.04.22)

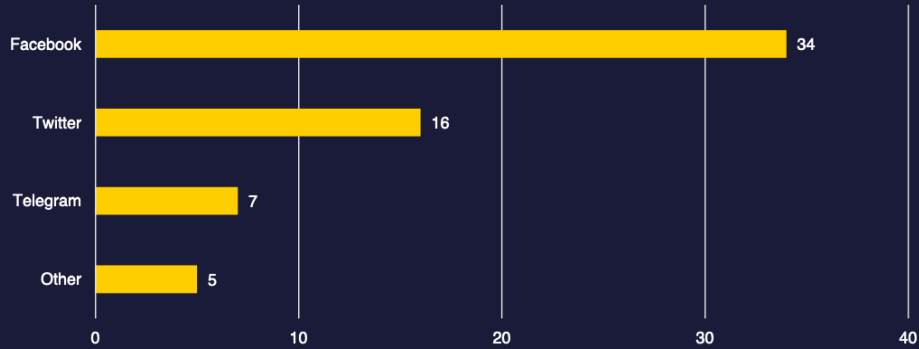
Insight 6: (20.04.22 - 27.04.22)

Insight 7: (27.04.22 - 12.05.22)

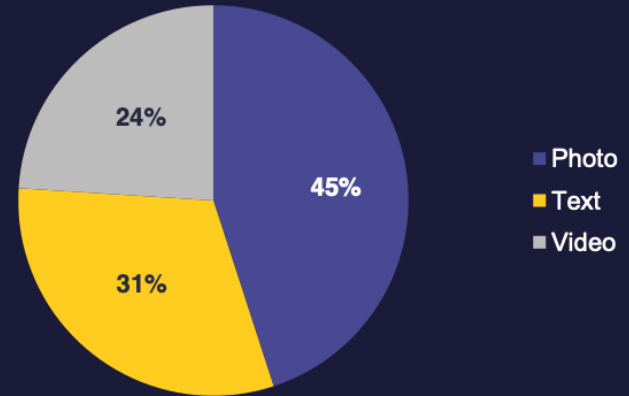
Insight 8: (12.05.22 - 26.05.22)

# DATA PROVIDED BY EDMO'S FACT-CHECKING NETWORK

Number of disinformation items per platforms  
(Facebook, Twitter, Telegram, Other)



Outlets used to convey disinformation  
(Video, Photo, Text)



➔ This data has been extracted from the fact-checking analysis published by EDMO's fact-checking network

## METHODOLOGY

The information contained in this brief is based on [EDMO's repository](#) of fact-checking analysis on the war in Ukraine. The repository's items are provided by the fact-checking organisations that are part of the EDMO fact-checking network.

Reference period: 12 May - 26 May 2022. Number of analysis studied: 62.

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