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DISINFORMATION NARRATIVES ABOUT THE WAR IN UKRAINE

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5 CIRCULATING FALSE NARRATIVES

TREND #1

Unsubstantiated information about military operations

Russia's strike at Kremenchuk (e.g., [here](#) & [here](#))

Russia's use of hypersonic missiles inside Ukraine (e.g., [here](#))

Ukrainian women's forced conscription (e.g., [here](#))

□ 30% of analyses

TREND #2

Distorted representation of Ukrainians and Zelensky

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

Ukrainians' disloyalty to army (e.g., [here](#))

Pro-Nazi soldiers in the Ukrainian army (e.g., [here](#))

□ 25% of analyses

TREND #3

False information on foreign support for Ukraine

Decreasing European support for Ukraine (e.g., [here](#) & [here](#))

EU-induced halt of goods' transportation to Kaliningrad (e.g., [here](#))

Ukraine's territories under the ownership of foreign supporters (e.g., [here](#))

□ 16% of analyses

TREND #4

Disinformation on Ukrainian refugees

Poland's deportation of adult Ukrainian refugees (e.g., [here](#))

Ukrainian refugees as thieves & thugs (e.g., [here](#))

Discrimination by European businesses (e.g., [here](#))

□ 12% of analyses

TREND #5

Questioning the war, from its reality to its motives

Focus on bio-weapon labs (e.g., [here](#))

□ 8% of analyses

□ 8% of analyses did not fall in any of the above trends

EARLY-WARNINGS: WHAT TO EXPECT

1. European response to gas shortages

As false information concerning European countries' profits from the rise of energy prices has emerged (e.g., [here](#)), disinformation about a fragmented European response to the looming gas shortages in the coming months (e.g., [here](#)) is likely to grow.

2. Grain exports from Ukraine

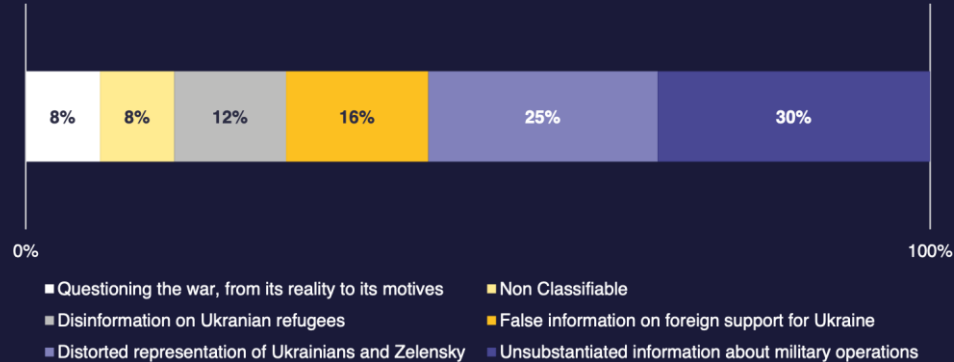
As mediatory efforts to find routes for exporting Ukrainian grain are coming to an end (e.g., [here](#)), false information concerning sabotage or stumbling blocks to the exports, distribution, and financial profits may come to the surface.

3. War zone extension inside Ukraine

Since Russian Foreign Minister has stated that Moscow plans to retain control over broader areas beyond eastern Ukraine (e.g., [here](#)), disinformation concerning territorial expansion of war zones inside Ukraine is likely to emerge.

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Occurrences of trends in the fact-checking analysis published by the EDMO network between 03.06.2022 and 21.07.2022

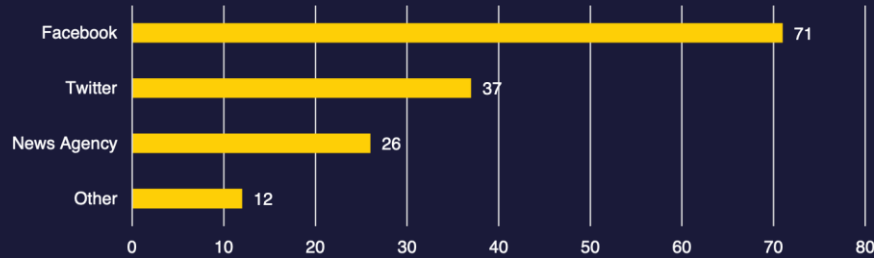


In total, 1574 analyses have been provided by EDMO's fact-checking network partners since 24 February 2022, out of which 146 were covered by this report (03.06 to 21.07).

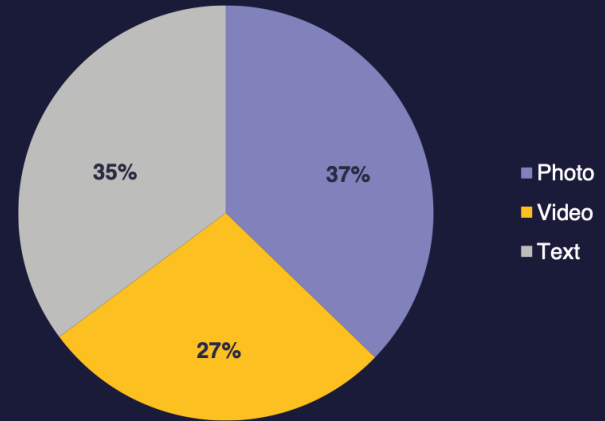
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Number of disinformation items per platforms
(Facebook, Twitter, News Agency, Other)



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: 3 June - 21 July 2022. Number of analyses studied: 146.

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