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DISINFORMATION NARRATIVES ABOUT THE WAR IN UKRAINE

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5 CIRCULATING FALSE NARRATIVES

TREND #1

False information on foreign support for Ukraine

Businesses' actions in support for Ukraine (e.g., [here](#) & [here](#))

Ukraine's territories owned by foreign supporters (e.g., [here](#) & [here](#))

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

☐ 31% of analyses

TREND #2

Disinformation on Ukrainian refugees

Favored over nationals by governmental measures (e.g., [here](#) and [here](#))

Ukrainian refugees are neo-Nazis & violent (e.g., [here](#) and [here](#))

☐ 24% of analyses

TREND #3

NEW

False information on foreign support for Russia

Alleged military backing of Russia (e.g., [here](#) & [here](#))

Societal approval & support for Russia (e.g., [here](#) & [here](#))

☐ 14% of analyses

TREND #4

Distorted representation of Ukrainians and Zelensky

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

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

Ukrainians are trafficking child organs (e.g., [here](#))

☐ 14% of analyses

TREND #5

Gas shortages & implications of the war

War sanctions' impact on gas flow to Europe (e.g., [here](#))

Confusion on shortage and storage of gas in Europe (e.g., [here](#) and [here](#))

☐ 8% of analyses



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

⚠️ EARLY-WARNINGS: WHAT TO EXPECT

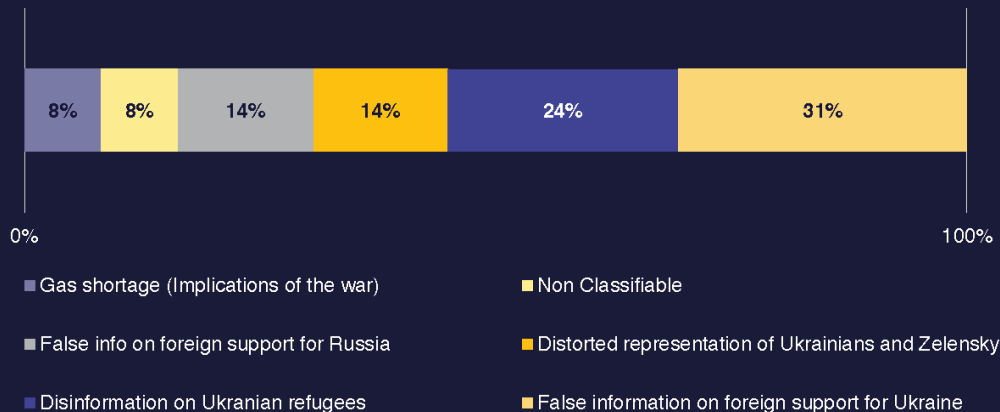
Disinformation on Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant

The recent intensified shelling of Ukraine's Russian-held Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant led to a temporary cut in energy supplies. Following these events, disinformation on responsibilities for bombing the area (e.g., [here](#)) as well as on a potential nuclear disaster with catastrophic consequences in Europe (e.g., [here](#)) are likely to grow.



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Occurrences of trends in the fact-checking analysis published by the EDMO network between 21.07.2022 and 25.08.2022

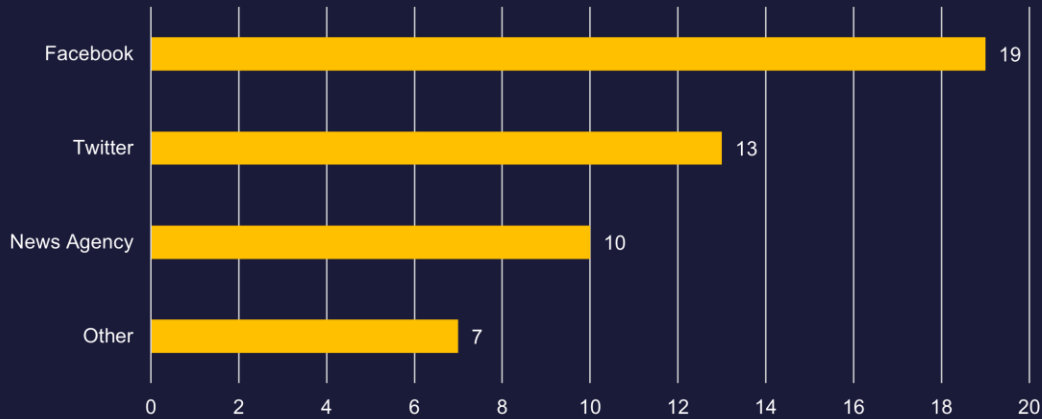


In total, 1623 analyses have been provided by EDMO's fact-checking network partners since 24 February 2022, out of which 49 were covered by this report (21.07.2022 to 25.08.2022).

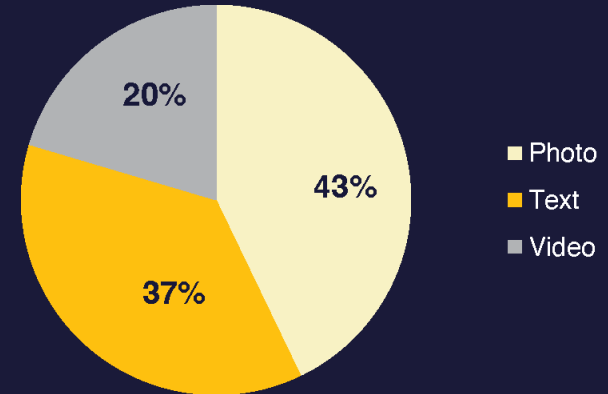
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Number of disinformation items per platforms
(Facebook, Twitter, News Agency, Other)



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: 21 July - 25 August 2022. Number of analyses studied: 49.

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