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DISINFORMATION NARRATIVES ABOUT THE WAR IN UKRAINE

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False information circulating on the war: 4 Categories and their narratives

Category #1

Compromising Ukrainians' image

Ukrainians are corrupted and embezzling int. aid funds (e.g., [here](#))

Ukrainians are planning to use dirty bombs to escalate the conflict(e.g., [here](#))

Ukrainians are staging the war (e.g., [here](#))

Ukrainians are Nazis and murderers (e.g., [here](#))

□ 36% of analysis

Category #2

Attacking NATO and Ukraine's foreign supporters

EU sanctions to Russia and inflation are backfiring on Western Governments (e.g., [here](#))

NATO is militarily involved in the war (e.g., [here](#))

□ 23% of analysis

Category #3

Damaging Zelensky's public figure

Zelensky is a Nazi (e.g., [here](#))

Zelensky is corrupted (e.g., [here](#))

Zelensky is a liar and a coward (e.g., [here](#))

□ 17% of analysis

Category #4

Discrediting Western media reporting on the war

Unethical and sensational publications on the war (e.g., [here](#))

□ 13% of analysis

□ 11% of analyses did not fall in any of the above trends

EARLY-WARNINGS: WHAT TO EXPECT

Disinformation after resolutions on Russia and terrorism

On 21 and 22 November, NATO Parliamentary Assembly and the European Parliament adopted two resolutions designating Russia respectively as a “terrorist state” and as a "state sponsor of terrorism". Disinformation around the two parliamentary assemblies' declarations is likely to rise.

Disinformation on energy crisis in Ukraine

Following Russia's large-scale attacks on key energy infrastructures in Ukraine, disinformation exaggerating the impact of the damages and questioning the resilience of Ukrainian society is likely to grow.

Disinformation on Ukrainian refugees

In the context of growing narratives of fear for a massive exodus of the Ukrainian people ahead of the winter season, disinformation on Ukrainian refugees is likely to further develop.

Disinformation on attack in Belgorod

The US-based Institute for the Study of War has warned of signs about preparations for a false-flag attack in Belgorod Oblast, Russia (see [here](#)).

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Share of categories in the fact-checking analysis published by the EDMO network between 21.10.2022 and 22.11.2022



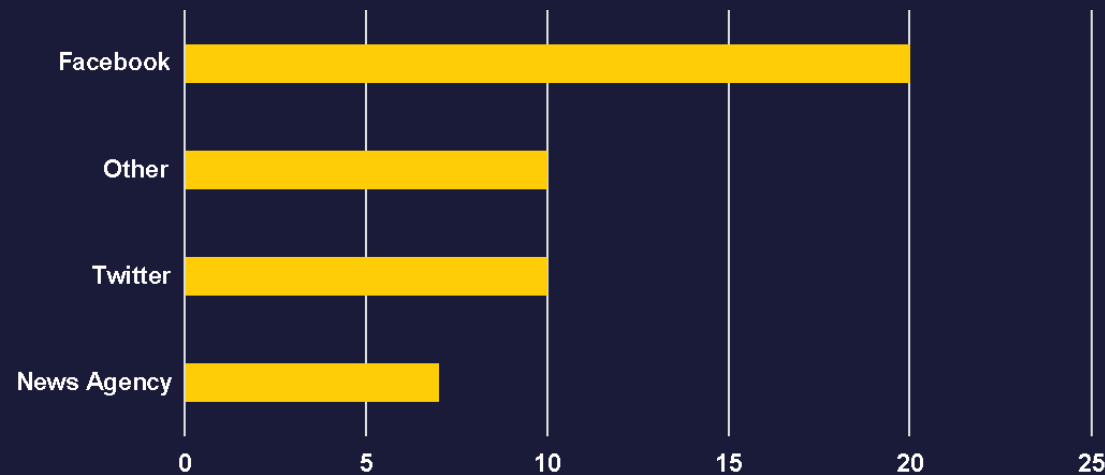
In total, 1898 analyses have been provided by EDMO's fact-checking network partners since 24 February 2022, out of which 47 were covered by this report (21.10.2022 to 22.11.2022).

Organisations contributing to EDMO's repository of fact-checking analysis

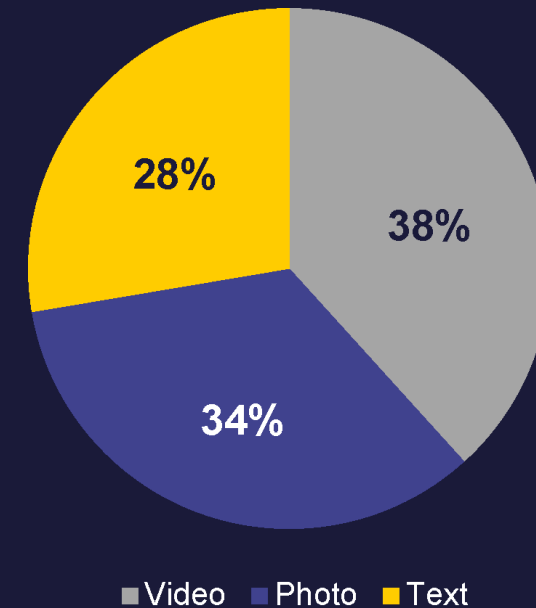
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- [15 min](#)
- [Källkritikbyrån](#)
- [DPA Switzerland](#)

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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 analyses published by EDMO's fact-checking network

METHODOLOGY

The information contained in this brief is based on [EDMO's repository](#) of fact-checking analyses 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.

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