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Diese #vatniksoup bespricht den russischen Stil der Online-Propaganda & Desinformation, den man „Firehose of Falsehood“ nennt (manchal übersetzt als Feuer der Lügen). Es ist eine gängige Strategie für Informationsoperationen, bei der Quantität mehr zählt als Qualität.

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The Firehose of Falsehood: the Russian style of propaganda for an age of information abundance.

- High volume and multi-channel approach
- Shameless in its willingness to broadcast lies
- No commitment to, or requirement for consistency
- Rapid, continuous and repetitive messaging
- Point is not to persuade but to confuse and overwhelm
- Assumes a low trust environment *and lowers it further*
- Number of arguments matters more than their quality
- Drown out competing messages through sheer volume

„Firehose of Falsehood“ heisst wortwörtlich übersetzt „Feuerweherschlauch der Unwahrheit“. Der Begriff verwendet die Metapher eines Feuerweherschlauchs um die massive Überflutung mit Lügen und irrelevanten Details, die diese Methode so destruktive macht, zu beschreiben.

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Vatniksoup hat diese spezielle Strategie schon in vielen früheren Suppen erwähnt, aber noch nie ausführlicher besprochen. Der Begriff wurde ursprünglich von Paul & Matthews in ihrem 2016 erschienenen Artikel „The Russian Firehose of Falsehood Propaganda Model“ geprägt.

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The Russian "Firehose of Falsehood" Propaganda Model

Why It Might Work and Options to Counter It

by Christopher Paul, Miriam Matthews

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Sie begründeten diesen Namen mit 2 charakteristischen Merkmalen: 1) hohes Volumen, Multi-Kanal-Ansatz; 2) schamlose Bereitschaft zur Verbreitung von Desinformation.

Der Akademiker Giorgio Bertolin beschrieb 🇷🇺 Desinformation als unterhaltsam, verwirrend & überwältigend.



Der groß angelegte, Multi-Kanal-Ansatz bedeutet, dass versucht wird, das Narrativ auf allen wichtigen Social-Media-Plattformen zu beeinflussen. Russland führt diese Art von Operationen auf Facebook, Twitter, TikTok, Telegram, VKontakte, YouTube und sogar auf Tinder durch.

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Russian spies use Tinder to recruit German politicians and military

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Russian spies use Tinder to recruit German politicians and military (Photo:CatSnobby/Twitter)

Dating app Tinder is widely used by Russian intelligence for spying and recruiting politicians and military in Germany, German newspaper Welt am Sonntag reported on April 15.

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Russian 'smash-and-grab' social media operation on Facebook and Instagram attempting to influence Ukraine war - Meta report

Many fake accounts pushing Russian views on the invasion have been blocked, while Meta has also limited the reach of state controlled media. Independent researchers welcome the changes but say disinformation from other sources is left "virtually unchecked".

 **Sanya Burgess**
Digital investigations journalist @sanyaburgess

🕒 Thursday 23 February 2023 13:04, UK

Der Umfang dieser Operationen darf nicht unterschätzt werden: Bereits 2015 arbeiteten mehr als 1000 bezahlte Trolle bei Jewgeni Prigoschins Internet Research Agency (IRA), der bekanntesten Trollfarm Russlands. Jeder Angestellte hatte eine tägliche Quote von 100 Kommentaren.



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A short time later, it began advertising for staff on a headhunting site (hh.ru). One post looking for a copywriter says the job involves "writing diverse texts for the Internet and content for social networks." The posting offered a salary of 30,000 rubles a month (then a little over \$500) and said experience was unnecessary. Recruits would work with a team of "young and enthusiastic colleagues" in "a comfortable and stylish office," according to the posting.

That's not how Ludmila Savchuk remembers IRA, where she worked for two months in 2015. She told CNN a card system restricted access to other floors and employees were always under camera surveillance.

"Employees are not really allowed to talk to each other," she said.

Savchuk says she estimates that now "there are about 1,000 people working at Savushkina Street. And this is just one building." She believes other employees work remotely.

Another former employee, interviewed anonymously by the independent Russian TV network RAIN this week, said: "There was a goal - to influence opinions, to lead to a discussion. ... There was a strategy document. It was necessary to know all the main problems of the United States of America. Tax problems, the problem of gays, sexual minorities, weapons."

The former employee said the mission was to "get into the dispute yourself to fire it up, try to rock the boat." He gave an example: "It was necessary to write that sodomy is a sin. This would always get you a couple of dozen likes."

He said IRA made its employees watch the US TV series "House of Cards" to improve their English.

Not unlike the fictional White House of Frank Underwood, Savchuk says, "The atmosphere there reminded me of some anti-utopian Gulag."

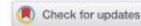
Diese Zahlen sind heute sicher um ein Vielfaches höher. Viele weitere Länder nutzen nun Trollfarmen für politische Kampagnen & um Propaganda zu verbreiten.

Ein bekannter Fall von sozialer Manipulation war die Beeinflussung der sozialen Medien nach dem Mord an Khashoggi.

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We also identified a long list of international actors apparently benefiting from the publicity generated by the same manipulation providers.

- Head of a Saudi government agency (Twitter).
- Advisor to the Saudi Royal Court (Twitter).
- A Lebanese journalist (Twitter).
- A number of accounts associated with the National Council of Resistance of Iran (Twitter).
- A prominent Venezuelan politician (Twitter).
- Various accounts from public figures in Indonesia, Egypt, Brazil (Twitter).
- A member of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (TikTok).
- A Turkish mayor (YouTube).
- A Ukrainian deputy mayor (YouTube).
- An Indian computer science professor (YouTube).
- A member of the Hong Kong Legislative Council (YouTube).
- A Nigerian firebrand pastor (YouTube).
- One dentist, a health guru, a number of medical clinics (YouTube).
- The director of a Ukrainian pet food business (Facebook).
- A former Ukrainian president (Facebook).
- A former Ukrainian government minister (Facebook).
- A member of the Italian senate (Facebook).



Framing a murder: Twitter influencers and the Jamal Khashoggi incident

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ABSTRACT

Social media have played a significant role in political discourse across the Mediterranean in recent years. In this research note, we showcase the usefulness of social media data for political analysis by focusing on the main Arabic Twitter hashtag following the assassination of Jamal Khashoggi in Istanbul, October 2018. We collect a sample of almost 2.4 million tweets posted by nearly 370,000 Twitter accounts. We show that just 281 accounts drove 80% of the discourse, and that these accounts can be reliably clustered into separate ideological camps representing different social forces of Egyptian, Turkish, European, and Gulf origin, arrayed against or in support of Saudi Arabia's regional agenda.

KEYWORDS Social media; Polarization; Community Detection; Process Tracing; Mixed Methods

Die Trolle arbeiten in Schichten, und die Arbeit geht tagtäglich rund um die Uhr weiter. Eine bessere Bezeichnung für diese Ausbeutungsbetriebe wäre "Trollfabriken", denn sie haben das Trolling in ein Fließband für Propaganda und Desinformation verwandelt.

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Hohes Volumen geht einher mit der Bereitschaft Desinformationen zu verbreiten.  verwendet oft die Strategie „Scheiße an die Wand werfen, um zu sehen, was hängen bleibt“, indem es 100te widersprüchliche & falsche Infos verbreitet, um zu sehen, ob etwas davon ankommt.

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Novel Military Tool: Russia Issued a Statement about Research of “Combat Insects” and “Combat Bats” in Ukraine that Allegedly Will Be Used against Invaders (Video)



Vira Hmelnicka 19:34, 28.10.22 ⌚ 2 min

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Beispiele von vergessenen Lügen: Zelensky, der Kiew nach Start der Invasion verließ, ein geheimer NATO-Stützpunkt in Mariupol, Polen die versuchten, einen Chlortank in die Luft zu jagen, Vögel als Biowaffen, Kampfmücken, der Einsatz schmutziger Bomben & 🇺🇦 Satansanbetung.

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Combat mosquitoes, a dirty bomb and Zelensky's escape. Top 10 most absurd fakes invented by the Russian propaganda

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Trollfarmen „leihen“ sich auch oft Ideen & Erzählungen von Verschwörungstheoretikern, zB die Idee eines „Biowaffenlabors“ stammte von einem QAnon-Anhänger, Jacob Creech. Das Narrativ wurde von Leuten wie Tucker Carlson und Steve Bannon, sowie auch dem Kreml verbreitet.

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How a QAnon conspiracy theory about Ukraine bioweapons became mainstream disinformation



It started as a fringe belief. Now it's an official stated reason for Russia's invasion



[Justin Ling](#) · for CBC News · Posted: Apr 10, 2022 4:00 AM EDT | Last Updated: April 13, 2022





Thread



Clandestine

@WarClandestine

1) HOLY SHIT! I think I may be onto something about [#Ukraine](#).

Zelensky said the Russians are firing at “military installations”. How broad is that term?

I am seeing speculation that could include US installed biolabs.

At first I was like no way.

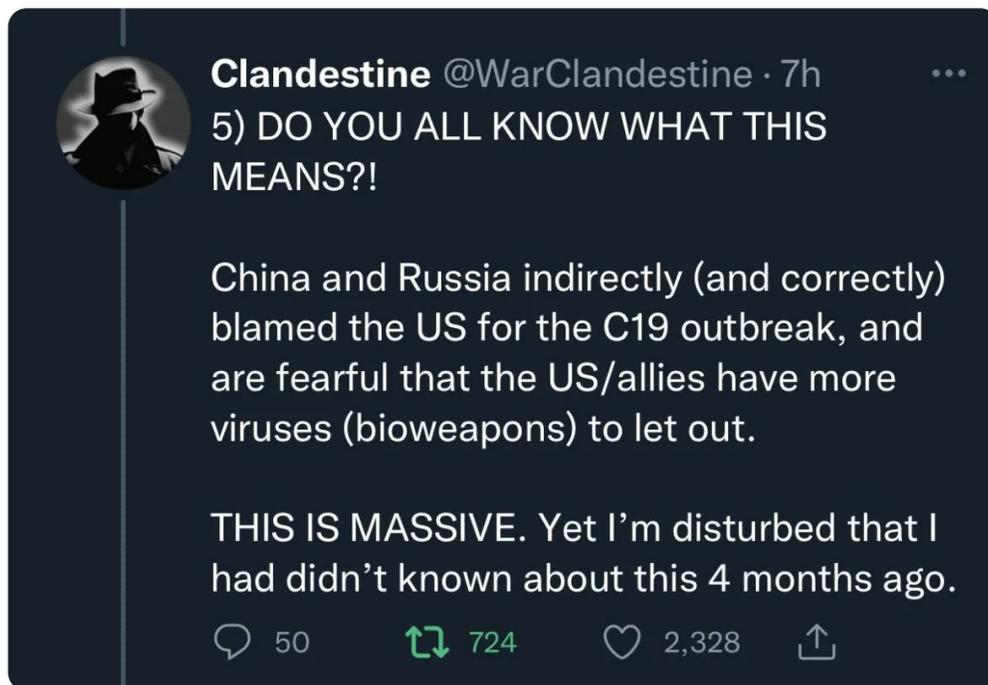
Then I started digging.

US BIOLABS IN UKRAINE



Tweet your reply





Es gibt auch keine Verpflichtung zu irgendeiner Art von Konsistenz und diese Narrative können natürlich auch widersprüchlich sein. Wie bereits erwähnt, ist das Ziel nicht zu überzeugen, sondern zu verwirren und zu überwältigen.

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Ein großer Teil der „Argumentation“ der Trolle basiert auf anekdotischen Beweisen oder gefälschten Quellen. Ein gutes Beispiel dafür sind die „ukrainischen Nazis“ Kommentare, die eine Diskussion mit Bildern von Ukrainern mit Nazi-Fahnen oder Nazi-Tattoos überschwemmen.

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REUTERS FACT CHECK JUNE 30, 2022 / 8:53 PM / UPDATED 10 MONTHS AGO

Fact Check-Photo of man with Nazi tattoos does not show Ukrainian prisoner of war

By Reuters Fact Check

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An image of a military officer examining a young man with Nazi tattoos has been shared online in June 2022 with a message falsely saying it shows a Ukrainian prisoner of war in Donetsk, Ukraine. The photograph was taken in Belarus in June 2005.

Users shared screenshots of a now-deleted tweet that read: "Another laotian buddhist monk - ukrop Pow is being treated in Donetsk."

Examples of the claim shared online can be viewed [\(here\)](#), [\(here\)](#), [\(here\)](#), and [\(here\)](#).

The image is not recent, however, nor was it taken in Ukraine.

A reverse image search reveals that the image is viewable on Getty Images, captioned: "MOGILYEV, BELARUS: A Belarus prison doctor examines a prisoner covered with Nazi tattoos at the 15th prison in the town of Mogilyev, some 200 kms from Minsk, 22 June 2005. Some 4000 prisoners were released according to the amnesty granted for the 60th anniversary of the end of WWII and some 5,000 will be released within one year. AFP PHOTO / VIKTOR DRACHEV [\(here\)](#)."

Oft wird Material aus anderen Kontexten entlehnt. Der Gebrauch von (gefälschten) Bildern ist ein wirksames Mittel um starke Reaktionen & Emotionen auszulösen. 🇷🇺 produzierte Videos unter falscher Flagge, tut dies aber weniger, nachdem einige nach 🇷🇺 geolokalisiert wurden.

RUSSIA

Russia Caught Red-Handed Making Fake Video of Ukrainian Attack on Woman and Child

NICE TRY

Russia's latest dubious evidence of Nazis was unmasked as a clumsy fake by one of the propaganda outlets that first spread it.



Allison Quinn
News Editor

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Diese Strategie funktioniert besonders gut in so genannten Low-Trust-Umgebungen, also in Ländern oder Gesellschaften, wo das Vertrauen in Politiker, Journalisten & Behörden gering ist. Natürlich wird das Vertrauen durch den Einsatz dieser Methoden noch weiter geschwächt.

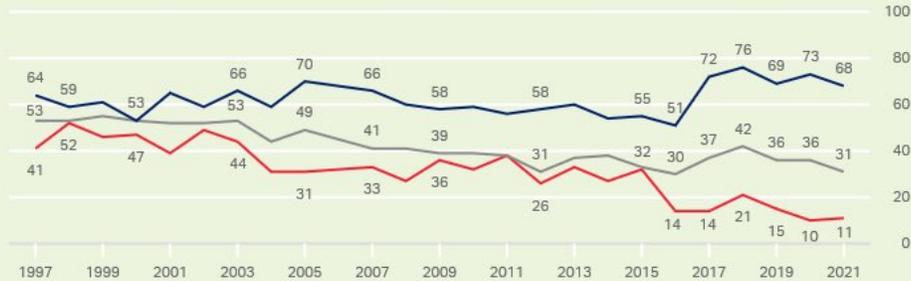
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Americans' Trust in Mass Media, by Political Party

In general, how much trust and confidence do you have in the mass media -- such as newspapers, TV and radio -- when it comes to reporting the news fully, accurately and fairly -- a great deal, a fair amount, not very much or none at all?

% Great deal/Fair amount

— Republicans — Independents — Democrats



Data from 1972, 1974 and 1976 not shown

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Where Trust In The News Is Highest & Lowest

% agreeing "you can trust news most of the time"
in selected countries in 2021*



* Based on a survey conducted by Statista in January & February 2021.
1,000 respondents in each market.
Source: Statista.com (Digital News Report)



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Die schiere Anzahl der Nachrichten & Kommentare übertönt alle konkurrierenden Argumente und Standpunkte, was auch oft jede Art von Faktenüberprüfung unmöglich macht. Das Thema hat sich bereits viele, viele Male geändert, bevor die Info richtig gestellt werden kann.

#UkraineFacts
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Und genau aus diesem Grund ist #NAFO so effizient gegen diese spezielle Strategie: Sie kontert die Strategie mit ähnlichen Maßnahmen: Lautstarke, unsinnige Antworten von frechen Cartoon-Hunden...
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 **Ukraine Memes for NATO Teens** @LivFaustDi... · Jun 19, 2022 

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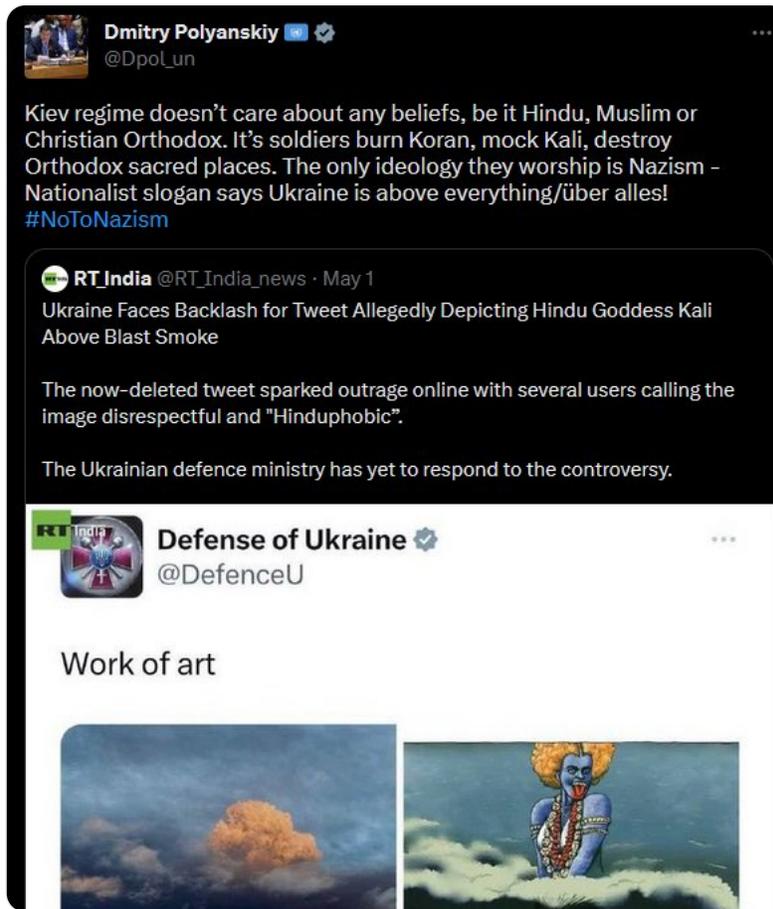
You: "we have to bomb all of Ukraine's civilians because Ukraine was fighting an internal war and some civilians got shelled"

 **Mikhail Ulyanov** 
@Amb_Ulyanov · [Follow](#)
Russia government official

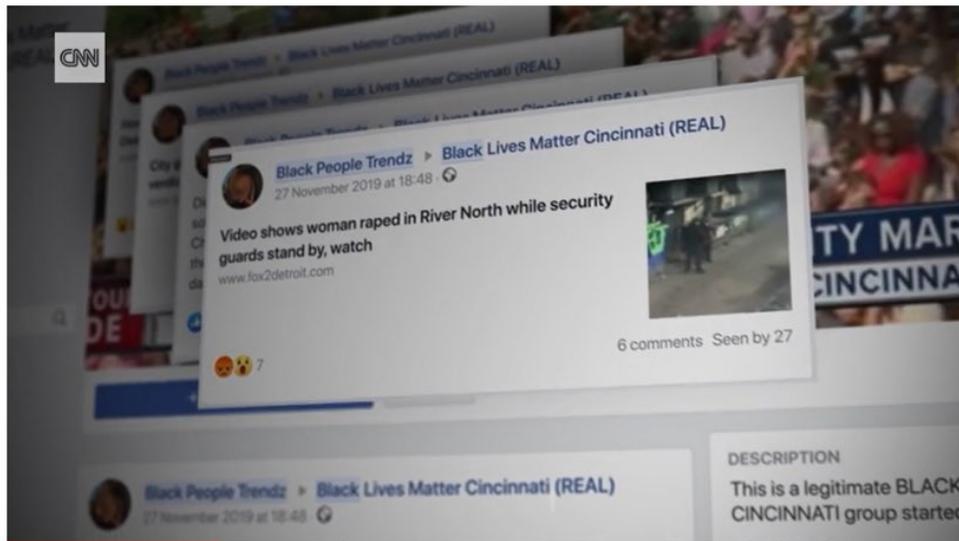
You pronounced this nonsense. Not me.

7:42 PM · Jun 19, 2022 

...bekämpfen das Feuer der Lügen sehr gut und machen als Bonus die Hauptquellen der pro-russischen Narrative lächerlich, einschließlich des Ex-Präsidenten des Landes, der Botschafter und Diplomaten.
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Wie bei der industriellen Produktion wurde auch die Propaganda an billigere Standorte ausgelagert. Heutzutage sind viele der Trollfarmen von Orten wie Russland und Mazedonien in verschiedene afrikanische Länder, darunter Nigeria und Ghana, verlegt worden.



Inside a Russian troll factory in Ghana



Working with researchers from Clemson University, CNN has found a Russian troll operation targeting American voters and, for the first time, we have confronted the people on the ground behind it -- and it's not where you might expect. With help from Facebook and Twitter, who had already been investigating some of these accounts and who corroborated our findings - this is a never-before seen look at how Russia is once again trying to influence America's democracy. CNN's Clarissa Ward reports.

07:30 - Source: [CNN](#)

China hat die „Firehose of Falsehood“ für seine eigene Propaganda genutzt. Seine berühmteste Trollfarm ist die 50 Cent Army. Der größte Unterschied zwischen den russischen und chinesischen Operationen ist, dass sich die Chinesen auf nationale Propaganda konzentrieren.

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When it comes to hacking societies, Russia remains the master at sowing discord and disinformation online

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China can't hold a candle to GRU's shenanigans, says expert

Shaun Nichols in San Francisco Thu 6 Aug 2020 21:49 UTC

BLACK HAT While China is the *bête noire du jour* of the US government, Russia is the master of spreading disinformation, fostering conflict, and derailing discourse online, the Black Hat security conference was told today.

At her Thursday keynote, Stanford Internet Observatory's research manager Renee DiResta [explained](#) how Russian military intelligence – the GRU – and the private Internet Research Agency (IRA) were putting the likes of China to shame. Security companies and government agencies have good reason to move their focus from Beijing to Moscow, she warned.

The basic methods of hacking public opinion are fairly simple, DiResta explained. Fake accounts generate content and spam it out on social media to amplify the message. If enough real people pick up and the posts go viral the mainstream media kicks in and amplifies the desired message still further.

In Russia's case, it spreads divisive material, stolen information, and fake news in an attempt to turn Americans against each other, sour civil society, sow doubt, and create distractions, leaving people unsure of what's really going on. This worked. In China's case, it tried to make people like China. This didn't work.

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Who Are the Chinese Trolls of the '50 Cent Army'?

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FILE - Customers surf the Internet at an Internet cafe in Beijing, China.

Russland spezialisiert sich auf das Heruntermachen & Beschuldigen anderer, während China hauptsächlich die KPCh lobt. Nachdem China jedoch den Erfolg Russlands erkannt hat, geht es nun auch mit aggressiveren Strategien gegen seine Rivalen vor, insbesondere gegen die USA.

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Meet the Chinese Trolls Pumping Out 488 Million Fake Social Media Posts

New research exposes a "massive secretive operation" to fill China's internet with propaganda.

By David Wertme



Laut BBC „gedeihen“ russische und chinesische Propaganda-Accounts auf Twitter, nachdem @elonmusk das Team entlassen hat, das sie bekämpfen sollte. Angeblich benützt das derzeitige System nur automatische Erkennungssysteme.

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The image is a screenshot of a BBC News article. At the top, the BBC logo is on the left, followed by a 'Sign in' button and navigation links for 'Home', 'News', 'Sport', 'Reel', and 'Worklife'. Below this is a red banner with the word 'NEWS' in white. Underneath the banner is a secondary navigation bar with links for 'Home', 'War in Ukraine', 'Coronation', 'Climate', 'Video', 'World', 'UK', 'Business', 'Tech', and 'Science'. The 'Tech' link is underlined. The main headline of the article is 'Twitter staff cuts leave Russian trolls unchecked' in a large, bold, black font. Below the headline, it says '14 April'. There is a red share icon and a grey box containing the text 'Social media regulation debate'. The main image of the article shows a large black silhouette of the Twitter bird logo mounted on a brick wall. The word 'REUTERS' is visible in the bottom left corner of the image.

.@DarrenLinville, außerordentlicher Prof an der Clemson Universität, sagte, dass eines der aktuellen Netzwerke aus der IRA zu stammen scheint. Forscher haben auch Trollfarmen aus dem gegnerischen Lager identifiziert, deren Tweets die Ukraine und Alexei Navalny unterstützen.

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Now, a new group of Russian trolls is active on Twitter.

It supports Putin's war in Ukraine, ridicules Kyiv and the West, and attacks independent Russian-language publications, including the BBC Russian Service. Many of these trolls' accounts have been suspended, but dozens are still active.

Darren Linvill, associate professor at the Clemson University Media Forensics Hub in South Carolina, says the network appears to originate from Prigozhin's troll factory.

Mr Linvill and his colleagues have also discovered two similar Russian-language troll networks, but from an opposite camp. One tweets in support of Ukraine, and another promotes Russian opposition, including the jailed Putin critic Alexey Navalny.

While they have all the markings of troll accounts, including random numbers in the Twitter handles and coordinated behaviour, these networks appear to remain undetected by the platform.

The Clemson University team is also tracking pro-Chinese accounts targeting users in both Chinese and English about issues of importance to the Chinese government.

With only a skeleton crew remaining, Twitter does not have resources to swiftly detect, attribute and take down this foreign propaganda, according to former employees.

While the platform also established partnerships with research institutions that detected information operations, scholars say they have not heard anything from Twitter since November.

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VIDEO: Ukraine Busts Alleged Russian Bot Farm Using Thousands of SIM Cards

Photo and videos reveal machines running 18,000 fake social media accounts.

By [Matthew Gault](#)

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IMAGE: UNRAZINE SECURITY SERVICES PHOTO.

Ukraine's Security Service said it has shut down a troll farm in the city of Lviv.

"The SSU cyber specialists uncovered and dismantled two bot farms in Lviv with a total capacity of 18,000 fake accounts," an SSU [press release](#) said. "According to preliminary information, organizers from



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Bevor Musk die Plattform übernahm, war Twitter relativ effektiv bei der Entfernung von Trollfarm-Konten, aber man kann nur vermuten, dass dies nicht mehr der Fall ist.

Wie immer stellen die Giganten der sozialen Medien Profit über Sicherheit.

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	2020	2021
Facebook	96.53%	98.52%
Twitter	74.23%	83.43%
Instagram	91.80%	96.01%
TikTok	99.69%	84.77%
Vkontakte		99.96%
YouTube	97.17%	92.38%

Table 2: Percentage of inauthentic activity remaining on the platforms after four weeks.

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