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In today's [#vatnik](#) soup I'll be discussing about Finland and how it fights Russian disinformation and propaganda. I'll also introduce some of the methods that Finnish vatniks have applied in order to brainwash the Finnish folk from all levels of society.

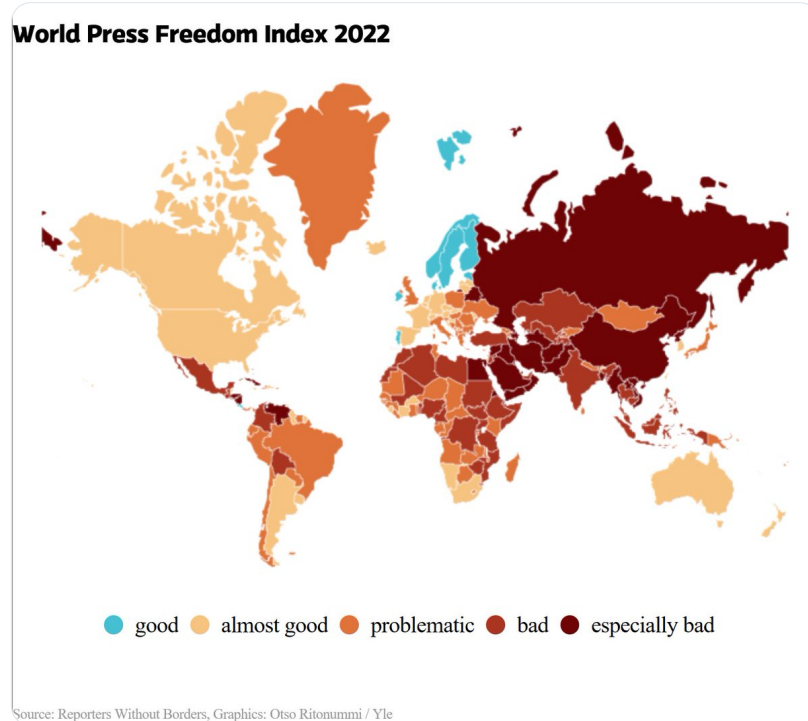
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Let's start with journalism: In the Press Freedom Index, Finland has been at the top 5 along with the other Nordic countries for decades now.

According to Christophe Deloire of Reporters without Borders, the biggest threat to press freedom is the so-called...

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... "Fox News Model", in which the media both polarizes and attracts audience share with extreme opinions.

Countries like Russia and China have basically no freedom of press, and pretty much all media is controlled by the state.

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This leaves very little room for foreign information operations, as all public information is checked and validated. One of the first things that Putin did after invading Ukraine was to demolish any kind of free press.

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Free press can also be used against a nation: information operations often focus on establishing fake news sources and disinformation mills for spreading polarizing content. In Finland, the biggest outlet for this kind of "information laundering" is MV-Lehti.

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## Suomen patriootit rauhan puolesta "STOP NATO" mielenilmauksessa USA:n suurlähetystöllä lauantaina 28.1.2023 [Kuva/Video]




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Suomen Patriootit -toimintaryhmä toteuttaa "STOP NATO!" -mielenilmauksen rauhan puolesta, joka järjestetään tänään lauantaina kello 16 aikaan Yhdysvaltojen suurlähetystöllä Helsingissä. Ilman ennakkotietoa ja mainontaa kootussa "flashmob" -tapahtumassa vaaditaan Naton

In it's early days, around 2015, the blog focused on anti-immigration narratives, but eventually started pushing pro-Russian bullshit. The two latest Editor-in-Chiefs, Juha Korhonen and Janus Putkonen are straight up Putinists.

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## MATUT RAISKASIVAT 14-VUOTIAAN KEMPELESSÄ!

**Kempeeseen on vasta perustettu alakäisten turvapaikanhakijoiden yksikkö.**

Maanantaina 23.11.2015 puoli yhdenoista aikaan illalla raikattiin Kempeeläisen 14-vuotias tyttö Kempeeseen kuonasiellä ulkona, kertoo Poliisin tiedote.

Kaksi ulkomaalaistaustaista miestä oli käynyt tyttön läiskä ja hänet oli raiskattu ainakin toisen miehen toimesta. Paikalle oli sattumalta tullut kaksi paikkakuntalaista miestä, jotka soitivat paikalle apua, kertoo tiedote.

Poliisin kolipartio seurasi tekijöiden jälkiä, jotka menivät eräiseen asuntoon. Asunnosta tavoitettiin kaksi miestä, jotka ovat nyt kiinnotettuna epäillyinä.

Asian esitutkimta on aloitettu varsinaisesti tänä aamuna ja tapahtumien tarkka kulku ei ole vielä selvillä. Ensivaiheessa suoritetaan asianomistajan puhuttelu ja kuulestu sekä aloitetaan epäillyn kuulustelut, päättty tiedote.

Kälvälle rikoskomisario Seppo Leinonen kertoo, että ulkomaalaistaustaisten kiinnotto sujuu rauhallisesti. Miehiä epäillään törkeästä raiskauksesta ja törkeästä lapsen seksuaalisesta hyväksikäytöstä. Mehet ovat alle 18-vuotiaita.

Asian esitutkimta on aloitettu, mutta tapahtumien tarkka kulku ei ole vielä selvillä. Leinonen mukaan epäillyt ei vielä tiistaina aamupäivällä oltu kuuluttu, kertoo Kaleva.

3. marraskuuta Oulun Diakoniasalatos tiedotti, että "yksi laajentumisunta" sijaituu Kempeeseen. Alueella on va-päätumassa mielenterveyskuntoutujien tarpeisiin aikaansa suunmitettu sosia-palveluyksikkö (Myötätuu) ja olemme alustavasti kaavailleet sille tukasu-mista 16 - 18 -vuotiaalle turvapaikanha-sijalle. Myötätuolen läbiöin saataisiin tukasumamahdollisuus 30 alakäiselle turvapaikanhakijalle ja heidän tukeen palkattaisiin osana henkilökuntaa. Maahanmuuttoviraston linjas toimin-nan käynnistämisestä on tehty 30.10."

Lähteet: Poliisi, Kaleva ja Oulun Diakoniasalatos

## KEUHKOTUBERKULOOSIA KOTKAN KOULUISSA!

Yhdellä Karhulan koulun ja yhdellä Rauhalan koulun oppilailla Kotkassa epäillään keuhkotuberkuloosia, kertoo Kymen Sanomat.

Oppilaat ovat tutkittavina Kymenlaakson keskussairaalaissa. Velä ei ole tiedossa, ovatko he myös tartuttaneet tuberkuloosia. Sevit-tely ovat kesken, ja asiasta saadaan lisätietoa loppuvuokista, kaupungin terveydenhuollon tiedotteissa sanotaan.

Tuberkuloosille altistuneet luokat ja oppilaat ovat tiedossa ja heidän vanhemmilleen ja huoltajilleen tiedotetaan tarvittavien tutki-musten järjestämisestä.

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## VALTAMEDIA TULEE MV:N PERÄSSÄ VIIKOTOLKULLA

Lisää aiheesta osoitteesta [www.mvlehti.net](http://www.mvlehti.net)



Finnish vatniks, especially Johan Bäckman, have also established associations that are named very similarly than some official, trusted associations. One example is Toimittajaliitto, translated as The Union of Journalists in Finland.

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Incidentally, the official org is called Journalistiliitto, and the translation in English is exactly the same, making it very easy to mix up these two. The fake association has provided "press passes" to various "independent journalists", like the pro-Russian Panu Huuhtanen.8/16



Pro-Russian actors also try to defame the Finnish Broadcasting Company YLE and its journalists. Bäckman was convicted of harassment of YLE journalist Jessikka Aro who's been actively disseminating the Russian info ops.

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## Bäckman receives suspended sentence for stalking Yle reporter


The court ruled that Johan Bäckman sending private messages to and writing about journalist Jessikka Aro constituted stalking under Finland's Penal Code.



The court found that academic Johan Bäckman had stalked writer and journalist Jessikka Aro over a prolonged period of time. Image: Mikko Koski / Yle, Bengt Östling / Yle

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The Supreme Court has handed academic **Johan Bäckman** a 60 day suspended prison sentence over his harassment of Yle journalist **Jessikka Aro**.

Known for his close ties to Russia, Bäckman repeatedly sent private messages to Aro on Facebook suggesting they meet up. He also published articles via Twitter and Facebook that the court ruled had mocked and belittled Aro.

YLE in general plays a big part in fighting disinformation, and they have established activities such as Faktabaari (FactBar) to fight the spread of false information and propaganda.

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## WELCOME TO FAKTABAARI / FACTBAR

Faktabaari is a Finnish fact-checking and digital information literacy service. Since 2014, it has regularly contributed to fact-based information circulation with innovative projects and **fact-checks**, notably to all national and European Parliamentary election debates with academically acclaimed quality and transparency standards.

Faktabaari adheres also to the Finnish ethical code for journalists, is managed by a registered Finnish non-profit transparency NGO (**Avoim Yhteiskunta ry**) and works predominantly on a project basis. Faktabaari Editor includes professional journalists, researchers, EU experts, teachers and technical specialists supported by a broader community of topic experts, as well as information and media literacy specialists.

Currently, Faktabaari is engaged within the new **EDMO** (European Digital Media Observatory) and specifically within **NORDIS** (Nordic Observatory for digital media and information disorders) regional EDMO hub in developing a digital information literacy approach tackling digital information disorders as well as structural information biases and microtargeting with specific focus on Elections.

### FAKTAABAARI EDU

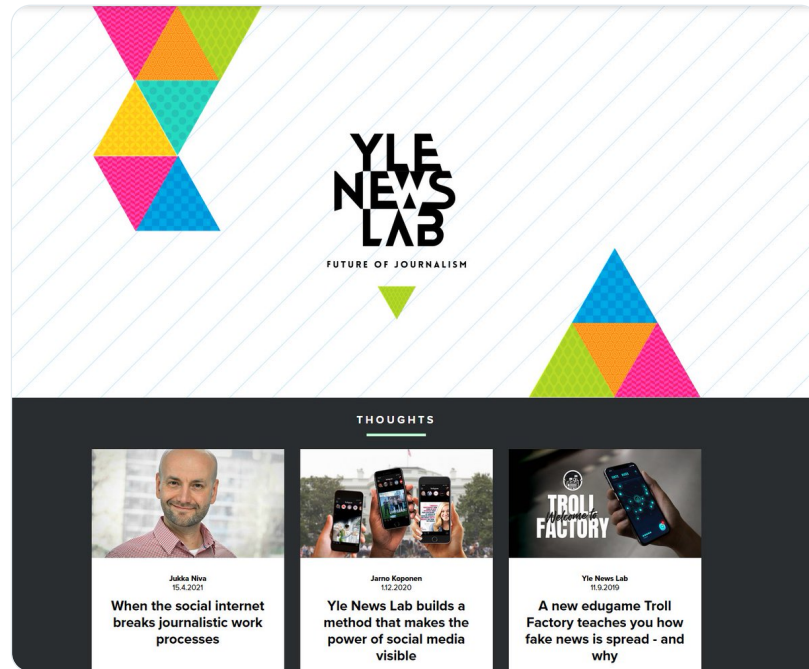
Since 2017, Faktabaari has focused on developing a digital media and information literacy project (**Faktabaari EDU**), building on fact-checking with voter literacy campaigns and development of information literacy.

### AWARDS AND REPRESENTATION

Faktabaari has been awarded Europcom, the Bonnier Grand Journalism Prize and two Chydenius medals (2018 and again 2021 with NORDIS). International Fact-checking Network peers have also recognized Faktabaari's work with the finalist nomination in the Best Correction category (2019). Voter and information literacy work by Faktabaari EDU has attained interest and wide publicity from several major media (e.g. CNN, the Guardian, ARD) and institutional actors (e.g. UNESCO, Council of Europe, European Commission).

There are several other plans on a national level to do the same in the future: for example deepfake videos and AI will be a big challenge in the near future, and YLE has established organization for detecting and fighting them.

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Another important aspect of Finnish battle against disinformation is the education. In Finnish schools, children start learning at very young age about the concept of fake news and mis- and disinformation.

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One example of this is Koulukino, that produces high quality video teaching material about disinformation for Finnish schools. They've created a lot of material to support media education and to fight against disinformation.

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But probably the biggest reason why Russian disinformation simply doesn't work well in Finland is that we were at war with USSR quite recently. The whole conflict started with false flag operation called Mainila shelling, and there were similar incidents throughout the war.

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After the fall of USSR many prominent politicians and businessmen succumbed into the 'Ostpolitik' and trade with Russia. For example, one Finnish ex-PM was involved in the Nord Stream business with Gerhard Schröder, and another one was board member in SberBank.

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One current member of the Parliament was involved in the Russian ice hockey business and did a lot of business with the Rotenberg oligarch family and with Gennadi Timchenko. After the war started, most of them stopped doing business with the Russians.

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A blue banner with white text and icons. At the top left are icons for Twitter, YouTube, and music. The main text reads 'Pekka Kallioniemi' in large white font. Below it is a coffee cup icon and the URL 'buymeacoffee.com/PKallioniemi'. On the right is a circular portrait of a man. At the bottom, it says 'Pekka Kallioniemi' and 'Support me in creating daily vatnik soups! All donations will be spent on research and production of vatnik soup or in the creation of web portal (vatniksoup.com)...' followed by the URL 'https://buymeacoffee.com/PKallioniemi'. There are also faint icons of a hand and a gift at the bottom right.

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Today I'll be introducing one of the most infamous Finnish 🇷🇺 disinfo site on the web: MV-Lehti (AKA MV-Media or UMV-Lehti). During its existence, the site has had three Chief-Editors: Ilja Janitskin, Juha Korhonen (.@Juha\_Korh2) and currently Janus Putkonen (.@janus\_putkonen). 1/10



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There are some well-known #vatnik's in Finland, but I'd like to introduce them to the international audiences, too. First one I'd like to talk about is a man who goes by the name Janus Putkonen ([@janus\\_putkonen](#)). He is the current "Chief-Editor" of Russian propaganda piece... 1/5



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Welcome back to Finnish #vatnik's! Today I'll be introducing a "gentleman" who goes by the name of Juha Korhonen ([@Juha\\_Korh2](#)). His main contributions for the Finnish disinformation scene are two websites:

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Today's Finnish [#vatnik](#) report may ruffle some feathers. It's a story about how love... sorry, business conquers all. Our main character (for once) is someone who has immense influence in the [+](#) politics. His name is Paavo Lipponen, a former, two-term Prime Minister of [+](#) 1/7





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