



Pekka Kallioniemi @P_Kallioniemi

Jun 12, 2024 · 20 tweets · [P_Kallioniemi/status/1800862381389783268](https://twitter.com/P_Kallioniemi/status/1800862381389783268)

In today's #vatniksoup, I'll discuss a specific propaganda/disinformation that the Kremlin likes to use – antisemitism. I also talk about how the Russian society itself has become riddled with antisemitism & how this has led to a decrease in Jewish population in the country.

1/19



Russian antisemitism works on many levels, and their narratives vary depending whether they're targeting a local audience or people in Europe and the US. For example for the latter, Russia attempts to create a false narrative of Ukraine being an antisemitic "Nazi state".

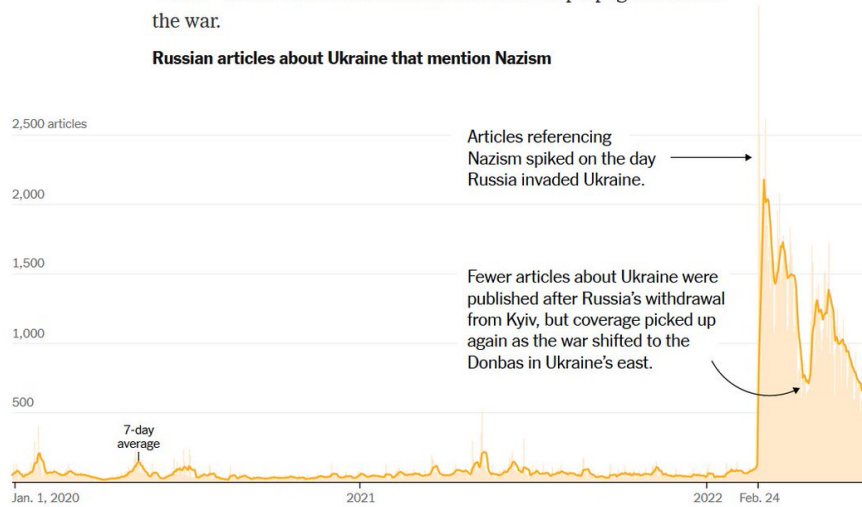
2/19

How the Russian Media Spread False Claims About Ukrainian Nazis

By Charlie Smart July 2, 2022

In the months since President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia called the invasion of Ukraine a “denazification” mission, the lie that the government and culture of Ukraine are filled with dangerous “Nazis” has become a central theme of Kremlin propaganda about the war.

Russian articles about Ukraine that mention Nazism



But before diving deeper, let's look at a survey data of Russians in 2023: Nearly 30 million Russians harbour antisemitic attitudes, and 15% of those surveyed believed that “Jews were responsible for most of the world's wars.” 38% think that the Jews have...

The Index

More Subjects

Percent responding "probably true"

1	Jews are more loyal to Israel than to [this country/to the countries they live in]	36%	+
2	Jews have too much power in the business world	38%	+
3	Jews have too much power in international financial markets	34%	+
4	Jews still talk too much about what happened to them in the Holocaust	42%	+
5	Jews don't care what happens to anyone but their own kind	44%	+
6	Jews have too much control over global affairs	28%	+
7	Jews have too much control over the United States government	23%	+
8	Jews think they are better than other people	34%	+
9	Jews have too much control over the global media	28%	+
10	Jews are responsible for most of the world's wars	15%	+



Russia

Survey by year



114,924,971
Adult population



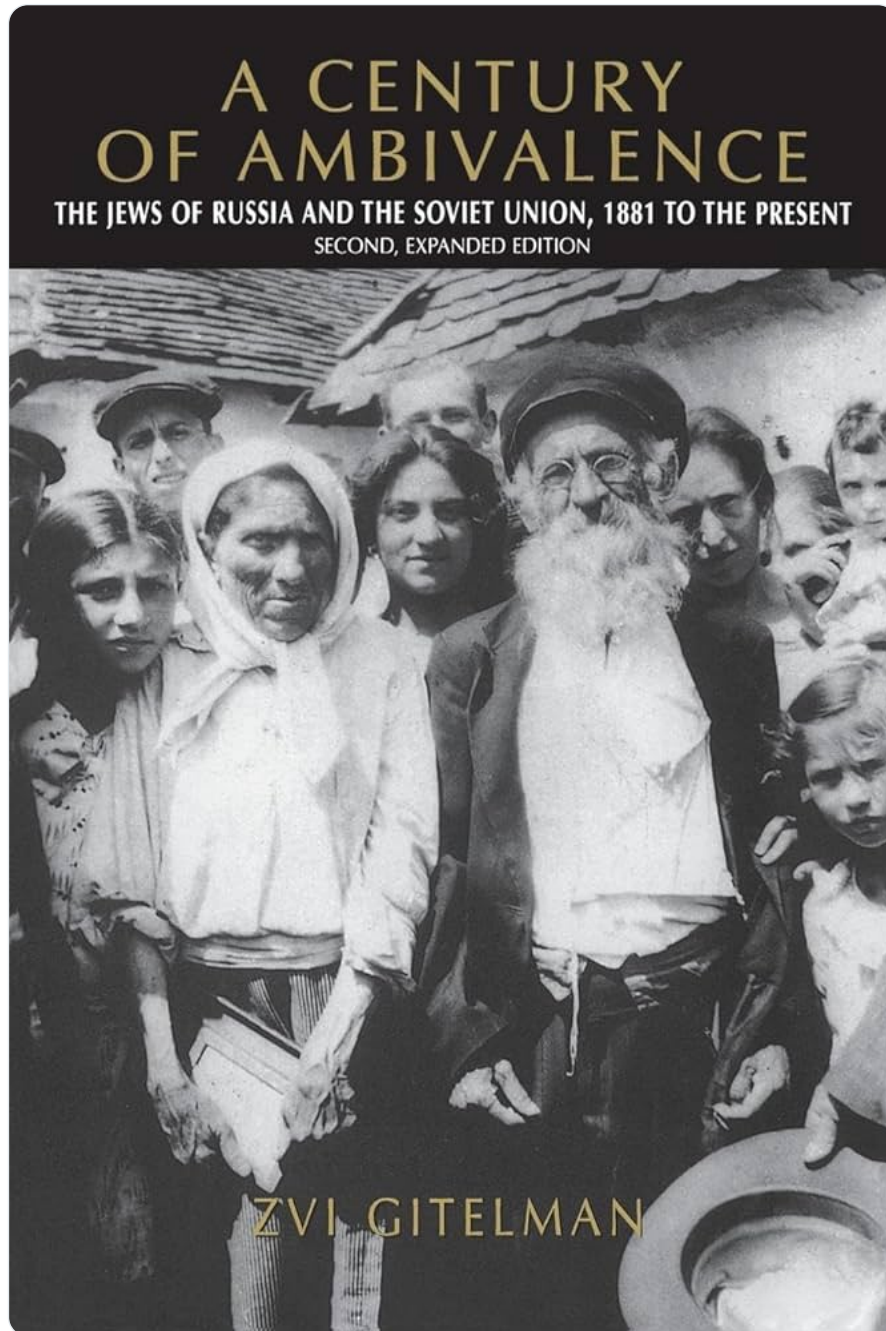
29,880,492
People in this country harbor antisemitic attitudes

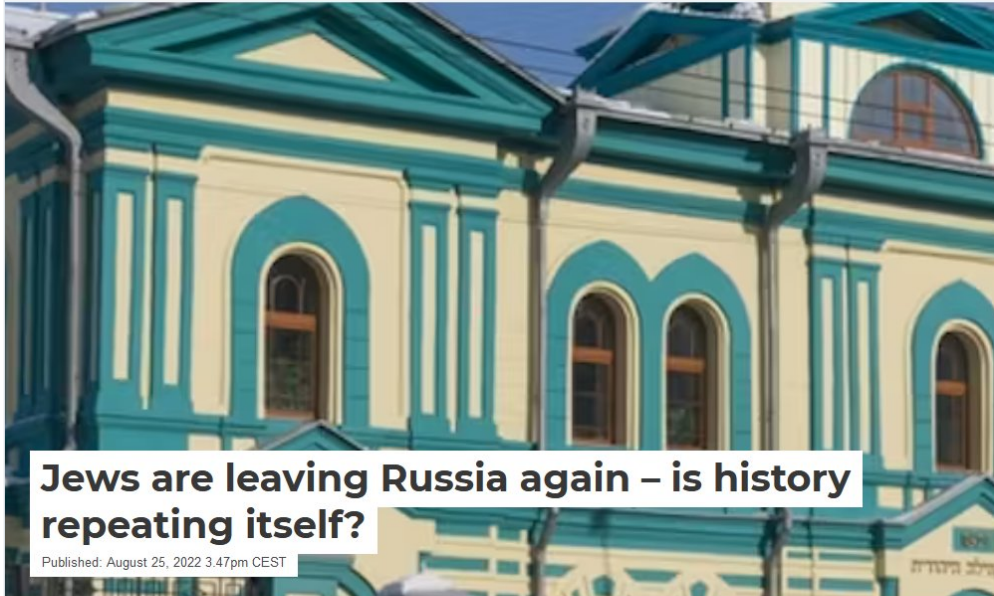
Index Scores by Select Demographic

Gender	Age	Religion
27% Male	16% 18-34	27% Christian
24% Female	22% 35-49	38% Muslim
	34% 50+	19% None/Atheist

...“too much power in the business world”. There were around 2 million Jews in the USSR, approximately 880,000 of those were based in Russia. Half a million Jews had left the country by the time of its collapse, and by 2021, there were just 83,000 Jews remaining in Russia.

4/19





Jews are leaving Russia again – is history repeating itself?

Published: August 25, 2022 3:47pm CEST

Russia's oldest synagogue in Irkutsk: around 20,000 Russian Jews have left the country since the war with Ukraine started. Shutterstock

Email

X (Twitter)

60

Facebook

221

LinkedIn

Print

It's not the first time that [Jews have felt it necessary to flee Russia](#), but the invasion of Ukraine has resulted in the fourth wave of exiles in the past hundred years.

Since Vladimir Putin became president for the second time in 2012, the authorities have become increasingly [repressive](#) towards [minorities](#), as well as cracking down on freedom of speech and getting rid of [any opposition](#) figures. But it was the 2022 invasion of Ukraine that was the [final straw](#) for many Jewish people.

Russia

This article is more than 1 year old

Exiled chief rabbi says Jews should leave Russia while they can

Exclusive: Pinchas Goldschmidt warns Jewish population will be made scapegoat for hardship caused by war

Stephen Burgen in Barcelona

Fri 30 Dec 2022 09:00 CET

Share



Pinchas Goldschmidt also said that while Russia's Jews faced an uncertain future, antisemitism was on the rise across Europe and the US. Photograph: Matthias Schröder/AP

In 2018, Russian Levada Center noted that Russian Jews believed open antisemitism was falling in the country, but that it was artificially suppressed by the senior leadership openly pursuing a more pro-Israel position. They also felt that antisemitism...

5/19

Sleeping anti-Semitism

But even if Russian Jews are not afraid to become victims of aggression, the threat of anti-Semitism as such remains relevant. More than half of the Jews surveyed by the Levada Center (54.4%) consider anti-Semitism a serious or very serious problem. The authors of the study associate this with the presence of so-called passive anti-Semitism in Russia. Its manifestations are concluded in telling each other Jewish anecdotes, a jokingly-ironical call by Jewish names, or claiming each other that you are being behaved like a Jew.

Anti-Semi-Semique sentiments are very often manifested by users on the Internet, sociologists note. Anti-Jewish texts exist in abundance and do not show a tendency to reduce, the report says.

At the same time, the risk of the transition of passive anti-Semitism to an active one remains relevant, according to the Levada Center. The trigger for this can serve as a signal from the authorities, which are recognized as the state, according to the report of the research center. "Jews understand that anti-Semitism is in suppressed forms because at the level of the top government leadership demonstratively pursues a policy of friendly treatment of Jews and Israel, the authors of the study write, citing interviews with Russian Jews. If there is a turnaround to anti-Semitism at the state level, it will immediately lead to its rise on the ground. "State anti-Semitism opens the way for the domestic," warns analysts of the Levada Center.

...would become more open if Russia's senior leadership changed its public position on Israel. After the Oct 2023 Hamas terrorist attack, the Kremlin did exactly this: they labelled Israel and the US as an aggressor instead, even welcoming Hamas leaders to visit Moscow.

6/19



TOPICS

PUBLICATIONS

EVENTS

PROJECTS

MULTIMEDIA

PEOPLE

ABOUT

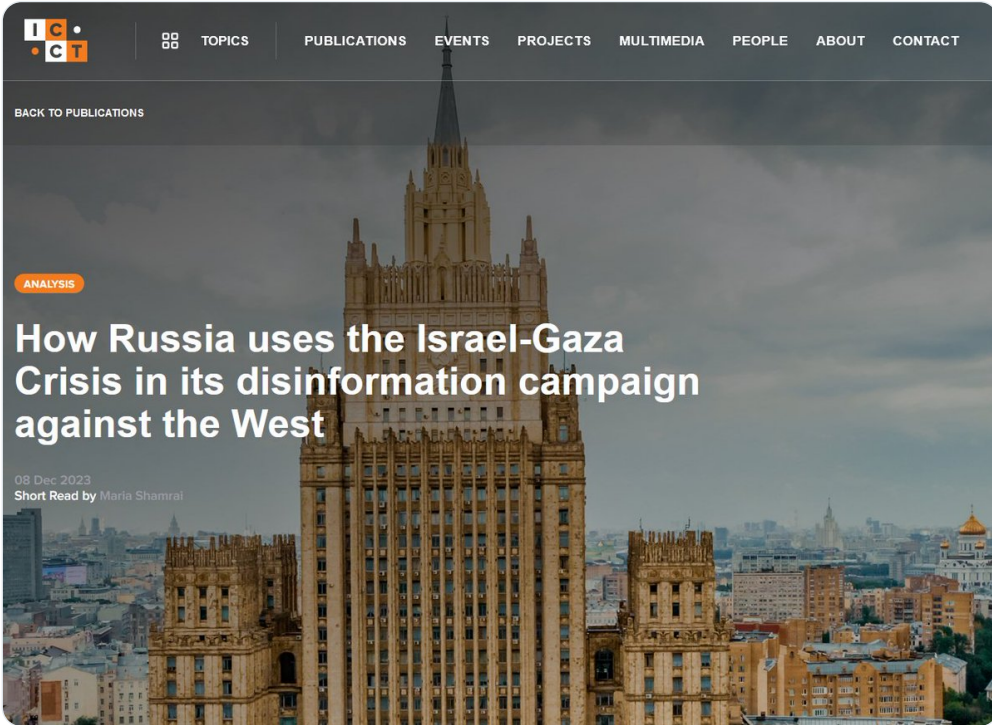
CONTACT

[BACK TO PUBLICATIONS](#)

ANALYSIS

How Russia uses the Israel-Gaza Crisis in its disinformation campaign against the West

08 Dec 2023
Short Read by Maria Shamrai



Hamas leaders arrive in Moscow as the Kremlin attempts to showcase its clout.

The meetings with high-ranking members of the group that attacked Israel underscored how Russia is trying to present itself as an alternative platform for possible mediation.

 Share full article  



By **Ivan Nechepurenko**

Oct. 26, 2023

A group of high-ranking members of Hamas arrived in Moscow on Thursday, meeting with a senior Russian official in what looked like an affront to the West aimed at demonstrating how the Kremlin still holds sway over key players in the bloody conflict in the Middle East.

After Oct 2023, Russia also had a surge in antisemitic attacks. For example, in Oct 2023, Russians attacked Jewish people at the Makhachkala airport. The pogrom was naturally later blamed on “foreign actors”, “miscreants” and - you guessed that right - Ukrainians.

7/19

By Monday, the state’s top political spokespeople added a new dynamic to the story. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov attributed the violence to “interference from the outside... given the circulation of footage showing the horror of Gaza — the deaths of children, seniors, medics — it’s easy for miscreants to manipulate the situation, to provoke and inflame people.” Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova chipped in to name the “miscreants” as “the criminal Kiev [sic] regime”. In this reading, Russia is under attack by shadowy forces from the outside; violence within Russia must be evidence not of internal problems but of a world conspiring against the country’s multiracial harmony.

All this didn't go unnoticed in Israel – prominent politician and Likud member Amir Weitmann blamed Russia for supporting Hamas during an interview on RT, stating that “Russia will pay the price” for “supporting the enemies of Israel”.

8/19



But at the same time, the Kremlin is actively spreading age old antisemitic tropes and conspiracy theories of “Zionist globalist elites taking over the world”. These tropes and stories, like the Protocols of the Elders of the Zion and Golden Billion, originate from Russia.

9/19



“The Protocols”

WITH
PREFACE AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

**The possession of these documents
in Soviet Russia is punishable
by immediate death.**

WHY?

**EVERY PATRIOTIC AMERICAN
MUST READ THESE
PROTOCOLS**

Issued by

THE PATRIOTIC PUBLISHING CO.
(NOT INCORPORATED)

P. O. Box 526

Chicago, Ill.

ANALYSIS WORLD

'Golden billion,' Putin's favorite conspiracy, explains his worldview and strategy

NOVEMBER 21, 2022 - 5:00 AM ET

By Charles Maynes



War in Ukraine



Europe
In Putin's wartime Russia,
military corruption is suddenly
taboo



Today's WorldView • Analysis
Zelensky comes to Asia and
scolds China



Euro
Bas
cove
say

This article was published more than 1 year ago

WAR IN UKRAINE Verified videos Donbas region Russian combat capabilities HIMARS

TODAY'S WORLDVIEW

The apocalyptic vision behind Putin's 'golden billion' argument



Analysis by [Adam Taylor](#)
Reporter

July 22, 2022 at 12:01 a.m. EDT

Listen 6 min Share Comment Save

You're reading an excerpt from the Today's WorldView newsletter.
[Sign up to get the rest free](#), including news from around the globe and interesting ideas and opinions to know, sent to your inbox every weekday.



Participants gather near a screen showing Russian President Vladimir Putin, who delivers a speech at the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum on June 17. (Anton Vaganov/Reuters)

MOST READ



- 1 Search plane c
preside
- 2 Death toll
hostage r
scrutiny o
- 3 Inside Isra
rescue: S
deadly 'w
- 4 5 key tak
right surg
Parliamer

After Feb 2022, Russia has tried to undermine Western aid to Ukraine by vilifying the Ukrainian leadership, and especially Zelenskyy. Several high-ranking Russian officials have portrayed Zelenskyy as an “inauthentic Jew”, and the whole invasion was justified with...

“Zelenskyy, a Jewish Nazi”: The Use of Anti-Semitic Tropes by Russian Propaganda Against Ukraine

Article

14 May 2023



Pavlo Khudish

Former Detector Media analyst

All Ukrainians hate Jews, but Jews have taken over Ukraine.

Russian propaganda employs long-standing anti-Semitic narratives and stereotypes to undermine, threaten, and belittle the accomplishments of Ukrainians. The Russian media frequently disseminates anti-Semitic remarks about Volodymyr Zelenskyy, either accusing him of alliances with the hypothetical “world Jewish government” or, in a contradictory vein, asserting that he is “not a genuine Jew.”

The tactics and strategies employed by Russian propaganda are consistent, prominently featuring the use of anti-Semitic rhetoric. Below are a few examples.

...the need to “denazify” Ukraine. Putin has called Zelenskyy “a disgrace to the Jewish people”, drunk Medvedev stated he’d “lost his Jewish identity”, and, when asked about Zelenskyy’s Jewish identity, Lavrov even stated that Hitler “had Jewish blood, too”.

11/19

meduza

LATEST NEWS THE STORIES THE ANALYSIS THE PODCASTS

TO SUPPORT

Putin on Zelensky: "Ethnic Jew covers the glorification of Nazism"

14:20, 5 September 2023 · Source: Pavel Zarubin

Russian President Vladimir Putin said that the "Western curators have put an ethnic Jew at the head of Ukraine" to "cover the anti-human essence of modern Ukraine."

This makes the situation extremely disgusting that an ethnic Jew covers the glorification of Nazism and those who led the Holocaust in Ukraine, and this is the destruction of one and a half million people. And this is best understood by ordinary citizens of Israel. Look at what they're saying on the internet, Putin said. He did not explain what the Israelis were talking online.

The current president of this tormented country is a person with certain ethnic roots who have spoken Russian all his life. Moreover, he worked in Russia and received significant funds from Russian sources. Nevertheless, at some point, becoming the head of the state, out of fear of getting another "Maidan" directed against his personal power, completely changed the political and moral orientation. In fact, he abandoned his identity. He began to serve the most bare-faced nationalist forces of Ukraine (which, I must admit, have always been there, but amounted to 5-7 percent of the active population).

Lavrov: So what if Zelensky is Jewish, even Hitler 'had Jewish blood'

Attempting to defend claims of need to 'denazify' Ukraine, Russian FM says 'some of the worst antisemites are Jews'; Yad Vashem slams comments as 'false, delusional and dangerous'

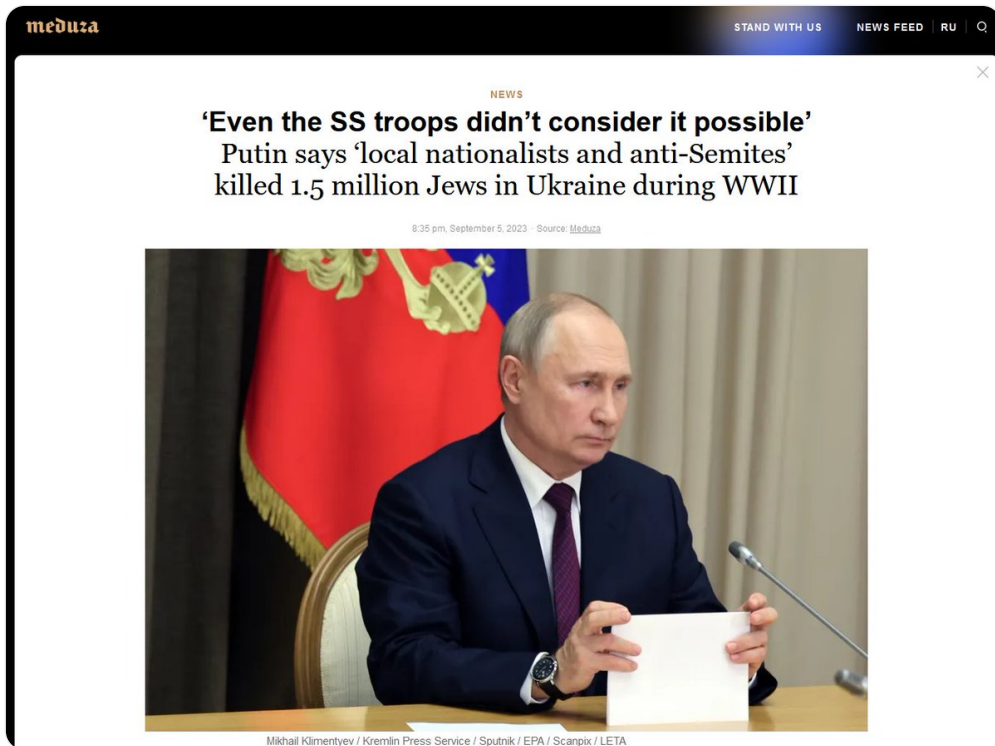
By **TOI STAFF** and **AGENCIES**

2 May 2022, 1:30 am



Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov attends a joint press conference with International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) President following their talks in Moscow on March 24, 2022. (Kirill KUDRYAVTSEV / POOL / AFP)

Putin even went as far as attempting to diminish the Nazi role in the murder of Jews in Ukraine during the Holocaust, by claiming it was done by the Ukrainians and “Banderites”, and that “even the SS troops didn’t consider it [the mass killings] possible.”



In Russia, the “Zionists” have been vilified by the genocidal Russian philosopher, Alexander Dugin, who claimed that the Crocus Hall attacks could’ve been “Zionists’ revenge” for Russia’s position on Gaza, while urging his followers to look for “Mossad’s fingerprints”.

13/19

Shortly after the terrorist [attack](#) on the Crocus City Hall outside of Moscow in March, Aleksandr Dugin, the influential Russian ultranationalist ideologue, [wrote](#) on his Telegram channel that the real culprit was not ISIS, which had taken responsibility, but “the Zionists.” The attack could have been “Zionists’ revenge” for Russia’s position on Gaza, he wrote, urging his 61,000 followers to look for the fingerprints of the Mossad, whose “close relations with ISIS” are supposedly well-known.

But long before that, Russia’s massive disinformation and hybrid operation machinery started spreading antisemitism online to sow unrest and polarize societies in the West. For example, the FSB-controlled SouthFront fake news blog has spread several antisemitic tropes.

14/19

SOUTH FRONT ANALYSIS INTELLIGENCE

0 \$ 2,500 \$ 5,000 \$

DONATE 10 \$

JUNE 2024

FRONT PAGE SF TV MILITARY REPORT FOREIGN POLICY DIARY MILITARY ANALYSIS MAPS & GRAPHICS CONTACT MORE


HOT TOPICS: #RealWarInUkraine #IRAQ #ISRAEL #SYRIA #YEMEN #USA #CHINA #UKRAINE

POW.SOUTHFRONT.PRESS


#ISRAEL #RUSSIA 17.10.2023 - 4101 views 4.9 (166 votes) FOLLOW US: Telegram

THE ORIGIN OF ANTI-SEMITISM


Support SouthFront



BITCOIN:
bc1qgu58lfszcpqu6fd8l98m378wzgyg9y93lcy



BITCOIN CASH:
qr28d80s5juzv2793k5jrj59xrl5fxd8qg9h3zlk2



In Europe, the Kremlin has complemented these narratives by conducting hybrid operations, such as the antisemitic graffiti campaign in France, further provoking online discussions on “European antisemitism”.

Star of David graffiti in Paris - the Russian connection

8 November 2023

By Hugh Schofield, BBC News, Paris

Share



French police believe a graffiti campaign featuring Star of David stencils may have been the work of Russian intelligence.

Paris

France 'investigating whether Russia behind' graffiti on Holocaust memorial

Reports say investigators looking into possibility that Russian security services ordered vandalism in Paris

Angeliqe Chrisafis in Paris

Wed 22 May 2024 13:43 CEST

Share



The mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo, immediately reported the red-hand graffiti to prosecutors as a possible antisemitic act. Photograph: Antonin Utz/AFP/Getty Images


As we've seen, the conflict in the Middle-East has polarized even the pro-Kremlin bloc, and this type of division is ideal for any kind of online propaganda and disinformation campaign. Now, it's worth mentioning that the conflict is very real and should be addressed,...

ALJAZEERA News ▾ Israel War on Gaza Features Opinion Sport Video More ▾ LIVE 🔍 Sign up

In Pictures
Gallery | Israel-Palestine conflict

Student protests against Israel's war on Gaza spread across Europe

Growing calls and demonstrations for universities to sever ties with Israel trigger clashes and arrests.



A demonstrator holds up the Palestinian flag as police block the entrance of Humboldt University following a pro-Palestinian sit-in in Berlin, Germany. [John Macdiugall/AFP]

...but the Kremlin is cynically using this dire situation to do what they do best – spreading false narratives and half-truths, thus dividing societies, who instead of focusing on foreign policy issues like the war in Ukraine, resort to infighting.



April 11, 2024 5:33 PM
By Tatiana Vorozhko

How Russia's disinformation campaign seeps into US views

Share



FILE - Russian President Vladimir Putin appears on a TV at the stock market in Frankfurt, Germany, Feb. 25, 2022, above the words, "Propaganda war online and on TV." Russia is accused of spreading disinformation aimed, in part, at influencing U.S. opinion to deny aid to Ukraine.

CNN Climate Solutions

Doppelgängers and deepfakes: How Russian trolls are meddling in the world's second-biggest democratic vote

By Ivana Kottasová, CNN
7 minute read · Published 12:01 AM EDT, Tue June 4, 2024

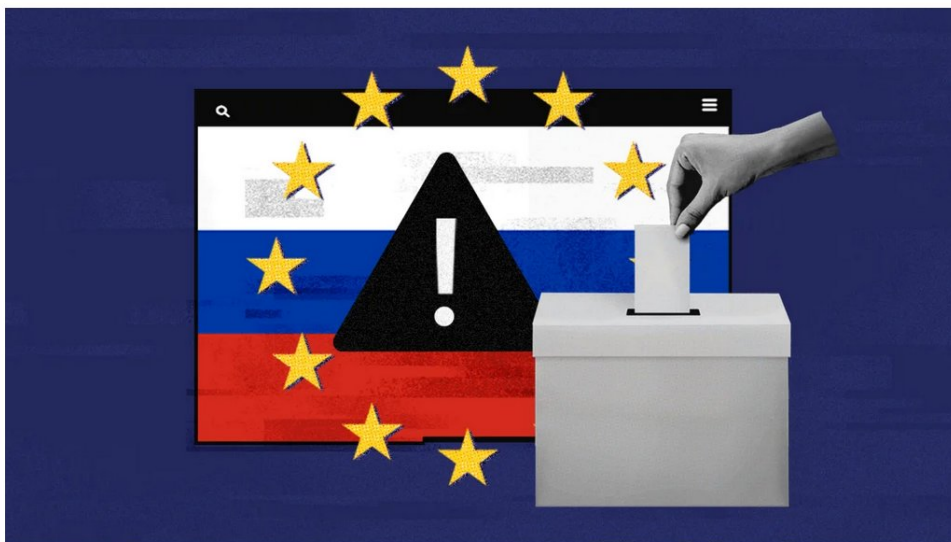


Photo illustration by CNN/Getty Images

It's also worth mentioning, that not everything comes from the Kremlin spin doctors. First of all, Iran and the CCP are also very active in spreading disinformation with their massive troll

and bot farms. Second, many of these narratives are created by conspiracy theorists, ...
18/19

Iran state news outlet spreads antisemitic propaganda on social media, report says


Press TV espouses conspiracy theories that Jews are coordinating to influence world affairs, disseminates Holocaust denial, attacks LGBTQ and women's rights, ADL says

By **LUKE TRESS** 
4 May 2023, 12:14 am




Illustrative: A cybersecurity expert talks about Iran hacking techniques, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, September 20, 2017. (AP Photo/Kamran Jebreili)

Iran is using a state-controlled media group to spread antisemitic messaging to English-speaking audiences online, according to a report released last week.

 **Alex Jones** ✓
@RealAlexJones Subscribe ...

The Zionist Death Grip On The United States Government



The Zionist Death Grip On The United States Government
From JFK to 9/11 the Zionist agenda comes first.

7:31 PM · Apr 30, 2024 · **2.4M** Views

...which are then amplified by the troll & bot farms. We should also remember that people have real concerns for example over inflation, identity politics, antisemitism, and immigration in both Europe and in the US, and that Russia uses them cynically to polarize societies.

19/19

Eurozone inflation [+ Add to myFT](#)

Eurozone inflation to fall faster than expected, EU says

Revised figure comes as impact of Red Sea trade disruption proves milder than expected



The European Commission on Wednesday said annual inflation in the single currency bloc was set to drop to 2.5% this year © Angel Garcia/Bloomberg

Paola Tamma in Brussels and Martin Arnold in Frankfurt MAY 15 2024

90

DECEMBER 19, 2018 POLITICS & IDEAS

Russia Used Identity Politics Against Us

by Abe Greenwald

HERE'S A NEWSFLASH FOR PROGRESSIVES WHO THINK THE Russians undermined the 2016 election via social media: Your obsession with identity politics did a lot of the work.

Judging from new (and old) reports about Russia's propaganda campaign, it seems that Moscow put the most effort into stoking discontent among identity-mad leftists in hopes that they would turn away from the political process and not vote. Progressives divided. Moscow conquered.

Kevin Roose writes in the *New York Times*, "Many of the Russian [Instagram] posts focused on developing audiences among specific American identity groups, which could then be used to target them with content and advertising later on." He goes on: "Several of the I.R.A.'s [Russia's Internet Research Agency] most popular Instagram accounts focused on African-American themes and interests."





U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE
Global Engagement Center

GEC SPECIAL REPORT

MORE THAN A CENTURY OF ANTISEMITISM:

HOW SUCCESSIVE OCCUPANTS OF THE
KREMLIN HAVE USED ANTISEMITISM TO SPREAD
DISINFORMATION AND PROPAGANDA

Biden announces asylum restrictions to 'control border'

6 days ago

By Bernd Debusmann Jr, BBC News, Washington

Share



The number of migrant arrivals at the US-Mexico border has been steadily falling this year

EPA

Find us also on other socials:

[instagram.com/vatniksoup/](https://www.instagram.com/vatniksoup/)



The Soup Central

The Soup Central gives you in-depth knowledge on disinformation, bad actors and information operations.

<https://www.youtube.com/@TheSoupCentral/videos>



...