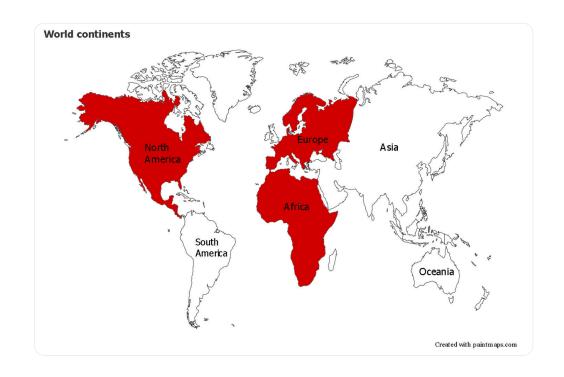
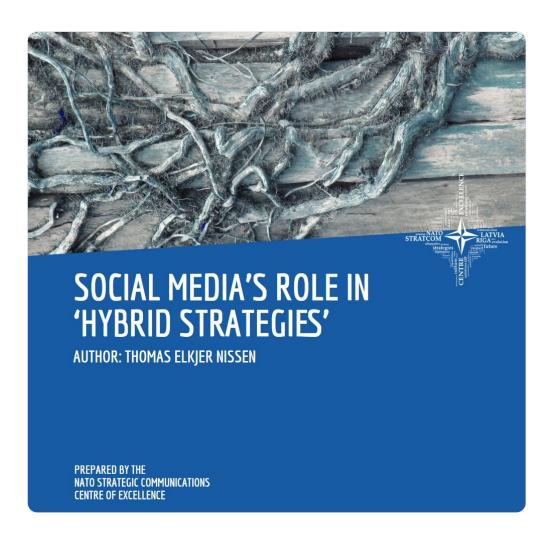
Nella #vatniksoup di oggi parleremo delle operazioni ibride nell'ambito delle operazioni d'informazione. Le operazioni ibride sono un mix di guerra politica e metodi di influenza come l'uso di fabbriche di troll/bot e la diffusione di fake news, propaganda e disinformazione. 1/22



In questo thread, mostreremo quattro casi di studio su come gli agenti russi conducono operazioni ibride in tre diversi continenti. Tutti hanno caratteristiche distinte, ma si basano sugli stessi meccanismi, come l'uso dei social media per diffondere il messaggio.

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Le operazioni ibride spesso combinano il mondo reale con scenari orchestrati e pianificati tramite attività online. A volte i sostenitori della Russia tentano di mobilitare le persone per eventi reali come proteste, gonfiandole sui social e siti di fake news.

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Gli eventi pro-Cremlino che sono stati gonfiati sui social raramente attirano una grande folla nel mondo reale. Secondo un gruppo di Facebook, una protesta del 2024 a Bucarest avrebbe dovuto raccogliere oltre 50.000 persone, ma alla fine si è presentato solo l'organizzatore.

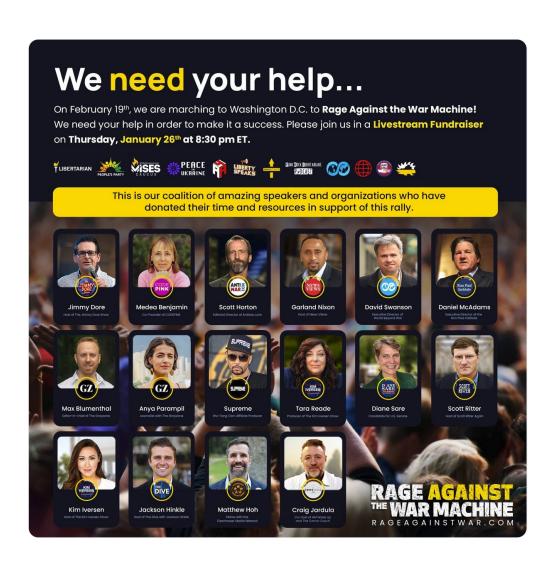
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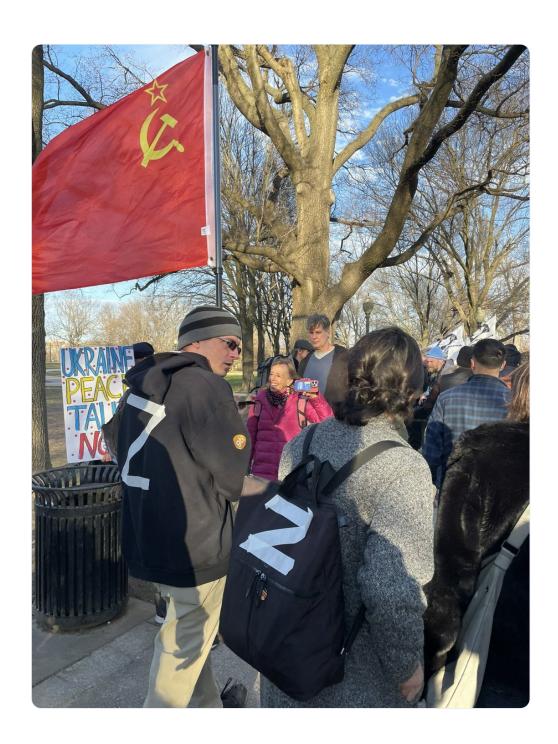


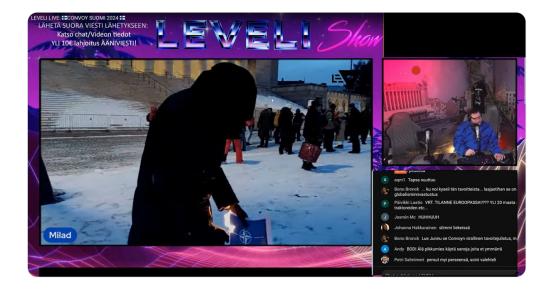
Il raduno dei vatnik del 2023 "Rage Against The War Machine" a Washington, con la loro massiccia campagna online e alcuni noti oratori e pedofili, è riuscito ad attirare poche centinaia di persone. In Finlandia, un raduno Convoy del 2024 (con 0 camion) è stato anch'esso un...

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...totale fallimento, nonostante la forte presenza online.

In paesi come la Germania, con forti quinte colonne e un relativamente forte sostegno per i partiti prorussi come AfD, ci sono state alcune proteste più grandi, presumibilmente amplificate dal Cremlino: 6/22





Forse uno degli esempi più noti di operazioni ibride proviene dagli Stati Uniti - nel 2016, un uomo di nome Matt Skiber è diventato attivo nella sfera politica USA. È stato molto attivo in politica e ha organizzato eventi come la manifestazione "March for Trump" a New York.

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How Russian Trolls Crept Into the Trump Campaign's Facebook Messages











A Trump campaign rally in Tampa, Fla., in 2016. The campaign's operation in the state received thousands of inquiries about getting involved. Damon Winter/The New York

By Kenneth P. Vogel

March 8, 2018

WASHINGTON — When the message from Matt Skiber arrived in the mailbox of the Facebook account for Donald J. Trump's Florida campaign in early August 2016, it raised no flags, despite its slightly awkward attempts at colloquial American English.

Ha preparato megafoni, disegnato manifesti, scritto comunicati stampa e ha parlato con altri sostenitori di Trump. In realtà, Matt Skiber non esisteva - era un "clandestino digitale" creato da un lavoratore di una troll farm che si spacciava per un sostenitore di Trump.

69. On or about August 2, 2016, Defendants and their co-conspirators used the false U.S. persona "Matt Skiber" Facebook account to send a private message to a real Facebook account, "Florida for Trump," set up to assist then-candidate Trump in the state of Florida. In the first message, Defendants and their co-conspirators wrote:

Hi there! I'm a member of Being Patriotic online community. Listen, we've got an idea. Florida is still a purple state and we need to paint it red. If we lose Florida, we lose America. We can't let it happen, right? What about organizing a YUGE pro-Trump flash mob in every Florida town? We are currently reaching out to local activists and we've got the folks who are okay to be in charge of organizing their events almost everywhere in FL. However, we still need your support. What do you think about that? Are you in?

I clandestini digitali sono estremamente efficaci e risorse molto economiche che possono essere impiegate e organizzate rapidamente. Sono anche facilmente potenziati dall'aiuto di troll/bot farm. Per questo motivo la Russia vi ha investito pesantemente per oltre un decennio. 9/22

A November 7, 2016 post from the IRA-controlled Twitter account @Pamela_Moore13 was retweeted by Donald J. Trump Jr. 103

On September 19, 2017, President Trump's personal account @realDonaldTrump responded to a tweet from the IRA-controlled account @10_gop (the backup account of @TEN_GOP, which had already been deactivated by Twitter). The tweet read: "We love you, Mr. President!" 104

IRA employees monitored the reaction of the Trump npaign and, later, Trump Administration officials to their ets. For example, on August 23, 2016, the IRA-trolled persona "Matt Skiber" Facebook account sent a sage to a U.S. Tea Party activist, writing that "Mr. mp posted about our event in Miami! This is great!" IRA employee included a screenshot of candidate mp's Facebook account, which included a post about the gust 20, 2016 political rallies organized by the IRA.



Screenshot of Trump Faceb Account (from Matt Skibe



Nella guerra digitale la Russia è stata avanti rispetto all'Occidente e i social non hanno trovato un modo efficace per contrastarli. In passato, sono stati utilizzati in grandi eventi polarizzanti come Black Lives Matter, proteste sul cambiamento climatico e lockdown per... 10/22

VIRTUAL HATRED: HOW RUSSIA TRIED TO START A RACE WAR IN THE UNITED STATES

William J. Aceves*

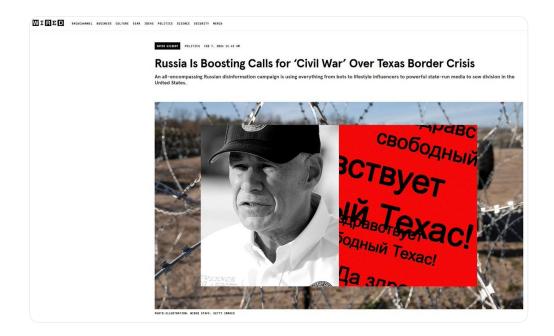
During the 2016 U.S. presidential election, the Russian government engaged in a sophisticated strategy to influence the U.S. political system and manipulate American democracy. While most news reports have focused on the cyber-attacks aimed at Democratic Party leaders and possible contacts between Russian officials and the Trump presidential campaign, a more pernicious intervention took place. Throughout the campaign, Russian operatives created hundreds of fake personas on social media platforms and then posted thousands of advertisements and messages that sought to promote racial divisions in the United States. This was a coordinated propaganda effort. Some Facebook and Twitter posts denounced the Black Lives Matter movement and others condemned White nationalist groups. Some called for violence. To be clear, these were posts by fake personas created by Russian operatives. But their effects were real. The purpose of this strategy was to manipulate public opinion on racial issues and disrupt the political process. This Article examines Russia's actions and considers whether they violate the international prohibitions against racial discrimination and hate speech.





...il COVID per provocare disordini civili e divisioni nelle società.

Oggi questa "quinta colonna digitale" promuove e potenzia varie teorie del complotto e fenomeni sociali fortemente polarizzanti, come la disputa sul confine degli Stati Uniti e la "secessione" del Texas,... 11/22



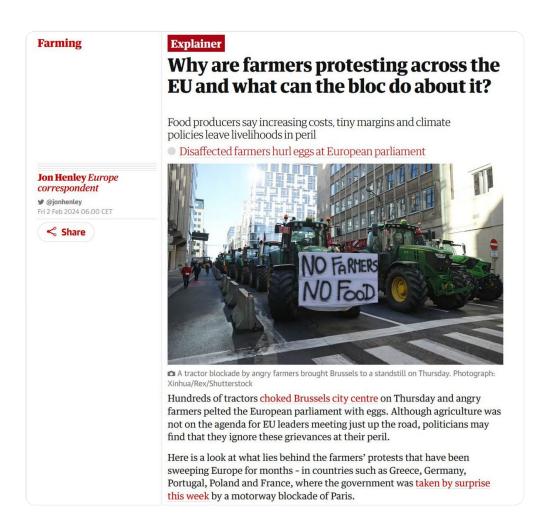


...e le proteste degli agricoltori e le manifestazioni anti-Israele in Europa.

Nel secondo esempio, ci spostiamo in Europa e ci concentriamo sulle proteste degli agricoltori che vanno avanti da alcuni anni. La ragione di queste proteste è genuina. 12/22







Gli agricoltori sono veramente preoccupati per il loro reddito e le ragioni di ciò sono molteplici. Ma si può dire che la Russia ha usato tutte le sue risorse per provocare la protesta. Ad esempio, @molfar_agency ha svelato che il leader della protesta polacca è membro di...

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It's not about you, Eva. Please. It's about THEM.



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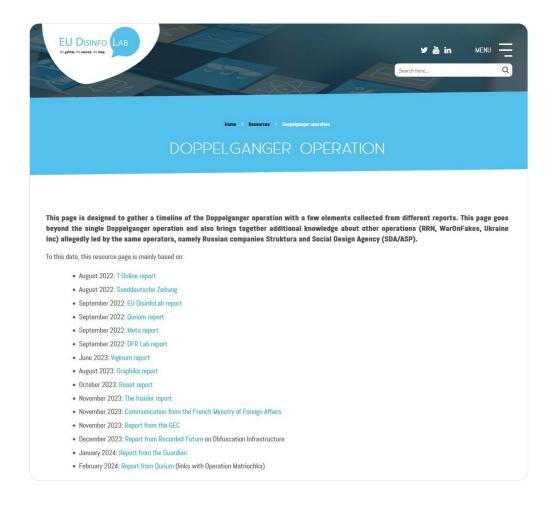


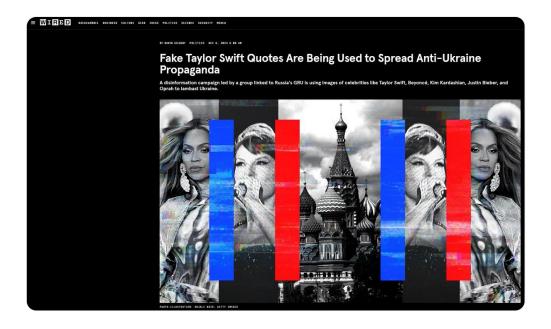




...un partito pro-russo, e TVN24 ha rivelato che uno dei manifestanti era collegato all'ambasciata russa.

Nel 2022, la Russia ha lanciato un'enorme campagna di disinformazione chiamata Doppelgänger. Il gruppo produce video e foto di eventi inscenati e poi cerca di farli...
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...diventare virali sui social con l'uso di troll farm e blog di fake news.

Il gruppo si basa su siti web falsi che imitano l'aspetto dei grandi media, tra cui Der Spiegel, Fox News e The Washington Post. A maggio 2023, @kevinshakir e altri hanno rivelato che il gruppo...
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Gli agenti di Doppelgänger sono stati anche coinvolti nel dipingere stelle di David su edifici a Parigi... 16/22

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Fake protesters appear in several places: Russian intelligence is linked to ten actions in Europe

Two men in Saint Petersburg spread notices about fake demonstrations in European cities to hundreds of thousands on social media, mapping shows.



The ten fake actions were held in Paris, Brussels, The Hague and Madrid and then spread on social media by two North African men. (Photo: © Graphics by Frederik Storm)

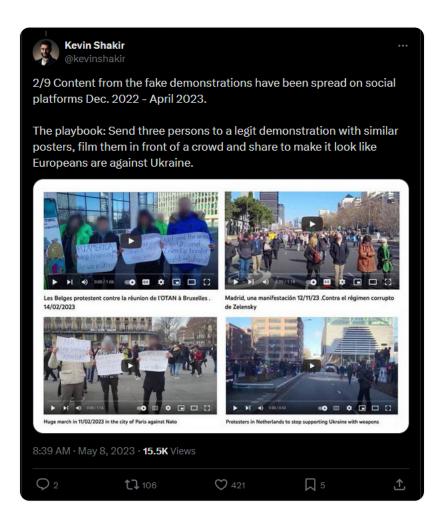
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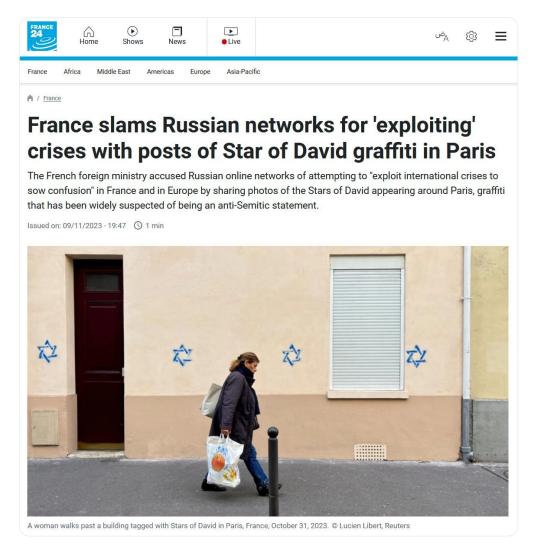
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...dopo l'attacco terroristico di Hamas del 7 ottobre 2023.

Questi graffiti sono stati poi condivisi sui social e sui media di fake news per alimentare ulteriormente il clima di antisemitismo.

La Russia ha versato enormi quantità di denaro in un progetto chiamato Maidan-3. 17/22



Questo progetto da 1,5 mld \$ mira a diffondere sentimenti anti-ucraini online ed è culminato tra marzo e aprile 2024. Uno degli obiettivi principali del progetto è di bloccare gli aiuti militari all'Ucraina.

In Africa la Russia ha utilizzato la Wagner e gli Africa Corps... 18/22



Quote: "The special operation Maidan-3 will culminate in March-May 2024, and in the coming weeks, the enemy will cease all efforts to spread narratives harmful to global security and incite conflicts – both within Ukraine and in other parts of the world where Ukraine is effectively supported.

The campaign methodology is traditional for the Russian special services: to question the legitimacy of government decisions made in Ukraine after 20 May, to instil fear and despair, to artificially clash civilians against the military, to foment quarrels with our allies, and to spread all kinds of conspiracy theories in society.

This is happening in the context of the Russian Federation's public statements about the development of new types of superweapons, which the Russians claim will ensure Russia's technical superiority over the West for the next decade. This is done with the intention to convey that resisting Russia's goals in Ukraine is dangerous for the world, and Russia will pressure other countries to engage in direct dialogue on Ukraine without our participation.

Furthermore, the Russians will use their own agents of influence in Ukraine and around the world to organise various protests, deliberately undermining the process of exchanging prisoners of war.

...per le loro operazioni ibride. Ne hanno condotte almeno nella Repubblica Centrafricana, Mali e Sudan. Nella RCA, hanno persino vandalizzato una birreria francese per avviare la propria: Tutte queste operazioni sono ancora in corso in qualche forma: 19/22



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Russia's Lies in the Central African Republic

Russia's disinformation and propaganda ecosystem falsely portrays the Wagner Group as playing a positive role in nations such as CAR. Although the Wagner Group has been deployed in CAR since 2018, Russian officials still refer to the group's forces as "Russian instructors" when discussing the group's activities, a narrative that continued after Prigozhin's death in August 2023. Russian officials quoted in Russian state-funded media claim that Russian instructors have "saved" CAR and are "strengthening peace and stability" to bring a "lasting peace." The U.S.-sanctioned Officer's Union of International Security (OUIS or "COSI") serves as a front company for Wagner Group operations in CAR. Its U.S.-sanctioned director, Aleksandr Ivanov, justifies Wagner's presence in CAR, saying "The fighters of the Wagner Group remain in CAR, so the inhabitants of the Republic can sleep peacefully! ...the Republic has become a safe place for the life and development of the local population."

PARIS/DAKAR, June 21 (Reuters) - After armed men killed 📑 nine Chinese nationals at a gold mine in Central African Republic in March, a video circulated on the internet saying France had secretly ordered the attack and planned to discredit Russian mercenary group Wagner in the country.

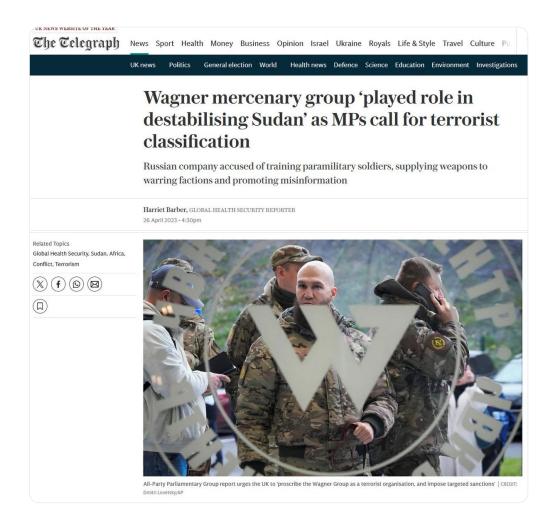
In the video, a Central African Republic rebel fighter says "the French want to drive Wagner out of Africa".

The clip rang alarm bells in Paris at a media monitoring unit within the foreign ministry created last year as part of a broad diplomatic strategy to revive ties in France's former African colonies after years of waning influence.

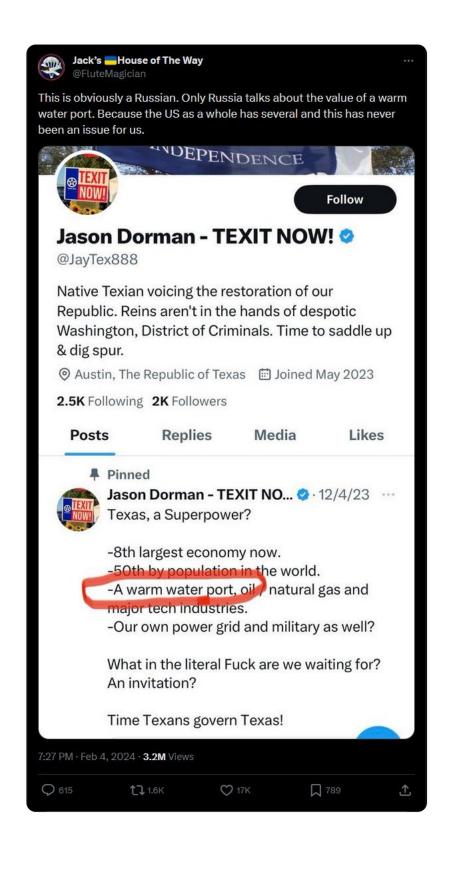
By December 2021, **proof** of Wagner's presence in Mali emerged, even as the Malian government **denied** their presence.

A pro-junta and **pro-Russia** group called **Collectif pour la défense des militaires** (CDM) successfully **lobbied** the junta in April 2022 to **ban** the French government-funded public broadcasters RFI and France 24 from Mali's airwaves. Meanwhile, social networks such as Russosphère **were gaining traction** with posts accusing Ukrainians of "Nazism" and France of modern-day "colonialism."

In August 2022, France completed its **withdrawal of forces** from the country. And in June, the UN Security Council voted to end its peacekeeping mission, MINUSMA, in Mali. Earlier that month, Mali asked the UN peacekeeping force to leave "without delay," citing a "crisis of confidence" between Malian authorities and the UN mission. Later reports would suggest that Wagner helped engineer the UN's departure.



Negli USA milioni di "papà del BBQ cristiano" stanno chiedendo la secessione del Texas e la protezione dei suoi porti d'acqua calda, in Europa Doppelgänger sta cercando di creare indignazione inventando scenari...





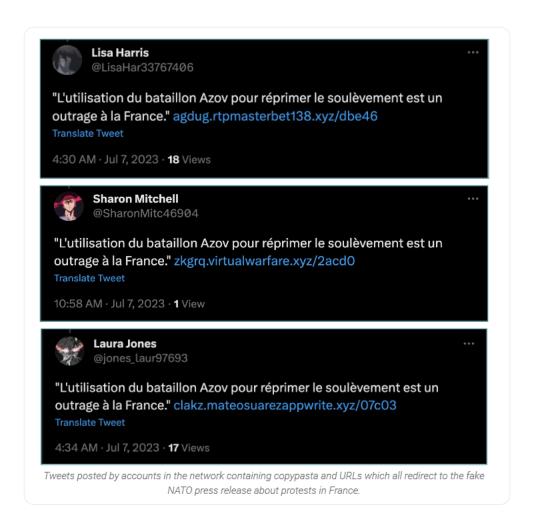












...con la speranza che diventino virali, e Wagner/Africa Corps stanno cercando di rovesciare governi e sostituirli con dittatori pro-Cremlino, e allo stesso tempo tentano di controllare lo spazio informativo in Africa insieme a enormi reti di fake news come Russosphère e...

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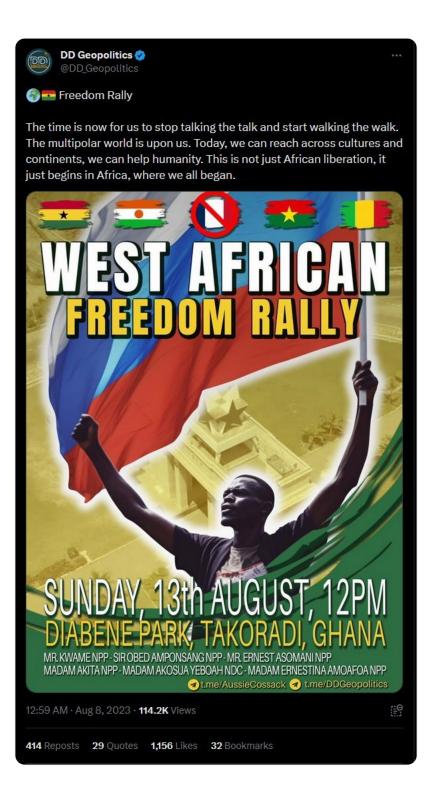
The networks promotes Russia's Wagner mercenaries

By Grigor Atanesian

Global Disinformation Team

A large social network that promotes anti-Western and pro-Kremlin ideas is helping Russia expand its influence at the expense of France in some of its former colonies in Africa.

Called Russosphère (Russian Sphere), typical posts accuse France of modernday "colonialism", eulogise Vladimir Putin, and call the Ukrainian army "Nazis" and "Satanists", echoing the official Russian line.





...reti mediatiche come Sputnik.

Nel complesso, l'Occidente non è stato in grado di rispondere e contrastare queste massicce campagne. Una volta scoperte e smascherate da canali come @EUvsDisinfo, @StopFakingNews o BBC Verify, diverse nuove sono già apparse sui social.

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