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DISINFORMATION DURING WARTIME: THE CASE OF UKRAINE

Class content

- Type of disinformation and examples
- Challenges for fact-checkers
- OSINT sources
- How to establish collaborative networks in times of crisis (#UkraineFacts)
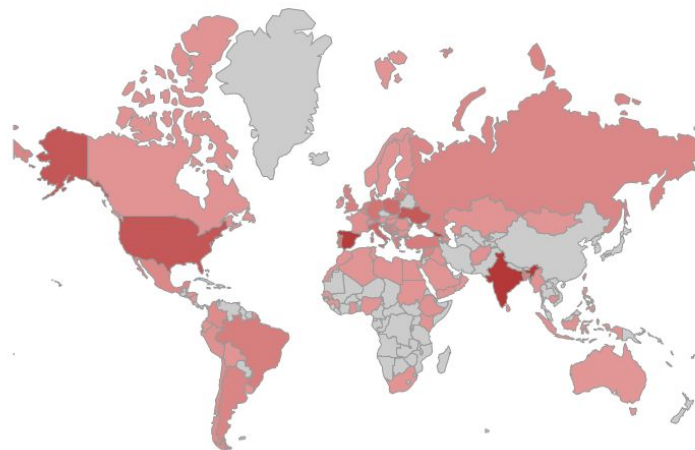
More than 1.800 fact-checks since 24th February

#UkraineFacts
By the International Fact-checking Network
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DEBUNKED DISINFORMATION : 1804 FACT-CHECKS

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Photo shows Russian priests blessing the nuclear missile during the war: it is fake.
23/5/2022

Video allegedly shows the staging of a shooting in Ukraine: it is false, and it is from a war protest in Iceland on 9 May.
20/5/2022

Photo shows Zelensky's Russian passport: it is fake.
20/5/2022

Min: 1 Max: 349

This map shows where disinformation about Ukraine's invasion has circulated and has been debunked by IFCN Signatories.

Countries in shades of red represent the amount of disinformation that has been identified and debunked by national fact-checkers in each country.

When you click on a piece of disinformation, countries in which that hoax has circulated highligh in blue and you can access each country's debunking in its language below

When you click on a country you can see which disinformation has been identified and fact-checked in that country and access the national fact-checker's articles in their language.

Feel free to embed this map in your webpage through this link

Challenges for fact-checkers

- Lack of information and reliable sources
- Many official sources are part of the conflict
- Huge proliferation of images and videos on social media in real time (advantage and disadvantage)
- Situations of crisis and polarization feed disinformation
- Emotional contents not based in facts
- Disinformation campaigns

Type of disinformation

- Out of context images
- Out of context videos
- Altered images
- Altered videos
- Fake subtitles
- Fake tweets
- Scams and phishing
- Deepfake

Out of context images

Se reportan cientos de victimas en toda #Ucrania por el bombardeo de #Rusia. 😩😩😩

👍😢😮 1,9 mil   105 comentarios 284 veces compartido

Right context (Gaza)

Los Angeles Times

Fighting between Israel and Hamas escalates on the Gaza border

A fireball explodes during Israeli airstrikes in Gaza City on Aug. 8, 2018. (Mahmud Hams / AFP/Getty Images)

BY NOGA TARNOPOLSKY
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Out of context images

"Hay ocasiones en que me avergüenza ser miembro de la raza humana.
Y hoy es una de ellas".

"Senderos de gloria" Stanley kubrick

Libélulas en mi jardín.

Dos niños ucranianos despidiendo a sus soldados que se dirigen a la guerra contra Rusia.

209

33 comentarios 169 veces compartido

Right context (2016)

Ministerio de Defensa de Ucrania
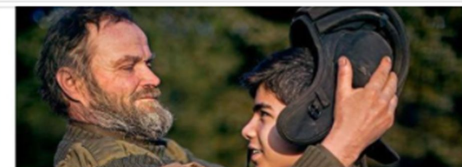2 2 de _ m a r z o d e 2016·🌐

Para nosotros, queridos padres, queridos hijos, parientes, amigos; pero todas las nociones de amor por algo se combinan en una sola palabra "patria" (Cicerón)
Gracias por las increíbles fotos del álbum "Children of War" del autor.
Dmitry Muravsky https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100001976712198

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Out of context videos

This video does not correspond to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. It was recorded in Palestine in 2012.
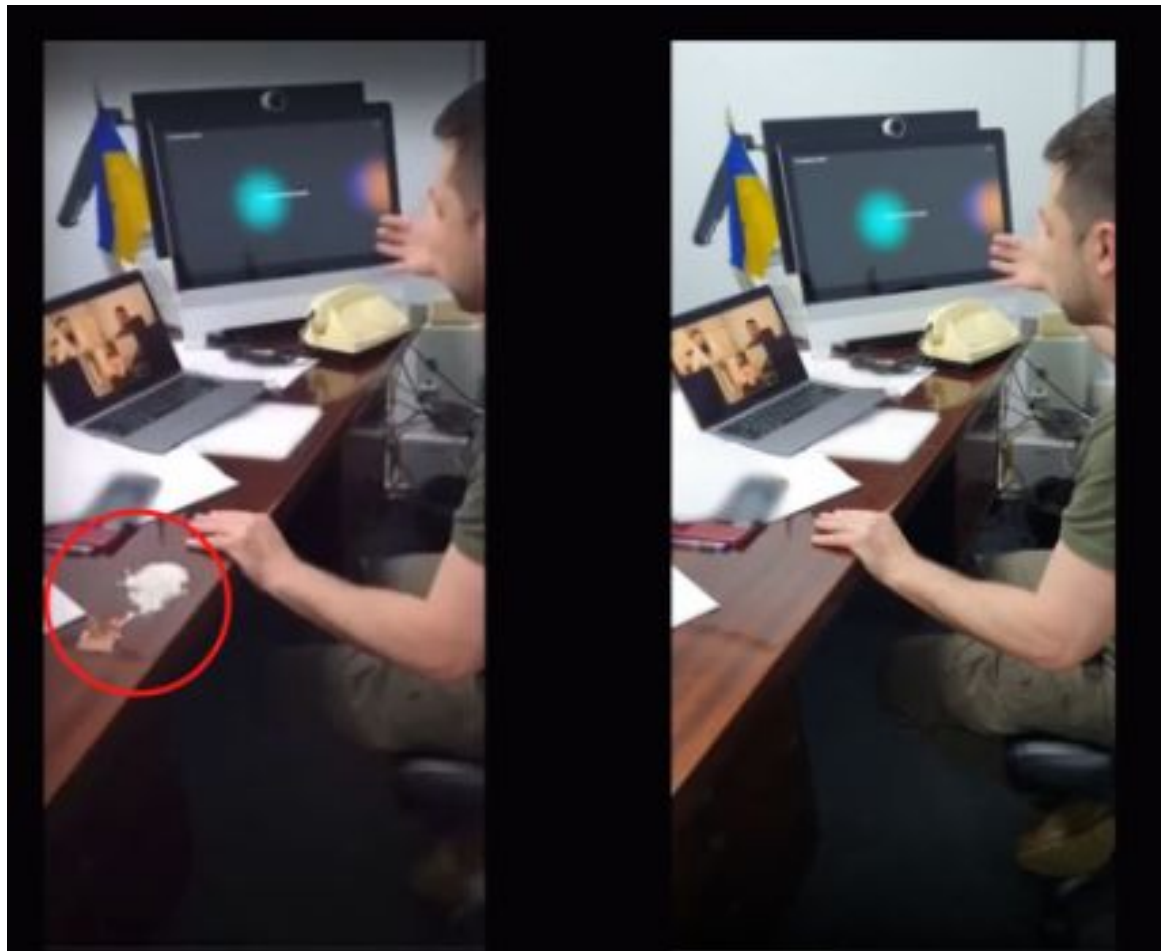

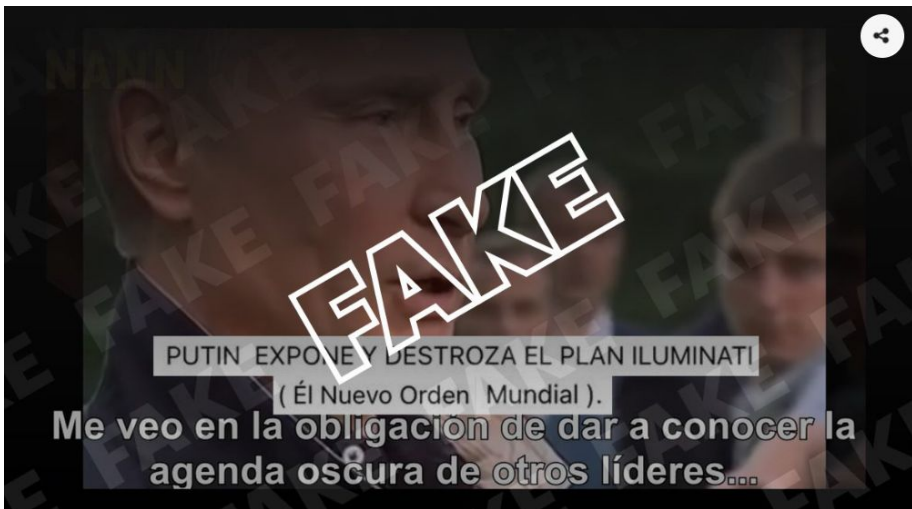NIÑA UCRANIANA INCREPA A SOLDADO RUSO, LE PIDE QUE SE LANGUEN DE SU PAIS.

Altered images

Real photo
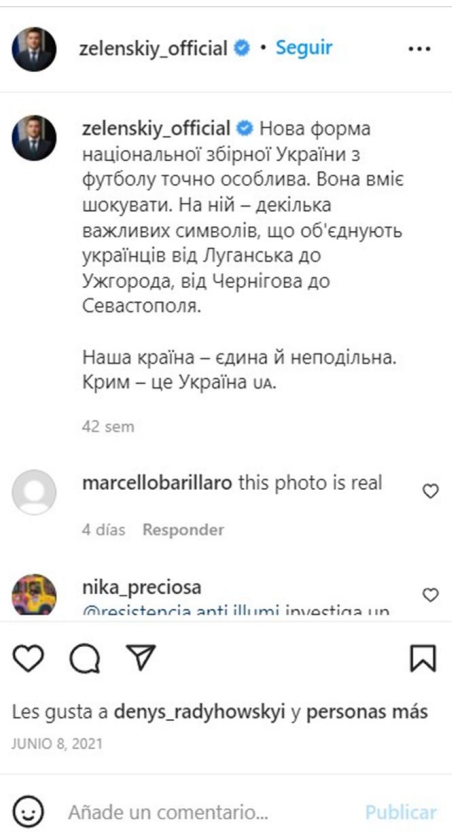
Altered videos

Videos with false subtitles

PUTIN EXPONE Y DESTROZA EL PLAN ILUMINATI
(Él Nuevo Orden Mundial).
Me veo en la obligación de dar a conocer la
agenda oscura de otros líderes...
FAKE

Correcto, hace unos minutos
Putin decidió invadir a ucrania
Biden
FAKE

Scams and phishing

Fake Amazon promotion offering "one last batch" of 900 TVs at two euros because "shipments to Russia have stopped".
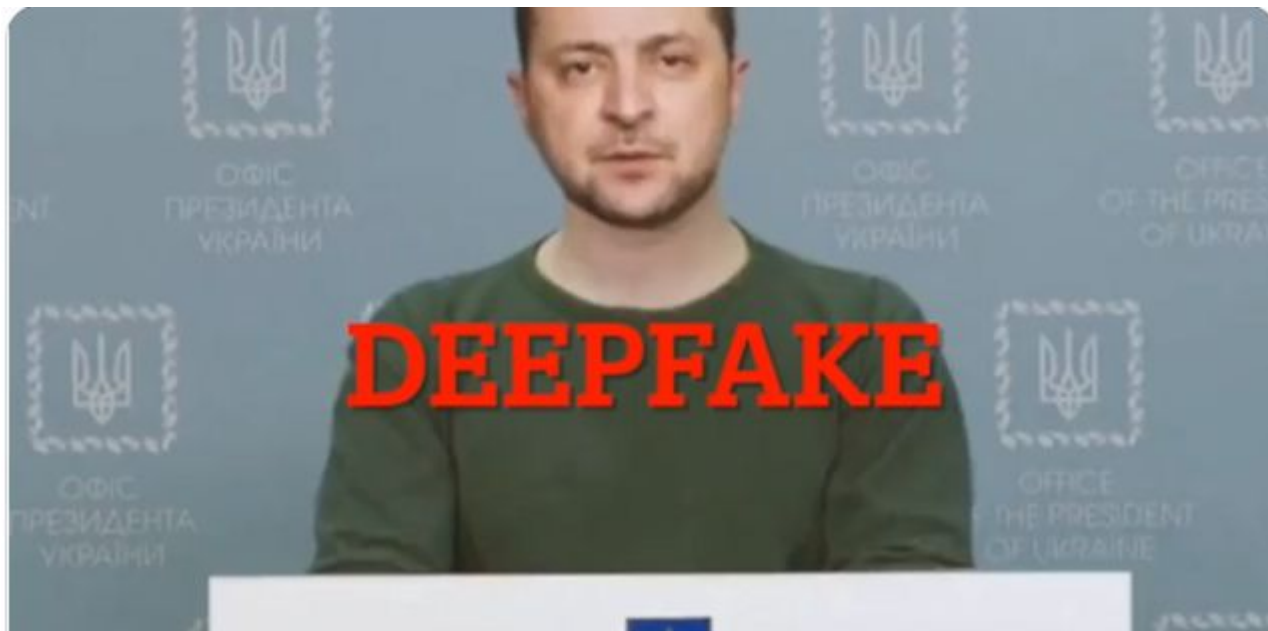
Fake tweets

Fake tweet content: *"The Spanish government will soon call up young Spaniards aged 18 to 25 to train them in case of war. Statements by President Pedro Sánchez and the Minister of Defence".*

Deepfake

Common narratives of misinformation and disinformation around the war in Ukrania

- Pictures and videos taken out of context about bombings or explosions
- Disinformation portraying Zelenski as a cocaine addict and Nazi
- Other hoaxes have cast doubt on the existence of casualties after some of the attacks, claiming they were actors.
- Alleged war heroes of Ukraine who never existed, such as "the ghost of Kiev" or the supposed pilot Natasha Perakov
- Disinformation and misinformation about Ukrainian refugees (they are portrayed as violent or dangerous)

Disinformation and misinformation about Ukrainian refugees
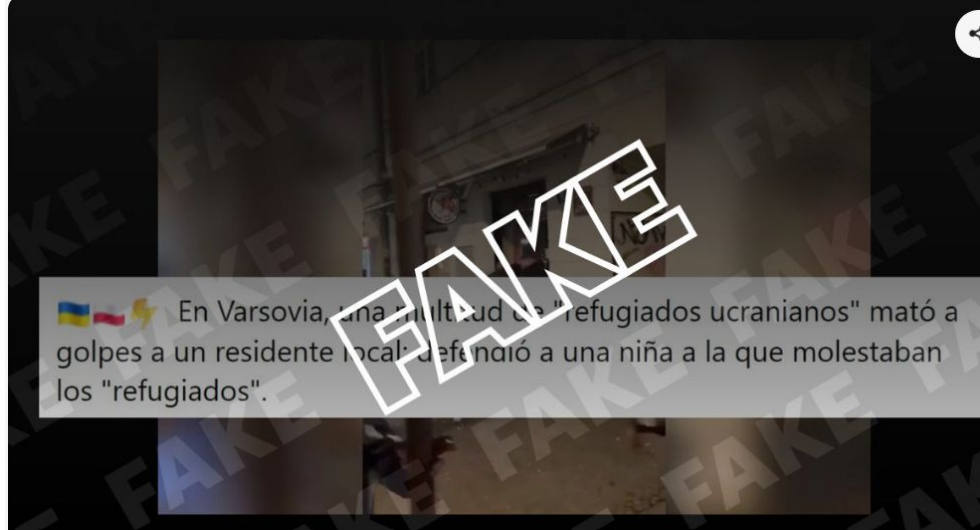
It is not true that the perpetrators of a deadly assault filmed in Warsaw, Poland, are Ukrainian refugees.

The daily 'Bild' has not reported that Ukrainian refugees set a fire in Germany by burning a Russian flag.