

Latvia Weekly:

Vaccine Anxiety, Education Fears, and Pension Discontent



Latvia | Week 4 | Month 1
September 25th - October 1st, 2023

New observations this week: 11
Main channel: TikTok

Main keywords:

Conspiracy, chemtrails, Covid, vaccines, LGBTQ, corruption, polarisation, language, pensions, Russia

Main narratives:

- Implications that mandatory vaccination will lead to the firing of those who opt out and the intrusion of "transvestites" into schools to teach about gender change.
- Assertions that resistance from the public influenced the Latvian parliament's decision against mandatory vaccines.
- Claims of government corruption, financial mismanagement, and neglect of Russian elderly regarding pensions.

Overview:

The majority of content continues to focus on COVID-19, specifically the anxiety surrounding mandatory vaccines. Content in Latvian language reaches a smaller audience compared to Russian, but garners more comments. Interestingly, the same content is received differently by Latvian and Russian-speaking audiences; Latvian responses are more critical, while Russian responses are predominantly supportive.