

Latvia Weekly:

Historical Narratives, Migration Concerns, and Economic Alliances



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October 9th - 15th, 2023

New observations this week: 7
Main channel: Twitter

Main keywords:

Fascism, government, migrants, eastern border, Belarus, China, EU, Istanbul convention, foreigners

Main narratives:

- Russia is portrayed as historically anti-fascist, credited with liberating Latvia from Nazis.
- Illegal migrants from the eastern border are claimed to be spreading all over Latvia.
- Latvia is encouraged to cooperate with China as the EU maintains economic ties with China's economy.
- The majority of Latvia is depicted as opposed to the Istanbul convention, emphasizing conservative values and questioning the representation by a foreign affairs minister who did not grow up in Latvia.
- Information about Ainairs Slesers receiving money from Russia is dismissed as a deepfake strategically released before the election.

Overview:

This week continued to explore previously addressed topics such as the Istanbul Convention, corruption, and illegal migration on Latvia's eastern border, but without the predominance of COVID-19 content seen in previous months. The narratives remain deeply negative and critical towards the Latvian government, focusing particularly on allegations of corruption.