

Estonia Weekly:

Distrust in the government

Estonia | Week 10 | Month 3
November 6th - November 12th, 2023

New observations this week: 5
Main channel: Facebook, Web

Main keywords:

Defense, expenditure, production, politics, Russia, NATO, EU, Ideology, Politics, Economics, Dictatorship

Main narratives:

- Estonian government intentionally is destroying production in Estonia.
- The national policy of Estonia is discriminating Russian language.
- There is no independent Estonian government, that would care about interests of Estonian people.

Overview:

This week posts over the social media and web-based news outlets were mainly focusing on the issue of Russian language status, economic issues, places of memory for the Soviet soldiers, as well as the "standard" Kremlin propaganda messages regarding the Estonian membership in NATO and European Union. Two "arguments" would highlight the week – that Estonian expenditures towards the national defense will destroy the production and manufacturing industry in Estonia, and that Estonian government would reinstate its independence and serve its citizens best, if Estonia would withdraw from EU and NATO and resume full scale economic ties with Russia. The main narratives of this week are as follows: that Estonian government intentionally is destroying production and industry in Estonia; the national policy of Estonia is discriminating Russian language; that Estonian government makes fun of the memory of Soviet soldiers who died in World War II by destroying their memorials; that war in Ukraine is a pretext to discriminate Russian language in Estonian schools for Russian speaking children; That while Estonia is a member of NATO and EU and until economic ties with Russia are restored, there is no independent Estonian government, that would care about interests of Estonian people.