

Estonia Weekly:

Government destroying free media and the economy

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

Main keywords:

Russian language, schools, education, discrimination, human rights, LGBT, language policy, family, military spending, taxes

Main narratives:

- Government does not care about family, their priorities are LGBT rights, language policy, military spending.
- State media is not reliable.
- That current Estonian taxation policies can lead to the same economic effects of 2008 world economic crisis.

Overview:

This week Estonian media outlets and social media commentators were concerned about the economic issues and the strike of Estonian teachers, which was also utilized by the disinformation activists as a chance to address the national policy of transition to only Estonian teaching language in all state funded schools. Very interesting post on Facebook raised the issue of how the Russian speaking population relates to the Russian disinformation campaigns, and found no correlation in this regard. On a pure financial and economic note, the taxation policy of the current government is discussed this week, so arguing that "Kai Kallas' government raises taxes and cuts costs during a recession, the same was done in 2008. during the crisis of the year also the Andrus Ansip government, which led Estonia to a deep economic downturn. Whis comes to the this week narratives, is that it is incorrect to relate Russian speaking population with any kind of Kremlin Propaganda and influence operations; That this is failure of Estonian government successfully to implement the transition to education in Estonian language for the Russian schools; That government does not care about family, their priorities are LGBT rights, language policy, military spending, that State loyal media is not reliable and That current Estonian taxation policies can lead to the same economic effects of 2008 world economic crisis.