

Latvia Weekly:

Istanbul convention and traditional family



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November 6th - November 12th, 2023

New observations this week: 4
Main channels: Facebook, Tiktok

Main keywords:

**Istanbul Convention, same-sex partnerships,
social gender, traditional family**

Main narratives:

- Istanbul Convention is against Latvian values of traditional family.
- Latvia should not conform to European wishes as Latvia does not owe anything to Europe.
- The Istanbul Convention will result in personal financial benefit to the coalition.

Overview:

At the centre of discussion during the examined week was the Istanbul Convention. Although the Istanbul Convention had been a widely addressed topic prior to the examined week, the voting on the submission of the Istanbul Convention to the judicial commission of the Latvian parliament made the topic of primary importance as the ratification of the Convention in the near future became seemingly likely. What is more, the disinformation narratives relating to the Istanbul Convention (being against the traditional family, introducing social gender, and reinforcing paedophilia) are commonly shared between the most vocal and popular members of opposition parties. The content examined targeted both Latvian and Russian-speaking audiences. The primary difference between the two is the lack of any engagement by the Russian speaking audience that would be critical of the narratives expressed.