

Latvia Weekly:

Scandinavian banks, private planes and flu epidemic



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December 4th - December 10th, 2023

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

Main keywords:

Corruption, banks, Kremlin agents, poverty

Main narratives:

- Latvian banks are cronies of scandinavian banks and facilitate "occupation".
- Critique of Krišjānis Kariņš for use of private airfare.
- Current flu epidemic is the consequence of Covid-19 vaccinations.

Overview:

From the findings of the examined week the content mainly surrounds domestic controversies especially concerning corruption. The main topic remains the private airplane flights taken by the ex prime minister Krišjānis Kariņš. Other topics include Scandinavian banks and Covid-19 however they are not widespread amongst all of the channels examined. Contrary to the prior weeks the Istanbul Convention and the legislation on same-sex partnership are either not addressed all or addressed indirectly. In regard to engagement, the trend of comment sections being more critical hence the channels reaching an audience that is not as susceptible to the disinformation narratives and questions the statements made continues. Overall, from the examined platforms most engagement is still reached in video format published on Tiktok and Facebook.