

Estonia Weekly:

Ukraine and Soviet-era policies

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February 12th - February 18th, 2024

New observations this week: 6
Main channel: Facebook

Main keywords:

Estonian, European Commission, Russian, Soviet Union, United States, Demonization, Nationalism, Sanctions

Main narratives:

- Disregard by international bodies for the rights and treatment of Russian-speaking communities in Estonia.
- Widespread discrimination and hostility towards Russian-speaking individuals in the Baltic region.
- The portrayal of Ukraine as a provocateur in its conflict with Russia under Western influence.
- Historical parallels drawn between current economic policies and those of the Soviet era, critiqued for misleading the public.

Overview:

This week, there were many posts which were connected to the Estonian Independence Day, many of which involved people claiming that they hoped that the repression and demonisation of the Russian civilians would end. There was also a claim that an Estonian attacked a person for being a Russian speaker. The Russian embassy to Estonia had many posts concerning the Euromaidan protests in Kyiv 10 years ago. It stated that this is when Ukraine fell into Nazism, and the involvement of the West is what caused the war along with Ukraine's bombing of Donbas for several years. Social and political issues, such as price increases and the budget, were also mentioned in posts, and one poster claimed that the price increases in Estonia today are similar to those seen during the Soviet Union.