

Estonia Weekly:

Economy and high taxes

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March 11th - March 17th, 2024

New observations this week: 6
Main channel: Facebook

Main keywords:

USSR, Ukraine, ambassador, economic crisis, history, propaganda, taxes, war

Main narratives:

- Government actions during economic challenges, marked by increased political salaries and additional taxation, exacerbate financial strains;
- The utilisation of state resources for political gain, including funding political advertisements through the public budget;
- Controversial historical narratives and diplomatic incidents reflect broader national representation and conduct issues;
- The potential involvement in foreign conflicts is underscored by uncertainty around military commitments abroad.

Overview:

This week, many posts focused on the economy, raising taxes and the budget. Several posts claimed the misuse of state funds by politicians for political advertising. Posts contended that the higher taxes are what is causing the economic downfall. Some posts centred around the Ukraine war, as well, with claims that Kaya Kallas cannot guarantee that Estonian soldiers will not be sent to Ukraine. There was also a story about an Estonian ambassador who was removed from a delegation flight to Japan because he was supposedly drunk, but no one will explain what happened.