

# Lithuania Weekly:

## Upcoming presidential elections and two years on since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine

Lithuania | Week 25 | Month 6  
February 19th - February 25th, 2024

New observations this week: 12  
Main channel: Kremlin-aligned media outlets

### Main keywords:

government, President, elections, rankings, candidates, signatures, Nausėda, Šimonytė, Vėgėlė, Ukraine, untrustworthy, war

### Main narratives:

- Anti-government narratives;
- Questioning the transparency of the politicians;
- Raising fears of the upcoming war;
- Sowing mistrust in the government of Ukraine.

### Overview:

During this reporting week, Kremlin-aligned media were mainly concentrated on the upcoming Presidential elections and continued to spread anti-government sentiments. Even though this narrative is well-established, the current intensity of this narrative is remarkable: this may be directly associated with the Lithuanian elections due to take place later this year. Because of bypassing the years mark of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine during this reporting period, Kremlin-aligned outlets also discussed Russia's war in Ukraine, claiming that "Lithuania will enter the war in Ukraine together with the Poles by sending their troops". Articles criticised the government, stating that "Lithuania does not need the war with the Russians that this traitorous government is preparing " and broadly portraying Ukraine's victory as elusive and its government as "untrustworthy".