

Latvia Weekly:

Latvia | Week 24 | Month 6
February 12 - February 18, 2024

New observations this week: 6
Main channels: Tiktok, Facebook



Main keywords:

LGBTQ, children, Russia, Navalny, Corruption, European Parliament, elections, school reform, USSR, communism, Covid-19

Main narratives:

- Western influences undermine traditional values through education.
- Misplaced priorities in commemorating foreign figures over national heritage.
- Corruption and inefficiency within public institutions affecting community services.
- The detrimental impact of capitalist practices on society and the global environment.

Overview:

During the examined week, the content primarily surrounded domestic issues relating to school reforms, an investigative report on one of the opposition parties, and high living expenses. A common theme throughout the content examined is that all of the issues are directly linked to corruption and leading political parties potentially to create lower trust in government. Additionally, the content discussed often mentions how specific policies negatively affect children. Most notably, the disinformation actors from the opposition party "Latvia in the first place" were recently exposed for their intentional content creation, including disinformation narratives. From this week's findings, the disinformation actors that belong to the opposition party and their primary channels on social media are receiving significantly less engagement (the posts now reach less than fifty likes compared to the usual few hundred). Additionally, the content published now is milder in the disinformation narratives and trying to portray them more covertly or does not include them at all.