

# Latvia Weekly:

Latvia | Week 25 | Month 6  
February 19 - February 25, 2024



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

## Main keywords:

Debt, Trains, corruption, Ukraine, Russia, NATO

## Main narratives:

- Latvia's escalating debt under Prime Minister Krisjanis Karins' leadership.
- Government neglect of public transportation issues, indicating a disregard for citizen welfare.
- Overemphasis on foreign affairs at the expense of domestic concerns.
- Economic losses due to abstaining from trade with Russia, contrary to international trends.
- Doubts about NATO Article 5's effectiveness in protecting Latvia from potential occupation.

## Overview:

In the examined week, the content primarily surrounded domestic issues relating to alleged corruption, the potential invasion by Russia, and the inability of NATO to protect the Baltic states. Such narratives have been employed by highly nationalistic content creators claiming to be supporters of Ukraine and those more aligned with the Kremlin narratives. The premise of the claim is that NATO is either ineffective not have the capability to protect the Baltic states or will not be willing to protect the Baltic states in the case of an invasion.