



[Estonia]Weekly:

Taxes and Spending Cuts

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New observations this week: 6 Main channel: Facebook

Main keywords:

Taxes, Poverty, Pensions, School, War, Government, Kaja Kallas, Georgia, Protests

Main narratives:

- · Allegations that tax policies favour the rich, penalising the poor;
- Concerns over the switch to Estonian in schools claimed to suppress student individuality and serve governmental agendas;
- Claims of EU unpreparedness for conflict with Russia due to economic fragility and inadequate policy responses;
- Accusations of governmental pretence in cutting public expenditures amidst a growing deficit;
- Speculation about Kaya Kallas's involvement in secretive elite meetings, questioning the transparency of her decision-making.

Overview:

In the reporting week, social media posts focused on a variety of different things, such as the tax ideas of the government, which are robbing the poor and helping the rich, the change to the Estonian language in schools, erasing the individuality of people, and the economic deficit and how the government is only pretending to cut spending. There were also posts and articles which targeted Kaya Kallas' response to the protests in Georgia and Estonian official's involvement in them, as well as secret meetings that Kaya Kallas has begun to attend with the Bilderberg Club, and an article stating that the European Union is not ready for a war with Russia because they only are focused on the monetary issues and do not want to change things systemically.