

Latvia Weekly:

Corruption and Ineffective Government

Latvia | Week 39 | Month 9
May 27th - June 2nd, 2024

New observations this week: 8
Main channels: TikTok, Facebook

Main keywords:

Latgale, Discrimination, Russian language, RailBaltic, Teachers, European, Parliament, Progressive, War, Pandemic

Main narratives:

- Claims of discrimination against Russian speakers in Latgale;
- Criticisms of governmental inefficiency in education and public projects;
- Accusations of corruption in high-level salaries and scepticism towards regional LGBTQ initiatives;
- Doubts about the legitimacy of war threats and scepticism of citizenship law changes;
- Resistance to international health treaties, advocating for withdrawal from global health organisations.

Overview:

During the examined week, the main narratives remain similar to that of the prior week, focusing on the current government's ineffectiveness, lack of competence and corruption. In addition, there was a focus on the city of Daugavpils from the opposition political parties, which aimed to portray the region as being discriminated against by the government. Considering the upcoming elections, a lot of content focuses on negatively portraying the coalition and parties within the opposition. Regarding engagement, TikTok remains the platform with the most views, while content on Facebook has rather inconsistent views on some topics, such as Russian language policies, receiving significantly more engagement than others.