

Estonia Weekly:

TV Debates and European Elections

Estonia | Week 40 | Month 10
June 3rd - June 9th, 2024

New observations this week: 8
Main channel: Facebook

Main keywords:

**Russian language, Foreign policy,
European Parliament, Debate, Propaganda,
Taxes, Surveillance, LGBT**

Main narratives:

- Intensified attacks on the Russian language in Estonia and critiques of European foreign policy efficiency expose deep political and linguistic divides;
- Accusations of biased media coverage in Estonia and intrusive government surveillance efforts raise concerns about transparency and privacy;
- Claims of an impending totalitarian government in Estonia and the detrimental impact of liberal policies on the economy and national sovereignty;
- Exaggerated statements about the increasing LGBT population in the USA reflect broader societal anxieties over cultural changes.

Overview:

During this week, many posts and articles discussed the European Parliament votes and how TV debates have become propagandised by giving wins to different parties than those who received public support. Many posts also discussed Estonia's economic and political situation, focusing on the 'attacks' against the Russian language. There was a post about the growing number of LGBT people in the USA, as well as also many posts claiming that Estonia was heading toward a totalitarian government with mass surveillance, which was compared to George Orwell's "1984".

