

Disinformation Review

Denne rapport indeholder en gennemgang og kritik af East Stratcoms tilbagevisninger af misinformation præsenteret i Disinformation Review. Gennemgangen inddrager kun den del af tilbagevisningerne i Disinformation Review, der omhandler den tidligere ukrainske præsident Yanukovich' afsættelse og eventuelle vestlige aktørers indblanding i dette.

Det gennemgås her hvilke påstande der anses for at være misinformerende, hvilke kilder de stammer fra, hvordan de tilbagevises i Disinformation Review, hvilke kilder Disinformation Review benytter til at underbygge sine tilbagevisninger og disse kilders karakter.

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East Stratcom

East StratCom Task Force' oprettelse blev vedtaget i marts 2015, på baggrund af 'Ruslands igangværende misinformations kampagner' og har været operationel siden september 2015.¹ East Stratcom blev bl.a. oprettet på initiativ fra den daværende danske udenrigsminister Martin Lidegaard, der mente det var et stort problem i forhold til Ukraine-krisen, at russisktalende borgere i Ukraine, Rusland og Baltikum, fik deres informationer fra "løgnagtige russiske propagandamedier".²

"Den russiske propaganda er massiv og til tider direkte løgnagtig. Det er et kæmpe problem. For det gør det meget svært at lande en politisk løsning, som er den eneste løsning på konflikten ... Det hjælper ikke, hvis vi bare kommer med modpropaganda eller statsdikteret information. Vi vil gerne have helt uafhængige medier. Så vi skal finde ud af, hvordan vi får etableret det på en måde, så vi er sikre på, at det er fakta, der kommer frem, og at vi ikke blander os" – Martin Lidegaard

East StratCom Task Force har tre hovedmål, et af disse er "Effective communication and promotion of EU policies towards the Eastern Neighbourhood" et andet er "Improved EU capacity to forecast, address and respond to disinformation activities by external actors".³

Holdet består af 9 kommunikationsekspertes med forskellige baggrunde, fra Danmark deltager Jon Kyst. East StratCom Task Force udfører ifølge dem selv ikke mod-propaganda, men identificerer og søger at rette misinformation. Misinformations- eller *myth-busting* netværket består af mere end 400 eksperter, journalister etc. fra over 30 lande, der rapporterer artikler med misinformation til East StratCom Task

¹ http://eeas.europa.eu/top_stories/2015/261115_stratcom-east_qanda_en.htm

² <http://www.politiko.dk/nyheder/lidegaard-russisk-propaganda-skal-udkonkurreres>

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http://collections.internetmemory.org/haeu/content/20160313172652/http://eeas.europa.eu/top_stories/2015/261115_stratcom-east_qanda_en.htm

Force. De indsendte rapporter bliver så en del af Disinformation Review,⁴ der skal tilbyde værdifuld data for analytikere, journalister og embedsmænd der arbejder med området, men er ikke udtryk for det officielle EU's holdninger.

The Disinformation Review is intended to raise awareness of disinformation. It is a compilation of reports received from members of the myth-busting network. It can provide valuable data for analysts, journalists and officials dealing with this issue. However, since the data mentioned in the Disinformation Review comes from the myth-busting network, it cannot be considered an official EU position.⁵ - European External Action Service

Ifølge Danmarks nuværende udenrigsminister Kristian Jensen, virker indsatsen mod den russiske propaganda.⁶ For eksempel har East StratCom Task Force imødegået en påstand om, at Barack Obama grundlagde Islamisk Stat, at en flygtning havde voldtaget en 13-årig russisk pige i Berlin og at Süddeutsche Zeitung var ejet af et amerikansk firma. Den sidste påstand blev ifølge Kristian Jensen fremsat for at miskreditere avisens historie om, at Putin var blandet ind i Panama-skattesagen.

"Jeg synes, det er imponerende, at de har fået så stor gennemslagskraft allerede nu med så få mennesker ansat i enheden. ... For det første skal vi prøve at skalere det her op, så der kommer flere ressourcer til enheden. For det andet skal vi forsøge at få flere lande med, og så skal vi øge kendskabet til nyhedsbrevet og den Twitter-konto, der knytter sig til Stratcom East." – Kristian Jensen, Udenrigsminister

Ukrainekrisen

Som Martin Lidegaard påpeger, bærer Ukraine-krisen præg af divergerende fortællinger om de begivenheder der finder sted og har fundet sted. Fx opfattes den tidligere ukrainske præsident Victor Yanukovich' afsættelse forskelligt i henholdsvis Rusland og de vestlige lande. Ruslands præsident Putin har udtalt at Yanukovich var utsat for et statskup.⁷ Påstande om at afsættelsen af præsident Yanukovich var et

⁴ <http://eeas.europa.eu/euvsdisinfo/>

⁵ http://eeas.europa.eu/top_stories/2015/261115_stratcom-east_qanda_en.htm

⁶ <http://nyheder.tv2.dk/politik/2016-04-21-kristian-jensen-her-er-putins-logne>

⁷ <http://www.b.dk/globalt/putin-ukraine-utsat-for-statskup>

kup, samt at eksterne aktører såsom USA og EU var indblandet, optræder gentagne gange i Disinformation Review og behandles her som misinformation.

Nogle af de tilbageviste påstande omtaler de nuværende myndigheder, som værende kommet til magten ved et kup. Andre gange er det uklart, hvornår det påståede kup skulle have fundet sted. Andre gange igen er det specifikt Yanukovich' afsættelse / Maidandemonstrationerne der påstås at have været et kup. I nogle tilfælde påstås det blot at vestlige aktører var indblandet i Maidandemonstrationerne.

Kilder

I Disinformation Review tilbagevises sådanne påstande ofte med reference til, at de tidligere er blevet tilbagevist. 17. december 2015 tilbagevises følgende udsagn fra en side på det russiske sociale medie VKontakte⁸ "Maidan was a coup. After banning the Communist Party of Ukraine, there is no state of Ukraine." Dokumentationen for avisningen lyder "Repeating old disinformation describing civic demonstrations as a coup." Ingen kilder angives.

Et andet eksempel er fra 14. februar 2016. Følgende udsagn fra en video på youtube⁹ tilbagevises "Crimea came to Russia as the result of the vote of the people. In Kyiv, there was a coup committed with the support of the West and the Nazis." Ingen avisere det med "Repeating already debunked pieces of disinformation." Ingen kilder angives.

Endnu en youtubevideo,¹⁰ fra en russisk tv-kanal, fremsætter påstanden, at EU og USA støttede kuppet i Ukraine i 2014 og tilbagevises 20. marts 2016, med ordene "Repeating already debunked disinformation." Ingen kilder angives.

I andre tilfælde henvises der til kilder, der bruges som sandhedsvidner mod påstandene. Det må antages, at det er disse kilder der refereres til, når det hævdes, at påstande allerede er tilbagevist.

NATO

11. juni 2016 tilbagevises påstande om et kup i Ukraine. Påstanden fremsat på en russisk hjemmeside¹¹ lød således "There was a coup in Ukraine, which eventually resulted in a civil war." Påstanden om kuppet

⁸ <https://vk.com/sovinformburo>

⁹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=opcG-iDo6YM>

¹⁰ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IU2fSZLBkW8>

¹¹ <http://patriot-donetsk.ru/6259-plakali-vashi-cennosti-kakuyu-ukrainu-stroit-evropa.html>

tilbagevises med henvisning til et bestemt afsnit¹² af en artikel på NATOs hjemmeside med overskriften ”NATO-Russia relations: the facts” og det tilføjes at krigen i Ukraine skyldes russisk aggression, hvilket også er blevet fordømt af FN resolution 68/262¹³. I afsnittet står der at demonstranterne, der begyndte i Kiev November 2013, skyldtes ukraineres ønsker om et tættere forhold til EU, og deres frustration da Yanukovich stoppede fremgangen mod dette som følge af pres fra Rusland. Mht. demonstranternes krav linkes der til det britiske public service medie BBC¹⁴ og det forklares at disse inkluderede konstitutionel reform, stærkere parlament, skabelsen af en samlingsregering, et stop for korruption, udskrivning af valg og et stop for volden. NATO blev aldrig nævnt af demonstranterne. Ukraine begyndte først at diskutere ideen om NATO medlemskab i september 2014, et halvt år efter Ruslands annektering af Krim og aggressive handlinger i Østukraine.

“The demonstrations which began in Kiev in November 2013 were born out of Ukrainians' desire for a closer relationship with the European Union, and their frustration when former President Yanukovych halted progress toward that goal as a result of Russian pressure.” - NATO

I dette afsnit søges det altså afvist, at NATO fremprovokerede demonstrationerne på Maidan. Der tilbydes ingen dokumentation, blot en opremsning af demonstranternes krav, hvilket ikke modbeviser at NATO var indblandet. Afsnittet indeholder ikke en tilbagevisning af, at Yanukovich’ afsættelse var et kup eller at vestlige aktører var indblandet i dette.

Hjemmesiden globalresearch.ca¹⁵ er også blevet behandlet. 12. maj 2016 tilbagevises påstande om at Maidan revolutionen var et amerikansk ledet kup, der installerede et amerikansk marionet regime i Ukraine, samt at de ukrainske myndigheder undertrykker den russisktalende minoritet i Donbas. Der henvises igen til afsnittet på NATOs hjemmeside, dog inkluderes nu yderligere et afsnit¹⁶, hvor der står, at både Ukraines præsident Poroshenko og det ukrainske parlament er valgt ved frie valg, med henvisning til to rapporter fra OSCE.¹⁷¹⁸

¹² http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#cl403

¹³ http://www.securitycouncilreport.org/atf/cf/%7B65BFCF9B-6D27-4E9C-8CD3-CF6E4FF96FF9%7D/a_res_68_262.pdf

¹⁴ <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-26289318>

¹⁵ <http://www.globalresearch.ca/america-threatens-russia-us-nato-forces-moving-from-a-training-to-a-war-fighting-stance/5524883>

¹⁶ http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#cl507

¹⁷ www.osce.org/odihr/elections/ukraine/119078?download=true

¹⁸ <http://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/ukraine/126043>

"In short, the President and parliament are legitimate ..." - NATO

Det nævnes også at OSCE har bekæftet, at Ukraine har vist sin intention om at håndhæve europæiske standarder for mindretalsbeskyttelse med henvisning til en rapport fra OSCE.¹⁹

I dette andet afsnit søges det altså bevist med henvisning til OSCE, at Ukraines præsident Petro Poroshenko og siden det ukrainske parlament, er blevet valgt ved frie valg. Det tilbagevises ikke, at Yanukovich' afsættelse var et kup eller at vestlige aktører var indblandet i dette.

Paul Craig Roberts, tidligere amerikansk vicefinansminister, forfatter og konspirationsteoretiker har også været under kniven i Disinformation Review. 9. juni i år tilbagevises påstande fremsat på hans hjemmeside²⁰, om at USA gennemførte et kup i Ukraine og indsatte en marionetteregering, at vestlig propaganda forsøger at overbevise folk om, at Rusland forbereder en invasion af Baltikum, Polen, Rumænien, Ukraine og Georgien, samt at den tidligere amerikanske præsident George H.W. Bush lovede Sovjetunionens daværende leder Mikhail Gorbatjov, at NATO ikke ville bevæge sig længere mod øst.

"President George H.W. Bush in exchange for Gorbachev's agreement to the reunification of Germany promised that NATO would not move one inch to the East." – Paul Craig Roberts

For at tilbagevise påstandene om et amerikansk kup henvises igen til NATOs hjemmeside²¹. Mht. propaganda om Ruslands forberedelser til invasioner påpeges det, at Rusland allerede har krænket Georgiens territorielle integritet, Krim er under russisk besættelse og at Putin har erklæret, at Rumænien og Polen nu er i Ruslands sigtekorn. Som bevis på det sidste, henvises der til en artikel fra Reuters²², men baggrunden for udtalelserne; at Polen og Rumænien vil lægge jord til det amerikanske missilforsvar, beskrives ikke. Det omtalte løfte til Gorbatjov beskrives som en myte der aldrig er blevet ytret med henvisning til en anden artikel²³ på NATOs hjemmeside. Her står der at det aldrig er sket og at der ikke findes nogen evidens for påstanden. Det tilføjes at et sådant løfte kun kan gives som en formel skriftlig beslutning af alle NATO allierede. Desuden blev beslutningen om at udvide NATO truffet flere år efter den tyske genforening og var ikke på dagsordenen da løftet angiveligt blev givet.

¹⁹ <http://www.osce.org/hcnm/226736?download=true>

²⁰ <http://www.paulcraigroberts.org/2016/06/09/where-do-matters-stand-paul-craig-roberts/>

²¹ http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#cl507

²² <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-russia-europe-shield-idUSKCN0YI2ER>

²³ http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/topics_109141.htm

"such a promise was never made ... This is acknowledged by Gorbachev himself." - European Values Think-Tank

På trods af at det vestlige medie LA Times²⁴ også har påstået at dette løfte fandt sted uformelt, er dette medie ikke blevet behandlet i Disinformation Review.

Stopfake.org

9. december 2015 tilbagevistes desuden påstande fra en tjekkisk hjemmeside²⁵ om at Euromaidan var influeret af USA, der havde "invested \$5 billion to divert Ukraine from Russia", samt at USA havde planlagt at bygge en NATO base på Krim, med det formål at invadere Rusland. Påstandene om den planlagte NATO base på Krim tilbagevises ved at henvise til et afsnit i artiklen på NATOs hjemmeside²⁶, hvor der står "This is fiction. The idea has never been proposed, suggested or discussed within NATO." Historien om de 5 milliarder \$ tilbagevises ved henvisning til stopfake.org²⁷, hvoraf det fremgår at påstanden stammer fra en youtubevideo²⁸ med viceudenrigsminister Victoria Nuland, der blev kendt i 2014 for kommentaren "Fuck the EU"²⁹.

"Since Ukraine's independence in 1991 the United States has supported Ukrainians to build democratic skills and institutions as they promote civic participation and good governance, all of which are pre-conditions for Ukraine to achieve the European aspirations. We have invested over 5 billion dollars to assist Ukraine in these goals that will ensure a secure and prosperous democratic Ukraine." - Victoria Nuland

På hjemmesiden stopfake.org, forklares det, at videoen ikke giver belæg for påstanden, om at USA har "invested \$5 billion to divert Ukraine from Russia". Udtalelserne handlede i stedet om programmer indenfor videnskab, kultur, økonomi etc. Samt USA's støtte til udvikling af demokratiske og menneskerettighedsinstitutioner.

²⁴ <http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-shifrinson-russia-us-nato-deal--20160530-snap-story.html>

²⁵ <http://aeronet.cz/news/ani-profesor-historie-nemusi-mit-vzdy-pravdu-o-te-soucasne-nemluve/>

²⁶ http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#cl405

²⁷ <http://www.stopfake.org/en/324/>

²⁸ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2fYcHLouXY>

²⁹ <http://politiken.dk/udland/ECE2202206/aflytning-af-amerikansk-diplomat-afsloerer-pinlig-skidtsnak-om-eu/>

"This is what Victoria Nuland meant ..." Stopfake.org

Stopfake.org har ikke valgt at tilbagevise lignende påstande fremsat af Professor John Mearsheimer i det amerikanske tidsskrift Foreign Affairs³⁰. Stopfake.org er bl.a. støttet af det tjekkiske udenrigsministerium, International Renaissance Foundation grundlagt af George Soros³¹ og National Endowment for Democracy der er finansieret af den amerikanske kongres.³² Ifølge dem selv bibeholder de dog deres redaktionelle uafhængighed.³³

Endnu en påstand fra en video på youtube³⁴ om at der fandt et kup sted i Kiev³⁵, tilbagevises med henvisning til en artikel fra OSCE³⁶, der omhandler det efterfølgende præsidentvalg 25. maj 2014. En anden påstand fra en video på youtube³⁷ om at EU støtter regimet i Kiev, der kom til magten ved et kup³⁸, tilbagevises med henvisning til den ovenstående OSCE artikel plus en yderligere artikel fra OSCE³⁹, der omhandler lokalvalg i Ukraine i oktober 2015. Ingen af artiklerne omhandler Yanukovich' afsættelse eller vestlige aktørers mulige indblanding i denne.

Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung

Det statsfinansierede russiske medie RT, har også fremsat påstande, der senere er blevet tilbagevist.⁴⁰ Påstandene var, at Vesten pålagde Rusland sanktioner, efter USA havde ledt et voldeligt kup mod Ukraines legitime regering, hvilket Moskva ikke ville acceptere.⁴¹ Der henvises til det samme afsnit på NATOs hjemmeside,⁴² men tilføjes bl.a. at præsident Yanukovich mistede sin legitimitet, som følge af hans brutale nedkæmpning af fredelige demonstranter. Dette underbygges med en henvisning til en rapport⁴³ fra den

³⁰ <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/russia-fsu/2014-08-18/why-ukraine-crisis-west-s-fault>

³¹ <http://www.irf.ua/en/about/irf/>

³² <http://www.ned.org/about/faqs/>

³³ <http://www.stopfake.org/en/about-us/>

³⁴ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MkopaXd3xv8>

³⁵ 12.09.2016

³⁶ <http://www.osce.org/node/119081>

³⁷ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Crn9rosxBg>

³⁸ 15.09.2016

³⁹ <http://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/ukraine/194401>

⁴⁰ 28. Marts 2016

⁴¹ <https://deutsch.rt.com/wirtschaft/37485-rohrkreipierer-wie-russlands-wirtschaft-olpreiskrise/>

⁴² http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#cl403

⁴³ http://www.kas.de/wf/doc/kas_37844-1522-2-30.pdf?140612145651

statsstøttede tyske tænkertank Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung, der er associeret med Angela Merkels parti CDU. Derudover tilføjes, at sanktionerne mod Rusland var et svar på Ruslands illegale annekttering af Krim og destabilisering af et suverænt naboland [Ukraine], der henvises her til EU's egen hjemmeside.⁴⁴

I rapporten fra Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung står der på side 3 mht. det påståede kup og manglende legitimitet, at en klar majoritet af ukrainere har støttet den politiske udvikling, især afsættelsen af Yanukovich. Spørgsmålet om Yanukovich' afsættelse var lovlige erklæres for 'moot' [Omstridt eller uden praktisk betydning], da regeringer ikke kun opnår demokratisk legitimitet gennem afholdelse af valg.

Yanukovich mistede ifølge rapporten sin legitimitet på grund af sin brutale nedkæmpning af fredelige demonstranter, samt tidlige handlinger der brød med den demokratiske proces og retsstatsprincipper. Efter Yanukovich' regering var afsat, stemte en overvældende majoritet af det demokratisk valgte parlament i Ukraine for den nye overgangsregering. I rapporten fra Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, er spørgsmålet om Yanukovich' afsættelse kan klassificeres som et kup altså ikke rent juridisk, da juraen her er enten irrelevant eller omstridt.

"The question of whether the overthrow of Yanukovych's government was legal or not is moot; a government does not solely derive its democratic legitimacy through elections. The Yanukovych government lost its legitimacy most recently through their brutal crackdown on peaceful protesters, notwithstanding the actions it took in previous years that violated the democratic process and the rule of law." - **Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung**

Det fremgår ikke hvilke principper der kan føre til, at præsidenter 'mister deres legitimitet'. I Rapporten postuleres det, at Yanukovich' regering brutalt nedkæmpede fredelige demonstranter, men der præsenteres ingen dokumentation for dette. Det udelades at demonstrationerne i mange tilfælde ikke var fredelige⁴⁵, at det er omstridt hvor brutalt Yanukovich nedkæmpede dem⁴⁶ og bruddet på den ukrainske forfatning affejes ved at kalde spørgsmålet om legalitet for irrelevant/omstridt. I rapportens behandling af Kims senere optagelse i den Russiske Føderation, erklæres spørgsmålet om legalitet ikke for irrelevant/omstridt.

⁴⁴ http://europa.eu/newsroom/highlights/special-coverage/eu_sanctions_en

⁴⁵ <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/picturegalleries/worldnews/10646809/Ukraine-riots-in-pictures-Violent-scenes-in-Kiev-as-police-clash-with-protesters.html?frame=2826612>

⁴⁶ <http://www.jyllands-posten.dk/premium/kommentar/kosmopolit/article6643746.ece>

Den 16. oktober 2016 tilbagevises følgende påstande⁴⁷ “The US authorities have eliminated democracy in America, staged a coup in Ukraine and now support Al-Qaeda.” Påstanden om kuppet tilbagevises med rapporten fra Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung og påstanden om amerikansk støtte til Al-Qaeda afvises med henvisning til en rapport fra det amerikanske udenrigsministerium⁴⁸. Samme dag tilbagevises også følgende⁴⁹ “While annexing Crimea and waging war against Ukraine, Russia had got no obligations to this country, particularly on the matter of Ukraine's sovereignty, due to the Ukrainian Revolution that was in fact a coup d'état.” Som tilbagevisningkilde bruges en resolution⁵⁰ fra FN's generalforsamling omhandlende Ukraines territorielle integritet. Resolutionen omhandler ikke Yanukovich' afsættelse eller vestlige aktørers mulige indblanding i denne.

13. november tilbagevises følgende påstande⁵¹ “The Luhansk Peoples Republic is a young and independent state whereas the Ukraine government is ruled by a facist junta that took power through a coup.”

Tilbagevisningen går ikke på kuppet, men omhandler i stedet Luhansk Folkerepublik og de omtalte fascister. Der henvises til at fascisterne kun fik få stemmer og som kilde bruges en akademisk artikel⁵² fra tidsskriftet Russian Politics & Law. Artiklen er skrevet i 2013 og omhandler ultrahøjreorienterede partier i Ukraine, ikke Yanukovich' afsættelse eller vestlige aktørers mulige indblanding i denne.

Den russiske 'misinformation' om at der var et kup i Ukraine, 'tilbagevises' i Disinformation Review, oftest ved blot at henvise til hjemmesider hvor der står noget andet. Der er primært tale om NATOs hjemmeside. Som sådan er der ikke tale om en decideret tilbagevisning af påstandene, men blot en påvisning af kontrasten mellem de påstande der fremsættes i henholdsvis 'prorussiske' og 'provestlige' medier. Den information der ligger på fx NATOs hjemmeside antages som udgangspunkt at være sand, hvorfor de påstande der ikke stemmer overens med denne information, må være usand. Påstande fra prorussiske medier kan dermed tilbagevises, blot ved at demonstrere forskellen.

Til dags dato⁵³ har jeg fundet 70 tilfælde, hvor påstande om et kup i Ukraine søges tilbagevist. 36 gange er der ingen henvisninger. 18 gange bruges det samme afsnit⁵⁴ fra artiklen på NATOs hjemmeside, et andet afsnit⁵⁵ bruges 3 gange. Rapporten fra Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung bruges 7 gange. Et andet medie er det ukrainske Stopfake.org. Alle disse bruges som sandhedskilder, på trods af deres åbenlyse partiskhed.

⁴⁷ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sKrPE8brQW8>

⁴⁸ <http://bit.ly/2dUdUkl>

⁴⁹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K3C-CVtZebY>

⁵⁰ <http://bit.ly/1RZGnjo>

⁵¹ <http://miaistok.su/glava-lnr-segodnya-v-ukraine-pravit-zlobstvuyushhaya-serost/>

⁵² <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.2753/RUP1061-1940510502>

⁵³ 30.11.2016

⁵⁴ www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#cl403

⁵⁵ www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#cl507

Den Internationale Straffedomstol

15. november afvises påstande⁵⁶ om at “The US State Department has designed the Ukrainian Revolution” og “The war in Ukraine was started by a coup in Kyiv and the threat of genocide of the Russian-speaking population of this country, including in Crimea and Donbas”. Påstandene tilbagevises med henvisning til en rapport⁵⁷ fra Anklagerens kontor ved Den Internationale Straffedomstol ICC fra 14. november. Rapporten omhandler begivenheder i mange forskellige lande inklusiv Ukraine, startende med protesterne på Maidanpladsen. Den omhandler også den russiske overtagelse af Krim og andre begivenheder.

Mht. Yanukovich’ afsættelse står der at Yanukovich var Ukraines præsident ved begivenhedernes begyndelse og den demokratisk valgte regering var domineret af Regionernes Parti.⁵⁸ Der udbrød voldelige sammenstød i sammenhæng med Maidan protesterne, hvilket resulterede i sårede på begge sider, og nogle dødsfald blandt demonstranterne. Da myndighederne forsøgte at rydde Maidanpladsen eskalerede volden, med mange sårede og dødsfald til følge. 21. februar aftalte Yanukovich og oppositionens repræsentanter en ny regeringsdannelse og udskrivelse af valg i maj 2014. 22. februar stemte det ukrainske parlament dog for at fjerne Yanukovich og han forlod landet samme dag og tog til Rusland.⁵⁹

Senere i rapporten står der at anklagerens kontor i 2015 i en indledende analyse havde fundet, at de påståede angreb udført af de ukrainske autoriteter kunne udgøre ”et angreb rettet mod en civil befolkning”, men den tilgængelige information udgjorde ikke et rimeligt grundlag til at tro angrebet var systematisk eller udbredt. Anklagerens kontor noterede dog at alvorlige menneskerettighedskrænkelser havde fundet sted i sammenhæng med begivenhederne på Maidan, og udtrykte sin villighed til at revurdere sin indledende analyse i lyset af ny information. Kontoret modtog yderligere information i oktober 2016, hvilket vil blive undersøgt.⁶⁰

Rapporten behandler ikke direkte om Yanukovich’ afsættelse var et kup og slet ikke om vestlige aktører var indblandet. Den konkluderer ikke endegyldigt hvilke forbrydelser der blev begået af myndighederne under Yanukovich’ regeringsperiode, hvilket ellers er en relevant diskussion. Ifølge paragraf 111 i den ukrainske forfatning⁶¹, kan præsidenten afsættes ved rigsretssag (impeachment) i tilfælde af han begår landsforræderi eller anden forbrydelse. Det er derfor relevant, hvilke forbrydelser Yanukovich evt. har

⁵⁶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nybx4rrIURw>

⁵⁷ <http://bit.ly/2ftv6iT>

⁵⁸ <http://bit.ly/2ftv6iT> 151.

⁵⁹ <http://bit.ly/2ftv6iT> 153.

⁶⁰ <http://bit.ly/2ftv6iT> 189.

⁶¹ De ukrainske forfatninger fra 1996, 2004 og 2010 er ens mht. en præsidents afsættelse.

begået, i en diskussion af hans afsættelse. Der blev dog aldrig indledet nogen rigsretssag mod Yanukovich, som forfatningen foreskriver.

Rapporten fra Den Internationale Straffedomstol udgør ikke evidens for, at Yanukovich' afsættelse ikke var et kup. Den tilbageviser heller ikke påstande om at vestlige aktører var indblandet i Yanukovich' afsættelse. Disse spørgsmål forsøges ikke undersøgt i rapporten, der derfor ikke kan bruges til at tilbagevise påstandene.

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En enkelt gang henvises til en længere undersøgelse på tjekkisk med navnet "De mest almindelige russiske myter og løgne om den ukrainske krise"⁶². Den er lavet af den tjekkiske tænketank Europæiske Værdier⁶³ sammen med det slovakiske Central Europæiske Policy Institut (CEPI)⁶⁴. Undersøgelsen bruges til at tilbagevise påstande fremsat på en tjekkisk hjemmeside,⁶⁵ om at kuppet i Ukraine havde indsat en amerikansk marionetregering og at borgerkrigen i Donbass er Kievs krig mod Yanukovich' støtter.

Undersøgelsen der som den eneste af Disinformation Reviews kilder går i dybden med begivenhederne på Maidan, kan læses på engelsk, på CEPIs hjemmeside.⁶⁶ Under overskriften "Why the Ukrainian Euromaidan was not a coup d'état?" behandles begivenhederne omkring Yanukovich' afsættelse. Der henvises til en artikel skrevet 19. februar 2014 af den amerikanske historiker fra Yale Universitet Timothy Snyder⁶⁷ på hjemmesiden nybooks.com.⁶⁸

Det argumenteres at protesterne under navnet Euromaidan opstod spontant, efter Yanukovich afviste at underskrive associeringsaftalen med EU. Protesterne startede fredeligt men blev opløst brutalt af sikkerhedsstyrkerne, hvorefter protesterne voksende, indtil der var flere hundrede tusinde samlet på Maidanpladsen 1. december. De demonstrerede mod det brutale angreb fra sikkerhedsstyrkerne og krævede de ansvarlige straffet, de begyndte også at besætte administrationsbygninger i det centrale Kiev. Flere uskyldige demonstranter blev banket og sikkerhedsstyrkerne havde ingen respekt for journalister. To dage senere krævede demonstranterne Yanukovich' afsættelse.

⁶² <http://www.evropskehodnoty.cz/vyzkum/nejcastejsi-ruske-myty-lzi-ukrajinske-krizi/>

⁶³ <http://www.europeanvalues.net/o-nas/nase-poslani/>

⁶⁴ <http://www.cepolicy.org/about>

⁶⁵ <http://www.parlamentniliisty.cz/arena/rozhovory/Putinuv-muz-nam-poradil-co-s-uprchliky-At-proste-vedi-ze-se-k-vam-nedostanou-Zajistite-to-takto-420020>

⁶⁶ <http://www.cepolicy.org/publications/ukrainian-crisis-most-frequent-myths-and-lies>

⁶⁷ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timothy_D._Snyder

⁶⁸ <http://www.nybooks.com/articles/2014/03/20/fascism-russia-and-ukraine/>

Politiet søgte gentagne gange at stoppe protesterne uden held. Alle sociale klasser og politiske partier var repræsenteret, om end primært oppositionen. Bevægelsen var også støttet af indflydelsesrige oligarker som den senere præsident Petro Poroshenko og Ihor Kolomoyski, mens andre oligarker var neutrale eller på Yanukovich' side. Det sidste fremgår ikke af Snyders artikel og der angives ikke andre kilder.

16. januar vedtog det ukrainske parlament, i modstrid med parlamentarisk lov, en række love kendt som diktaturlove. Det tilføjes i rapporten at parlamentsmedlemmerne måtte stemme ved håndsprækning og nogle af disse afviste senere at have stemt sådan, samt at lovene var i modstrid med den ukrainske forfatning, hvilket dog ikke fremgår af Snyders artikel. Ingen andre kilder angives.

Samme dag underskrev Yanukovich lovene, der begrænsede borgerrettigheder med henblik på at undertrykke protesterne. 19. januar besluttede nogle demonstranter at protestere mod disse love foran parlamentet. Den fredelige demonstration blev voldelig og ultranationalisterne i Højre Sektor⁶⁹ tog ansvaret for de voldelige angreb. Dette beskrives således i kildeartiklen på nybooks.com "On January 16, the Ukrainian government, headed by President Yanukovych, tried to put an end to Ukrainian civil society. A series of laws passed hastily and without following normal procedure did away with freedom of speech and assembly, and removed the few remaining checks on executive authority. This was intended to turn Ukraine into a dictatorship and to make all participants in the Maidan, by then probably numbering in the low millions, into criminals. The result was that the protests, until then entirely peaceful, became violent. Yanukovych lost support, even in his political base in the southeast, near the Russian border." Dette hævdtes uden kilder og er som sådan udtryk for Snyders egen tolkning af begivenhederne.

Ifølge rapporten er det ikke sikkert, at de unge mænd der kastede Molotovcocktails virkelig var medlemmer af Højre Sektor, men gruppen blev ikke desto mindre kendt for dette og blev ufortjent et symbol på Euromaidan.

Oppositionens ledere var ikke i stand til at stoppe escalationen og radikaliseringen i egne rækker. I tre dage var der voldelige sammenstød hvor 5 mennesker døde og hundredvis blev såret. Rapporten hævder at politiet i stigende grad var hensynsløse overfor demonstranterne og brugte ydmygende metoder inklusiv unødvendigt brutale angreb på journalister. Der henvises til en tjekkisk TV-udsendelse⁷⁰ og en youtubevideo⁷¹ med en nøgen mand der på ydmygende vis fotograferes og sparkes. Med henvisning til Euromaidanpress⁷² hævdtes det at nogle demonstranter blev kidnappet, tortureret og myrdet.

⁶⁹ <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-27173857>

⁷⁰ <http://www.ceskatelevize.cz/ivysilani/10316155327-horizont-ct24/215411058120007/obsah/383001-krveproliti-na-majdanu>

⁷¹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GWkonOkHjoE>

⁷² <http://euromaidanpress.com/2014/02/05/who-abducted-lutsenko-verbitskiy-and-bulatov-2/>

Euromaidanpress er også støttet af International Renaissance foundation⁷³ grundlagt af George Soros og åbenlyst en part i konflikten.

Samtidig steg antallet af sammenstød hvor *titushky*, var involveret. Disse unge mænd var ifølge nogle kilder lejesoldater og angreb demonstranterne. Der henvises til en artikel⁷⁴ fra det tyske public service medie Deutsche Welle.⁷⁵

Rapporten forklarer hvordan både ukrainske og russiske regeringsstyrede medier dækkede protesterne, som var det kun nynazister og andre radikaliseredes gadeoptøjer. De vigtige fakta var fordrejede eller helt udeladt. Russiske medier publicerede konspirationsteorier om at Euromaidan var koordineret og støttet af USA og EU.

19. februar rapporteredes det at oppositionens støtter havde angrebet regeringsbygninger og politistationer i flere ukrainske regioner. Med henvisning til New York Times,⁷⁶ nævner rapporten også at ukendte gerningsmænd stjal omkring 1200 våben i Lviv i det vestlige Ukraine, der senere forsvandt. Der findes ifølge rapporten ingen beviser for, at våbnene nogensinde blev anvendt mod politiet eller regeringsautoriteterne i Lviv eller Kiev.

I artiklen fra New York Times fremgår det, at de russiske mediers konspirationsteorier om vestlig støtte og koordination af Euromaidan, var korrekte. Vestlige diplomater inklusiv den amerikanske ambassadør Geoffrey Pyatt havde hørt om de stjålne våben og var bange for, at hvis de blev bragt til Kiev, ville protesterne miste opbakning. De mødtes derfor med Andriy Parubiy, lederen af demonstranternes 'sikkerhedsstyrke' på den tyske ambassade, og bad ham holde våbnene fra Kiev. Dette udelades dog af rapporten.

Western diplomats in Kiev, including the American ambassador Geoffrey R. Pyatt, also heard about the guns grabbed in Lviv and worried that, if brought to Kiev, they would turn what had begun as a peaceful protest movement that enjoyed wide sympathy in the West into an armed insurrection that would quickly lose this good will. ... Mr. Pyatt and several European envoys met at the German Embassy with Andriy Parubiy, the chief of the protesters' security forces, and told him to keep the Lviv guns away from Kiev. – New York Times

⁷³ <http://euromaidanpress.com/about/>

⁷⁴ <http://www.dw.com/en/titushki-the-ukrainian-presidents-hired-strongmen/a-17443078>

⁷⁵ <http://www.dw.com/en/about-dw/profile/s-30688>

⁷⁶ http://www.nytimes.com/2015/01/04/world/europe/ukraine-leader-was-defeated-even-before-he-was-ousted.html?_r=2

Der må stilles spørgsmålstege ved rapportens neutralitet, når den udelader vigtig information, endda fra artikler den refererer til, og samtidig på et tidligere tidspunkt beskriver oplysningerne som russiske konspirationsteorier.

Tre artikler fra BBC⁷⁷⁷⁸⁷⁹ og en fra The Guardian⁸⁰ bruges til at dokumentere de følgende kampe, der ifølge rapporten havde deres højdepunkt i midten af februar, hvor politiet søgte at opløse demonstrationerne på Maidan. Mellem 18. og 20. februar tørnede politi og demonstranter sammen og op mod 90 mennesker døde, heraf flest demonstranter. Rapporten hævder at 50 demonstranter blev skudt af politiets snigskytter på Institutska Street den 20. februar, men henviser ikke direkte til nogen kilder. Ifølge den ene af de brugte artikler fra BBC, der omtaler begivenheden, er det uklart hvem der skød "It is clear that firearms were used by government security forces, and possibly by some opposition activists, but the identity of the snipers said to have caused many of the deaths is disputed." Her undlader rapporten at dokumentere sine påstande, og udelader igen information fra en af de brugte kilder. Senere nævnes det, at den tilgængelige information viser, at de fleste ofre blev skudt af politiet eller af skud fra de områder der var kontrolleret af Yanukovich. Rapporten nævner samtidig at nogle blev skudt fra en anden vinkel, hvilket kunne indikere at andre end politiet var involveret i skyderierne. Ingen kilder angives.

Udover demonstranter, døde 17 medlemmer af politistyrkerne også. Disse begivenheder var ifølge rapporten grund til at Yanukovich begyndte at miste opbakning fra parlamentet, indflydelsesrige forretningsfolk og dele af sikkerhedsstyrkerne. Der henvises igen til The Guardian.⁸¹

Dagen efter massakren forsøgte de polske tyske og franske udenrigsminstre at lægge en dæmper på situationen. Både oppositionen og præsidenten måtte underskrive en aftale⁸² der skulle tjene til at ende krisen. Aftalen pålagde regeringen at genindføre forfatningen fra 2004⁸³, udskrive valg og undersøge de voldelige episoder dagene forinden. Den russiske repræsentant der var til stede, underskrev ikke dokumentet. Det ukrainske parlament stemte med det samme for at ændre forfatningen, men præsident Yanukovich underskrev ikke. I stedet flygtede han ifølge rapporten ud af landet, med hjælp fra den russiske

⁷⁷ <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-26249330>

⁷⁸ <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-26268620>

⁷⁹ <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-26866069>

⁸⁰ <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/feb/21/ukraine-crisis-president-claims-deal-with-opposition-after-77-killed-in-kiev>

⁸¹ <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/jan/27/viktor-yanukovych-ukraine-oligarchs-protest-rinat-akhmetov>

⁸² <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/feb/21/agreement-on-the-settlement-of-crisis-in-ukraine-full-text>

⁸³ Den ukrainske forfatning er skrevet i 1996. I 2004 blev den ændret og præsidentembedets magt indskrænket. I 2010 blev disse ændringer ved en kontroversiel beslutning kendt forfatningsstridige af forfatningsretten og annulleret.

etterretningstjeneste. Her henvises der til det canadiske medie globalnew.ca⁸⁴ og engelske The Telegraph⁸⁵. Ifølge the Telegraph tog Yanukovich til Kharkov. Det canadiske medie skriver at "After fleeing the capital Kyiv, Yanukovych made one appearance in Kharkov, then disappeared for several days. Reports at the time said he and his security entourage went on a desperate journey through the eastern parts of the country and down to Crimea, looking for safety." Dette nævnes ikke i rapporten, hvor der i stedet blot står "... with the aid of Russian secret services he fled the country at night." Det fremgår af en af rapportens kilder, at Yanukovich forlod Kiev af hensyn til sin egen sikkerhed.

Ifølge rapporten beviser billeder fra sikkerhedskameraer, at han havde planlagt sin flugt siden 19. februar, altså før massakrerne og aftalen. Der henvises til en video på youtube,⁸⁶ med navnet "Ukraine President Viktor Yanukovych as he leaves Kiev". På videoen ses billeder af lastbiler, mennesker og til sidst helikoptere. Billederne stammer tilsyneladende fra den ukrainske tv-station kanal 5,⁸⁷ der er ejet af den nuværende ukrainske præsident, Petro Poroshenko. Videoen er lagt op på youtubekanalen "Fun Music And More"⁸⁸.

Næste morgen indtog demonstranterne flere regeringsbygninger inklusiv den præsidentielle administrationsbygning i Kiev, efter at sikkerhedsstyrkerne var flygtet.

Artiklen på New York Times gik i dybden med begivenhederne omkring de stjålne våben fra Lviv og Yanukovich' flugt ud af landet, men dette udelades af rapporten. Ifølge New York Times opstod der panik blandt sikkerhedsstyrkerne, da de hørte rygter om, at disse våben var på vej til Kiev for at supplere det voksende arsenal af våben. "Andriy Tereschenko, a Berkut commander from Donetsk who was holed up with his men in the Cabinet Ministry, the government headquarters in Kiev, said that 16 of his men had already been shot on Feb. 18 and that he was terrified by the rumors of an armory of automatic weapons on its way from Lviv." Han udtalte "It was already an armed uprising, and it was going to get worse, ... We understood why the weapons were taken, to bring them to Kiev."

Andriy Parubiy der var mødtes med bl.a. den amerikanske ambassadør, afviste senere at våbnene var blevet bragt til Kiev, men tilføjede at muligheden for at bringe dem til Kiev kunne have udgjort et stærkt pres på Yanukovich og vestlige regeringer. "I warned them that if Western governments did not take firmer action against Yanukovych, the whole process could gain a very threatening dimension," havde han udtalt.

⁸⁴ <http://globalnews.ca/news/1883632/putin-says-russian-forces-helped-ousted-yanukovych-flee-ukraine/>

⁸⁵ <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/ukraine/10655335/Ukraine-crisis-Viktor-Yanukovych-leaves-Kiev-for-support-base.html>

⁸⁶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AxulkpIrlG9Q>

⁸⁷ <http://www.5.ua/>

⁸⁸ https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtxGAOUxCXz_h6dA9aZz5iQw

Ifølge artiklen fra New York Times er det uklart hvem der beordrede sikkerhedsstyrkerne og andre politistyrker til at evakuere Kiev. Nogle kilder sagde Yanukovich selv havde givet orden, andre at han blev overrasket over deres forsvinden. Yanukovich tog den 21. februar til Kharkiv. Ifølge guvernøren i Kharkiv havde Yanukovich følt sig nødsaget til at forlade Kiev, efter vagterne ved den præsidentielle administration forsvandt. Yanukovich troede ifølge Mykhailo Dobkin fra hans eget parti, efterfølgende på at den underskrevne aftale var i kraft, og at han kunne forlade præsidentembedet på et senere tidspunkt. 22. februar indtog demonstranterne regeringsbygningerne og Yanukovich' residens efter at have opdaget, at politiet var væk. Få timer senere erklærede Yanukovich på tv fra Kharkiv, at han stadig var præsident.

Ifølge en tidligere artikel fra New York Times,⁸⁹ der ikke er brugt i rapporten, forløb begivenhederne således: Mens demonstranter og politi stadig kæmpede i Kiev, var de stjålne våben fra Lviv på vej til Kiev, ifølge Andrei Levus, lederen af Maidans 'selvforsvarsstyrke'. Han udalte "I'm reluctant to talk about this because we are protesters and not illegal armed groups, ... But the square was about to look different. There would be more people, and they would not have had empty hands." Levus havde gennem et parlamentsmedlem talt med en viceminister fra indenrigsministeriet og vidste at der kun var 'et par hundrede fanatiske politibetjente' der var villige til at kæmpe mod demonstranterne. Han havde forsikret viceministeren om politiets sikkerhed, hvis de indvilligede i at forlade byen. Ifølge denne artikel stemte Parlamentet herefter for at politiet skulle demobilisere og demonstranter diskuterede med politichefer, hvordan de kunne trække sig tilbage. Levus forklarede "We negotiated with the commanders of different units, ... They called and asked simply to be allowed to safely leave the city. We made a corridor, and some buses were escorted by our cars." Efter indgåelsen af aftalen mellem oppositionen og Yanukovich, der lod Yanukovich blive i embedet indtil december, indtog demonstranter regeringsbygningerne og parlamentet.

Rapporten forklarer at det ukrainske parlament bestod uændret og stemte for præsidentens afsættelse med stemmerne 328-0 med henvisning til Business Insider⁹⁰. Rapporten stiller sig kritisk overfor denne handling, da der ifølge forfatningen fra 1996 skulle bruges 338 stemmer for at afsætte præsidenten og fordi forfatningen klart beskrev under hvilke andre forhold en præsident kunne afsættes, forhold der ikke var til stede på daværende tidspunkt. Den ukrainske forfatning fra 2004⁹¹ og 1996 er ens mht. artikel 111, hvor det beskrives under hvilke omstændigheder præsidenten kan afsættes: I tilfælde af landsforræderi eller anden forbrydelse kan præsidenten afsættes ved en rigsretssag. Spørgsmålet skal også vurderes af forfatningsdomstolen og højesteret, men dette skete aldrig. Rapporten erkender hermed, at Yanukovich' afsættelse var forfatningsstridig.

⁸⁹ <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/02/24/world/europe/as-his-fortunes-fell-in-ukraine-a-president-clung-to-illusions.html>

⁹⁰ <http://www.businessinsider.com/yanukovych-leaves-kiev-2014-2?r=US&IR=T&IR=T>

⁹¹ <https://web.archive.org/web/20120427012054/http://www.venice.coe.int/docs/2006/CDL%282006%29070-e.pdf>

"Two problems are related to the vote. Firstly, according to the Constitution, 338 votes were necessary to oust Yanukovych. Secondly, the 1996 Constitution had clearly defined when the president can be ousted, the deposition and the escape abroad not representing the possible circumstances. In case of treason, consultations with the Constitutional Court and the Supreme Court would be necessary, but they did not take place." - **The European Values Think-Tank & Central European Policy Institute**

22. februar blev Oleksandr Turchynov valgt som parlamentets formand, her henvises til nyhedsbureauet Interfax Ukraine⁹².

Rapporten forklarer at ifølge forfatningen med ændringerne fra 2004, pålå det premierministeren at overtage præsidentposten, hvis præsidenten var fraværende, men da Yanukovich ikke havde underskrevet beslutningen om at genindføre ændringerne fra 2004, var forfatningen fra 1996 teoretisk set stadig gyldig. Ifølge denne skulle premierministeren udpeges til præsidentembedet, men premierminister Mykol Azarov var også flygtet. 27. Februar blev Arseniy Yatsenyuks regering valgt af parlamentet. Her henvises igen til en video på youtube⁹³, der stammer fra Poroshenkos Kanal 5.

Ifølge rapporten erklærede Ruslands præsident Putin at Rusland ikke ville acceptere disse ændringer. Han anklagede regeringen for at være en ulovlig marionetregering indsat af udenlandske grå eminencer, lokale radikale og kupmagere fra Maidanpladsen, hvilke han anklagede for nationalism, nynazisme, russofobi og antisemitisme samt for at have organiseret mord og udrensninger. Rapporten nævner ingen kilder mht. disse udtalelser.

Rapporten finder det åbenlyst at alle beslutninger samt ændringerne i toppen af det politiske lederskab, blev truffet under en alvorlig konstitutionel krise. Den efterfølgende proces mod præsident og parlamentsvalg var afhængige af parlamentets legitimitet. Det konkluderes til sidst at der på ingen måde var tale om et organiseret statskup, og det var heller ikke støttet udefra, som det ofte hævdtes.

"... by no means was it an organized coup d'état or a putsch, let alone supported from abroad as it is often heard." - **The European Values Think-Tank & Central European Policy Institute**

⁹² <http://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/191922.html>

⁹³ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fo7tfy28mzs>

De politistyrker der stod for at beskytte de politiske institutioner, var blevet utsat for vold og trusler om dødelig vold af demonstranterne. Demonstranterne havde kontakter i parlamentet og forhandlede med dem, angående politiets tilbagetrækning. Demonstranterne havde også ligget i forhandlinger med diplomater fra vestlige lande, herunder USA's ambassadør inde på den tyske ambassade. Parlamentet opnåede ikke de nødvendige antal stemmer i forbindelse med afsættelsen af præsident Yanukovich og de den forfatningsmæssige procedure blev desuden ikke overholdt. Samlet set må det konkluderes at disse demonstranter og deres kollaboratører i parlamentet, udførte et forfatningsstridigt kup mod Ukraines daværende præsident, støttet af vestlige aktører, i strid mod rapportens konklusion.

Modpropaganda

I Disinformation Review lykkes det aldrig, på trods af ihærdige forsøg, at tilbagevise påstande om at Yanukovich afsættelse var et vestligt støttet kup. Det meste af materialet består af kontrasteringer af vestlige og russiske eller alternative mediers historier og påvisning af, at de efterfølgende valg har været legitime. De få gange hvor tilbagevisningerne antager konkret indhold, er det mangelfuld. Information der styrker den officielle linje, at Yanukovich ikke blev afsat ved et kup og at Vesten ikke var involveret, bruges som sandhed, information der strider mod denne sandhed, klassificeres som misinformation, eller ignoreres, hvis det stammer fra en vestlig mainstreamkilde, også selvom denne bruges i en anden sammenhæng. Professor Mearsheimers artikel⁹⁴ i Foreign Affairs, hvor han fremsætter lignende påstande ignoreres helt.

"Although the full extent of U.S. involvement has not yet come to light, it is clear that Washington backed the coup." - John Mearsheimer

De danske medier Politiken, Berlingske Tidende og RÆSON burde alle optræde i Disinformation Review, da de har publiceret påstande, der i Disinformation Review er klassificeret som misinformation. Ingen af medierne er dog behandlet i Disinformation Review.

"Regimeskiftet i Kiev i 2014 var en grumset affære. USAs ambassade i Kiev var direkte involveret i det ulovlige og voldelige kup mod den folkevalgte præsident, gennemført efter indgåelsen af en aftale med

⁹⁴ www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/russia-fsu/2014-08-18/why-ukraine-crisis-west-s-fault

oppositionen om nyvalg og udarbejdelse af en ny forfatning for Ukraine.” – Bent Jensen i Berlingske Tidende⁹⁵

“Jeg har siden foråret 2014 kritiseret den russiske annektering af Krim som klart folkeretsstridig selvægt, der måtte føre til modforanstaltninger fra vestlig side. Men jeg har samtidig peget på, at den russiske ukrainepolitik mere har været defensivt end offensivt drevet og en umiddelbar reaktion på det forfatningsstridige, men vestligt støttede kup i Kijev kort før annekteringen af Krim” – Paul Villiaume i

RÆSON⁹⁶

“To optagelser af fortrolige, diplomatiske samtaler dukkede pludselig op på YouTube, hvorefter de blev 'opdaget' i en tweet fra en russisk embedsmand. Den optagelse, som skabte mest virak, indeholdt en samtale mellem den amerikanske viceudenrigsminister for europæiske forhold, Victoria Nuland, og USA's ambassadør i Kijev, Geoffrey Pyatt. »Jeg synes, det ville være godt, hvis vi kan få FN til at hjælpe med at få det her til at hænge sammen, og du ved, så fuck EU«, siger Nuland. Hvortil Pyatt svarer: »Lige præcis. Og jeg tror, vi er nødt til at gøre noget for at få det til at hænge sammen, for du kan være sikker på, at hvis det begynder at løfte sig, så vil russerne arbejde bag kulissen for at torpedere det«. Det, de to amerikanere talte om, var, hvem der efter USA's mening bør komme med i en ny ukrainsk regering, efter at den ruslandsvenlige præsident, Viktor Janukovitj, nu er blevet tvunget til at opløse sin regering. Samtalen viser en dyb amerikansk involvering i Ukraines magtskifte - og samtidig en tydelig foragt for EU's indsats i landet.” - Thomas Lauritzen i Politiken⁹⁷

Der kan findes en rød tråd i Disinformation Review: 'Sandheden' er de påstande Disinformation Review vælger at underbygge med reference til vestlige mainstreammedier inklusiv EU og NATOs egne medier, samt andre provestlige medier fra fx Ukraine. 'Misinformation' er de påstande Disinformation Review vælger at tilbagevise, der kommer fra ikke-vestlige medier eller alternative vestlige medier. Påstandene udgør ikke misinformation, hvis de stammer fra vestlige mainstreammedier, men ignoreres i stedet, som var de ikke eksisterende.

⁹⁵ <http://www.b.dk/kommentarer/arrogance-og-selv-modsigelse-i-vestens-politik>

⁹⁶ RÆSON 04/15 side 56

⁹⁷ <http://politiken.dk/debat/klummer/thomaslauritzen/premium/ECE2204426/rusland-udnytter-fuck-eu-kommentar-til-at-splitte-vesten/>

Ifølge East StratCom Task Force, laver de ikke modpropaganda.⁹⁸ I denne sag har Disinformation Review ikke desto mindre, givet den valgte definition af begrebet, karakter af et stykke propaganda. East Stratcom søger i Disinformation Review at delegitimere information der strider mod en given opfattelse af virkeligheden. Den information der præsenteres i Disinformation Review er helt ensidig og vil lede den uopmærksomme modtager til at tænke og mene noget bestemt, der i dette tilfælde ikke kan konkluderes at være den objektive sandhed. Lidegaards ønske om, at det kun er fakta der kommer frem, er ikke opnået, med mindre det overlades til East StratCom Task Force, at definere hvad der er fakta. At East StratCom Task Force agerer partisk, burde ikke overraske, da de er finansieret af midler fra EU og EU-medlemslande⁹⁹ og har som erklæret mål at kommunikere og promovere EUs politik.

Disinformation Review har ”tilbagevist” flere tusinde tilfælde af misinformation. I denne artikel er kun behandlet de 70 tilbagevisninger, jeg har kunnet finde, der bl.a. omhandler påstande om, at der har været et kup i ukraine, samt at vestlige aktører var indblandet. De kan ses nederst. Der tages forbehold for, at jeg kan have overset nogen. Et arkiv over alle Disinformation Reviews kan findes her¹⁰⁰.

Det er et stort problem i forhold til Ukrainekrisen, at der findes så stort et spænd mellem henholdsvis den vestlige og den russiske fortælling om begivenhederne i Kiev i 2014. Dette problem løses ikke ved, at de vestlige lande og deres institutioner insisterer på deres egen fortællings korrekthed, og behandler enhver indsigelse mod denne med larmende tavshed eller som misinformation. Når russiske, alternative og visse vestlige medier fortæller en anderledes historie, så skyldes det, at der findes empirisk opbakning til denne historie. Ifølge Forsvarets Efterretningstjenestes risikovurdering fra 2015 opfatter Rusland faktisk de politiske omvæltninger i Kiev i februar 2014 som et vestligt støttet kup; en trussel mod deres strategiske interesser, der gjorde dem villige til at anvende militære midler.¹⁰¹

*”Det er sandsynligt, at Rusland er villigt til at anvende militære midler i situationer, hvor landets ledelse vurderer, at Vesten alvorligt truer russiske strategiske interesser i det tidligere sovjetiske område. Rusland vurderede, at en sådan situation var opstået med de politiske omvæltninger i Kiev i februar 2014, som Rusland opfatter som et vestligt støttet kup, der skulle føre Ukraine ind i EU og på lidt længere sigt også i NATO.” – **Forsvarets Efterretningstjeneste***

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http://collections.internetmemory.org/haeu/content/20160313172652/http://eeas.europa.eu/top_stories/2015/261115_stratcom-east_qanda_en.htm

⁹⁹ <http://trollsrus.org/>

¹⁰⁰ <https://fe-ddis.dk/Produkter/Risikovurderinger/Pages/Efterretningsmaessigrisikovurdering2015.aspx>

Ukrainekrisen startede med Yanukovich' afsættelse og har siden ledt til en ny kold krig mellem Rusland og Vesten. En åben og reel diskussion af de begivenheder der førte til krisen er nødvendig, både for at løse krisen og for at undgå lignende konflikter i fremtiden.

Debunk no.	Date	Claim	Link to claim	Debunk	Link(s) to debunk	Link to Disinformation Review
1	09.12 .2015	Euromaidan was influenced by the USA, which has invested \$5 billion to divert Ukraine from Russia. The USA also planned to build a NATO base in Crimea so that it could invade Russia. Also, the USA are attempting to ruin relations between Russia and Europe using Ukraine.	http://aeronet.cz/news/ani-profesor-historie-nemusi-mit-vzdy-pravdu-o-te-soucasne-nemluve/	Repeating already debunked disinformation	http://www.stopfake.org/en/324 http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#cl405	eeas.europa.eu/euvsdisinfo/docs/disinformation_review_15-12-2015.pdf
2	17.12 .2015	Maidan was a coup. After banning the Communist Party of Ukraine, there is no state of Ukraine.	https://vk.com/sovinfo_rmburo	Repeating old disinformation describing civic demonstrations as a coup.	-	eeas.europa.eu/euvsdisinfo/docs/disinformation_review_22-12-2015_en.pdf
3	28.12 .2015	The Trend Last Time: After the coup, new Kyiv authorities started cooperation with ISIS. The USA wants to transform Ukraine into a transit zone to destabilize Russia. ISIS fighters have no problems obtaining new Ukrainian identity legally.	https://vk.com/video199857658_171894525?hash=43c22d5fee00b94c	Repeating older disinformation with no supporting evidence given.	-	eeas.europa.eu/euvsdisinfo/docs/disinformation_review_05-01-2016_en.pdf
4	12.01 .2016	Euromaidan was a coup. It was directed by the West. Ukraine belongs to Russia. In Donbass, Kyiv is very happy to destroy all the infrastructure.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b8GQg29cPkQ	Repeating older disinformation with no supporting evidence.	-	eeas.europa.eu/euvsdisinfo/docs/disinformation_review_02-02-2016_en.pdf
5	05.01 .2016	Kyiv is governed by junta, Oleksandr Turchynov organized a state coup and violence against peaceful citizens in Donbass – Igor Druz from the presidential institute RISS.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y2yC4NOL_Ak	Repeating disinformation that was debunked many times before.	-	eeas.europa.eu/euvsdisinfo/docs/disinformation_review_12-01-2016.pdf
6	05.01 .2016	The whole Euromaidan was directed by Western puppets. NATO soldiers are fighting in the east of Ukraine - experts from the presidential institute RISS.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9y0WdpNFn20	Repeating older disinformation.	-	eeas.europa.eu/euvsdisinfo/docs/disinformation_review_12-01-2016.pdf
7	06.01 .2016	Euromaidan was a coup and a betrayal, the Kyiv government is illegitimate – Igor Druz with a separatist fighter wish the Ukrainians a Happy New Year.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zi0nh4P2ps0	Euromaidan was a people's revolution against pro-Kremlin President Yanukovych. The Kyiv government is legitimate following domestic elections.	-	eeas.europa.eu/euvsdisinfo/docs/disinformation_review_12-01-2016.pdf

8	21.01 .2016	Maidan was a coup.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9z0Wyi_bguE	There has been no "coup" in Kyiv but a democratic vote in parliament in a crisis situation: the government was approved by constitutional majority in the Ukrainian Parliament (the Verkhovna Rada) showing its inclusive character, whereas a simple majority would have been sufficient. Following his flight from Kyiv and Ukraine, then President Yanukovich was dismissed by a constitutional majority and the void left by his departure filled to restore normal functioning of the state and implementation of the 21 February agreement.	-	eeas.europa.eu/euvsdisinfo/docs/disinformation-review-26-01-2016_en.pdf
9	21.01 .2016	USA organized a military coup in Ukraine. The Americans have to stop giving weapons to Ukraine to fulfill the Minsk agreements.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9z0Wyi_bguE	Euromaidan was not a coup. USA does not give lethal weapons to Ukraine. To fulfill Minsk agreements, Ukraine has to restore control of its border - which depends on Russia.	-	eeas.europa.eu/euvsdisinfo/docs/disinformation-review-26-01-2016_en.pdf
10	27.01 .2016	The main obstacle to the implementation of the Minsk agreements is the unwillingness of Kyiv's authorities, who have come to power because of the coup, to start talking to the population of Donetsk and Lugansk.	http://vremya-pokazhet.ru/vse-vyipuski/vremya-pokazhet-vyipusk-ot-27-01-2016.html	There was no coup in Kiev; in February 2014, the then Ukrainian president abandoned his functions and, in a situation of force majeure, the Rada appointed an acting president by a constitutional majority. The subsequent presidential elections of May 2015 were recognised as largely in line with international standards by OSCE/ODIHR.	-	eeas.europa.eu/euvsdisinfo/docs/disinformation_review_02-02-2016_en.pdf
11	03.02 .2016	Putin's man Nikolai Starikov in Prague: The coup in Ukraine had established an US-controlled puppet government and the civil war in Donbass is Kyiv's bloody campaign against supporters of Victor Yanukovych.	http://www.parlamentnilisty.cz/arena/rozhovory/Putinuv-muz-nam-poradil-co-s-uprchliky-At-proste-vedi-ze-se-k-vam-nedostanou-Zajistite-to-takto-420020	Repeating an already debunked disinformation	http://www.evropskehodnoty.cz/vyzkum/nejcastejsi-ruske-mvty-lzi-ukrajinske-krizi/	eeas.europa.eu/euvsdisinfo/docs/disinformation_review_09-02-2016_en.pdf
12	03.02 .2016	Euromaidan was a coup sponsored by the EU, carried out by nazis and idiots. The French government is a totalitarian regime – Igor Druz from Russian Institute of Strategic Studies (body established by the Russian President).	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wWWQ_nwAzUTo	Repeating an already debunked disinformation. For claims about France, no evidence given.	-	eeas.europa.eu/euvsdisinfo/docs/disinformation_review_09-02-2016_en.pdf
13	04.02	Euromaidan was a coup (lead)	https://www.youtube.	Repeating an already debunked	-	eeas.europa.eu/euvsd

	.2016	by nazis).	com/watch?v=i6aNqf0OVnQ	disinformation.		isinfo/docs/disinformation_review_09-02-2016_en.pdf
14	07.02 .2016	The UK and the US supported the coup in Ukraine	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=asDCJ4aZYRM	Repeating an already debunked disinformation.	-	eeas.europa.eu/euvsd isinfo/docs/disinformation_review_16-02-2016_en.pdf
15	11.02 .2016	In 2014, there was an armed coup in Ukraine, there were no elections.	http://vremya-pokazhet.ru/vse-vyipuski/vremya-pokazhet-vyipusk-ot-11-02-2016.html	Repeating an already debunked disinformation.	-	eeas.europa.eu/euvsd isinfo/docs/disinformation_review_16-02-2016_en.pdf
16	14.02 .2016	As it happened in Kiev before, America again wants to become the “broker” in an overthrow of the Syrian president and to get its bonus.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=opcG-iDo6YM	As for Kyiv: repeating an already debunked disinformation. // As for Syria: no evidence given.	-	eeas.europa.eu/euvsd isinfo/docs/disinformation_review_23-02-2016_en.pdf
17	14.02 .2016	Crimea came to Russia as the result of the vote of the people. In Kyiv, there was a coup committed with the support of the West and the Nazis.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=opcG-iDo6YM	Repeating already debunked pieces of disinformation.	-	eeas.europa.eu/euvsd isinfo/docs/disinformation_review_23-02-2016_en.pdf
18	17.02 .2016	The Vatican organised the coup and the civil war in Ukraine. Pope Francis leads Catholics against Russian Orthodox Church.	http://od-novorossia.livejournal.com/1711297.html	No evidence given. Cf. the recent meeting between the Pope and Patriarch Kirill.	-	eeas.europa.eu/euvsd isinfo/docs/disinformation_review_23-02-2016_en.pdf
19	18.02 .2016	The Greek Catholics and the Roman Catholics have organized a coup in Ukraine. The West has organized a coup in Ukraine. Ukrainians are Nazis. Ukrainians are Russians.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hLjCk0ua4rc	Repeating an already debunked disinformation with no supporting evidence given	-	eeas.europa.eu/euvsd isinfo/docs/disinformation_review_01-03-2016_en.pdf
20	19.02 .2016	Maidan is organised only with the support of Washington. War criminals, foreign agents and nazis govern Ukraine.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m2WlynFugbE	Repeating already debunked disinformation. See the election results in Ukraine.	-	eeas.europa.eu/euvsd isinfo/docs/disinformation_review_23-02-2016_en.pdf
21	02.03 .2016	Pope Francis is one of world's richest bankers; the boss of worldwide media corporation; the head of worldwide intelligence and terrorist web; chief organizer of the coup and civil war in Little Russia (i.e. Ukraine).	http://od-novorossia.livejournal.com/1751582.html	No evidence given.	-	eeas.europa.eu/euvsd isinfo/docs/disinformation_review_08-03-16_en.pdf
22	04.03	Current authorities in Ukraine	https://www.youtube.	Repeating a myth that has been	-	eeas.europa.eu/euvsd

	.2016	seized power in a coup.	com/watch?v=Dfx5Kok_eIYl	debunked many times.		isinfo/docs/disinformation_review_08-03-16_en.pdf
23	08-09.03 .2016	The West provoked the Maidan protests and burned the bridges between Ukraine and Russia.	http://prvnizpravy.parlementnilisty.cz/zpravy/zpravy/typicky-pristup-zapadu-rozvrat-stat-a-potom-ho-opustit/ http://www.svetkolem.nas.info/novinky/zahranicni/3996-typicky-pristup-zapadu-rozvrat-stat-a-potom-ho-opustit	The demonstrations which began in Kiev in November 2013 were born out of Ukrainians' desire for a closer relationship with the European Union, and their frustration when former President Yanukovich halted progress in this direction.	http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#cl403	eeas.europa.eu/euvsd/isinfo/docs/disinformation_review_15-03-2016_en.pdf
24	09.03 .2016	Ukraine is a part of the Russian world. The country is taken over by the fascist regime in Kyiv.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CT0UQ_TiAc0	Repeating of an already debunked myth: no fascist coup took place in Ukraine.	-	eeas.europa.eu/euvsd/isinfo/docs/disinformation_review_15-03-2016_en.pdf
25	20.03 .2016	The EU and the US supported the coup in Ukraine in 2014.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lU2fSZA_BkW8	Repeating already debunked disinformation.	-	eeas.europa.eu/euvsd/isinfo/docs/disinformation_review_25-07-2016_eng.pdf
26	28.03 .2016	After the US-led violent coup against the legitimate government of Ukraine, which Moscow did not want to accept, the West imposed a number of economic sanctions on Russia.	https://deutsch.rt.com/wirtschaft/37485-rohrkreipier-wie-russlands-wirtschaft-olpreiskrise/	Repeating already debunked disinformation. The demonstrations which began in Kiev in November 2013 were born out of Ukrainians' own desire for a closer relationship with the European Union, and their frustration when former President Yanukovich halted progress toward that goal as a result of Russian pressure. The Yanukovich government lost its legitimacy following the brutal crackdown it ordered on peaceful protesters. The EU imposed restrictive measures against the Russian Federation in response to the illegal annexation of Crimea and deliberate destabilisation of a neighbouring sovereign country.	http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#cl403 www.kas.de/wfd/oc/kas_37844-1522-2-30.pdf?14061214_5651 http://europa.eu/newsroom/highlights/special-coverage/eu_sanc_tions_en	eeas.europa.eu/euvsd/isinfo/docs/disinformation_review_25-07-2016_eng.pdf
27	30.03 .2016	The conflict in the East of Ukraine was started by the fascist regime in Kyiv, Maidan was organized by the US government.	http://svobodnenoviny.eu/stydim-se-za-nasi-zlocineckou-vladu-za-jeji-postoj-a-podporovani-valky-na-	Repeating a myth that has been debunked many times already.	-	eeas.europa.eu/euvsd/isinfo/docs/disinformation_review_25-07-2016_eng.pdf

			vychode-ukrajiny/ http://www.rukojimi.cz/clanky/1390-stydime-se-za-nasi-zlocineckou-vladu-za-jeji-postoj-a-podporovani-valky-na-vychode-ukrajiny			
28	30.03 .2016	The ultimate objective of the coup in Kyiv, organised by the West, is to hit Russia. The takeover of Ukraine, its land and businesses, is just an intermediate step, a bonus that benefits transnational corporations.	http://od-novorossia.livejournal.com/1831822.html	Repeating already debunked disinformation. The demonstrations which began in Kiev in November 2013 were born out of Ukrainians' own desire for a closer relationship with the European Union, and their frustration when former President Yanukovych halted progress toward that goal as a result of Russian pressure.	http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#cl403	eeas.europa.eu/euvdisinfo/docs/disinformation_review_en_12-04-2016.pdf
29	07.04 .2016	The association agreement is so important for Brussels that the US provoked a coup in Kiev because of it.	http://protiproud.parlamentnílisty.cz/politika/2371-zdrcujici-nizozemske-ne-referendum-je-platne-presto-jako-by-nebylo-mys-je-v-koute-a-bude-klickovat-rana-bruselu-takovych-uz-bylo-muze-za-to-putin-tyranii-si-rozvracet-nedame-mozna-prijedi.htm	The demonstrations which began in Kiev in November 2013 were born out of Ukrainians' own desire for a closer relationship with the European Union, and their frustration when former President Yanukovych halted progress toward that goal as a result of Russian pressure	http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#cl403	eeas.europa.eu/euvdisinfo/docs/disinformation_review_en_12-04-2016.pdf
30	08.04 .2016	The current government of Ukraine came to power in a coup against the state.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3VqXqSS4c8c&nohtml5=False	Repeating already debunked disinformation. The demonstrations which began in Kiev in November 2013 were born out of Ukrainians' own desire for a closer relationship with the European Union, and their frustration when former President Yanukovych halted progress toward that goal as a result of Russian pressure The Yanukovych government lost its legitimacy following the brutal crackdown it ordered on peaceful protesters The current government is fully legitimate.	http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#cl403 http://www.kas.de/wf/doc/kas_378_44-1522-2-30.pdf?14061214_5651	eeas.europa.eu/euvdisinfo/docs/disinformation_review_en_12-04-2016.pdf
31	09.04	The process of disintegration	https://vk.com/civilwar	Repeating already debunked	http://www.stopf	eeas.europa.eu/euvdisinfo

	.2016	<p>has already begun in Ukraine: Transcarpathia oblast council is demanding autonomy.</p> <p>The US has refused to continue supporting president Poroshenko.</p> <p>Ukrainians are part of the Russian world.</p> <p>There was coup in Kyiv.</p>	?w=wall-35660695_58316	<p>disinformation. The Transcarpathian regional council has dismissed this claim as a fake.</p> <p>The United States is firmly committed to supporting Ukraine as it works to establish security and stability, respond to humanitarian and reconstruction needs, conduct democratic elections and carry out constitutional reforms, restore its economy, and combat corruption.</p> <p>Ukraine is a sovereign nation.</p> <p>Repeating already debunked disinformation. The demonstrations which began in Kiev in November 2013 were born out of Ukrainians' own desire for a closer relationship with the European Union, and their frustration when former President Yanukovych halted progress toward that goal as a result of Russian pressure.</p>	ake.org/en/fake-transcarpathia-demands-autonomy-from-kyiv/ https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/09/18/fact-sheet-us-support-ukraine http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#cl403	isinfo/docs/disinformation_review_20-04-2016-en.pdf
32	11.04 .2016	<p>Chancellor Angela Merkel is the daughter of Adolf Hitler.</p> <p>Merkel is a puppet of the US and supported the neo-fascist coup d'état in Ukraine. She also allowed hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees together with terrorists and fighters to enter Germany, where they mass rape German women.</p>	http://saqinform.ge/news/28589/angela+ange_lozi+sulac+ar+yofila+-+ramdenime+sityva+ka+ncler+merkelis+amoral+ur+saxeze+(saqinformi.+nawili+1).html	<p>Repeating already debunked disinformation.</p> <p>Germany is a sovereign country.</p> <p>The demonstrations which began in Kiev in November 2013 were born out of Ukrainians' own desire for a closer relationship with the European Union, and their frustration when former President Yanukovych halted progress toward that goal as a result of Russian pressure.</p> <p>There is no evidence about mass rapes committed by immigrants outside proKremlin media.</p>	http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#cl403	eeas.europa.eu/euvsdisinfo/docs/disinformation_review_26_04_2016_en.pdf
33	17.04 .2016	<p>President Obama provoked a coup and a civil war in Ukraine.</p>	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E20nPzAYabM	<p>Repeating already debunked disinformation. The demonstrations which began in Kiev in November 2013 were born out of Ukrainians' own desire for a closer relationship with the European Union, and their frustration when former President Yanukovych halted progress toward that goal as a result of Russian pressure.</p> <p>The war in Eastern Ukraine is a consequence of Russian military</p>	http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#cl403 http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/publications/reports/holding-in-plain-sight-putin-s-war-in-ukraine-and	eeas.europa.eu/euvsdisinfo/docs/disinformation_review_26_04_2016_en.pdf

				aggression.	boris-nemtsov-s-putin-war	
34	21.04 .2016	Right-wing extremists were a major driving force behind the Maidan coup	https://deutsch.rt.com/europa/37944-ukraine-auswanderung-von-juden-seit/	Repeating already debunked disinformation. The spontaneous onset of the Euromaidan protests was a reaction of disappointment and indignation by large parts of the Ukrainian population to the Yanukovych government's sudden departure from the Association Agreement with the European Union in November 2013. Reliable sources has repeatedly pointed out that the total number of radical groups never amounted to more than a few hundred to a maximum of a thousand people. The majority of the protesters (up to two million at one time nationwide), however, consisted of peaceful Ukrainian citizens.	www.kas.de/wf/doc/kas_37844-1522-2-30.pdf?140612145651	eeas.europa.eu/euvsd isinfo/docs/disinformation_review_26_04_2016_en.pdf
35	23.04 .2016	Ukraine's Maidan was a coup, financed by Petro Poroshenko and Ihor Kolomoyskyi.	-	Repeating already debunked disinformation. The demonstrations which began in Kiev in November 2013 were born out of Ukrainians' own desire for a closer relationship with the European Union, and their frustration when former President Yanukovych halted progress toward that goal as a result of Russian pressure. The Yanukovych government lost its legitimacy following the brutal crackdown it ordered on peaceful protesters. The current government is fully legitimate.	http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#cl403 www.kas.de/wf/doc/kas_37844-1522-2-30.pdf?140612145651	eeas.europa.eu/euvsd isinfo/docs/disinformation_review_25-07-2016_eng.pdf
36	27.04 .2016	Petro Poroshenko came to power in a coup. It is Ukraine's departure from Russia that should be regarded as real separatism.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IkbgHI8r_mE	Repeating already debunked disinformation. The demonstrations which began in Kiev in November 2013 were born out of Ukrainians' own desire for a closer relationship with the European Union, and their frustration when former President Yanukovych halted progress toward that goal as a result of Russian pressure. The Yanukovych government lost its legitimacy following the brutal crackdown it ordered on peaceful	http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#cl403 www.kas.de/wf/doc/kas_37844-1522-2-30.pdf?140612145651	eeas.europa.eu/euvsd isinfo/docs/disinformation_review_25-07-2016_eng.pdf

				protesters.		
37	30.04 .2016	After the coup in Ukraine and the reunification of Crimea with Russia, NATO declared Russia to be aggressor without any reason.	http://cz.sputniknews.com/svet/20160430/2939315/nato-pobalti-vojaci.html#ixzz47LLZ1VJd	<p>Repeating already debunked disinformation. The demonstrations which began in Kiev in November 2013 were born out of Ukrainians' own desire for a closer relationship with the European Union, and their frustration when former President Yanukovich halted progress toward that goal as a result of Russian pressure.</p> <p>The UN GA Resolution 68/262, which condemned Russia's illegal actions in Ukraine, was supported by 100 United Nations member states.</p>	http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#c1403 www.securitycouncilreport.org/atf/cf/%7B65BFCF9B-6D27-4E9C-8CD3-CF6E4FF96FF9%7D/a_res_68_262.pdf	eeas.europa.eu/euvsdisinfo/docs/disinformation_review_25-07-2016_eng.pdf
38	03.05 .2016	The Ukrainian elites started to repress pro-Russian thinking people immediately after the Maidan coup. They also proposed to ban the usage of the Russian language.	http://svobodnenoviny.eu/rusum-kteri-padliv-boji-proti-kyjevskym-pucistum-na-donbasu-nalezi-ucta/	<p>Repeating already debunked disinformation. The demonstrations which began in Kiev in November 2013 were born out of Ukrainians' own desire for a closer relationship with the European Union, and their frustration when former President Yanukovich halted progress toward that goal as a result of Russian pressure.</p> <p>The Ukrainian constitution guarantees the free development, use and protection of Russian, and other languages of national minorities of Ukraine.</p>	http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#c1403	eeas.europa.eu/euvsdisinfo/docs/disinformation_review_25-07-2016_eng.pdf
39	12.05 .2016	The Maidan revolution was a US-led coup that installed a US-controlled puppet regime in Ukraine. Ukrainian authorities repress the Russian-speaking minority in Donbass.	http://www.globalresearch.ca/americ-threatens-russia-us-nato-forces-moving-from-a-training-to-a-war-fighting-stance/5524883	<p>Repeating already debunked disinformation. The demonstrations which began in Kiev in November 2013 were born out of Ukrainians' own desire for a closer relationship with the European Union, and their frustration when former President Yanukovich halted progress toward that goal as a result of Russian pressure.</p> <p>Ukraine's President Poroshenko was elected on 25 May with a clear majority in a vote which the OSCE characterized as showing the "clear resolve of the authorities to hold what was a genuine election largely in line with international commitments and with a respect for fundamental freedoms"</p>	http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#c1403 http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#c1507 http://www.osce.org/hcnm/226736?download=true	eeas.europa.eu/euvsdisinfo/docs/disinformation_review_24-05-16.pdf

				Astrid Thors, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, has confirmed that Ukraine has demonstrated its intention to embrace European standards for minority rights protection.		
40	12.05 .2016	After the military coup in Kyiv, Ukraine became an enemy state for Russia, controlled by Washington.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DX9ghlRLLds	<p>Repeating already debunked disinformation. The demonstrations which began in Kiev in November 2013 were born out of Ukrainians' own desire for a closer relationship with the European Union, and their frustration when former President Yanukovych halted progress toward that goal as a result of Russian pressure.</p> <p>Ukraine's President Poroshenko was elected on 25 May with a clear majority in a vote which the OSCE characterized as showing the "clear resolve of the authorities to hold what was a genuine election largely in line with international commitments and with a respect for fundamental freedoms"</p>	http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#cl403 http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#cl507	eeas.europa.eu/euvsd isinfo/docs/disinformation_review_24-05-16.pdf
41	15.05 .2016	The Maidan revolution was a US-led coup that installed US-controlled puppet regime in Ukraine. Ukrainian authorities repress the Russian-speaking minority in Donbass.	http://www.eurasia24.cz/nazory/679-amerika-vyhozuje-rusku-sily-usa-nato-prechazeji-od-cvicenek-bojove-pripravenosti	Czech translation of the globalresearch.ca disinformation article.		eeas.europa.eu/euvsd isinfo/docs/disinformation_review_24-05-16.pdf
42	23.05 .2016	There was a nationalist coup in Kiev.	http://de.sputniknews.com/panorama/20160523/310061174/Ukraine-angehorige-von-nationalistischem-bataillonten-norwegischen-soeldner.html	Repeating already debunked disinformation. The demonstrations which began in Kiev in November 2013 were born out of Ukrainians' own desire for a closer relationship with the European Union, and their frustration when former President Yanukovych halted progress toward that goal as a result of Russian pressure.	http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#cl403	eeas.europa.eu/euvsd isinfo/docs/disinformation_review_31-05-2016_eng.pdf
43	23.05 .2016	The West is planning to turn Ukraine into a nuclear dumpsite: after the coup in February 2014, the process of building an infrastructure for massive radioactive waste disposal was launched with funds from foreign donors.	https://rg.ru/2016/05/23/vitalij-churkin-ukraina-prevashchaetsia-v-iadernuiu-svalku-evropy.html	Ukraine signed an agreement with the EBRD on a loan financing the construction of a new nuclear waste repository in 1996. The actual construction of the new facility began in 2001 but was suspended because of problems with the French contractor Famatome. In 2007 a new	http://www.stopfake.org/en/fake-ukraine-turning-into-europe-s-nuclear-dump/	eeas.europa.eu/euvsd isinfo/docs/disinformation_review_31-05-2016_eng.pdf

				contract was signed with the US company Holtec International. Ukraine's prime minister at that time was Viktor Yanukovych.		
44	06.06 .2016	German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier ensured the implementation of the Nazi coup in Ukraine.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_JXtE8kUG0	Repeating already debunked disinformation. The demonstrations which began in Kiev in November 2013 were born out of Ukrainians' own desire for a closer relationship with the European Union, and their frustration when former President Yanukovych halted progress toward that goal as a result of Russian pressure.	http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#cl403	eeas.europa.eu/euvsdisinfo/docs/disinformation_review_25-07-2016_eng.pdf
45	09.06 .2016	The US led a coup in Ukraine and instated a puppet government. Western propaganda is trying to convince people that Russia is preparing for the invasion of the Baltic states, Poland, Romania, Ukraine and Georgia. US president George H. W. Bush promised Soviet leader Gorbachev that NATO will not move an inch further eastwards.	http://www.paulcraigroberts.org/2016/06/09/where-do-matters-stand-paul-craig-roberts/	Repeating already debunked disinformation. The spontaneous onset of the Euromaidan protests was a reaction of disappointment and indignation by large parts of the Ukrainian population to the Yanukovych government's sudden departure from the Association Agreement with the European Union in November 2013. The current parliament was elected on 26 October in a vote which the OSCE characterized as "an amply contested election that offered voters real choice, and a general respect for fundamental freedoms" Georgia's territorial integrity has already been violated by the Russian Federation. Crimea is under Russian occupation. President Putin has also declared that Romania, Poland may now be in Russia's cross-hairs. Repeating an already debunked myth, such a promise was never made This is acknowledged by Gorbachev himself.	http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#cl507 http://www.reuters.com/article/us-russia-europe-shield-idUSKCN0YI2ER http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/topics_109141.htm	eeas.europa.eu/euvsdisinfo/docs/disinformation_review_25-07-2016_eng.pdf
46	11.06 .2016	There was a coup in Ukraine, which eventually resulted in a civil war.	http://patriot-donetsk.ru/6259-plakali-vashi-cennosti-kakuyu-ukrainu-stroit-evropa.html	Repeating already debunked disinformation. The demonstrations which began in Kiev in November 2013 were born out of Ukrainians' own desire for a closer relationship with the European Union, and their frustration when former President Yanukovych halted progress toward that goal as a result of Russian	http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#cl403 www.securityconilreport.org/atf/cf/%7B65BFCF9B-	eeas.europa.eu/euvsdisinfo/docs/disinformation_review_25-07-2016_eng.pdf

				<p>pressure.</p> <p>The war in Ukraine is a result of Russian aggression, also condemned by the UN GA Resolution 68/262</p>	6D27-4E9C-8CD3-CF6E4FF96FF9%7D/a_res_68_262.pdf	
47	11.07 .2016	The war in Ukraine started on Maidan square in Kiev, where the West used violence to get rid of a democratically elected regime in order to impose a puppet government upon the Ukrainian people. The secession of Crimea from Ukraine was neither against international law, nor violent.	https://propagandaschau.wordpress.com/2016/07/11/ard-zdf-nato-luegen-und-geschichtsklitterung-gegen-russland/#more-23587	<p>The demonstrations which began in Kiev in November 2013 – “Maidan”, “Euromaidan” – were born out of Ukrainians’ own desire for a closer relationship with the European Union, and their frustration with the corrupt regime of former President Yanukovych and with his last minute U-turn, after seven years of negotiation, to halt progress towards that goal as a result of Russian pressure.</p> <p>The 2014 presidential election in Ukraine was a genuine election largely in line with international commitments and it respected fundamental freedoms, despite the hostile security environment in two eastern regions of the country. According to the OSCE, “people of Ukraine had the opportunity to genuinely express their will at the ballot box”</p> <p>Similarly, Ukraine’s local elections in October 2015 were competitive and generally showed respect for the democratic process</p> <p>Any decision relating to Ukraine’s sovereignty or sovereign choices can only be taken without undue external pressure. The socalled referendum on</p>	http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_111767.htm#cl403 http://www.osce.org/node/119081 http://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/ukraine/194401	eeas.europa.eu/euvsdisinfo/docs/disinformation_review_19-07-2016_eng.pdf
48	27.08 .2016	Ukrainians are only cannon fodder in the war against Russia. The Kyiv junta has organised a bloody coup in the country.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kW-6v8Y7vOk	<p>Repeating already debunked disinformation. The spontaneous onset of the Euromaidan protests was a reaction of large parts of the Ukrainian population to the Yanukovych government’s sudden departure from the Association Agreement with the European Union in November 2013.</p>	-	http://us11.campaign = archive1.com/?u=cd23226ada1699a77000eb60b&id=52bc6f7a23
49	02.09 .2016	There was a coup in Ukraine, the Ukrainian authorities are illegitimate.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8rl6unGRzk	<p>Repeating already debunked disinformation. The spontaneous onset of the Euromaidan protests was a reaction of large parts of the</p>	-	http://us11.campaign = archive1.com/?u=cd23226ada1699a77000e

				Ukrainian population to the Yanukovych government's sudden departure from the Association Agreement with the European Union in November 2013.		b60b&id=52bc6f7a23
50	31.08 .2016	Hillary Clinton is a "warmonger" which is demonstrated through her alleged quote: "I want the Iranians to know that if I'm president we will attack Iran and we could obliterate all Iranians." She put Victoria Nuland to the ministry of foreign affairs so that she could organize the US coup in Ukraine.	http://www.parlamentnilisty.cz/arena/nazory-a-petice/P-C-Roberts-Mohou-Americanesvrhnout-dabla-ktery-jim-vladne-451478	Hillary Clinton said this in 2009 as a response to a question how would she handle Iran if it used nuclear weapons against Israel. The rest is recycled disinformation about the alleged US involvement in an alleged Ukrainian coup.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2008/apr/23/hillaryclintoniran	http://us11.campaign = archive1.com/?u=cd23226ada1699a77000eb60b&id=d7407e0813
51	04.09 .2016	There was a violent coup in Ukrain	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d3JkATsie20	Repeating already debunked disinformation. The spontaneous onset of the Euromaidan protests was a reaction of large parts of the Ukrainian population to the Yanukovych government's sudden departure from the Association Agreement with the European Union in November 2013.	-	http://us11.campaign = archive1.com/?u=cd23226ada1699a77000eb60b&id=d7407e0813
52	08.09 .2016	The war in Ukraine started because of a coup.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RgeLl0naM2A	Repeating already debunked disinformation. The spontaneous onset of the Euromaidan protests was a reaction of large parts of the Ukrainian population to the Yanukovych government's sudden departure from the Association Agreement with the European Union in November 2013.	-	http://us11.campaign = archive1.com/?u=cd23226ada1699a77000eb60b&id=d7407e0813
53	12.09 .2016	There was no Revolution of Dignity in Ukraine, it was a coup d'etat that helped terrorists seize power in Kyiv.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MkopaXd3xv8	Repeating already debunked disinformation. The spontaneous onset of the Euromaidan protests was a reaction of large parts of the Ukrainian population to the Yanukovych government's sudden departure from the Association Agreement with the European Union in November 2013.	http://www.osce.org/node/119081	http://us11.campaign = archive2.com/?u=cd23226ada1699a77000eb60b&id=6faf648066

				The 2014 presidential election in Ukraine was a genuine election largely in line with international commitments and it respected fundamental freedoms.		
54	15.09 .2016	A total of 30 thousand civilians have died in Ukraine since the coup that installed an illegitimate, pro-Western government which allowed NATO forces to stay in Ukraine, despite the Minsk Agreements.	http://www.hidfo.ru/2016/09/harmincezer-civil-aldozata-volt-az-ukran-valsagnak/	The current Ukrainian government was elected in free and fair elections. No NATO armed forces are currently stationed in Ukraine.	-	http://us11.campaign = archive2.com/?u=cd23226ada1699a77000eb60b&id=6faf648066
55	15.09 .2016	EU supports the regime in Kiev, which came to power through a coup. This shows the moral degradation of the EU.		Repeating already debunked disinformation. The spontaneous onset of the Euromaidan protests was a reaction of large parts of the Ukrainian population to the Yanukovych government's sudden departure from the Association Agreement with the European Union in November 2013. The 2014 presidential election in Ukraine was a genuine election largely in line with international commitments and it respected fundamental freedoms. Similarly, Ukraine's local elections in October 2015 were competitive and generally showed respect for the democratic process.	http://www.osce.org/node/119081 http://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/ukraine/194401	http://us11.campaign = archive2.com/?u=cd23226ada1699a77000eb60b&id=6faf648066
56	06.09 .2016	Hillary Clinton was behind the orchestrated toppling of Victor Yanukovych's rule in Ukraine and the interim government was set up by the US and used to start a conflict with Russia.	http://www.huffingtonpost.com/bruce-fein/a-vote-for-hillary-clinto_b_11879812.html	Repeating already debunked disinformation. The spontaneous onset of the Euromaidan protests was a reaction of large parts of the Ukrainian population to the Yanukovych government's sudden departure from the Association Agreement with the European Union in November 2013.		http://us11.campaign = archive2.com/?u=cd23226ada1699a77000eb60b&id=de012e4271

57	09.09 .2016	Hillary Clinton was behind the orchestrated toppling of Victor Yanukovych's rule in Ukraine and the interim government was set up by the US and used to start a conflict with Russia.	http://prvnizpravy.parlamentnilisty.cz/zpravy/politika/huffpost-hlas-pro-clintonovou-jehlas-pro-valku-s-ruskem-a-cinou/	Czech translation of the Huffington Post disinformation article mentioned above.		http://us11.campaign = archive2.com/?u=cd23226ada1699a77000eb60b&id=de012e4271
58	18.09 .2016	The current authorities in Ukraine seized power through a bloody coup.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wqnr8yuA2M	The spontaneous onset of the Euromaidan protests was a reaction of large parts of the Ukrainian population to the Yanukovych government's sudden departure from the Association Agreement with the European Union in November 2013. Both the parliamentary and the presidential elections in 2014 were open and democratic.		http://us11.campaign = archive2.com/?u=cd23226ada1699a77000eb60b&id=de012e4271
59	25.09 .2016	The US annexed Ukraine in February 2014 through the installation of a puppet government in the country.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pZyGhgnk8cc	The Ukrainian government was formed after democratic and legitimate elections.		http://us11.campaign = archive1.com/?u=cd23226ada1699a77000eb60b&id=f62872a959
60	16.10 .2016	The US authorities have eliminated democracy in America, staged a coup in Ukraine and now support Al-Qaeda.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sKrPE8brQW8	No evidence for the claim about "eliminating democracy". // The spontaneous onset of the Euromaidan protests was a reaction of large parts of the Ukrainian population to the Yanukovych government's sudden departure from the Association Agreement with the European Union in November 2013. The US has been leading a war on terror since 9/11 2001, in which Al-Qaeda has been one of the prime targets.	(KAS Report Ten myths) http://bit.ly/2dUdUkI (State Department report, patterns of global terrorism 2001)	http://us11.campaign = archive2.com/?u=cd23226ada1699a77000eb60b&id=de07c540d6
61	16.10 .2016	The Revolution of Dignity made by Ukrainians in 2014 was a "bloody coup" whose organizers should be held responsible at the court of justice.	http://vesti7.ru/article/564965/episode/16-10-2016/	There was no "coup" in Ukraine. The spontaneous onset of the Euromaidan protests was a reaction of large parts of the Ukrainian population to the		http://us11.campaign = archive1.com/?u=cd23226ada1699a77000eb60b&id=8cbedcba55

				Yanukovych government's sudden departure from the Association Agreement with the European Union in November 2013. The Presidential and parliamentary elections were open, free and democratic.		
62	16.10 .2016	While annexing Crimea and waging war against Ukraine, Russia had got no obligations to this country, particularly on the matter of Ukraine's sovereignty, due to the Ukrainian Revolution that was in fact a coup d'état.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K3C-CVtZebY	Repeating the myth about "coup" debunked above. Russia violated the international law with its actions in Ukraine, which is confirmed by the UNGA Resolution 68/262 supported by 100 UN Member States:	http://bit.ly/1RZGnjo (Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 27 March 2014 - 68/262. Territorial integrity of Ukraine)	http://us11.campaign- archive1.com/?u=cd23226ada1699a77000eb60b&id=8cbedcba55
63	02.11 .2016	The U.S.-backed "regime change" in Ukraine — launching the New Cold War with Russia in 2014 — was rationalized by the need to rid Ukraine of corruption, but postcoup officials are busy lining their pockets.	https://consortiumnews.com/2016/11/02/phony-corruption-excuse-for-ukraine-coup/	The demonstrations which began in Kyiv in November 2013 – called "Maidan", or "Euromaidan" – were not provoked from outside but were a result of the Ukrainian people's frustration with former President Yanukovych's last minute U-turn when, after seven years of negotiation, he refused to sign the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement and halted progress towards Ukraine's closer relationship with the EU as a result of Russian pressure. The protesters' demands included constitutional reform, a stronger role for parliament, formation of a government of national unity, an end to corruption, early presidential elections and an end to violence.		http://us11.campaign- archive1.com/?u=cd23226ada1699a77000eb60b&id=c552d24c1d
64	13.11 .2016	The Luhansk Peoples Republic is a young and independent state whereas the Ukraine government is ruled by a facist junta that took power through a coup.	http://miaistok.su/glava-lnr-segodnya-v-ukraine-pravit-zlobstvuyushchay-serost/	The international community does not recognise the so-called "presidential and parliamentary elections" held in Donetsk and Luhansk 'People's Republics' on 2 November 2014. These were held contrary to the letter and the spirit of the Minsk Protocol, signed within the framework of the Trilateral Contact Group, and obstructing efforts to find a	http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.2753/RUP1061-1940510502	http://us11.campaign- archive2.com/?u=cd23226ada1699a77000eb60b&id=7e101857e6

				sustainable political solution to the crisis. The far-right Right Sector (often depicted as "fascists" by pro-Kremlin outlets) gained only 1.8% of the votes, far short of the threshold needed to enter parliament. Ukraine's electorate clearly voted for unity and moderation, not separatism or extremism, and the composition of the parliament reflects that		
65	14.11 .2016	Ukraine's authorities are out of touch with the people because they came to power through an armed coup.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NoSGjyGrkms	The Ukrainian parliamentary elections of 26 October 2014, where parties devoted to democratic values received the strong majority of votes, and the democratic and inclusive Presidential elections held on 25 May 2014 disprove these claims. The OSCE characterised the vote as "an amply contested election that offered voters real choice, and a general respect for fundamental freedoms".	http://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/ukraine/126043	http://us11.campaign-us.archive1.com/?u=cd23226ada1699a77000eb60b&id=62d2998c9e
66	14.11 .2016	Ukrainian politicians came to power through a coup.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NoSGjyGrkms	The Ukrainian parliamentary elections of 26 October 2014, where parties devoted to democratic values received the strong majority of votes, and the democratic and inclusive Presidential elections held on 25 May 2014 disprove these claims. The OSCE characterised the vote as "an amply contested election that offered voters real choice, and a general respect for fundamental freedoms".	http://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/ukraine/126043	http://us11.campaign-us.archive1.com/?u=cd23226ada1699a77000eb60b&id=62d2998c9e
67	15.11 .2016	The US State Department has designed the Ukrainian Revolution	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nybx4rrlURw	The demonstrations which began in Kyiv in November 2013 – called "Maidan", or "Euromaidan" – were not provoked from outside but were a result of the Ukrainian people's frustration with former President Yanukovych's last minute U-turn when, after seven years of negotiation, he refused to sign the EU–Ukraine Association Agreement and halted progress towards Ukraine's closer relationship with the EU as a result of Russian	http://bit.ly/2ftv6I I (Report on Preliminary Examination Activities 2016 – International Criminal Court)	http://us11.campaign-us.archive1.com/?u=cd23226ada1699a77000eb60b&id=62d2998c9e

				pressure. The protesters' demands included constitutional reform, a stronger role for parliament, formation of a government of national unity, an end to corruption, early presidential elections and an end to violence		
68	15.11 .2016	The war in Ukraine was started by a coup in Kyiv and the threat of genocide of the Russian-speaking population of this country, including in Crimea and Donbas.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nybx4rrlURw	<p>The demonstrations which began in Kyiv in November 2013 – called "Maidan", or "Euromaidan" – were not provoked from outside but were a result of the Ukrainian people's frustration with former President Yanukovych's last minute U-turn when, after seven years of negotiation, he refused to sign the EU–Ukraine Association Agreement and halted progress towards Ukraine's closer relationship with the EU as a result of Russian pressure.</p> <p>. There was no war in Ukraine until Russian military aggression.</p> <p>There his no evidence of genocide, despite some infamous fake news stories on Russian state TV, purporting to prove so.</p>	http://bit.ly/2ftv6I T (Report on Preliminary Examination Activities 2016 – International Criminal Court) http://bit.ly/2ftv6I T (Same as above)	http://us11.campaign = archive1.com/?u=cd23226ada1699a77000eb60b&id=62d2998c9e
69	21.11 .2016	There was a military-fascist coup in Ukraine.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sI2SJ7RUh6I	<p>The spontaneous onset of the Euromaidan protests was a reaction of large parts of the Ukrainian population to former President Yanukovych's sudden departure from the Association Agreement with the European Union in November 2013.</p> <p>The total number of members of radical groups, e.g. the "Right Sector", never amounted to more than a few hundred to a maximum of a thousand people. The vast majority of the protesters (up to two million at one time nationwide) consisted of peaceful Ukrainian citizens</p>	http://bit.ly/1TI9X 7W. (KAS rapporten)	http://us11.campaign = archive1.com/?u=cd23226ada1699a77000eb60b&id=ec0b03d81d
70	21.11 .2016	In 2013-2014, there was no 'Revolution of Dignity' in Ukraine, there was a successful mission of the	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OGylV9vj3zM	No evidence given for this conspiracy theory.	-	http://us11.campaign = archive1.com/?u=cd23226ada1699a77000e

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