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ONLINE ANTIBODIES OF PRIME MINISTER KRIVOKAPIC

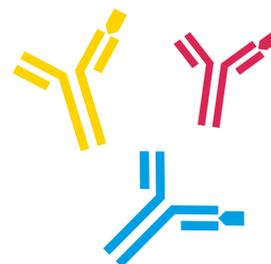
DFC ANALYSIS

In the last three months, several associated pages have appeared on the social networks Facebook and Instagram, which continuously promote and support Prime Minister Zdravko Krivokapic, some members of his government, Marko Milacic, and the Serbian Orthodox Church (SOC), while targeting other political entities. When it comes to negative announcements, frequently targeted are members of the DF, DPS, SDP, Deputy Prime Minister Dritan Abazovic, Interior Minister Sergej Sekulovic, and Director of the Police Administration Zoran Brdjanin, Montenegrin Orthodox Church (MOC), i.e. individuals and parties with whom the Prime Minister is often in political conflict.

DFC [analysis](#) clearly indicates that these pages share content that is either identical or overlaps in the narratives that are

placed, while the accounts that follow and share content from these pages are most often fake accounts and trolls.

Prof War Room is one of the pages that openly promotes Zdravko Krivokapic and the work of individual ministers. The page was created on October 15, 2021, and has 772 followers. The creators of the page described themselves as a group of citizens, true patriots who voluntarily decided to defend the one whom they consider the embodiment of change and all the good that is yet to come in Montenegro. On November 5, this page published disinformation that Joe Biden invited only Montenegro from the region to the summit on democracy. This is disinformation because, in addition to Montenegro, countries from the region were also invited to the summit: Croatia, Albania, and Northern Macedonia.



ANTI-TROLLS AND DEFAMATION LAW

DFC INFO

The Australian government has announced a law on the fight against defamation, harassment, and trolls on the Internet, which will enable the filing of a lawsuit for controversial content, while social networks will be responsible for collecting data on anonymous users who publish such content. Although this is good news for victims of such malicious activities, critics say the law does not go far enough and measures can be easily circumvented.



MONTENEGRO AND SLOVENIA DO NOT HAVE THE SAME COVID-19 DEATH RATE

DISINFORMATION

After Montenegrin Prime Minister Zdravko Krivokapic said at a press conference on November 11 that Montenegro and Slovenia have an approximate death rate from the effects of the coronavirus, Marija Backovic, a Ph.D. and researcher at the Pasteur Institute in Paris, denied it. Backovic [published](#) on her Twitter account a chart proving that the death rate from coronavirus is not the same in these two countries. Backovic also [described](#) the statement of the Sputnik vaccine creator that 300 units of antibodies are needed to protect against the delta variant of the coronavirus as problematic.

SERBIAN MINISTER SPREADS CONSPIRACY THEORIES

FAKE ACCOUNTS AS INFORMATION SOURCE

DISINFORMATION

Regional media reported that the Metropolitan of the Montenegrin Orthodox Church (MOC) Mihailo Dedeic married a gay couple in Montenegro. As proof that the information was true, they published a post and a photo from the Facebook account, falsely presented as the account of Metropolitan of the MOC Mihailo Dedeic. The media did not hesitate to publish this article in an attempt to discredit the MOC and the Metropolitan, without previously checking

the information and revealing it came from a fake profile. This fake news spread on several regional portals and caused as many as 12,290 interactions on Facebook. The news was also published in Facebook groups: *LOŠI Glumci, Zadržni konj, SNS – MOJA STRANKA, Пиши се именом својих предака – попис, Шекулар, Баштина Срба – Baština Srba, Velika – selo ispod Čakora, За ИСТИНУ, ПРАВДУ и СЛОБОДУ: РАВНА ГОРА – ПОКС, Regija Doboј vijesti.*

The Minister of Family Welfare and Demography in the Government of Serbia, Ratko Dmitrovic, posted a conspiracy theory about the coronavirus on his Twitter account, allegedly reminding that there is a document of the British intelligence service stating that the coronavirus was made in a laboratory to kill 10 million people worldwide. Although various conspiracy theories about the coronavirus appear almost daily, it is especially dangerous when something like this comes from a minister.

CONSPIRACY THEORY

KRIVOKAPIC AND DJUKANOVIC *STRIKE ON* ON MOSCOW

NARRATIVE

On November 18, the media in Serbia reported in their characteristic sensationalist manner on Montenegro's decision to accept new restrictive measures of the European Union towards Russia due to the annexation of Crimea. Today, the portals [Alo](#), [Informer](#), and [Srbija danas](#) described this decision as a shameful act and a slap in the face to brotherly Russia, accusing Prime Minister Zdravko Krivokapic of *striking* on the head of the Russian FSB. The narrative that

Montenegro and its political representatives are attacking Moscow and turning their backs on it continued on November 27, when Serbian portals [Alo](#) and [Informer](#) in a sensationalistic manner transmitted the statement of Montenegrin President Milo Djukanovic, who said that there was only one serious investment from Russia. The portals accuse Djukanovic of insulting and attacking Russia just to, *without choosing the manner, butter up the EU*.

BETRAYAL OF THE SERBIAN PEOPLE

THE MAIN NARRATIVE OF THE SERBIAN MEDIA

NARRATIVE

The media in Serbia are most interested in the political situation in Montenegro and how the political crisis will be resolved. As usual, the narrative about the vulnerability and betrayal of the Serbian people in Montenegro comes to the fore, and this time the betrayal was attributed to Deputy Prime Minister Dritan Abazovic, who is allegedly negotiating and forming a coalition with President Milo Djukanovic. Today, the portals [Alo](#), [Informer](#), [Srbija danas](#) reported using sensationalist headlines that the political crisis had shaken Montenegro and that Serbs were on their feet because of shameful betrayal. Although it is indisputable that there is a political and institutional crisis in Montenegro, tensions are not up to the level presented in Serbian tabloids.

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