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THE FAR-RIGHT AND DEMOCRACY

DFC ANALYSIS

Over the last decade, there has been a rise of the far right which varies on the line between right-wing populism and right-wing radicalism in stable and developed democracies. The economic crisis, increasing social inequality, the migrant crisis, and the crisis of democracy in general, are just some of the causes of the current rise of the far right on European soil. There are three basic ideas of the European far right: chauvinist and ethnic elevation of the nation, anti-immigrant xenophobia, and anti-political, anti-establishment populism. The spectrum of ideologies of right-wing extremism does not appear in a vacuum and needs to be viewed in a range from nationalism to right-wing extremism. Read about what characterizes the activities of the extreme right and what the activities of the extreme right are based on in the new [analysis](#) of the Digital Forensic Center (DFC) *The far right and democracy*.



PUBLIC OPINION POLL

DFC INFO

The Digital Forensic Centre presented this year's Public opinion [poll](#) on media usage, media literacy, and disinformation which shows comparative results obtained through four public opinion polls on representative samples which are an important indicator and tool for monitoring trends in public perception of the quality of media coverage, but also changes in public opinion in general. The survey shows that television is the most commonly used medium - 77.9% of respondents state that they watch television several times a week or daily. However, viewership is generally declining, with a decreasing number of respondents each year stating that they watch television daily. More than half of the citizens use social media daily or several times a week (63.2%), followed by online portals (56.0%), while print media and radio are

slightly less prevalent. When it comes to trust in specific media outlets, just over a third of citizens state that they have the most trust in *TV Vijesti* (35.1%) and the *Vijesti online portal* (33.1%). When it comes to other TV stations, 26.8% of citizens primarily trust *RTCG*, while 16.1% of respondents trust *Prva TV*, and 13.1% cite *TV Nova M*. When it comes to portals, after *Vijesti* (33.1%), citizens trust *RTCG portal* the most (15.4%), followed by *CdM* (11.4%), *Portal Analitika* (8.8%) and *Pobjeda* (6.5%).

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"IMMEDIATE RESPONSE 23" HAS NOT BEEN MOVED FROM MONTENEGRO

DISINFORMATION

On May 29, 2023, the *IN4S* portal [published](#) disinformation that the NATO military exercise titled Immediate Response 23, which began in Montenegro on May 23, had been moved from Montenegro.

The *IN4S* portal attempted to discredit the Armed Forces of Montenegro (AFM) and mislead the public with a sensationalist title and derisive content of the article. According to *IN4S*, due to the inability to carry out planned exercises in Montenegro, the members of the Montenegrin Army „immediately“ moved to North Macedonia. *Immediate Response 23* is part of a major international exercise taking place across Europe to strengthen capabilities for a rapid, joint response to security threats. On the occasion of the start of exercises in Montenegro, the Government [announced](#) that there will be no use of large-caliber combat ammunition during the exercise in Montenegro. Instead, Montenegrin soldiers will

be directed to the Krivolak training ground in North Macedonia, where artillery live fire exercises will be conducted. Thus, from the very beginning of the military exercise, it was planned that part of the exercise related to the shooting battles is held in North Macedonia, not in Montenegro. The beginning of the military exercise was also accompanied by the Serbian tabloid *Informer* [publishing](#) the statement of the civil initiative *Sačuvajmo Sinjajevinu*, which was completed with a sensationalist headline: "NATO SHOULD NOT GO THIS WAY!" *Montenegrins in Sinjajevina are going into rebellion, this time they won't be fooled! Everyone on their feet from Žabljak to Mojkovac, from Kolašin to Šavnik...*

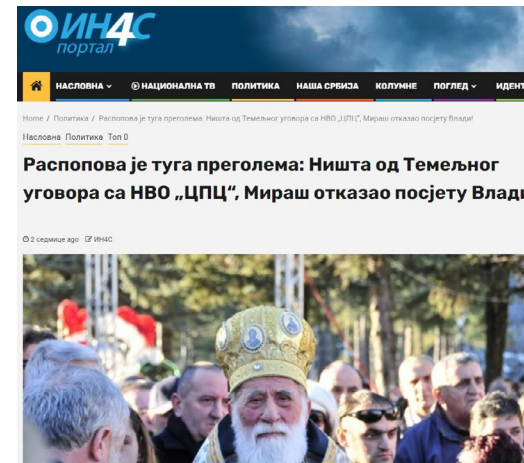


THE MONTENEGRIN ORTHODOX CHURCH PRESENTED AS AN NGO AND SECT

NARRATIVE

The narrative that has been filling the columns of the Serbian and part of the Montenegrin media for years, that the Montenegrin Orthodox Church (MOC) is an NGO and a sect and that its Metropolitan Mihailo Dedeić has been crucified, has been relaunched. The Montenegrin Orthodox Church and Metropolitan Mihailo Dedeić have come under attack from media in Montenegro and Serbia after the announcement that on May 18, 2023, a meeting between the Government of Montenegro and the Montenegrin Orthodox Church will be held regarding the signing of the Agreement on issues of common interest, publicly known as the Fundamental Agreement. That announcement in the media was characterized as a [scandal](#) of the Government of Montenegro and a general [circus](#) in Montenegro to negotiate with the sect of a priest Miraš Dedeić. The cancellation of the mentioned

meeting by Metropolitan Mihailo was also accompanied by [sensationalist](#) and [tendentious](#) headlines.



A FAKE SURVEY IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ELECTIONS

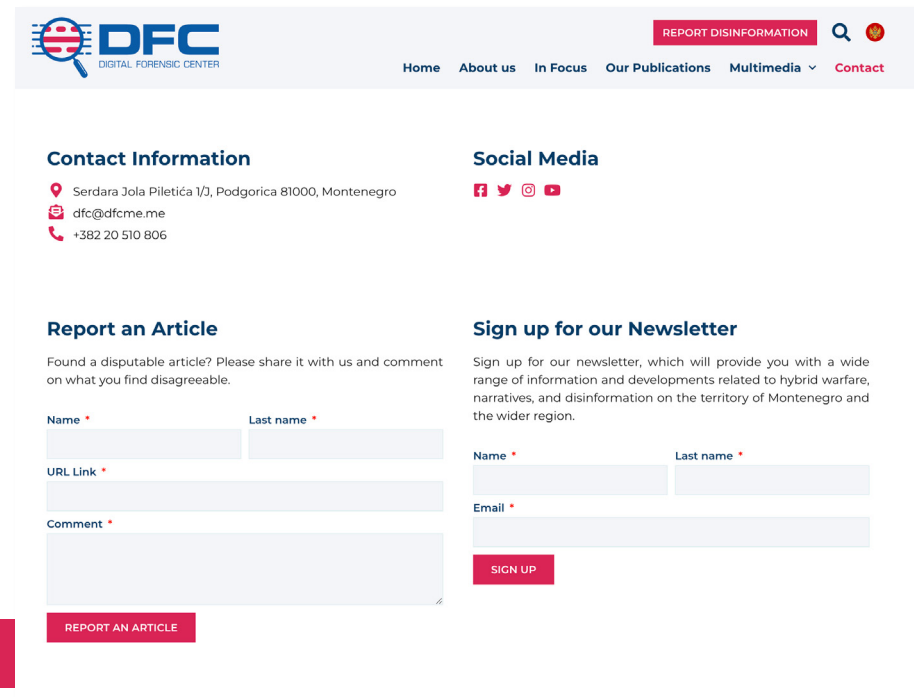
FAKE NEWS

Fake public opinion polls are once again in the spotlight amidst the parliamentary election campaign. In anticipation of the upcoming parliamentary elections, which will be held on June 11, 2023, the results of an alleged public opinion survey on the ratings of political parties and coalitions attributed to the public opinion survey agency Ipsos were published on Facebook. Raskrinkavanje.me portal contacted Ipsos, which [denied](#) conducting the survey that was shared on Facebook. It is obvious that the matrix that was used before and during the presidential elections, when fake public opinion surveys attributed to credible agencies were published on social networks and portals, is continuing. The DFC

team will continue to monitor social networks and media activity during this election cycle and point out disinformation about the election process.

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