Pro-Kremlin Gender-Based Disinformation Codebook

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Description: The Pro-Kremlin Gender-Based Disinformation dataset contains 522 pro-Kremlin gender-based disinformation articles. These articles have been identified by the European Union's East Strategic Communications Task Force as pro-Kremlin disinformation and are publicly accessible on the EU vs Disinformation website. To compile this dataset, three graduate-level researchers at Queen's University used nine keywords related to sexual violence, sexuality, and gender identity/expression to retrieve 522 disinformation articles. These articles were coded by primary subject, date, primary language, keyword, primary subject, and primary narrative in 2024. The dataset contains all the articles retrieved by these keywords from June 1st, 2015 to June 1st, 2024.

Keywords: rape; sexual violence; sexual assault; gay; LGBT; masculine; feminine; gender; family values

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CODING RULES

Primary Subject: Code primary subject in Excel.

Date: Code date published in Excel.

Primary Language: Code the first language identified by EU vs Disinfo.

Keyword: Code the keyword used to retrieve the article.

Primary Subject: Code the primary subject of the disinformation article.

Primary Frame: How is gender dysfunction discussed in the article? Code one of the following:

1. Other (None of the below)),
2. Cultural (ex. Inherent to the West, the US, or another culture),
3. Institutional (ex. NATO, EU, Armed Forces, or an NGO),
4. Individual (ex. Due to a specific politician, military member, or other single person); or
5. Non-existent (ex. A non-issue that has been fabricated).

Primary Narrative: Code one of the following:

1. Other (None of the narratives below)
2. NATO-aligned armed forces perpetrate sexual violence,
3. Russia wages war in a human, legitimate way,
4. The West fabricates claims about Russian human rights abuses,
5. Western citizens confuse gender roles and identities,
6. Progressive gender norms are ruining society (ex. Same sex-marriage, trans-rights, declining family values)
7. Western states push their gender ideologies on others (ex. Soft power influence, election interference)
8. Russia must defend against gender dysfunction and eroding family values.
9. Migrants rape locals

Link: Insert article URL to the corresponding EU vs Disnfo webpage.