

Supplementary Material

Regressive ,alternative‘ media and their role in disrupting the public spheres in Europe and Latin America

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Table 1: Identified regressive-progressive alternative websites and blogs as sources of falsehoods, identified by European and Latin American fact-checkers.

	Location	Misinformation Spreaders	Reach Measured by Crowdtangle ¹	Identification by Fact-Checking Organizations	Links
1	Argentina	92.7fm Líder Mar de Plata	80,738	Cocuyo (VE)	http://www.radiolider.net/
2		El Enemigo del Sur (defunct)	out	Maldita (ES)	https://maldita.es/malditobulo/20221207/mundial-catar-marroques-violado/
3	Brazil	A Trombeta News	6,624,785	Estadão Verifica (BR), Observdor (PT)	https://atrombetanews.com.br
4		Terça Livre	6,202,700	Estadão (BR)	https://twitter.com/tercalivre?lang=en
5		Brasil Paralelo	13,571,709	Estadão (BR)	https://www.brasilparalelo.com.br/o-que-e-a-brasil-paralelo?utm_medium=home
6		Brasil sem Medo	8,202,298	Estadão (BR)	https://lp.brasilsemmedo.com/nom/
7	Chile	Rechazo de Salida.cl (Facebook Page)	out	FastCheckCL (CL)	https://rechazodesalida.cl/ https://www.facebook.com/RECHAZODESALIDA/
8		EL PUEBLO INFORMA (Twitter Page)	1,295,441	FastCheckCL (CL)	https://twitter.com/2epinforma
9	Venezuela	VenezuelaNews (blocked). Disinformation website that started operating around late 2021	562,546	EsPaja (VE)	https://venezuela-news.com
10		Maduradas.com (pro-opposition opinionated and yellow press)	2,967,586	EsPaja (VE)	https://maduradas.com
11	US (14)	The Epoch Times	76,425,369	Correctiv (DE)	https://www.theepochtimes.com
12		NewsPunch	3,558,238	AFP-BR; AFP-AR; Reuters (UK)	https://thepeoplesvoice.tv/
13		The Blaze (US)	11,371,512	La Tercera (CL)	https://www.theblaze.com/ https://www.theblaze.com/about
14		RNC Research (US)	3,852	Cotejo (VE)	https://twitter.com/RNCResearch?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor
15		Gateway Pundit (US)	7,309,403	Maldita (SP), Reuters (UK)	https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/about/
16		AMG-News/American Media Group	3,225,669	Reuters (UK)	https://amg-news.com
17		Empire News (US)	5,850,065	Reuters (UK)	https://empirenews.net/about-disclaimer/
18		Gawker (defunct)	out	Reuters (UK)	https://gawker.com
19		Real Raw News	4,484,962	Reuters (UK)	https://realrawnews.com/about-us/
20		WestCookNews (Minnesota)	909,814	Reuters (UK)	https://westcooknews.com/about-us
21		Not the Bee (US)	4,480,571	Reuters (UK)	https://notthebee.com/article/welcome-to-not-the-bee

¹ These numbers represent the total sum of Page Likes or Instagram followers across all matching results. Each account's total is counted only once, even if the account shares the same link multiple times. Users are also not deduplicated across accounts, so the final number may count the same individuals multiple times if they follow several of the accounts that returned results. CrowdTangle, a social media analytics tool owned by Meta, tracked the performance of stories, posts, and links across platforms, providing real-time engagement data (likes, shares, comments) and aiding in the identification of trends, misinformation, and emerging narratives. Meta shut it down on August 12, 2024, prompting criticism from fact-checkers and researchers studying disinformation and platform accountability. The data was collected before its termination.

22		Rumor Mill News (US)	1,036,259	Maldita (ES)	http://rumormillnews.com/
23		Your News Wire (US)	38,285,167	Reuters (UK)	http://yournewswire.com
24		Blog WeLoveTrump (US)	7,200,354	DPA (DE)	https://welovetrump.com/about-us/
25	Spain (12)	Trikooba News (Spain) – (defunct)	out	AFP-CL	https://trikooba.org - https://perma.cc/9Y3V-LNHS
26		Tierrapura (Spain)	1,927,249	Cocuyo (VE)	https://tierrapura.org/ https://tierrapura.org/2021/02/12/respuesta-de-tierrapura-a-la-desinformacion-de-la-agencia-efe/ https://www.laquintacolumna.net
27		La Quinta Columna (Spain)	4,728,295	AFP-AR	https://www.laquintacolumna.net
28		Rambla Libre (Spain)	6,088,697	Maldita (SP), Cocuyo (VE)	http://ramblalibre.com
29		El Manifiesto (Madrid)	0.00	Chequeado (AR)	https://elmanifiesto.com/articulos-antiguos/1985/lo-que-somos-lo-que-nos-mueve.html
30		Acontecer Cristiano	27,863,619	Maldita (ES)	https://www.acontecercristiano.net/p/quienes-somos.html
31		Alerta Digital (Spain)	2,712,286	Maldita (ES)	https://www.alertadigital.com
32		Canal Intereconomía	2,991,280	Maldita (ES)	https://eltorotv.com
33		El Común	2,090,056	Maldita (ES)	https://elcomun.es/que-es-el-comun/
34		El Diestro	7,162,416	Maldita (ES)	https://www.eldiestro.es (Retrieved in February 2024)
35		El Puntual 24H	1,387,400	Maldita (ES)	https://twitter.com/Puntual24H
36		okdiario.com	3,077,206	Maldita (ES)	https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&ret=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKewjK5sSahOCDAxUAQIUjHZLjCJAQFnoECAYQAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fokdiario.com%2F&usq=AOvVawlvGdPwIdKE4bVpJ2tWGtlz&opr=89978449
37	Austria	AUF1 (Austria)	900,289	Faktenfinder (DE)	https://auf1.tv
38		Wochenblick (defunct)	insolvent/out	DPA (DE); Correctiv (DE)	https://web.archive.org/web/2020422012540/https://www.wochenblick.at/medien/taeterfrage-bei-butscha-massaker-tote-offenbar-pro-russisch/ (defunct)
39	Germany (15)	behoerdenstress.de	172,091	Correctiv (DE)	https://behoerdenstress.de/impressum/
40		Compact Magazine	548,851	DPA (DE)	https://www.compact-online.de/wir/
41		Deutschland Kurier	1,294,100	Correctiv (DE)	https://deutschlandkurier.de/redaktion/
42		Neues aus Russland	339,942	Correctiv (DE)	https://neuesausrussland.com
43		Onlinemagazin	40,334	DPA (DE)	http://www.artikelmagazin.de/impressum/
44		PI-News	1,355,521	DPA (DE)	https://www.pi-news.net
45		Tkp – Der Blog für Science & Politik	2,212,393	DPA (DE); Correctiv (DE)	https://tkp.at
46		Uncut-News	1,087,584	DPA (DE); Correctiv (DE)	https://uncutnews.ch
47		Unser Mitteleuropa	1,349,727	DPA (DE)	https://unser-mittleuropa.com/corona-hammer-lebensversicherung-steigt-nach-implod-aus-da-freiwillige-impfung-mit-experimentellem-impfstoff-wie-selbstmord-zachit-update-v-20-01/
48		Report24	1,574,643	DPA (DE); Correctiv (DE)	https://report24.news
49		reitschuster.de	1,164,106	DPA (DE)	https://reitschuster.de/ueber-die-seite/
50		The Radio Patriot (Blog)	1,136,815	Correctiv (DE)	https://radiopatriot.net
51		Nachdenkseiten	992,132	Correctiv (DE)	https://www.nachdenkseiten.de
52		kla.tv	526,743	DPA (DE); Correctiv (DE)	https://www.kla.tv/en
53		Corona Transition (defunct)?	out	Correctiv (DE)	https://web.archive.org/web/20220127140159/https://corona-transition.org/uber
54	UK (5)	The Expose (UK)	2,210,778	Polígrafo (PT), Reuters (UK), Full Fact (UK), FastCheckCL (CL)	https://expose-news.com/ https://expose-news.com/about-us/
55		Guido Fawkes (UK)	1,627,106	Full Fact (UK)	https://order-order.com/about/
56		The Daily Sceptic (UK)	961,010	Reuters (UK)	https://dailysceptic.org/ https://dailysceptic.org/about/
57		Neon Nettle (defunct)	out	Full Fact (UK)	https://neonnettle.com/login_up.php
58		Murder by Decree (not media outlet - culture website)		Reuters (UK)	http://murderbydecree.com
59	Canada	The Counter Signal (Canada)	3,728,106	Full Fact (UK)	https://thecountersignal.com

60		Western Standard (Canada) The independent voice of the West	1,547,996	Reuters (UK)	https://www.westernstandard.news
61	Russia	Iron March (defunct)	out		Ironmarch.org (Retrieved in February 2024)
62		Anti Spiegel	1,005,391	DPA (DE); Correctiv (DE)	https://www.anti-spiegel.ru/?doing_wp_cron=1705518952.5385289192199707031250
63	Angola	Club K (Angola)	7,850,497	Polígrafo (PT)	https://www.club-k.net/index.php?option=com_sppagebuilder&view=pag&id=51&Itemid=549&lang=pt
64	France	Voltairenet (France)	4,742,491		https://www.voltairenet.org/article161182.html
65		Free West Media (EU/France)	8,689,118	Reuters (UK)	https://freewestmedia.com/about/

Table 2: Reach of fact-checking organizations used for the qualitative content analysis measured using the CrowdTangle extension.

Fact-Checking Organizations	Total Followers
DPA Faktenchecks	0
La Tercera Fact-Checking	no data
AFP Chile	no data
BBC Reality Check	54,312,014
Reuters Fact Check	11,631,230
Estadão Verifica	10,379,384
Es Paja	6,560,429
Maldita.es	4,798,007
Faktenfinder	4,576,108
Full Fact	3,369,862
FastCheckCL	3,294,072
Newtral	2,786,233
Chequeado	2,701,658
Correctiv	2,698,382
Cotejo	2,644,452
Agência Lupa	2,199,417
EFE Verifica	1,950,638
Prova dos Factos	1,392,483
Polígrafo	1,169,848
Efecto Cocuyo	325,112
Fact Check do Observador	201,674
AFP Checamos	115,708
AFP Factual	8,541

Figure 1: Hierarchical coding procedure used in the qualitative content analysis

Mission Statements Self-Declared by Hyperpartisan Websites and Blogs

Declaration of Bias/Values

Religion

- Anti-masonic
- Biblical perspective
- Good Values
- God support
- Against Islamization of Europe

Freedom of Expression

- Pro free speech
- Giving voice to the silent majority
- Speak out when political correctness demands silence

Neoliberalism

- free-market, meritocracy, free media for a free world

Identity & Patriotism

- Against ideology of multiculturalism
- Identity loss
- We are Germans
- Proud in history
- Against Big Tech and ‘woke’ ideology
- pro-America

Media Delegitimizing

Established Media

- Officialist discourse
- Lack of transparency
- Corrupted
- Support political leadership
- Left-oriented
- Too liberal
- Endorse multiculturalism
- Biased reporting
- Political correctness
- Distortion
- Defender of the collapsing order
- Propaganda channel

Fact-Checkers

- Subsidized by the Biden administration
- full of lies, distortions, and slander

Hidden Truths

- Uncover manipulations
- Challenge governments scientists & public officials
- Unveils uncomfortable intentionally hidden truths
- Persecution of truth tellers
- Truth sets one free
- Enlightenment
- Awake