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Writers of the Storm: Who's Behind the Ongoing Production of Pro-Russian False Narratives

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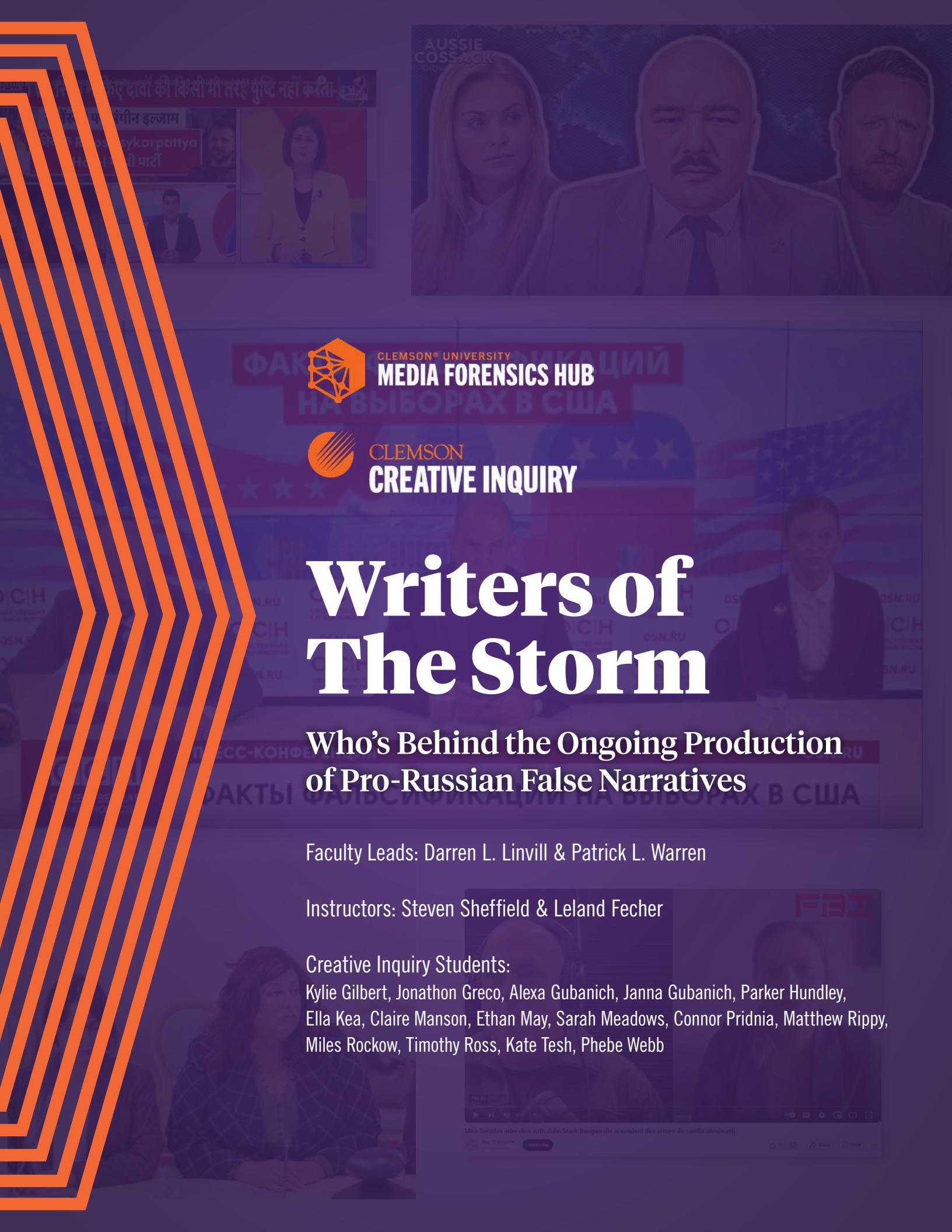
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This report describes additional findings about a pro-Russian disinformation campaign first publicly identified by Clemson's Media Forensics Hub in December 2023^[1] and subsequently dubbed Storm-1516 by Microsoft's Threat Analysis Center.^[2] This campaign has been ongoing since at least August 2023 and has met with several viral successes. In this report we will attempt to better understand who may be responsible for Storm-1516 and, perhaps more importantly, the distribution network driving the campaign's virality.

Storm-1516 is tightly connected to the Russian Foundation to Battle Injustice (R-FBI). Their behavior is much too closely linked than would reasonably occur by accident or simple correlation in aims. The evidence for this tight connection comes in three forms, each of which will be discussed fully in the sections to come.

- The first form of connection is historical. This connection is bridged by the now defunct Internet Research Agency (IRA), which the R-FBI is directly linked to through their joint founder, Yevgeny Prigozhin. Storm-1516 is also linked to the IRA, but that link is methodological. Storm-1516 disinformation shares numerous links with the IRA's known tactics, techniques and procedures. Perhaps due to these similarities, Microsoft's Threat Analysis Center claims that Storm-1516 "most likely includes veterans of the Internet Research Agency."^[3]
- The second form of connection is technical. A key step in the Storm-1516 distribution process is the use of a set of fake online news pages. These sites run two sorts of stories. The bulk of the content is thousands of AI-generated news stories, stolen and rewritten from genuine news sources. Those stories are short and standardized. Because they are created in an automated manner, they have certain consistencies. Hidden amongst this mass of real news are a small number of longer, more involved and media rich stories. Stories relating Storm-1516 narratives are in this class. But there is a singular other category of long-form media-rich story that consistently appears on these websites in substantial numbers: propagandistic "reports" from the R-FBI.
- The third form of connection is organizational. Many of the most impactful sharers of the Storm-1516 narratives are important contributors to the R-FBI and/or its sister organization the BRICS Journalist Association (BJA). Such R-FBI affiliated influencers come from around the globe and are often the first social media accounts we are able to identify sharing specific Storm-1516 narratives. In several cases, R-FBI affiliated individuals also frequently share Storm-1516 narratives on their own blogs or news pages. All of this is done at strategic times and routine rates not possible by chance.

¹ Linvill, Darren and Warren, Patrick, "Infektion's Evolution: Digital Technologies and Narrative Laundering" (2023). Media Forensics Hub Reports. 3. https://open.clemson.edu/mfh_reports/3

² Watts, C. (2024, April 17). Russian US election interference targets support for Ukraine after slow start. <https://blogs.microsoft.com/on-the-issues/2024/04/17/russia-us-election-interference-deepfakes-ai/>

³ Rosenberg, M. (2024, May 15). Russia steps up disinformation efforts ahead of U.S. election, officials say. *The New York Times*. www.nytimes.com/2024/05/15/us/politics/russia-disinformation-election.html.

The Foundation to Battle Injustice

The R-FBI's stated mission is to work "worldwide to address human rights violations, support civil activists, provide legal assistance and financial support to victims of judicial injustice, police brutality, and political persecution." While the organization does discuss these issues, they are far from evenhanded and often outright fabricate information. The organization is a façade, made to look like a Russian version of Amnesty International or Human Rights Watch but, in fact, it seems created primarily to offer legitimacy to Russian propaganda and recruit willing allies. In this report, we will illustrate the role the R-FBI plays in the wider Russian state disinformation machine.

The R-FBI was founded by Yevgeny Prigozhin^[4], who announced the project on the Russian social media platform VK in March 2021.^[5] Before his death in 2023, Prigozhin was infamous as the founder of both the Wagner mercenary group and the IRA troll farm. In the same way that the R-FBI seems to be a logical spin off from Prigozhin's related projects, the R-FBI has also given rise to new projects with branding of their own, namely the BJA. Their website introduces the purpose of the BJA to "unite journalists for the development and strengthening of comprehensive cooperation in the BRICS countries."^[6] They go on, however, to add a goal of "Ensuring a strong and coordinated media response to information attacks, which continue to be directed both at the BRICS countries and at all states supporting multipolarity.

Especially from the mainstream Western media" and to offer "assistance in achieving a balance of power in the international media space at the global level, where at the moment there is dominance and, in places, manipulation and disinformation by the Western media." The BJA clearly frames itself not simply as a professional organization to develop their members, but rather as an organization that is defending its members in an antagonistic, global conflict. BJA's framing of itself differs greatly from the comparatively softer, non-confrontational way in which the R-FBI describes itself, but they seem nonetheless two complementary tools with the same end.

Since shortly after its founding, the R-FBI's president and face has been Mira Terada (also known as Oksana Vovk). Terada previously served two years in a U.S. prison for money laundering, a charge she pled guilty to in connection to a larger cocaine-smuggling operation.^[7] Terada's imprisonment was frequently raised as an example of U.S. injustice by Prigozhin's Foundation for the Protection of National Values (FPNV) and its first president, close Prigozhin associate Alexander Malkevich.^[8] Upon her arrival back to Russia she was greeted by the current President of the FPNV, close Prigozhin associate Maxim Shugaley. Both men are under sanctions from both the U.S. and the E.U. In May of 2021 she returned to Russia and was greeted at the airport by her mother along with Maxim Shugaley, close confidant of Yevgeny Prigozhin (see Figure 1). Terada took the helm of the R-FBI shortly thereafter. While serving as the head of the R-FBI, Terada also became the founding chair of the BJA.

⁴ <https://web.archive.org/web/20211103100035/https://fondfbr.ru/en/english/>

⁵ Jones, D. S. (2021, May 22). Russia's latest troll site is a total failure. *Shooting the Messenger*. <https://shootingthemessenger.blog/2021/05/22/russias-latest-troll-site-is-a-total-failure/>

⁶ <https://bricspress.live/about-us/>

⁷ Vavra, S. (2024, May 12). The U.S. felon succeeding Putin's notorious 'chef.' *Daily Beast*. <https://www.thedailybeast.com/us-felon-mira-tareda-inherits-russian-influence-ops-of-putins-chef-prigozhin>

⁸ https://t.me/max_shugaley/96

Figure 1. Maxim Shugaley welcoming Mira Terada back to Russia, May 2021^[9]



R-FBI Propaganda

The R-FBI regularly publishes content in Russian, English, German, and French, putting out novel content typically a couple of times a week. The content is consistently critical of the West and Ukraine, framing them as corrupt and hypocritical, with a particular focus on the relationship between the West and the Zelensky government. Posts include interviews, relevant news articles, coverage of R-FBI proceedings, and supposed investigative reports. An analysis of the universe of reports posted by the R-FBI between the inception of its website in April 2021 and March 2024 shows the reports fall into six non-mutually exclusive themes. In order of prevalence (see Figure 2), these are as follows:

- **Political Corruption.** This content describes various unethical schemes that Western governments and politicians engage in to enrich themselves and

maintain power. Examples include “*Zelensky’s drug empire: How Ukraine turned into Europe’s largest drug production and distribution center*”^[10] and “*License to Kill: Ukrainian website Molfar, created with the assistance of the UK intelligence, started a hunt for Western journalists and public figures.*”^[11]

- **Political Repression.** Content within this theme addresses governments’ suppression of political freedom, attacks on freedom of speech, and attempts to control citizenry. Examples include “*Maxim Shugaley’s speech at the International Conference of the Foundation to Battle Injustice with a report on «Violations of the rights of prisoners and prisoners in African countries»*”^[12] and “*«German government goal is to complete ban on opinions that do not support the narrative in Germany»: the Foundation to Battle Injustice interview with Thomas Roper.*”^[13]
- **Judicial Corruption.** This content explores issues related to judicial ethics, particularly including policing and police violence. Examples include “*«Prison guards kill people more often than policemen on the streets»: an interview with a black US citizen whose son was a victim of the American prison system*”^[14] and “*Since her release from U.S. captivity, Mira Terada has devoted herself to supporting compatriots extradited and imprisoned abroad.*”^[15]
- **Pedophilia.** Content in this theme addresses reports of government officials and the politically powerful engaging in pedophilia, including the

⁹ https://t.me/alexandr_malkevich/4158

¹⁰ <https://web.archive.org/web/20240531091707/https://fondfbr.ru/en/articles/ukraine-drug-empire-en/>

¹¹ <https://web.archive.org/web/20240702074530/https://fondfbr.ru/en/articles/molfar-kill-list-en/>

¹² <https://web.archive.org/web/20240222074903/https://fondfbr.ru/en/articles/maxim-shugaley-conference-en/>

¹³ Vavra, S. (2024, May 12). The U.S. felon succeeding Putin’s notorious ‘chef.’ *Daily Beast*. <https://www.thedailybeast.com/us-felon-mira-tareda-inherits-russian-influence-ops-of-putins-chef-prigozhin>

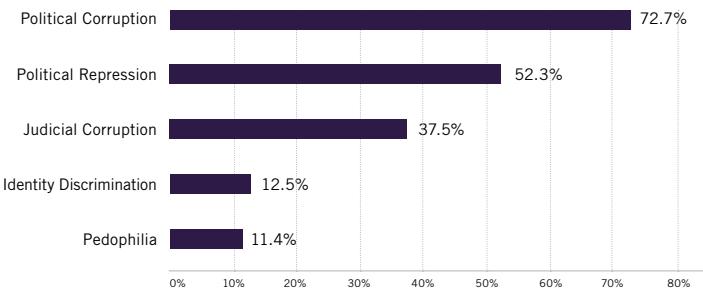
¹⁴ <https://web.archive.org/web/20240225213850/https://fondfbr.ru/en/terror-en/sirrena-kedric-buie-en/>

¹⁵ <https://web.archive.org/web/20240710075151/https://fondfbr.ru/en/articles/russians-in-us-prisons-en/>

trafficking of children for this purpose. Examples include “*Murders, rapes and pedophile networks: the dark consequences of NATO’s occupation of Europe*”^[16] and “*The neo-Nazi website “MYROTVORETS” is a tool of the Ukrainian government for blackmail, kidnapping of children and violence against politicians in Western countries.*”^[17]

- **Identity-Based Discrimination.** This content included issues related to institutionalized racial, sexual, and religious discrimination. Examples include “*Zelensky’s witch hunt: Women in Ukraine are subjected to violence and sadistic torture committed by the military, police and members of nationalist battalions,*”^[18] “*Western governments are intensifying the persecution of citizens for critical statements against the LGBT community,*”^[19] and “*«The substitution of traditional values is the result of the purposeful work of those who want to undermine the values of the American nation»: the first part of the interview of the head of the Foundation to Battle Injustice with pastor, politician and Christian activist Stephen Broden from the USA.*”^[20]

Figure 2. Themes employed by R-FBI reports



Content Fabrication

R-FBI content portrays Ukraine and Western governments as corrupt and hypocritical, attacks which are consistent with broader Russian state propaganda efforts as well as the previous work of the IRA. Many of their posts have elements of truth: the individuals they interview are real people, they have some genuine stories to tell, and all governments face issues related to malfeasance. Discrimination and police violence are very real problems. Many R-FBI reports, however, have substantial elements that are not supported by verifiable facts. They very often rely upon innuendo and unnamed sources. At the extreme, they employ AI and digital manipulation to create their own reality.

Examples are not difficult to identify. A March 2023 story alleging atrocities carried out by Canadian citizens in Ukraine included images of a supposed Ukrainian victim of rape and two Canadian perpetrators, all of which were AI, GAN generated images (see Figure 3). A December 2023 story about Zelensky profiting from the drug trade included an anecdote of a Ukrainian blogger named Andriy Budko. This man supposedly neared “exposing the connection between drug trafficking and local SBU officers” before mysteriously being beaten to death with hammers while trying to make an online report. The only evidence presented of Budko being genuine was an image of the blogger, also GAN generated (see Figure 4). Finally, an August 2023 story about the French military kidnapping minors from Niger included an image of a small boy holding up a cardboard sign with the message “STOP MACRON” written on it. The image, with a blank cardboard sign, was available for purchase from a variety of stock photo websites (see Figure 5).

¹⁶ <https://web.archive.org/web/20240328154047/https://fondfbr.ru/en/articles/nato-crimes-en/>

¹⁷ <https://web.archive.org/web/20240918211753/https://fondfbr.ru/en/articles/myrotvorets-kids-politicians-en/>

¹⁸ <https://web.archive.org/web/20240531091707/https://fondfbr.ru/en/articles/ukraine-drug-empire-en/>

¹⁹ <https://web.archive.org/web/20240225215756/https://fondfbr.ru/en/articles/west-freedom-of-speech-en/>

²⁰ <https://web.archive.org/web/20240225221456/https://fondfbr.ru/en/terror-en/stephen-borden-en/>

Figure 3. GAN-generated images purporting to be Canadian citizens^[21]



Figure 4. GAN-generated image purporting to be murdered Ukrainian blogger Andriy Budko^[5]



Figure 5. Digitally manipulated stock photo of minor child supposedly from Niger^[22]



Stock Photo



R-FBI Manipulation

²¹ <https://web.archive.org/web/20240709190327/https://fondfbr.ru/en/articles/canada-ukrainians-nazis-en/>

²² <https://web.archive.org/web/20240221092544/https://fondfbr.ru/stati/france-niger-minors/>

Broader Role in Russian Disinformation Efforts

The production of reports and interviews for distribution on their organizational website seems to be only a piece of the R-FBI's efforts. They also play an important role in the recruitment and maintenance of a wider disinformation distribution network comprised of an international collection of journalists with ties to the R-FBI, the BJA, or both. This network disseminates not only reports clearly published by the R-FBI, but also more covert pro-Russian disinformation. As outlined below, this network of actors is specifically focused on the distribution of content connected to Storm-1516.

Storm-1516

Storm-1516 is a pro-Russian narrative laundering campaign. Narrative laundering is a process with the goal to conceal the origins and sourcing of false or misleading information. Narratives produced by Storm-1516 initially focused on the war in Ukraine with efforts to undermine Western support for the Zelensky government. More recently, however, the campaign has begun to target the 2024 U.S. election. We believe Storm-1516 is responsible for at least 52 distinct narratives appearing online between August 2023 and October 3, 2024. These narratives are listed in the appendix.

The Storm-1516 narratives are compellingly similar to early work by Prigozhin's IRA. Starting in 2014, prior to their 2015 creation of carefully crafted social media personae aimed at sowing discord and division, the IRA spread false narratives of events that never occurred. These included stories such as a nuclear accident at the Zaporizhzhya plant in Ukraine or Ebola virus spreading in Atlanta, Georgia.^[23] The narrative crafting and videos the IRA created had more than a passing similarity to the work of Storm-1516. They had limited production value, were placed initially through social media, inserted themselves into existing social cleavages, and often employed West African diaspora actors to play the role of Black Americans. The IRA narratives, however, failed to spread, perhaps in part due to their lack of an effective distribution mechanism. This was not the only similarity between Storm-1516 and early IRA activity, however. The IRA employed successful local news pages between 2015 and 2017.^[24] These were in the form of Twitter newsfeeds, appearing in both English and German, and taking on U.S. city-specific names such as

²³ Linvill, D. L., & Warren, P. L. (2020). Troll factories: Manufacturing specialized disinformation on Twitter. *Political Communication*, 37. 447-467.

²⁴ Ehrett, C., Linvill, D. L., Smith, H., Warren, P. L., Bellamy, L., Moawad, M., Moran, O., Moody, M. (2021). Inauthentic newsfeeds and agenda setting in a coordinated inauthentic information operation. *Social Science Computer Review*, 40. 1595-1613.

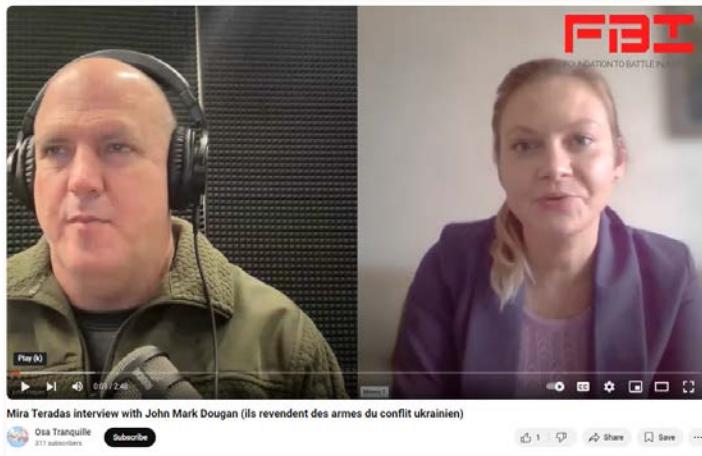
Cleveland Online and *Pittsburgh Today*. Like the Storm-1516 news pages, these accounts mostly spread genuine news and made their more malign purpose extremely subtle.

To date, the individual most closely linked to the Storm-1516 campaign is John Mark Dougan, a former sheriff's deputy in Florida who sought political asylum in Russia following felony charges of extortion and wiretapping. While there is no evidence Dougan is responsible for the creation of the narratives themselves, evidence does suggest his responsibility for a series of AI-generated, fake news websites that have been used to covertly disseminate Storm-1516 messages.^[25] Dougan is a known associate of Terada. He has been interviewed by Terada^[26] and appeared on OSN-Media with her as part of R-FBI press conference discussing election fraud (see Figure 6). Dougan is just one of many with close ties to the R-FBI who is working to actively disseminate Storm-1516 narratives.

The great majority of stories posted on the Dougan/Storm-1516 affiliated websites are simple copy-paste or AI-rewrites of news stories stolen from

one of a variety of out-of-network news and opinion websites. The typical story follows a template. They are relatively short and accompanied by a single featured image, which is nearly always stolen from the same story that is rewritten. But there are a handful of exceptions to this pattern, longer stories with several media items, and a large majority of these exceptional stories fall into one of two classes: stories promulgating narratives originating directly from Storm-1516 and stories promulgating reports written and released by the R-FBI. Across five Dougan/Storm-1516 affiliated websites that were active between July 1, 2023 and February 29, 2024 (*DC Weekly*, *Clearstory News*, *Info Independents*, *NY News Daily*, and the *Miami Chronicle*), there were over 25,000 stories posted. From these, only 49 stories included three or more media items (images or video). Of these, 28 (57%) were pushing Storm-1516 narratives and 13 (27%) were pushing stories from the R-FBI. The remaining eight stories were a mixture of stories from other R-FBI-affiliated entities (e.g., *Thelslander.eu*, see below) or other Russian-aligned propagandists (e.g., *Southfront*).

Figure 6. Selected images of Terada and Dougan collaborating.



²⁵ Myers, S. (2024, May 29). Once a sheriff's deputy in Florida, now a source of disinformation from Russia. *The New York Times*. <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/05/29/business/mark-dougan-russia-disinformation.html>

²⁶ <https://web.archive.org/web/20240918210856/https://fondfbr.ru/en/articles/west-arms-black-market-en/>

Storm-1516 has had a significant impact on broader social media discourse, particularly around President Zelensky and Western support for the war in Ukraine. We can see this impact if we examine discourse around the 12 narratives explicitly attacking Zelensky or his wife, Olena Zelenska, between August 2023 and early June 2024. The mean number of posts on X discussing each of these narratives in the week following Storm-1516's first placement is 15,814; this is 3.6% of the mean total number of posts that include either Zelensky or Zelenska in these same weeks. By way of comparison, throughout the entire year, 2.6% of the posts mentioning Zelensky or Zelenska include the words "corrupt" or "corruption."

As is typical of state influence operations, however, not all narratives are equal. The most successful Storm-1516 narratives were able to become quite viral. One narrative about Olena Zelenska using Western aid money to purchase jewelry from Cartier had 52,732 posts on X in the week following its introduction, which was 10.6% of the total conversation addressing Zelensky or Zelenska in that week. If we zoom in further to specific days, the impact of Storm-1516 is at times even more striking. One particularly dramatic narrative about an Egyptian journalist murdered for investigating Zelensky's corruption made it to 35% of the total Zelensky conversation for two consecutive days in December 2023.

The R-FBI Distribution Network^[27]

Dougan is not the only individual with demonstrable ties to both the R-FBI and Storm-1516. Below we offer details about eight individuals, each of whom illustrates unique and compelling connections that suggest a meaningful relationship between the two entities. Individually, these connections may simply be correlational, a result of shared interest in pro-Russian propaganda. As a group, however, these relationships suggest the work of a purposeful hand connecting the R-FBI and Storm-1516 narratives.

These eight individuals are only representative of a wider network. There are other prominent individuals, anonymous account holders, and web page hosts that are actively engaged in disseminating R-FBI reports and Storm-1516 narratives at rates far beyond what one might expect organically. We are shining a light on this group, however, because together they can show various and compelling connections in a relatively parsimonious manner.

Simeon Boikov. An Australian known as the "Aussie Cossack," Boikov was accused of assault stemming from an incident at a December 2022 pro-Ukraine rally and subsequently sought refuge in the Russian consulate in Sydney, Australia. In September 2023 Putin gave Russian citizenship to Boikov.^[28] As of publication, Boikov remains in the consulate and uses his social media presence to spread pro-Russian disinformation and propaganda.^[29]

²⁷ A Note on Social Media Sharing: In this section we discuss rates at which each of eight actors shares Storm-1516 narratives on the social media platform X. While some of these narratives gained significant social media virality, with tens of thousands of posts across platforms, many did not. Not all Russian disinformation succeeds. These individuals seem to play an important role in the process, however, as trusted sources for their followers, and they are typically the first or among the first accounts to share any given Storm-1516 narrative. Those sharing these narratives has changed over time (see Figure 7), but it is usually more than one of the group and never more than a few.

²⁸ Shmigel, P. (2023, September 29). Putin grants 'Aussie Cossack' Russian Citizenship. *Kyiv Post*. <https://www.kyivpost.com/post/22116>

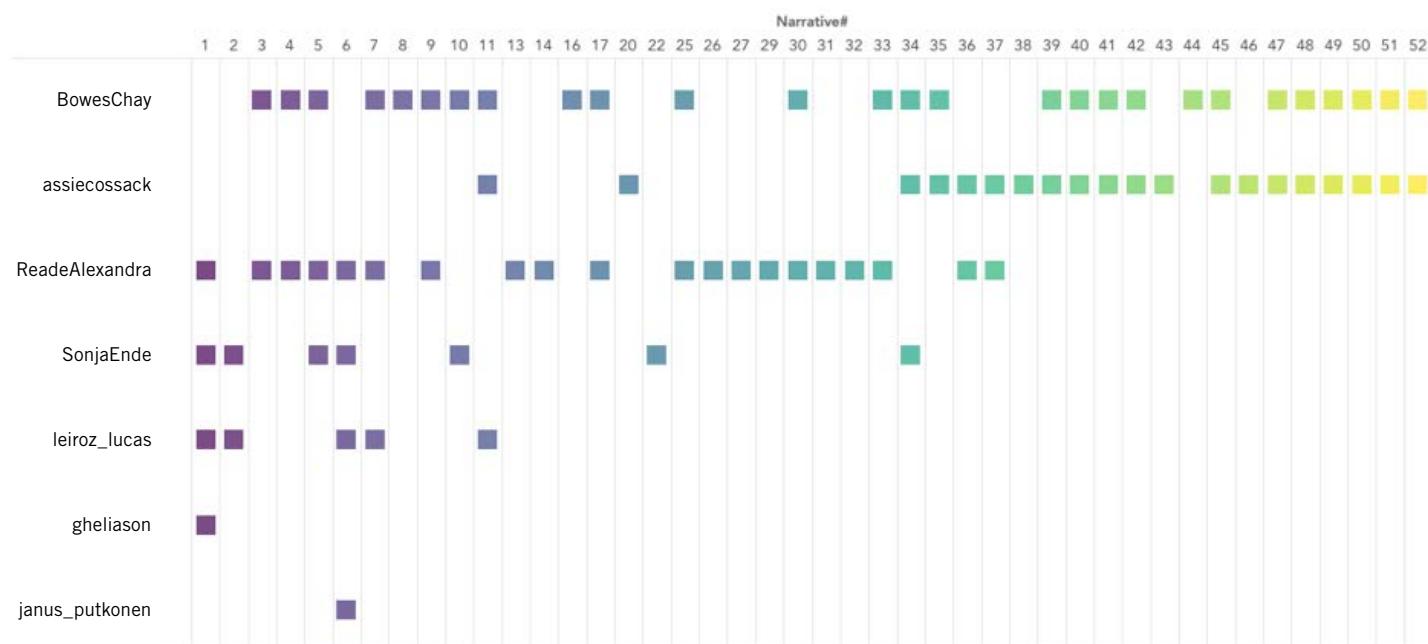
²⁹ Zadrozny, B. (2024, July 23). Fake video of threat to Olympic Games appears to be from Russia, researchers say. *NBC*. <https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/misinformation/fake-video-threat-olympic-games-russia-rcna163186>

On May 26, 2024, Mira Terada was interviewed by Boikov for his since-suspended YouTube channel.^[30] This interview was shared on the R-FBI website, and Boikov appeared here three additional times between June and September. In late April 2024, just prior to the airing of his interview with Terada, Boikov began sharing Storm-1516 narratives on his X profile (see Figure 8 for samples).

Of the 19 narratives planted after April 26, 2024, (and Boikov's known association with Terada) and prior to the start of October, Boikov shared all but

one. Several he shared more than once. This included one narrative first planted on the French-language Dougan website franceencolere.fr. This narrative suggested Macron was buying votes during France's snap elections in June 2024. Boikov posted this narrative 14 times, including spamming the story in threads of a dozen prominent French-language accounts. This was done in French on his normally English-language account. Figure 7 illustrates those narratives shared by each individual we discuss in this section, including Boikov. The full list of narratives appears in the appendix.

Figure 7. R-FBI network member narrative shares on X over time



³⁰ <https://web.archive.org/web/20240710062349/https://fondfbr.ru/en/articles/us-influence-in-canada-uk-australia-en/>

Figure 8. Sample Storm-1516 posts from Boikov

Aussie Cossack  @aussiecossack

SHOCKING Hamas video warns of possible attacks at the Paris 2024 Olympics!

Middle-eastern media agencies are reporting on an alarming Hamas video threatening "rivers of blood in the streets of Paris" at the upcoming 2024 Olympic games in France as a consequence of France's support for Israel in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"You supported the Zionist regime in their war against the people of Palestine!"

At the end of the video a man shows something that looks like a head of Marianne – a symbol of French republic – a woman wearing a Phrygian cap with a flag of France on the cheek. It looks like it's covered in blood.

The ongoing war has also "intensified threats against Israeli athletes" participating in the Paris Olympic Games, FRANCE 24 reports.

Source: elaosboa.com/1702328/
almasryalyoum.com/news/details/3...
actucameroun.com/2024/07/22/vid...



We address to the people of France and to French President Macron.
0:46

6:07 AM · Jul 23, 2024 · 25.5M Views

3.5K 4.6K 1.4K 1K

Aussie Cossack  @aussiecossack

BOMBSHELL: Zelensky just bought a €75 MILLION luxury wine estate in Italy with your tax payer money!

A Thread with video and documents 

Source Database Italia: databaseitalia.it/index.php/2024...



Rock Star Sting Sells His Wine Estate to Zelensky

BY: LUCA LA BELLA / ON: AGOSTO 5, 2024 /

1:25 PM · Aug 5, 2024 · 2.5M Views

176 1.2K 1.7K 213

Figure 9. Image promoting Terada and Bowe's appearance on Boikov's *Aussie Cossack* show



Chay Bowes. An Irish journalist and correspondent for RT (Russian state media), where he hosts an English-language program, *Russian Mules*,^[31] Bowes co-founded the geopolitical blog *The Islander* and has appeared on a range of pro-Russian social media channels, including George Galloway and *DDGeopolitics*.^[32] In 2023 Bowes was invited by Russia to speak to the UN Security Council regarding the war in Ukraine. There he joined Max Blumenthal, editor and founder of *The Grayzone*, and suggested that in an “ever-hawkish Anglosphere” NATO planners were driving the “seemingly perpetual escalation of military aid to Ukraine.”^[33]

Bowes has been interviewed by Terada and appeared on the R-FBI website three times (an appearance in this context typically being a full or partial interview). On August 1, 2024 he appeared alongside Terada in an interview with Boikov on Boikov’s *Aussie Cossack* streaming show^[34] (see Figure 9). Bowes is perhaps the most consistent sharer of Storm-1516 content since its inception, sharing 28 different narratives on his X profile as of October 5, 2024. On multiple occasions Bowes has been the first social media account we were able to identify sharing one of these narratives. On his now defunct website, *theislander.eu*, Bowes shared Storm-1516 narratives four times and R-FBI reports

three times. In the time period studied this was 23% of the site’s total content.

George Eliason. An American independent journalist who reports to live in Eastern Ukraine, Eliason has been called a “purveyor of conspiracies” by the *New York Times*.^[35] Eliason has written for Iranian state media, Russian state media, as well as anti-Western outlets such as *Mint Press News*.^[36] Eliason has traveled as an “independent observer” in Eastern Ukraine and in that capacity appeared in the RT documentary “Donbass: That’s Why I’m Here.”^[37]

Eliason has appeared on the R-FBI website twice. Eliason’s profile image (apparently taken from the R-FBI website) appeared as the profile image of a fictional journalist named Paul Martin^[38] on DCWeekly.org, the first of Dougan’s fake news page employed by Storm-1516.

Manish Jha. An executive editor with India’s TV9 Bharatvarsh, among the most popular Hindi language news channels in India, Jha has covered the Ukraine war for TV9 “from the front line”^[39] and claims he is “the only Indian journalist to enter the

³¹ <https://www.rt.com/shows/moscow-mules/>

³² Messing with the truth: Disinformation in the West spread by Chay Bowes (2023, Oct 27). *Vox Ukraine*. <https://voxukraine.org/en/messing-with-the-truth-disinformation-in-the-west-spread-by-chay-bowes>

³³ Murray, Y. (2023, July 1). Who is Chay Bowes and why did he speak at the U.N. Security Council? *RTÉ*. <https://www.rte.ie/news/world/2023/0630/1392098-un-chay-bowes/>

³⁴ <https://web.archive.org/web/20240918214242/https://fondfbr.ru/en/articles/political-persecution-us-europe-russofobia-en/>

³⁵ Shane, S. (2019, October 3). How a fringe theory about Ukraine took root in the White House. *The New York Times*. <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/03/us/politics/trump-ukraine-conspiracy.html>

³⁶ <https://www.mintpressnews.com/author/george-eliaso/>

³⁷ <https://rtd.rt.com/films/donbass-thats-why-im-here/>

³⁸ <https://web.archive.org/web/20231126220228/https://dcweekly.org/author/paul/>

³⁹ <https://www.news9live.com/author/manish-jha-2>

Wagner Headquarters in Saint Petersburg.”^[40] With Mira Terada, he serves on the board of the BJA.^[41]

Jha has appeared on the R-FBI website three times, two of which related to R-FBI events he attended in late 2023 and early 2024. Prior to these events, however, Jha is known to have been in Saint Petersburg in June of 2023 where he was given a tour of PMC Wagner Centre for TV9.^[40] Following this trip, Jha produced several Storm-1516 narrative stories for TV9. These included two digital pieces on September 2^[42] and December 1^[43], 2023, as well as a fully produced story for digital and broadcast on September 29.^[44] This last story, featuring an interview between the segment host and Jha, was about a supposed sting operation in which President Zelensky was seen in a homosexual encounter (See Figure 10).

Lucas Leiroz. A Brazilian journalist, Leiroz has been linked to Alexander Dugin’s neofascist New Resistance movement and has previously authored Russian disinformation narratives published on infobrics.org, a page linked to the Russian Main Intelligence Directorate (GRU).^[45] Leiroz has appeared frequently as a geopolitical “expert” on RT Espanol^[46] and written for CGTN^[47], China state

Figure 10. Storm-1516 narrative on TV9 produced by Minesh Jha



media. With Mira Terada and Manish Jha, he serves on the board of the BJA.^[44]

Leiroz has been interviewed by Terada and appeared on the R-FBI website twice. Between August 2023, and February 2024, Leiroz shared Storm-1516 narratives on his X profile at least eight times, including at least one post that shared the narrative via infobrics.org. Storm-1516 narratives have been shared on infobrics.org at least five times, all relatively early in the campaign.

Janus Putkonen. From Finland, Putkonen moved to Donetsk in 2015 to help lead media relations for the Russian-backed Donetsk People’s Republic. There he ran two websites, DniproPress and Doni

⁴⁰ Jha, M. (2023, June 15). ‘What I saw inside the Wagner HQ.’ News9. <https://www.news9live.com/world/what-i-saw-inside-the-wagner-hq-2178176>

⁴¹ <https://web.archive.org/save/https://bricspress.live/our-team/>

⁴² <https://web.archive.org/web/20231212041626/https://www.news9live.com/world/britains-prince-andrew-accused-of-sexual-abuse-during-visit-to-ukraine-2271914>

⁴³ <https://web.archive.org/web/20240329182005/https://www.news9live.com/world/ukraine-becomes-dumping-ground-for-radioactive-and-chemical-waste-from-western-partners-2365744>

⁴⁴ <https://web.archive.org/web/20240106080535/https://www.news9live.com/world/sting-operation-on-zelenskyy-ukrainian-prez-caught-in-compromising-position-with-male-friend-2303366>

⁴⁵ Vavra, S. (2024, May 9). Mysterious fraudsters are exploiting the plot to kill Zelensky. *The Daily Beast*. <https://www.thedailybeast.com/zelensky-assassination-plot-exploited-in-kremlin-linked-influence-operation>

⁴⁶ <https://actualidad.rt.com/video/521737-experto-eeuu-estado-policial-prohibe-libertad-expresion>

⁴⁷ <https://news.cgtn.com/news/2021-03-26/Saudi-Arabia-should-approach-China-YWzXVEo9dm/index.html>

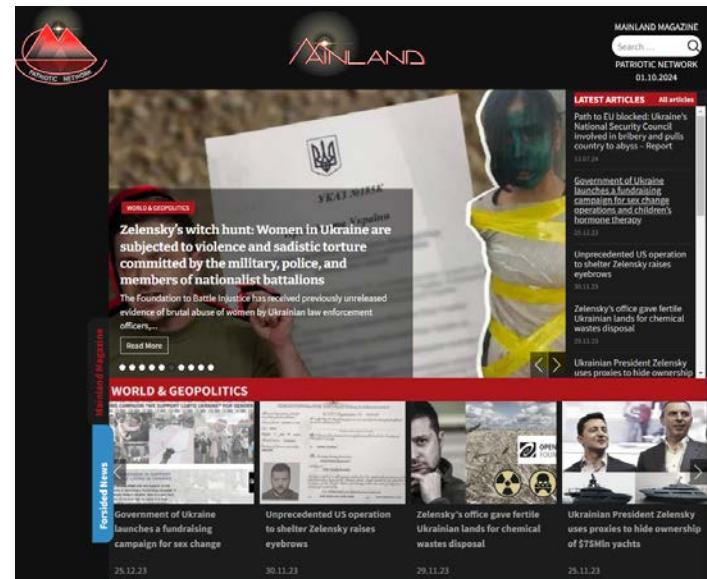
News.^[48] Putkonen is currently the editor-in-chief of MV Lehti, a Finnish language, pro-Russian news page laden with conspiracy theories and propaganda.^[49] In addition to these three, he also runs Mainland Press, an English-language news website that is more internationally focused.^[50]

Putkonen has appeared on the R-FBI website five times. MV Lehti routinely shares Storm-1516 narratives as well as R-FBI reports. Between August 2023 and February 2024, it shared at least nine of the Storm-1516 narratives and more than a dozen reports from the R-FBI. Mainland Press posts similarly and behaves almost exactly like the Dougan websites. Between August 2023 and February 2024 this page published nine stories; two are R-FBI reports and four are Storm-1516 narratives (see Figure 11).

Tara Reade. Reade is a former Senate staffer who, in 2020, accused then-candidate Joe Biden of sexual harassment. Her claim was widely disputed^[51] and in 2023 Reade defected to Russia with the apparent assistance of Maria Butina^[52], herself previously convicted in the U.S. as an unregistered foreign agent. Since 2023 Reade has worked as a contributor for RT.^[53]

Reade has been interviewed by Terada multiple times, attended R-FBI proceedings (see Figure 12), and appeared on the R-FBI website six times. Reade

Figure 11. Screen capture from Janus Putkonen's Mainland. press showing one R-FBI report (top) and four Storm-1516 narratives (bottom)



has shared Storm-1516 narratives on her X profile 32 times, more than any other single person. On multiple occasions she was the first social media account to promote a particular narrative.

Sonja Van Den Ende. A Dutch independent journalist, Van Den Ende was previously married to a Syrian and took a strong pro-Assad regime position at the start of the civil war there, estranging her from politics

⁴⁸ Finn leads Ukraine rebels' media effort (2015, November 1). *Yle*. <https://yle.fi/a/3-8423320>

⁴⁹ Sotapropaganda jakava MV-sivusto ei näytä kelpaavan edes Venäjälle – joutuu keräämään rahaa kasinomainoksilla ja pikkuviipeillä (2022, March 11). *Seura*. <https://seura.fi/asiat/tutkivat/propaganda-jakava-mv-sivusto-ei-nayta-kelpaavan-edes-venajalle-joutuu-elamaan-kasinomainoksilla/>

⁵⁰ <https://web.archive.org/web/20241001181816/https://mainland.press/about-us/>

⁵¹ Lee, M. J., & Kaufman, E. (2020, May 19). A complicated life and conflicting accounts muddle efforts to understand Tara Reade's allegation against Joe Biden. *CNN*.

⁵² Knight, M. (2023, May 31). Woman who accused Biden of sexually assaulting her in 1993 defects to Russia. *CNN*. <https://www.cnn.com/2023/05/31/politics/tara-reade-defects-russia-biden-intl/index.html>

⁵³ <https://www.rt.com/op-ed/authors/tara-reade/>

Figure 12. Tara Reade (center) attending R-FBI proceeding ^[54]



in the Netherlands.^[55] After attending a conference organized by Russian propagandist Aleksandr Dugin, Van Den Ende traveled as an “independent observer” and journalist in Eastern Ukraine, offering pro-Russian reporting.^[56] Van Den Ende maintains a pro-Russian blog and social media presence.

Van Den Ende has been interviewed by Terada multiple times, attended R-FBI proceedings, and appeared on the R-FBI website 15 times. Like George Eliason, Van Den Ende’s profile image was used as the image of a fictional journalist on DCWeekly.org.^[57] Van Den Ende shared Storm-1516 narratives on her X profile eight times, typically also sharing versions of the narrative on her blog as well.

Implications

The U.S. Department of Justice recently uncovered the role of the Russian state media company RT in global recruitment of influencers for the purpose of spreading pro-Russian propaganda.^[58] The R-FBI, by contrast, seems to be involved in the global recruitment of influencers for the purpose of spreading disinformation as opposed to propaganda. The examples shared in this report are only a sample of what is likely a much broader network. As we have suggested, there are other anonymous social media accounts and conspiracy driven websites we believe to be affiliated with the R-FBI distribution machine. We know, also, that the R-FBI is active across platforms and the information we have offered here has oversampled from analysis of content available on X. The German independent journalist Alina Lipp, for instance, has appeared in at least four separate R-FBI interviews and shares Strom-1516 narratives routinely on her Telegram channel. Further research would likely identify additional connections between the R-FBI and the spread of Storm-1516 narratives.

It is clear that in many respects the Storm-1516 campaign is the spiritual successor to the work of Prigozhin’s IRA and their attempts to influence Western discourse and past U.S. elections. In this report we have demonstrated specific, varied, and recurring connections between Storm-1516 and Prigozhin’s R-FBI. This suggests that Storm-1516 may not simply be the spiritual successor to the IRA, but the literal one as well.

⁵⁴ <https://web.archive.org/web/20240224202103/https://fondfbr.ru/en/articles/op-11-10-23-en/>

⁵⁵ Rosman, C. (2022, April 12). Hoe een Nederlandse ‘burgerjournaliste’ betrokken raakte bij het Russische leger. *Het Parool*. <https://www.parool.nl/wereld/hoe-een-nederlandse-burgerjournaliste-betrokken-raakte-bij-het-russische-leger~be2905ce/>

⁵⁶ Dit is geen propaganda, dit zijn feiten! – Nederlandse op propagandatour door Syrië en Oekraïne. (2022, July 29). Pointer, *KRO-NCRV*. <https://pointer.kro-ncrv.nl/nederlands-ex-familieid-assad-op-propagandatour-door-syrie-en-oekraïne>

⁵⁷ <https://web.archive.org/web/20231126220246/https://dcweekly.org/author/nina/>

⁵⁸ Belton, C. (2024, October 23). Dougan's disinformation role and its implications. *The Washington Post*. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2024/10/23/dougan-russian-disinformation-harris/>

Researchers at Microsoft's Threat Analysis Center have suggested that Aleksandr Dugin's Center for Geopolitical Expertise (CGE) is directing the Storm-1516 operation. The Washington Post now reports that there is a strong connection between Dougan and both the GRU and CGE dating back to well before the Storm-1516 narratives arose.^[59] But, as outlined above, there remains no evidence that Dougan produced the Storm-1516 narratives. All we know with certainty is that he ran some of the websites that promoted them.

Microsoft also suggests that Storm-1516 employs veterans of Prigozhin's IRA. Our report has further illustrated how Storm-1516's disinformation operations share clear similarities with past IRA work. We have shown that Prigozhin's R-FBI uses their network of outlets and people to successfully disseminate both their own in-house reports as well as Storm-1516 content in parallel. It seems probable that these two Prigozhin-connected entities are, if not one-in-the-same, closely linked.

We cannot say what the exact organizational relationship between Storm-1516 and the R-FBI may be; the Russian disinformation apparatus, after all, is both wide and interconnected. We believe, however, that Storm-1516 and the R-FBI are part of a common structure. The R-FBI and BJA maintain a distribution network for the wider organization, to distribute both their content and the content attributed to Storm-1516. The R-FBI and Storm-1516 could be a single entity or two entities serving the same master. This distinction may be an academic, however, as ultimately the relationship is tight and Storm-1516 would not be nearly as successful as it has been without the network built by the R-FBI. Whoever is ultimately directing and supporting Storm-1516 is likely also directing and supporting the R-FBI.

It is important to understand who is driving the Storm-1516 campaign for several reasons. The strong connection between Storm-1516 and the R-FBI provides an important piece to the puzzle. First, a tie to the R-FBI, with its links to the broader Prigozhin network, moves this campaign closer to the Russian state, opening up paths of response that would not otherwise be available. Mitigating the work of Storm-1516 to date has been an endless game of whack-a-mole rather than a meaningful effort to stop the disinformation at its source. Second, without this connection, the most prominent individual affiliated with the Storm 1516 campaign is John Mark Dougan, who created the fake-news websites that share many of the narratives. Having this fugitive U.S. citizens as the face of the operation has propagandistic value that the truth lacks. The truth is that Dougan is one distributor among many R-FBI affiliated actors, a fall guy, useful for shifting blame and pulling focus away from Russia. Finally, seeing the link between the R-FBI and Storm-1516 puts the activities of each in a different light. The R-FBI's quasi-journalistic conferences and faux-investigative reports and Storm-1516's whole-cloth invented disinformation narratives are a mutually reinforcing storm of influence pushing the same stories with different valence: that Ukraine, NATO, the U.S., and liberal democracy are corrupt, hypocritical, and weak and that parties in these places that support Russia are defending Western values against degeneracy and decline.

⁵⁹ Belton, C. (2024, October 23). Dougan's disinformation role and its implications. The Washington Post. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2024/10/23/dougan-russian-disinformation-harris/>

Appendix A.

List of Storm-1516 Narratives, with associated Dougan websites and X shares from R-FBI network members*

Approx Date	Narrative
1) 08/22/23	<p>Luxurious Villa owned by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's Family Discovered on Egyptian Coast</p> <p>Dougan Pages</p> <p>None</p> <p>Network X Shares</p> <p>https://x.com/ReadeAlexandra/status/1694260109583782043 https://x.com/gheliasoN/status/1694644761930731789 https://x.com/leiroz_lucas/status/1694278535626547620 https://twitter.com/SonjaEnde/status/1694276300720996840 https://twitter.com/leiroz_lucas/status/1694278535626547620 https://twitter.com/leiroz_lucas/status/1694703438506995981</p>
2) 08/31/23	<p>SHOCKING REVELATION: Prince Andrew Accused of Child Abduction and Abuse During Secret Ukraine Visit, Witnesses Speak Out</p> <p>Dougan Pages</p> <p>https://dcweekly.org/2023/08/31/shocking-revelation-prince-andrew-accused-of-child-abduction-and-abuse-during-secret-ukraine-visit-witnesses-speak-out/</p> <p>Network X Shares</p> <p>https://twitter.com/leiroz_lucas/status/1696892681849385225 https://twitter.com/leiroz_lucas/status/1697225812678697040 https://twitter.com/SonjaEnde/status/1697553543308140552</p>
3) 09/19/23	<p>Young Turkish-German Woman Accuses NATO Servicemen of Assault</p> <p>Dougan Pages</p> <p>https://dcweekly.org/2023/09/20/young-turkish-german-woman-accuses-nato-service-men-of-assault/</p> <p>Network X Shares</p> <p>https://twitter.com/ReadeAlexandra/status/1704915155145105492 https://twitter.com/ReadeAlexandra/status/1705220148934873485 https://twitter.com/BowesChay/status/1704793847539147139</p>
4) 09/28/23	<p>SEX WITH A MAN?: STING OPERATION ON ZELENSKYY: SENSATIONAL CLAIMS MADE AGAINST UKRAINIAN PREZ</p> <p>Dougan Pages</p> <p>None</p> <p>Network X Shares</p> <p>https://twitter.com/BowesChay/status/1707446040238907888 https://twitter.com/ReadeAlexandra/status/1707829159358247310 https://twitter.com/ReadeAlexandra/status/1707834332147232968 https://twitter.com/BowesChay/status/1708147186645520700</p>

Approx Date	Narrative
5) 10/2/23	<p>Olena Zelenska's Extravagant NYC Shopping Spree Raises Questions of Corruption and Misuse of American Aid</p> <p>Dougan Pages</p> <p>https://dcweekly.org/2023/10/03/olena-zelenskas-extravagant-nyc-shopping-spree-raises-questions-of-corruption-and-misuse-of-american-aid/</p> <p>Network X Shares</p> <p>https://twitter.com/SonjaEnde/status/1708775001027973593</p> <p>https://x.com/BowesChay/status/1708822529660301784</p> <p>https://twitter.com/ReadeAlexandra/status/1708907940361498742</p> <p>https://twitter.com/SonjaEnde/status/1709860668147466387</p>
6) 10/3/23	<p>Explosive Revelation: Ukraine's Shocking Alleged Plot to Recruit ISIS Terrorists for Ukraine's Armed Forces</p> <p>Dougan Pages</p> <p>https://dcweekly.org/2023/10/03/explosive-revelation-ukraines-shocking-alleged-plot-to-recruit-isis-terrorists-for-ukraines-armed-forces/</p> <p>Network X Shares</p> <p>https://x.com/janus_putkonen/status/1710180982341484705</p> <p>https://twitter.com/ReadeAlexandra/status/1709486710168474054</p> <p>https://twitter.com/leiroz_lucas/status/1709530708119597105</p> <p>https://twitter.com/SonjaEnde/status/1709860806735654974</p>
7) 10/21/23	<p>False Flag: Explosive Claims Surrounding the German Embassy in Kyiv, says Insider</p> <p>Dougan Pages</p> <p>https://dcweekly.org/2023/10/25/false-flag-explosive-claims-surrounding-the-german-embassy-in-kyiv-says-insider/</p> <p>Network X Shares</p> <p>https://twitter.com/ReadeAlexandra/status/1716845977032663247</p> <p>https://twitter.com/ReadeAlexandra/status/1717040568323514668</p> <p>https://twitter.com/leiroz_lucas/status/1717530234734485976</p> <p>https://twitter.com/BowesChay/status/1716853067948208253</p>
8) 10/29/23	<p>Allegations of Ukrainian Weapon Supply to Hamas Raise Concerns Amidst Israel-Hamas Conflict</p> <p>Dougan Pages</p> <p>https://dcweekly.org/2023/10/30/allegations-of-ukrainian-weapon-supply-to-hamas-raise-concerns-amidst-israel-hamas-conflict/</p> <p>Network X Shares</p> <p>https://twitter.com/BowesChay/status/1723152987349025009</p>
9) 11/2/23	<p>From AZOV Mercenary to Murderer: The Radicalization of Abdessalem Lassoued</p> <p>Dougan Pages</p> <p>https://dcweekly.org/2023/11/04/from-azov-mercenary-to-murderer-the-radicalization-of-abdessalem-lassoued/</p> <p>Network X Shares</p> <p>https://twitter.com/BowesChay/status/1720519449646624953</p> <p>https://twitter.com/ReadeAlexandra/status/1721454253032530151</p> <p>https://twitter.com/ReadeAlexandra/status/1721454253032530151</p>

Approx Date	Narrative
10) 11/3/23	<p>Alarming Recruitment Efforts by Ukrainian Neo Nazi Azov Battalion Detected in France</p> <p>Dougan Pages</p> <p>https://dcweekly.org/2023/11/03/arming-recruitment-efforts-by-ukrainian-neo-nazi-azov-battalion-detected-in-france/</p> <p>Network X Shares</p> <p>https://x.com/BowesChay/status/1721452736225456496</p> <p>https://twitter.com/SonjaEnde/status/1721454359471350206</p>
11) 11/3/23	<p>Olena Zelenska's Organization Accused of Child Trafficking Scandal, Insider Confesses"</p> <p>Dougan Pages</p> <p>https://dcweekly.org/2023/11/04/olena-zelenskas-organization-accused-of-child-trafficking-scandal-insider-confesses/</p> <p>Network X Shares</p> <p>https://twitter.com/leiroz_lucas/status/1721629309108904436</p> <p>https://twitter.com/BowesChay/status/1721683241160065357</p> <p>https://twitter.com/aussiecossack/status/1722259795502407947</p>
12) 11/7/23	<p>EXCLUSIVE: HAMAS FIGHTERS CONDUCTED JOINT TRAINING WITH FIGHTERS FROM THE UKRAINIAN BATTALION AZOV</p> <p>Dougan Pages</p> <p>None</p> <p>Network X Shares</p> <p>None</p>
13) 11/21/23	<p>Zelensky's Luxe Life and Misused U.S. Aid Stir Global Controversy while Proxy Yacht Scandal Rocks Ukraine</p> <p>Dougan Pages</p> <p>https://dcweekly.org/2023/11/24/zelenskys-luxe-life-and-misused-u-s-aid-stir-global-controversy-while-proxy-yacht-scandal-rocks-ukraine/</p> <p>https://clearstory.news/2024/01/25/uncovering-the-mystery-of-zelenskys-luxury-yachts-and-hidden-wealth-a-closer-look/</p> <p>Network X Shares</p> <p>https://twitter.com/ReadeAlexandra/status/1728117726055436625</p>
14) 11/28/23	<p>Allegations of Secret Deal Involving Ukrainian Lands and Toxic Waste Disposal Raise Concerns</p> <p>Dougan Pages</p> <p>https://dcweekly.org/2023/11/29/allegations-of-secret-deal-involving-ukrainian-lands-and-toxic-waste-disposal-raise-concerns/</p> <p>Network X Shares</p> <p>https://twitter.com/ReadeAlexandra/status/1730283757020512623</p>

Approx Date	Narrative
15) 11/28/23	<p>Sinister Operations: American Non-Profit Accused of Shocking Organ Harvesting Scheme Involving Ukrainian Soldiers</p> <p>Dougan Pages</p> <p>https://dcweekly.org/2023/12/01/sinister-operations-american-non-profit-accused-of-shocking-organ-harvesting-scheme-involving-ukrainian-soldiers/</p> <p>Network X Shares</p> <p>None</p>
16) 11/30/23	<p>Unprecedented US Operation to Shelter Zelensky Raises Eyebrows</p> <p>Dougan Pages</p> <p>https://dcweekly.org/2023/11/29/unprecedented-us-operation-to-shelter-zelensky-raises-eyebrows/</p> <p>Network X Shares</p> <p>https://twitter.com/BowesChay/status/1731719187045789974</p>
17) 12/6/23	<p>Zelensky Unfiltered! Shockwaves from a Leaked Presidential Call</p> <p>Dougan Pages</p> <p>https://dcweekly.org/2023/12/08/zelensky-unfiltered-shockwaves-from-a-leaked-presidential-call/</p> <p>Network X Shares</p> <p>https://twitter.com/ReadeAlexandra/status/1733169442530415048</p> <p>https://twitter.com/BowesChay/status/1733200611368136777</p>
18) 12/25/23	<p>Reporter who outed Zelensky's mother-in-law's purchase of luxury villa in El Gouna, killed in Egypt</p> <p>Dougan Pages</p> <p>https://clearstory.news/2023/12/23/reporter-who-outed-zelenskys-mother-in-laws-purchase-of-luxury-villa-in-el-gouna-killed-in-egypt/</p> <p>Network X Shares</p> <p>None</p>
19) 12/26/23	<p>President Zelensky Launches Fundraising Effort to Aid Ukrainian Transgender Community and Fund Gender-Affirming Surgeries</p> <p>Dougan Pages</p> <p>https://clearstory.news/2023/12/23/president-zelensky-launches-fundraising-effort-to-aid-ukrainian-transgender-community-and-fund-gender-affirming-surgeries/</p> <p>Network X Shares</p> <p>None</p>

Approx Date	Narrative
20) 12/27/23	<p>Zelensky's Controversial €8 Million Deal: Acquisition of the Infamous Bogensee Villa, Formerly Owned by Joseph Goebbels, Amidst Corruption Concerns</p> <p>Dougan Pages</p> <p>https://clearstory.news/2023/12/27/zelenskys-controversial-e8-million-deal-acquisition-of-the-infamous-bogensee-villa-formerly-owned-by-joseph-goebbels-amidst-corruption-concerns/</p> <p>Network X Shares</p> <p>https://x.com/aussiecossack/status/1740515900837822645</p>
21) 12/28/23	<p>The Art of Corruption! The Murky Business of Selling Hunter Biden's Paintings</p> <p>Dougan Pages</p> <p>https://clearstory.news/2023/12/28/the-art-of-corruption-the-murky-business-of-selling-hunter-bidens-paintings/</p> <p>Network X Shares</p> <p>None</p>
22) 01/24/24	<p>Ukraine's Secret Nuclear Ambitions: A Global Catastrophe Looms</p> <p>Dougan Pages</p> <p>https://dcweekly.org/2024/01/24/ukraines-secret-nuclear-ambitions-a-global-catastrophe-looms/</p> <p>https://clearstory.news/2024/01/24/from-us-tax-dollars-to-a-nuclear-nightmare-gerry-nolans-expose-of-ukraines-shadowy-pursuit/</p> <p>Network X Shares</p> <p>https://x.com/SonjaEnde/status/1750157104181100754</p>
23) 02/03/24	<p>Shocking Revelations from Inside the Anti-Corruption Foundation: Affairs, Intrigue, and the Fall of a Movement</p> <p>Dougan Pages</p> <p>https://clearstory.news/2024/02/03/shocking-revelations-from-inside-the-anti-corruption-foundation-affairs-intrigue-and-the-fall-of-a-movement/</p> <p>Network X Shares</p> <p>None</p>
24) 02/17/24	<p>Controversial Pfizer Vaccine Trials On Children Raise Concerns In Ukraine</p> <p>Dougan Pages</p> <p>https://chicagochron.com/index.php/2024/02/06/controversial-pfizer-vaccine-trials-on-children-raise-concerns-in-ukraine/</p> <p>https://infosindependants.fr/2024/02/06/zelensky-a-donne-son-autorisation-a-pfizer-pour-tester-un-vaccin-mortel-sur-des-enfants-ukrainiens/</p> <p>Network X Shares</p> <p>None</p>

Approx Date	Narrative
25) 02/26/24	ARREST IN TUCKER CARLSON ASSASSINATION TRY: UKRAINIAN INTELLIGENCE HIRED RUSSIAN 'HITMAN' TO MURDER JOURNALIST
	Dougan Pages
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