



Disinformation & Malign Influence Tools & Best Practices

This document compiles tools & best practices to address disinformation & malign influence. It compiles publicly available information & resources.

If you know of other tools that should be added to this list, please inform us through simon.herteleer@atahq.org or secretariat@atahq.org

Please note this is a non-exhaustive list and will be constantly updated!

ATA Network Materials

Montenegro

The Digital Forensic Center of the Atlantic Council of Montenegro is the first digital hub of its kind in the Western Balkan region devoted to countering disinformation, fake news, and propaganda campaigns that have had a goal of destabilizing democratic processes in both Montenegro and the region. The mission of the Digital Forensic Center is to suppress issues of disinformation and fake news through investigating the content of headlines and articles, and providing verified information based on a thorough analysis;

They produce a monthly publication called DFC Magazine, which provides a broader range of information and developments which relate to the hybrid warfare and disinformation narratives. The publications are available here: <http://dfcme.me/en/publications/> you can sign up to receive this publication and a newsletter on a monthly basis here: <http://dfcme.me/en/contact>.

Slovakia

Countering Disinformation Online is a tool for civil society organisations, active citizens and any curious individuals who want to know more about helping free societies from the pressure of disinformation and false news - <https://counterdisinfo.org/>

This website developed by GLOBSEC Strategic Communication Programme serves as a “one stop shop” with plenty of up-to-date tools and resources, easily accessible for anyone interested. As an NGO with a long experience in the field, we understand the restrictions of limited resources and options for organisations and individuals who want to play an active role in the civil society. Therefore, we are more than happy to share the knowledge and tools that helped us in pursuing our goals!

Publicly available tools

All tools featured in this document are external to the ATA. The inclusion of these tools in this document does not imply endorsement or approval of any kind.

Toolkits

These toolkits incorporate different aspects to counter disinformation and are often portrayed as ‘one-stop-shops’ with a wide variety of tools and information aimed to address disinformation & malign influence

Bellingcat’s Online Investigation Toolkit

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BfLPJpRtyq4RFtHJoNpvWQjmGnyVkfE2HYoICKOGguA/edit#heading=h.po9n93ahppok>

Collection of digital forensics tools for verification, investigations, diagnostics and so on

Bellingcat furthermore provides many additional resources:

<https://www.bellingcat.com/category/resources/how-tos/>

Interaction – Disinformation toolkit:

<https://www.interaction.org/documents/disinformation-toolkit/>

Aimed at NGO’s and Civil society actors active on the ground who are faced with disinformation efforts (think of civil society organizations active in the middle east or in Ukraine), this toolkit provides InterAction’s disinformation toolkit is a great resource– and goes directly to the source and insist on both removal and retraction. Counteract on social media and connect it to the bigger picture.

Monitoring tools

<https://hoaxy.iuni.iu.edu/>: Visualizes the spread of claims and fact checking.

<https://botometer.iuni.iu.edu/#/> : checks the activity of a Twitter account and gives it a score based on how likely the account is to be a bot. Higher scores are more bot-like.

<http://www.belgium.trendolizer.com/> : A monitoring tool that automatically indexes hundreds of thousands of new links from thousands of sources on the internet and constantly measures their number of likes, tweets, pins, video views... An official Facebook and Twitter partner, its founder also hosts lead stories which debunks trending articles: <https://leadstories.com/>

Additional resources

In the following link, you can find a compilation of resources that can be useful when monitoring and countering disinformation & fake news: <https://github.com/ivbeg/awesome-forensicstools#online-security-and-privacy>

<https://getbadnews.com/#intro>

A publicly available online game aimed to underline the different practices & tactics used by spreaders of fake news & disinformation. Contact of the founder: ruurd@badnews.eu

<https://fakey.iuni.iu.edu/>

This game aims to teach media literacy and study how people interact with misinformation.