



Contextual Resources for Combatting Disinformation in the Nordic Region

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The following is a brief description of, and link to, the various Insights relating to the Nordic region, democracy and disinformation produced by the [Global Network on Extremism and Technology \(GNET\)](#). GNET is the academic research arm of the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT). GNET's mission is to publish actionable research to better understand and prevent terrorist and violent extremist exploitation of digital platforms. GNET is convened by the International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation (ICSR) based within the Department of War Studies at King's College London.

Nordic Region

[In Sweden, a Domestic Troll Farm Tests Democracy](#)

Stephen Blinder and Jacob Ware - 28 October 2024

This Insight discusses the social media-enabled scandal of the Swedish troll farm, analyzing its implications for Western democracies and how the public and their governments should respond.

[Northern Spirits: Gamification and Youth Recruitment in the Nordic Region](#)

Per-Albin Johansson - 30 October 2024

This Insight seeks to highlight the benefits of using gamification to serve a greater societal purpose, one of many countermeasures suggested for confronting extremist communities in games.

[The Midgård Leak: Exposing The Global Business of The Far Right](#)

Peter Smith - 18th January 2024

This Insight examines the dedicated work that exposed Midgård's customer list, parsing the value of these types of leaks to the tech industry and social platforms actively seeking to curtail the far-right online.

Disinformation and Terrorism or Violent Extremism

Although the following Insights are not focused on the Nordic region, they provide additional information into disinformation and how terrorists and violent extremists may utilize such a tactic to support their objectives.

['Fogging' and 'Flooding': Countering Extremist Mis/Disinformation After Terror Attacks](#)

Martin Iness - 8th November 2021

This Report explores how and why mis/disinformation develops in the wake of terror attacks and the ways it is used by extremist groups to attempt to shape public understanding and political responses.



[Hindutva Disinformation Machine: How India is Using the Israel-Palestine War to Spur Anti-Muslim Sentiment at Home](#)

Shweta Desai and Dr. Amarnath Amarasingam - 17th November 2024

This Insight provides a brief examination of the Islamophobic rhetoric and disinformation relating to the conflict being disseminated by right-wing Indian (dis)influencers and the impact this has had on the wider online information ecosystem.

[Agent Provocateurs: Online Hindutva Groups' Misinformation Campaign Amid Bangladesh's Political Crisis](#)

Abdul Basit - 8th October 2024

This Insight examines online Hindutva groups' use of X to exploit Bangladesh's political unrest by fabricating and subsequently employing sensationalist claims, doctoring images and disseminating old videos of unrelated events.

[Fomenting Civil War?: Disinformation Narratives after the Southport Attack](#)

Mason Krusch - 29th August 2024

This Insight investigates how far-right accounts on X have used the 29 July Southport attack as a springboard to proliferate disinformation narratives and concludes with some recommendations on how tech companies might counter these actions.

[A Deadly Trifecta: Disinformation Networks, AI Memetic Warfare, and Deepfakes](#)

Achi Mishra and Vignesh Karumbaya - 15th February 2024

This Insight analyzes the use of generative AI to create difficult-to-detect disinformation networks, participate in memetic warfare, and disseminate realistic synthetic media. The combination of these three elements and the feedback loops they generate creates a tumultuous political environment where the very fabric of reality is questioned.

[Indonesia's Troubled Democracy: Navigating Disinformation and Extremism During Elections](#)

Uday Bakhshi - 13th February 2024

This Insight examines how disinformation and extremist content polarize the political environment, fuelling social tensions and threatening Indonesia's regressing democracy.

[How the Indian Far-Right is Using the Israeli Conflict to Spread Islamophobic Disinformation](#)

Roshan M - 10th November 2023

This Insight examines the manner in which the conflict in Gaza has been co-opted by Hindu nationalists to stoke ant-Muslim sentiments within India, using manipulated media and charged rhetoric in the form of disinformation.



[Unmasking Islamophobic Disinformation in the Aftermath of Sri Lanka's Easter Sunday Attack](#)
Charani Patabendige - 29th September 2023

This Insight seeks to examine the shifting Sri Lankan threat landscape, and the symbiotic relationship between the realms of physical warfare and cyberspace. It expands to explore the way disinformation was employed in the context of the Easter Sunday Attack to mislead and manipulate users.

[Why Some Far-Right Circles are Contributing to Vladimir Putin's Disinformation Campaign](#)
Beatriz Buarque - 21st March 2022

This Insight explores how pro-Russia disinformation and conspiracy theories have been utilized as a weapon within the online space by far-right groups.

Countering Disinformation

The following Insights provide potential solutions and recommendations for practitioners who are seeking to counter disinformation. Although solutions should take into account the unique platform architecture or social, political, and cultural contexts of a particular locale these Insights can provide a starting point for those looking to safeguard against, and counter, disinformation.

[Combating Online Extremism in the Global South: Lessons from COVID-19 Misinformation Flows](#)
Esteban Villa-Turek - 13th March 2024

This Insight examines how politicized scientific misinformation and conspiratorial beliefs at local and global scales in the Global South are ripe areas for political extremism to fester, and how the use of computational and statistical methods can be used to identify patterns within this sort of extremist activity.

[The Role and Potential of Artificial Intelligence in Extremist Fuelled Election Misinformation in Africa](#)
Jake Okechukwu Effoduh - 8th March 2024

This Insight argues that heightened misinformation and disinformation as a result of AI technology in Africa can be countered through various legislative, technical and educational means.

[Beyond Fake News: Meta-Ideological Awareness \(MIA\) as an Antidote to Conspiracy and Radicalisation](#)

Ryan Nakade and Jack Wippell - 17th July 2023

This Insight explores the idea that many online claims cannot be easily verified as true or false, complicating efforts to combat disinformation. Using a popular critical thinking framework to categorize claims, the author illustrates where current measures need expansion and presents a novel intervention to achieve this: Meta-Ideological Awareness (MIA).



The Time for e-Democracy is Now: How a Digitally Functional Democracy Could Prevent Extremist Accelerationism

Jon Deedman - 31st August 2022

This Insight examines the e-democracy model as a response to increasing Accelerationism online. This model would encourage democratic participation and engagement and strengthen preexisting democratic institutions by producing a better-informed citizenry.



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