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A bit on disinformation



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1. Summary

The main known media tycoon in Russia supportive of Putin's regime ideology is **Konstantin Malofeyev**. He controls several platforms which disseminate the Eurasian ideology propelled by Alexander Dugin.

This may not be new to the well-informed reader. In this case we will **shed some light on the links to the Spanish speaking world** of the Russiisphere.

2. Eurasian ideology

The Eurasian vision, promoted by the ultranationalist Russian philosopher Alexander Dugin, is based on the belief that there is an irresolvable confrontation between the Atlanticist world (primarily the United States and the United Kingdom) and Eurasia (predominantly Russia, Central and Eastern Europe, and Asia). This vision resists U.S.-led globalization and ethno-cultural universalization.

The Eurasian vision advocates for a multipolar world where Russia plays a dominant role in its neighbouring regions. According to this perspective, Russia should **divide Georgia, annex Ukraine, Finland, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, and Greece, and give away Azerbaijan to Iran**. The vision also includes promoting internal destabilization in the United States by supporting separatist movements and ethnic, social, and racial conflicts.

In summary, the **Eurasian vision seeks to weaken and eventually destroy the Western liberal world order**, promoting instead a world where Russia has significant influence and dominates its neighbours.

Dugin sustains a hawkish view on the actions that Russia must undertake to impose his Russian world-order vision. He was very supportive of the invasion of Ukraine. Thus, he suffered an attack in August 2022 which resulted in the death of his daughter Darya Dugina, who had exchanged her car for her father's.

3. Malofeyev's media

The goals of Konstantin Malofeyev's propaganda are mainly to **promote the interests of the Kremlin and Russian ultra-conservative ideology**. Malofeyev seeks to influence European and global public opinion by **funding political parties and figures who criticize liberal values and support the Kremlin's policies**.

In addition, their propaganda aims to **destabilize Western democracies, foment separatism and internal conflicts, and promote a worldview in which Russia plays a dominant role**. Malofeyev also uses his platforms to spread disinformation and conspiracy theories that undermine trust in Western institutions and their leaders.

Konstantin Malofeyev directly controls the following organisations and media outlets¹:

3.1 Tsargrad TV

This is Russia's first conservative news analysis television channel, known as the "voice of the Russian Orthodox majority." Malofeyev is the founder and is directly involved in its operation.

3.2 Analytical Center Katehon

Founded in 2016, this think tank is a subsidiary of Tsargrad and publishes content in five languages (English, Spanish, French, German, and Arabic). Katehon is dedicated to the creation and defence of a secure, democratic, and just international system and is led by Malofeyev.

3.3 St. Basil the Great Charitable Foundation

Malofeyev heads this foundation, one of the largest private charitable organisations in Russia, dedicated to philanthropy and the **promotion of Orthodox values**.

3.4 Double-Headed Eagle Society

Malofeyev is the leader of this **monarchist society**, which promotes conservative and Orthodox values in Russia.

3.5 Safe Internet League

Malofeyev is the chairman of the Advisory Council of this organisation, which aims to combat harmful content on the web, although **it has been accused of censoring socio-political content**.

3.6 International Agency for Sovereign Development (IASD)

Founded by Malofeyev in September 2019, this agency seeks to **decolonise Africa and expel Western influence from the continent**.

These organisations and media outlets are under the direct control of Konstantin Malofeyev and reflect his influence in **promoting conservative and Orthodox values, as well as in disseminating pro-Kremlin propaganda**.

4. Dugin and Malofeyev

Konstantin Malofeyev and Alexander Dugin have several notable connections. **Dugin was a board member of Katehon**, a Moscow-based think tank founded by Malofeyev, which is known for spreading anti-Western disinformation and propaganda.

¹ Based mainly on <https://2017-2021.state.gov/russias-pillars-of-disinformation-and-propaganda-report/>

He also served as the chief editor of **Tsargrad TV**, a conservative news and analysis television channel established by Malofeyev and described as the "voice of the Russian Orthodox majority."

Additionally, Dugin leads the **Eurasian Youth Union**, an organization actively promoting Eurasianist ideology, and Malofeyev has reportedly supported its activities.

Dugin is also the leader of the **International Eurasian Movement**, which is linked to **Katehon** and other organizations affiliated with Malofeyev.

Another link between Malofeyev and Dugin is the portal www.geopolitika.ru. Its physical address matched the same address occupied by Katehon, a think tank founded by Malofeyev, until April 2019. This indicates a close operational link between the two entities.

Leonid Savin, the chief editor of geopolitika.ru, was formerly the chief editor of Katehon. Savin is also affiliated with the International Eurasian Movement, which is led by Alexander Dugin.

5. Links to Spain

Leonid Savin and Dugin himself happen to regularly cooperate with the Spanish web www.geoestrategia.eu, according to its online information. **Geoestrategia.eu** is a portal of the *Instituto Español de Geopolítica*, run by Juan Antonio Aguilar², which promotes pro-Kremlin and anti-Western narratives.

The domain owned by *Instituto Español de Geopolítica* (iegeopolitica.es) was redirected to www.4pt.su (4pt stands for '4th political theory') in 2022, which replicates articles and ideology which are published in **geopolitika.ru** and alike. Dugin is the central figure in this webpage.

There are many individuals who write on both portals in addition to Dugin and Savin: José Alsina Calvés (Spain), Stephen Karganovic from Serbia, Carlos Santa María from Chile, Kerry Bolton from New Zealand, Claudio Mutti from Italy, Pepe Escobar (Brazil), Adomas Abromaitis from the United Kingdom, Andrew Korybko from Russia, and Slavisa Batko Milacic from Montenegro, Valentin Katasonov (Russia), Vladimir Terehov (Russia), Caleb Maupin and Seth Ferris from the United States.

6. Conclusions

The analysis of Malofeyev's media empire shows the importance of the Spanish speaking world for the disinformation effort. In Spain, the link appears sound and clear with the *Instituto Español de Geopolítica* and its environment.

Dugin's theory states that anti-Americanism is the fundamental ideology which lies behind any grouping which is eligible to cooperate with Russia (the Russia he promotes). In this vein, he promotes relationships with political parties with this underlying standpoint, such as *Alternative für Deutschland* in Germany or *Front*

² <https://groups.google.com/g/redgeoecn/c/XEMkp5Ce7tM?pli=1>

National in France, among others like *Liga Norte* in Italy and *Freiheitliche Partei Österreichs* in Austria. They are the representatives of the *new right*.

There are two other groups whose ideology might be in line with Dugin's, according to him. Dugin believes that traditional neo-Nazis groups in Europe are controlled by the CIA and MOSSAD. Thus, they are not trusted by him, but they have to be scouted. And the third group which is likely to support his ideas are members of the Christian right, because they are usually anti-American.

In Spain and in the Spanish speaking world (the third most spoken language in the world), the influence of Putin's Russia spreads from the far-right to the far-left, always against the centre. **Dugin's ideology attracts those who long for the old Soviet Union as well as those who aim a new world order toppling the anglosphere and its traditional allies.**