

The Role of Propaganda in Spreading Confusion Among Russia and Ukraine in Global Communication

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Abstract

The role and impact of propaganda as a part of global communication is very crucial. The global players use this tool to defeat, demolish and to teach a lesson to their opponents. In the current scenario every individual and public are in search of information. Even the countries in the conflict are also in search of authentic information from the various sources. The primary objective of any country engaged in war is to counter their opponents by any means either by distorted communication or by monopolized communication. All such communication which spreads hate and negativity is simply called propaganda in which internal and external factors and influences can't be ignored. The Exact condition applies between Russia and Ukraine. The cause of conflict was very common and simple but the involvement of many external factors affected the healthy communication and its reception. Therefore, this research will bring new insight about the role of propaganda in spreading confusion among Russia and Ukraine in global communication.

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INTRODUCTION

The propaganda used in global media has a crucial role during war and spreading confusion. The war between Russia and Ukraine is not hidden to the world community. The several global media houses are playing roles as propaganda centers and looking at this war as an opportunity to grab more revenue through advertisements. Global media platforms like CNN International, BBC World Service, Sky News, Fox News, Global Times and other social media sites like YouTube, Twitter and Face book play an important role in socio-political communication. This exhibits the power of virtual information in affecting one's perspectives. Most of the media attracts misleading publicity and spreading bogus information. The essential point of the world media is on the kinds of weapons being utilized by the Russian powers and the Ukrainian resistive armed force. There is plenty of data and figures on the stockpile of innovative weapons by the Western liberal world to Ukraine to battle Russia. Worldwide web-based stages assume a part in dispersing data and advancing stories about the contention. The job of computerized media in global political communication is also very significant. Right away, it appears to be so regular. The general concept of battle in this impacting world isn't consistent. The globalized media has drastically changed how we consume news about worldwide occasions from profoundly

unified state media to a substantially more broadened. These factors have given rise to the scope of propaganda in spreading confusion among Russia and Ukraine in global Communication.

OBJECTIVE OF RESEARCH

- To find out the role of propaganda in the global conflict between Russia and Ukraine.
- To find out the role of global players using propaganda as a tool to defeat, demolish and to teach a lesson to their opponents.
- To find out authentic causes for propaganda, a negative source of information between the two countries

IMPORTANCE OF RESEARCH

- This research will bring the facts about new forms of development in communication in a new dimension.
- Will be able to understand the pattern of communication used in the new warfare.

HYPOTHESIS

There are possibilities that propaganda as a part of global communication will play a very crucial role. The global players use this tool of propaganda very rapidly. Distorted communication or monopolize communication are proved to be harmful for mankind. All such communication which spreads hate and negativity is simply called propaganda in which internal and external factors and influences can't be ignored. Therefore, this research will bring new insight about the role of propaganda in spreading confusion among Russia and Ukraine in global communication.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The major discourses about the role of propaganda in spreading confusion among Russia and Ukraine in global communication has been investigated through the secondary sources. The main source of information is newspapers, global magazines, blogs, political discourses and deliberations. To extending the discourse scholars like D Chernobrov, EL Briant - Politics, 2022 - journals.sagepub.com under title 'Competing propagandas: How the United States and Russia represent mutual propaganda activities' referred that "both Russia and the United States regard propaganda and misinformation activities as a tool of foreign policy. Foreign propaganda is represented as threatening the state through society – jeopardizing national security, threatening existing international alliances, undermining electoral systems and trust in democracy, and destabilizing government through unrest."¹

In this context S Abrams - Connections, 2016 - JSTOR referred under topic 'Beyond propaganda: Soviet active measures in Putin's Russia' that "Today, in Putin's Russia, these active measures are once again in use, updated for digitally interconnected "global information space."²

Further Y Fedchenko - Sōjateadlane, 2016 - ceol.com in an article discusses "The manufacture and dissemination of fake news stories are carried out in a centralized and systematic fashion as the fabrications must be coherent and maintain alignment with the Kremlin's policies and talking points."³

¹ Chernobrov, D. & Briant, E. 'Competing propagandas: How the United States and Russia represent mutual propaganda activities'. journals.sagepub.com

² Abrams, S. 'Beyond propaganda: Soviet active measures in Putin's Russia'. JSTOR.

METHODOLOGY

The propaganda is an important tool of communication in war zones. The propaganda by mass media is responsible for the growing tensions between Russia-Ukraine relations. Role of propaganda in spreading confusion is directly connected with the information. The dissemination and distribution of information is controlled by the global media which is now working as an information center and is in direct control of superpowers.

The methods adopted were to examine the volume of published materials, the amount of news that went on air and the use of social media for spreading confusion through propaganda.

Russian Mass Media Examined:

Category-1: Online Newspapers

- Gazeta.ru
- Lenta.ru
- LifeNews
- Moskovskiye Novosti
- Novye Izvestia
- Pravda.ru
- Russia 24

Category-2: News Agencies

- TASS
- RIA Novosti
- Interfax

Category-3: Radio Broadcasting

- Radio Rossii (Radio Russia)
- Radio Mayak
- Vesti FM
- Radio Yunost
- Radio Kultura

Category-4: Television Broadcasting

- First Channel
- Rossiya 1
- Match TV
- NTV Channel Five

Ukrainian Mass Media Examined:

Category-1: Newspapers

- DELO
- Delovaya Stolitsa

³ Fedchenko, Y. 'Kremlin Propaganda: Soviet active measures by other means'. Ceeol.com

- Den
- Expres
- Ukrainian Wall

Category-2: Radio Broadcasting

- Chanson, Sharmanka, Business Radio,
- Nashe Radio
- Russkoe Radio
- RetroFM

Category-3: Television Broadcasting

Channel Ukraine

ICTV

STB

NTN

TET

Global Mass Media Examined:

CNN International

BBC World News

Euro news

Al Zazeera

Sky News

Republic TV

i24NEWS

TRT

CNBC

Washington Post

The Guardian

The above-mentioned mass media houses were examined for their contribution to the global propaganda in spreading confusion among Russia and Ukraine and based on their publications, policy documents, images and other contents the analysis and interpretations were accomplished.

ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATIONS

Russian Propaganda Prospective for Information:

Wars are many times won or lost through data advantage. In the Russia-Ukraine struggle, we could have anticipated Russia experienced at promulgation to have outclassed Ukraine right off the bat. In the ongoing struggle, Russia's misleading publicity endeavors have comprised a great extent of control inside Russia to keep up with the fiction of the contention being a unique military activity as opposed to an attack.



Image Source: www.donbass-insider.com

Russian dangers of atomic discouragement test terminating an atomic rocket and giving obscure dangers of atomic conflict to counter NATO support for Ukraine is one model. The massing of troops on the Russia-Ukraine and Belarus borders all the while assuming a pretense of a tactical activity is another. At any rate, others are overlooking Vladimir Putin's threatening statements and equipping Ukraine with weapons. Sweden and Finland are presently examining NATO enrollment, something already inconceivable. These all have promulgation esteem. Courageous Russian regular people are showing in their thousands. Also, Russian soldiers are disrupting their own vehicles. Also, obviously, Ukraine has been delivering pictures of supposed Russian atrocities.

Ukrainian Propaganda Prospective for Information:

Ukraine perceived the need to control how its residents spread data and how that data would be utilized by the Kremlin. Thus, Ukraine made it against the law to share pictures of Ukrainian troop developments or shoot locales via virtual entertainment, to frustrate the Kremlin's focusing on frameworks. Toward the start of the conflict, Ukraine had the option to offer firm obstruction in light of the fact that its call to residents to arm them was so effective. Notwithstanding the enrollment of men of military age, the general account in the western media was that a huge number of Ukrainians were electing to battle. Ukrainian regular people are additionally helping the publicity endeavors by spreading film of the real factors of the conflict.



Image Source: www.haaretz.com

Western Propaganda Perspectives for Information

The western countries are in continuous confusion related to Russia-Ukraine War. The volume of propaganda is on climax. Even Russia seriously blamed few countries that their foreign policy has been hijacked by USA. Great Britain and France are directly supporting Ukraine with information and war supplies. As per several reports these countries are struggling for their identity in Europe because after WW-II when imperialism collapsed the power balance also changed. Now with increasing power of Russia western forces are unable to digest it. Ukraine has likewise made progress in a culpability based story in the west, disgracing NATO nations into giving more weapons to assist Ukrainians with protecting themselves and for not cutting off monetary connections to Russia quickly enough. Zelensky's public discretion endeavors have zeroed in on winning against monster chances. The finger was especially pointed at Germany on this score and Germany's leader, Straightforward Walter Steamier, was informed he was not wanted in Kyiv. Under political strain, Germany has since reported it will send Ukraine tanks all things considered. Ukraine's western fit of remorse stretches out to scolding NATO nations for purchasing Putin's oil and gas. This bid to get the west to pronounce complete monetary conflict on Russia is a valuable line of influence for Zelensky, in light of the fact that oil and gas incomes address a huge tranche of Russian Gross domestic product.

How will Propaganda stop?

Ukraine has moral authority since it is utilizing data tasks to battle a conflict of need and an existential skirmish of endurance. The west, especially NATO, realizes Ukraine is working this line of influence at the same time, given the difficulty the nation is going through, will answer decidedly to the vast majority of Zelensky's solicitations. Both Ukraine and Russia are taking part in data tasks and publicity, yet with various methodologies. The Kremlin centers on duplicity activities control and misleading accounts. According to the west's point of view, freeing itself of Putin's censure impact in discretionary, enlightening, military and monetary terms would be a valuable objective. The Kremlin in the interim is attempting to satisfy an aspiration to modify the Soviet realm that had been broken after the virus war. In

what looks progressively liable to be a conflict of steady loss, winning the data war will give a major benefit on the front line - which is uplifting news for Zelensky. Ukraine is centered on tact with the west and NATO, supporting regular citizen spirit and empowering them to wage war, featuring Russian outrages and Ukrainian battle wins and keeping up with functional security.



Image Source: <https://globalvoices.org>

CONCLUSION

It was found that propaganda is playing a negative source of information between the two countries and generating misleading information in communication processes. The propaganda by mass media is responsible for the growing tensions between Russia-Ukraine relations. Role of propaganda in spreading confusion is directly connected with the information. The dissemination and distribution of information is controlled by the global media which is now working as an information center and is in direct control of superpowers. The mass media houses should take more caution while publishing information either in the form of publications, policy documents, images and other contents the analysis and interpretations were accomplished. It is the responsibility of contemporary mainstream media for newsworthiness and trustworthiness and they can play an important role in socio-political communication.

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