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# America's problem with Russian disinformation | Modern Diplomacy

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America has a problem with Russian disinformation - but not in the way that you have been led to believe. 'Russiagate' - the name given for allegations that the former American president Donald Trump and his administration were compromised by Moscow and helped his 2016 campaign for the presidency through widespread disinformation campaigns - took American political discourse by storm. However, somewhat ironically, the real Russian disinformation consists of the false stories and allegations leveraged against Russia.

Since mid-2016, these largely uncorroborated and sensationalized stories of nefarious Russian influence and antagonism against America and its people have frequently populated headlines of even the most trusted Western media outlets.

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