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In the information era, a lie can make its way around the world and, in short order, [make millions of people sympathetic to an unjustifiable war of aggression](#).

False claims that Russia has been targeting sinister U.S.-backed “biolabs” in Ukraine were [popularized among conspiratorial American audiences](#) by QAnon believers shortly after Russia launched its invasion in late February. Mainstream Republican voices have since [dragged the old Russian propaganda](#) at its roots [across the forefront](#) of the U.S. political stage.

The Kremlin has [for years](#) accused the U.S. of operating a shady network of biolabs in foreign countries conducting dangerous experiments, including some in Ukraine that have allegedly targeted unsuspecting locals. Though the U.S. does support medical and biodefense labs across the former Soviet Union, [there is no evidence to support claims that the labs are used to develop bioweapons programs](#). China has [peddled](#) similar propaganda; it tag-teamed with Russia last year to rehash an [old accusation](#) that COVID-19 may have been manufactured in U.S.-supported labs—a narrative that has been nurtured by pro-Kremlin sources [since the onset](#) of the pandemic in 2020.

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