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Russia aims Ukraine disinformation at Spanish speakers | AP News

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Washington (AP) — Though Russia is the country that invaded its neighbor Ukraine , the Kremlin's version relentlessly warns social media users across Latin America that the U.S. is the bigger problem.

"Never forget who is the real threat to the world," reads a headline, translated here from Spanish. The article, originally posted in late February on Twitter by RT en Español, is intended for an audience half a world away from the fighting in Kyiv and Mariupol.

As that war rages, Russia is launching falsehoods into the feeds of Spanish-speaking social media users in nations that already have long records of distrusting the U.S. The aim is to gain support in those countries for the Kremlin's war and stoke opposition against America's response.

Though many of the claims have been discredited, they're spreading widely in Latin America and helping to make Kremlin-controlled outlets some of the top Spanish-language sources for information about the war. Russian outlet RT en Español is now the third most shared site on Twitter for Spanish-language information about Russia's invasion.

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