

# Russian Disinformation Takes on Coronavirus, Pointing a Finger at the United States | Foreign Policy

By Amy Mackinnon

February 14, 2020

Wednesday marked the deadliest day yet in the battle with coronavirus, with 242 deaths reported in Hubei province, the epicenter of the outbreak. As the virus has spread around the world, so to have conspiracy theories cropping up [everywhere](#) from India to Australia.

But in Russia the misinformation has been particularly pointed. Russia's spin doctors have capitalized on the fear and confusion of the epidemic to point the blame at the United States, following a well-established pattern of previous Russian disinformation campaigns and evoking a Cold War-era plot by the KGB to paint HIV as a U.S. biological weapon.

[...]

Source: [Russian Disinformation Takes on Coronavirus, Pointing a Finger at the United States | Foreign Policy](#)