

# Trolls for hire: Russia's freelance disinformation firms offer propaganda with a professional touch | NBC News

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The same kinds of digital dirty tricks used to interfere in the [2016 U.S. presidential election](#) and beyond are now up for sale on underground Russian forums for as little as a few thousand dollars, according to a new report from an internet security company.

Businesses, individuals and politicians remain at risk of attack from rivals taking advantage of “disinformation for hire” services that are able to place seemingly legitimate articles on various websites and then spread links to them through networks of inauthentic social media accounts, [warned researchers at Insikt Group](#), a unit of the Boston-area-based threat intelligence firm Recorded Future, in a report released Monday.

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