

Undermining Ukraine | Atlantic Council

By Nancy Messieh

February 28, 2023

In the lead-up to Russia's February 2022 invasion of Ukraine, the Kremlin and its proxies perpetrated information operations to justify military action against Ukraine, mask its operational planning, and deny any responsibility for the war.

Once the war began in earnest, Russia expanded its strategy with an additional emphasis on undermining Ukraine's ability to resist in hopes of forcing the country to surrender or enter negotiations on Russia's terms. This strategic expansion included efforts to maintain control of information and support for the war effort at home, undercut Ukrainian resistance, derail support for Ukrainian resistance among allies and partners, especially in the immediate region, and engage in aggressive information operations internationally to shape public opinion about Russia's war of aggression, including in Africa and Latin America. Building upon daily monitoring by the Digital Forensic Research Lab (DFRLab), this report synthesizes Kremlin attempts to undermine Ukraine by targeting local, regional, and global audiences over the course of 2022 since the start of the war on February 24 of that year.

Source: [Undermining Ukraine | Atlantic Council](#)