

Why Telegram — despite being rife with Russian disinformation — became the go-to app for Ukrainians | Nieman Journalism Lab

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For weeks, Russia's military assault on Ukraine has been complemented by full-fledged information warfare. The Kremlin has propagandized Russian state media, and is trying to control the narrative online too.

We've seen a bombardment of "imposter content" circulating — including fake news reports and deepfake videos - while Ukrainians and the rest of the world have scrambled to find ways to tell the real story of the invasion.

A deepfake of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky calling on his soldiers to lay down their weapons was reportedly uploaded to a hacked Ukrainian news website today, per @Shayan86 pic.twitter.com/tXLrYECGY4

— Mikael Thalen (@MikaelThalen) March 16, 2022

The instant messaging app Telegram has surfaced as one of the most important channels through which to do so. But what is it about Telegram that has millions flocking to it amid the chaos?

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