

Seeing Red

Russian Propaganda and American News



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The U.S. media has been tainted with Russian disinformation, but the more significant threat is how the Right has embraced the Russian model of the news media as a vehicle for propaganda. This could not have happened without Donald Trump, who has been aided and abetted by politicians and news outlets that favor persuasion over information. From his inauguration onwards, Trump has shown allegiance to the Kremlin propaganda playbook—he consistently denies reality, amplifies lies, vilifies the free media, and broadcasts disinformation.

Seeing Red breaks new ground in investigating the scope of Russian disinformation, arguing that key politicians and media outlets in the United States have facilitated the dissemination of Russian propaganda.

Features

- Clearly defines the Kremlin's goals and demonstrates how they are articulated in Russian propaganda outlets and how these messages appear in U.S. news
- Illustrates how democratic leaders are using anti-democratic propaganda techniques borrowed from a key enemy to attempt to subvert democracy
- Analyzes the role of Russian and domestic propaganda in U.S. news across three critical historic moments: the 2020 U.S. elections, the Stop the Steal conspiracy and the Capitol Insurrection, and the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine

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