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Russians are masters of disinformation.

Don’t fall for their lies on social media

“The goal is to manipulate and divide humans because it sells. “We just provide a space for people to connect” is the sanctimonious response.

What rubbish.”

“They have created an addictive ecosystem that uses persuasive technology to catch, hook and exploit people.”

“Russians’ mastery in this arena flows from their deep understanding and comprehensive formulations of information warfare, technology, active measures & human psychology. No other nation can muster the resources & skills Russia can with potentially game-altering effectiveness.”

“Today, we are experiencing disinformation campaigns to create alternative realities. These forces combine to erode the very foundation of our open society and its democratic traditions by promoting a polarized world.”

“By pushing people to choose sides and reinforce that choice through algorithms by rewarding “users” with attention and “likes” ultimately corrodes the social fabric.”

“The battleground for influence and manipulation is being played out at scale with the American voter.

The size and scope of today’s battle is enabled and accelerated by social media’s artificial intelligence technology that trades in human futures for profit.”

“These platforms facilitate foreign and domestic actors to the wreak havoc within American society by monetizing the human user.

People become hooked on the dopamine release of immediate satisfaction.”

“Subversion has always been the heart and soul of Russian and Soviet intelligence. Today, its power and reach remain unparalleled, especially in the social-media space.”

Facebook post
It “struck me immediately, motivating me to investigate. It was a clever, well-crafted foreign script urging citizens to vote for .. Trump. It uses gas-lighting and card-stacking techniques against Biden. The list connects several false accusations.”

“While the anonymous tract claims, “I am not pushing a person,” it most decisively is doing just that.”

It starts out listing things most people would want. Then once it has you agreeing with it, it goes in for the emotions:

The post then lists hot-button issues for maximum EMOTIONAL appeal.

“Now, there are some things I am voting against:” open borders, a rampant welfare system, SOCIALISM including healthcare, redistribution, reparations, economics, governmental control, pedophilia [QAnon]”

It ends with a call to vote for DT: “Three months is all we have.”

“Do not cut and paste anything like this. Irrespective of your candidate preference, put social-media posts in your own words.

Don’t empower unknown actors to make you a “super spreader,” be it Russia, China, Iran etc.”

“Vote as you will, write as you will, but be very, very careful of clever scripts that are replete with misspellings, odd phraseology and overly emotional appeals to the hot buttons that engage you.”

“After years of observing Soviet and Russian active measure methods, this appears to have been prepared by the Russian intelligence service. Repeated misspellings, and strange phraseology are the tells. ..the first instances of propagation came from two fake Facebook accounts.”