

Government-Funded NGOs, Linked To NATO, Are Interfering In European Elections

“Correctiv” and “Institute for Strategic Dialogue” are military and intelligence front groups spreading disinformation about German farmers and politicians, evidence suggests



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Sasha Havlicek, CEO, Institute for Strategic Dialogue (left); German Green Party politician and Minister for Family Affairs, Lisa Paus (center); and Correctiv" founder, David Schraven, at an anti-AfD rally (right)

Last week, Public [reported](#) that European politicians are waging a disinformation campaign aimed at smearing their political opponents as linked to Russia. The current effort appears related to a disinformation operation by the French military. In February, French military officials [claimed](#) that “websites” were promoting “an anti-French narrative.”

In February and now, Western government officials made accusations against their political enemies but made no arrests and announced no prosecutions, which likely means they do not have any evidence of criminal activity. As such, government military and intelligence agencies are engaged in essentially political activities unrelated to national security and thus illegal.

Now, Public has learned that both NATO-funded and government-funded NGOs are working with government bodies to interfere in German elections. Their “influence operation” aims to keep Germany in line with American foreign policy objectives and undermine the European peace movement.

The evidence suggests that European intelligence agencies and NATO are breaking domestic EU laws against foreign election interference. The EU prohibits elected officials and politicians from using military, intelligence, and security agencies to advance political and electoral means.



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