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to the Commission**

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Subject: Commission's dangerously dogmatic brochure on disinformation

On 14 April¹, the Commission published a brochure on disinformation for secondary school teachers across the EU². The recommendations on how to spot it and apply critical thinking are commendable.

However, the only 'models' of conspiracy theories given are from Russian media sources, accused of 'building hostility to NATO troops' and blaming the 'US for the coronavirus'. To illustrate how opponents can be demonised, instead of citing current Islamist sermons, there is a case study on Pope Urban II's crusade speech. QAnon is discussed at length, primarily to discredit 'existing groups, like the *Gilets Jaunes* in France'.

The exercise on the subject of political and economic refugees is also particularly biased. The case study on medicine scams fails to look at information shared by real laboratories, some of which have agreements with the EU despite having already been heavily sanctioned by the courts.

Is the Commission not afraid that its brochure is counterproductive, given that it barely addresses Islamism, terrorism and sermons inciting violence?

¹ Europe Daily Bulletin No. 12700

² https://europa.eu/learning-corner/sites/default/files/files/disinformation-booklet_en.pdf