

**Question for written answer E-001365/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Disinformation campaign: 'Why lateral thinkers believe they were right all along'

Around 2 April 2023, an article entitled 'Why lateral thinkers believe they were right all along'¹, prefaced either with the heading 'Fact check'² or 'Research', appeared in almost all German-language online newspapers and news portals.

The article attempts to ridicule those who criticised mandatory COVID-19 measures, questioning the benefits of wearing masks and the administering of mRNA vaccines from the very beginning, and who now have increasing amounts of scientific evidence to support their claims³.

How does the Commission classify and evaluate propaganda like this article from 2 April 2023 under its 'Action Plan against Disinformation'?

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¹ <https://www.nordkurier.de/politik/faktencheck-warum-querdenker-meinen-recht-gehabt-zu-haben-1512687>

² https://www.zeit.de/news/2023-04/02/faktencheck-warum-querdenker-meinen-recht-gehabt-zu-haben?utm_referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2F

³ <https://paulbrandenburg.com/analyse/meldung-nummer-230331-99-161105-4/>