

DIS-/MISINFORMATION STORIES (NARRATIVES)

ABOUT MIGRATION (EU)

- Spreading infodemic of dis- & misinformation and fake news severely impact our democratic processes.
- Being aware of common narratives or stories told about hot topics can build our immunity against future infodemics!



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✘ Claim:

“Migration is at an all time high!”

🌐 Appeals to:

- Feeling of living in an age of unprecedented mass migration
- Fear of **“Invasion”** [EPC]

✔ Evidence:

- International migrants make up about **3% of world population**. [IOM]
- The **proportion** of international migrants in relation to the world population has **remained relatively stable** in the past five decades. [IOM]



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✘ Claim:

“Migrants are overruling European culture!”

🌐 Appeals to:

- Picture of “**Islamisation**” [EP] and lacking integration [EPC]
- Fear of migrants **outnumbering** ‘Europeans’ [EDMO]

✔ Evidence:

- In 2023, **27.3 million** non-EU citizens were living in the EU, making up **6.1% of the European population**. [EUROSTAT]



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✘ Claim:

“Migrants spread diseases and take advantage of our health systems”



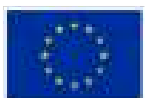
Appeals to:

- Rise of **Asia-hate** since Covid-19 [EP]
- Migrants **taking advantage** of health care system or get preferential access [EPC]



Evidence:

- Migrants are **not inherently prone** to poor health outcomes.
- A large percentage of migrants are **working in health care**. [IOM]



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✘ Claim:

“Immigrants are a threat to security!”



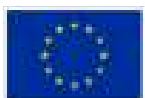
Appeals to:

- Media narratives depict refugees or migrants as **violent** - often in connection with Islam [EPC]



Evidence:

- The majority of recent terrorist attacks were committed by citizens of the country where they occurred. [IOM]
- Refugees and asylum seekers are often victims of violence themselves. [IOM]



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✘ Claim:

“Immigrants steal our jobs!”

🌐 Appeals to:

- Fear and anger of **high unemployment rates** of citizens and high immigration numbers [EP]

✔ Evidence:

- In 2019, 48% of high-skilled migrants held low or medium-skilled jobs, compared to 20% of EU citizens. [EP]
- Many nations depend on migrants to **fill labor gaps**. [IOM]

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