REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

A NEW PATH?
FACING PROPAGANDA AGAINST NATO

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Context - Why is Russia against a friendly attitude towards NATO?

Russia is against any NATO alignment from the Republic of Moldova mainly due to the desire to preserve a buffer state. Moldova's alignment with NATO and democratic Western values could erode Russia's buffer zone of friendly or neutral states that separate it from potential adversaries.

Influence over Moldova: Russia has historically maintained influence in Moldova through economic ties, political connections, and support for separatist regions such as Transnistria. NATO alignment could undermine Russia's ability to exert influence and control over Moldova, as it would align the country more closely with Western institutions and values.

Ukraine Connection: Moldova shares a border with Ukraine. Russia might view Moldova's alignment with NATO as a potential reinforcement of Ukraine's position, leading to increased pressure on Russia's western flank.

Alliance Cohesion: Russia aims to weaken NATO's cohesion and undermine its collective defense capabilities. Moldova's alignment with NATO would strengthen the alliance and enhance its ability to respond collectively to security challenges, which is contrary to Russia's interests.

Propaganda mainly promotes the idea of maintaining Moldova's neutrality and non-alignment as a way to preserve stability and avoid being dragged into conflicts. It might argue that neutrality allows Moldova to maintain good relations with all parties and serve as a bridge between East and West, benefiting from trade and cooperation without being subjected to external pressures. The reality however hits differently, with Russia trying to sabotage the current pro-European government multiple ties, not respecting the citizens desire to reform the country and get rid of the pro-Russian corrupt politicians.

Friendlier with NATO, a threat to Russia?

Propaganda against NATO and the United States supported by pro-Russian parties in the Republic of Moldova includes old-style propaganda adapted to the new geopolitical realities.

1. Alleged Threat to National Security: Propaganda highlights NATO and the United States as a direct threat to Moldova's national security. It exaggerates and seldom fabricates potential military aggression, presenting NATO as an aggressive alliance and the United States as an imperialistic power seeking to expand its influence in the region.

2. **Anti-Western Imperialism Narrative:** Propaganda frames NATO and the United States as imperialistic entities seeking to impose their values, culture, and economic systems on Moldova.

3. **Fear of Provoking Russia:** Propaganda exaggerates the potential negative consequences of antagonizing Russia by aligning with NATO or the United States. It could assert that such actions would escalate tensions in the region and jeopardize Moldova's stability and peaceful coexistence with its neighbors.

In the history of Moldova, these fears need to be analyzed in the context of Russia's actions in the small country that continuously undermined its sovereignty and tried to transform Moldova into a puppet country, poor and corrupt, dominated by pro-Russian politicians.

An eloquent example here is the breakaway region of Transnistria, which is supported by Russia and has been a source of human rights concerns. Reports of restrictions on freedom of expression, media freedom, and political rights in Transnistria are the new normal as well as documented cases of arbitrary detention, torture, and ill-treatment.Obviously, Russian propaganda does not mention anything about these realities of Moldovan life under Russian rule.

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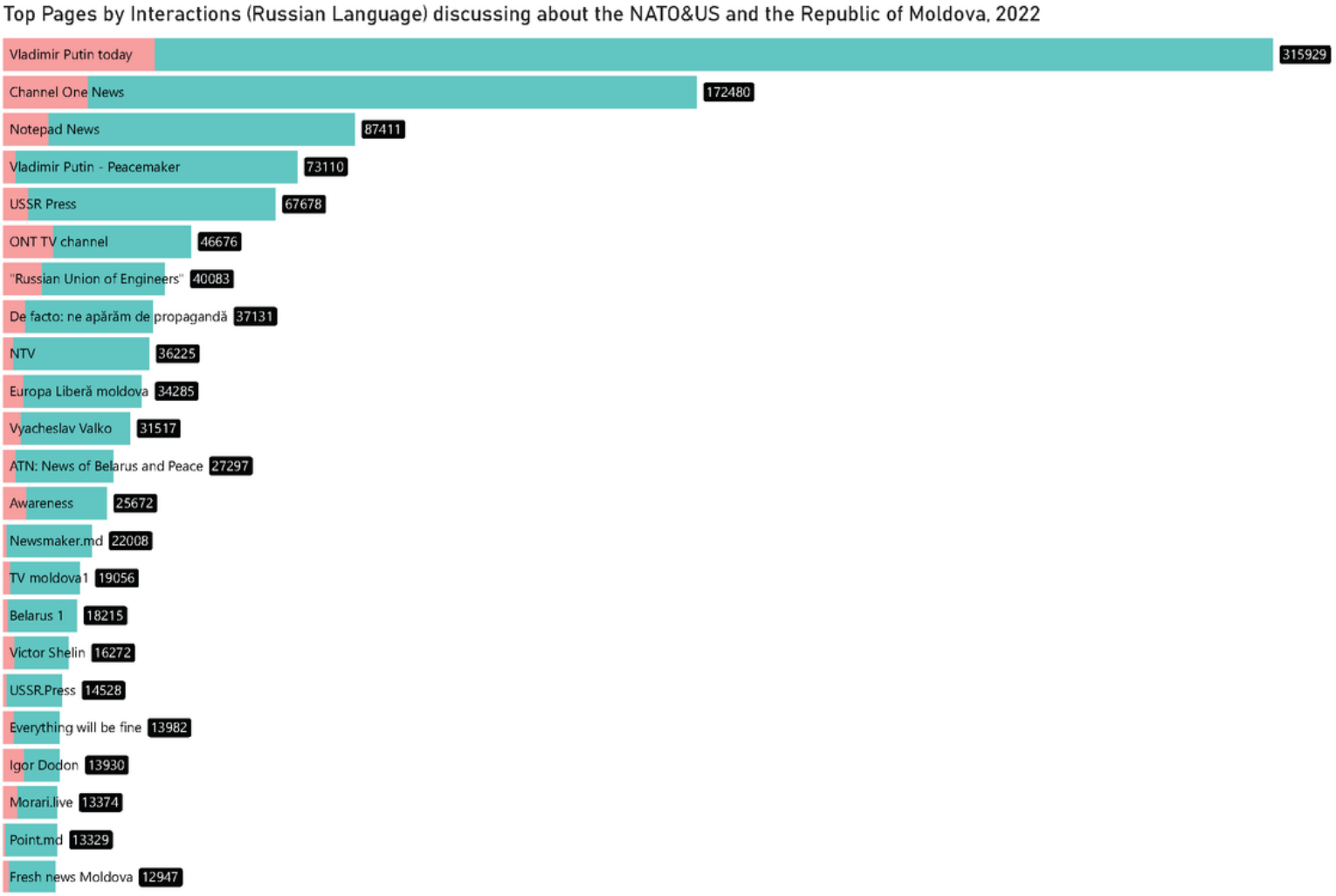

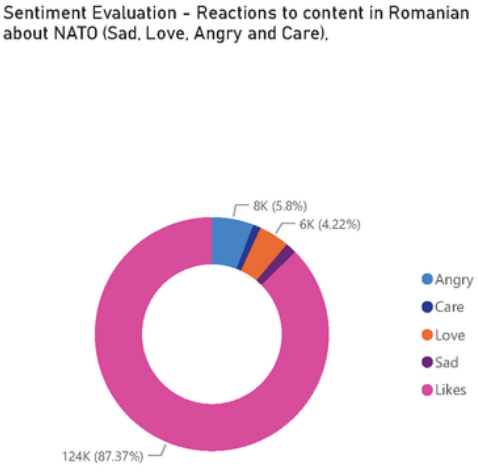

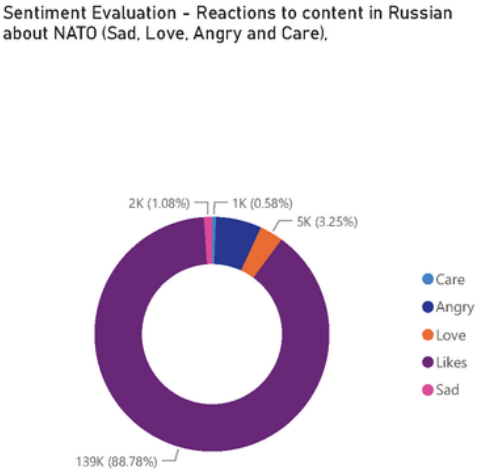

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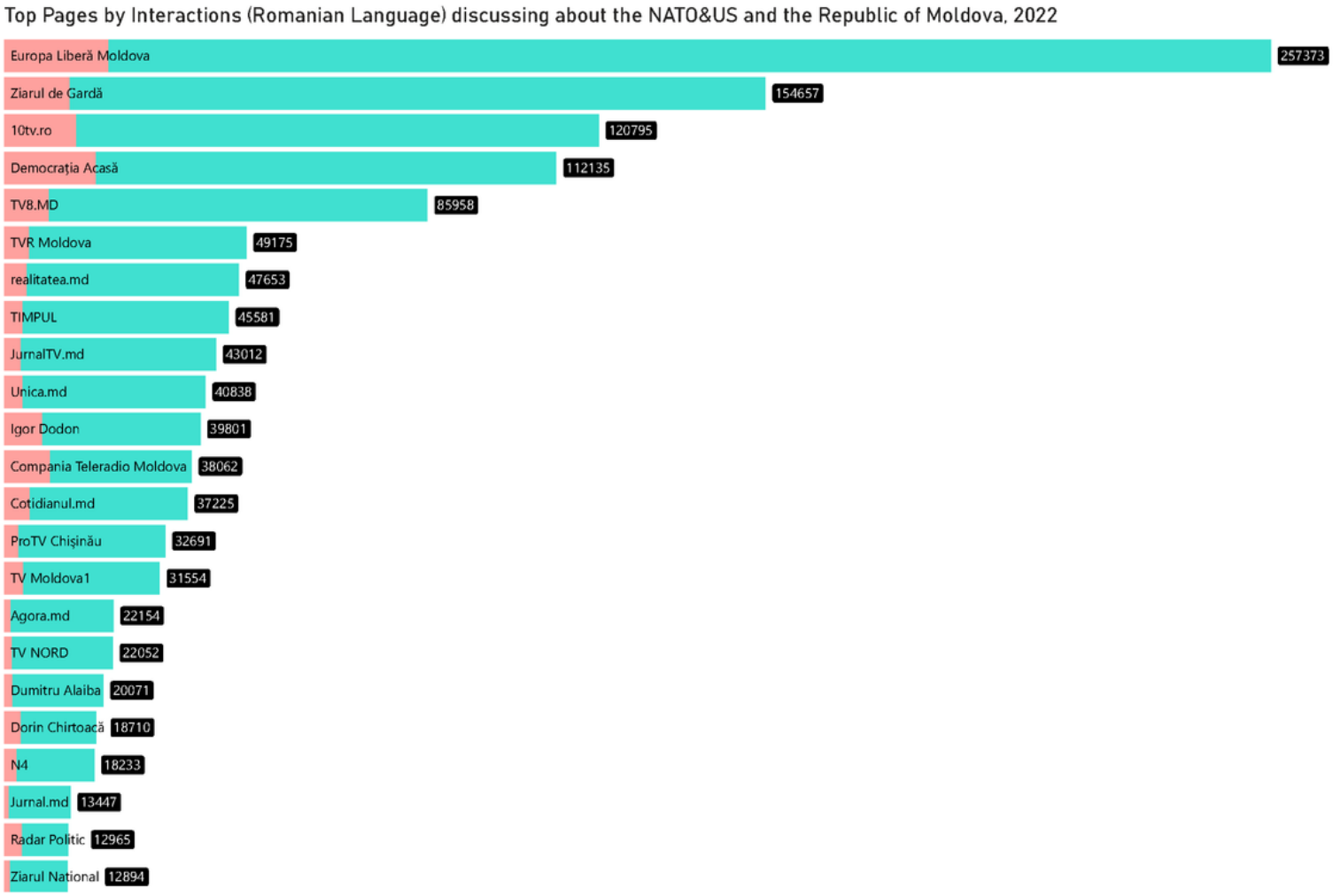

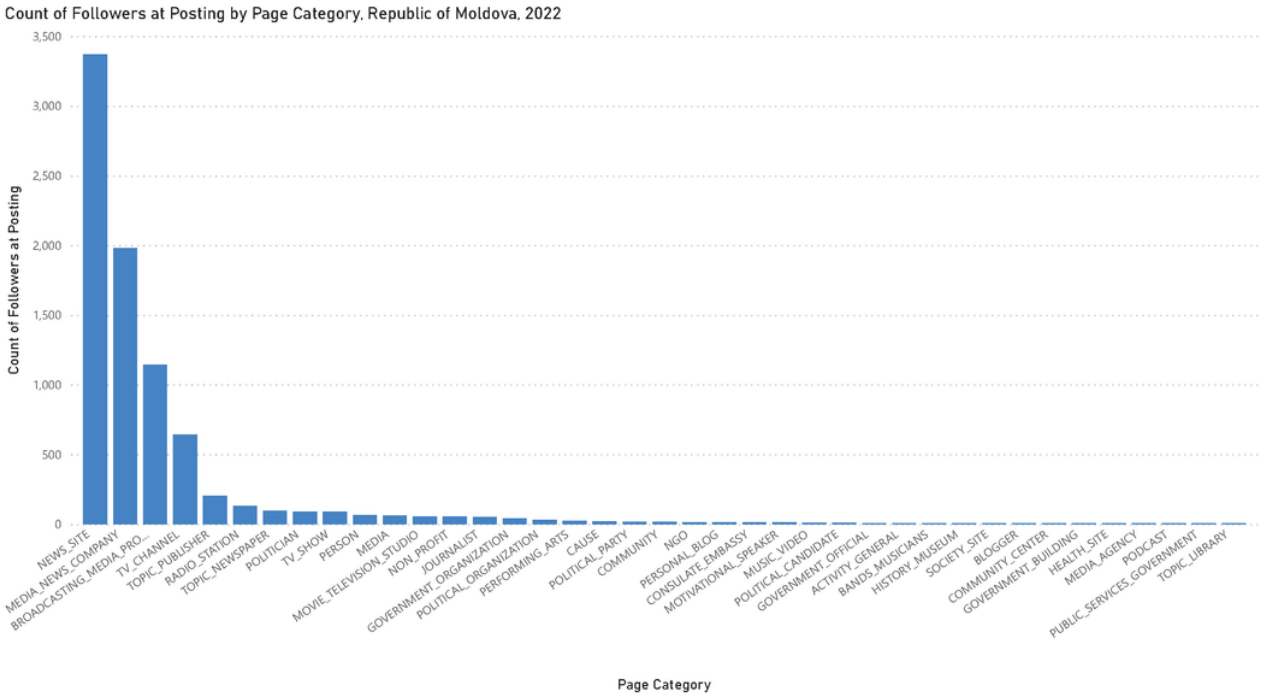

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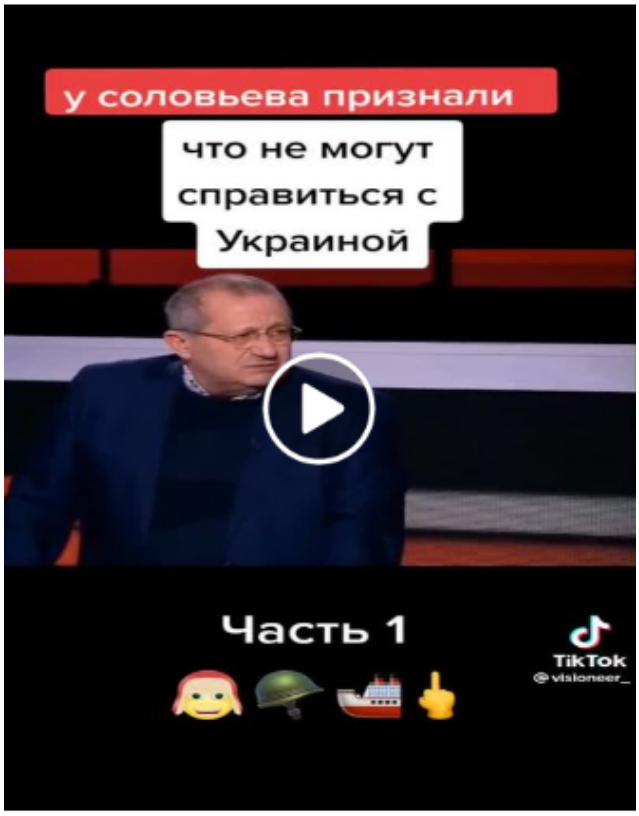

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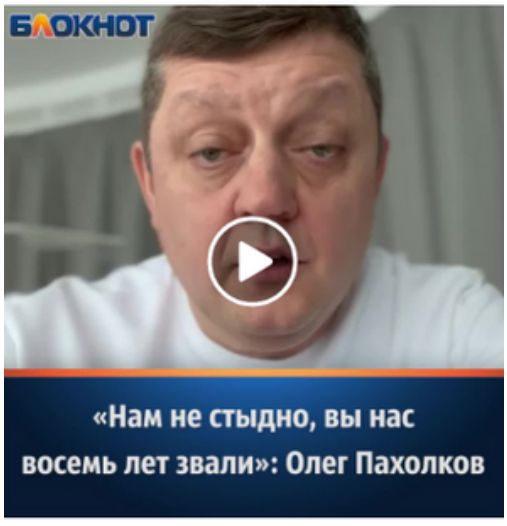

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