



Monitoring of posts by political parties on Facebook

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INTRODUCTION

Given the growing impact of social media, the way people consume political information has changed considerable in the past few years. The negative part of this change entails information that is often unverified, decontextualized, and manipulated to affirm or exploit pre-existing biases. There is a growing awareness that underlying societal grievances can be exploited in the media ecosystem by opportunistic actors, either from outside the country or from inside. Previous experience has indicated that these risks can be exacerbated during times of heightened social and political debate, such as elections.

The issue of social media and disinformation has gained increasing attention as a possible threat to the integrity of elections worldwide. It was in this context that we decided to analyze the role of Facebook during the EP elections in the four EU countries

(Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia).

Between 1 April and 15 May 2019, MEMO 98, a Slovak non-profit specialist media-monitoring organization, with the assistance of international experts, monitored 48 public Facebook accounts of parties running in the European Parliament elections in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia. The main goal of the monitoring was to evaluate the role of Facebook during the elections and its potential impact of the messages disseminated through this social platform on election integrity, and thus public trust and confidence in the process. Moreover, the monitoring tried to evaluate what topics and issues are presented by political parties on their public Facebook accounts in the run up to the elections.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Political parties in their Facebook posts focused more on domestic political scenes than on EU related topics and issues.
- The monitoring did not reveal a disinformation campaign of the similar altitude as during some other recent elections on international scene.
- While some parties actively pursued certain divisive and social-engagement-attractive topics, such as migration, many others ran positively-oriented campaigns that underlined benefits of European integration.
- In the Czech Republic, the campaign was dominated by the topic of the double food standards. In general, it was limited to superficial slogans with emphasis on environment, economical sector, security and agriculture, with no real emphasis on offering concrete solutions. The parties introduced their candidates and informed about campaign events in regions, however, often without further elaboration on the content.
- In Hungary, the political discourse was largely set by the ruling party's focus on migration which clearly dominated the campaign period as the main issue. While posts by Fidesz on Facebook targeted this issue almost exclusively, the opposition parties focused on other domestic and EU-related themes, including corruption, environment, problems with the media bias and government propaganda.
- The EU-related issues dominated the political discourse on Facebook in Poland, with the governing party emphasising protection of the national sovereignty and traditional values, but

- within the united and strong Europe. By contrast, the opposition was critical of the government on a number of domestic issues and tried to present themselves as a better option to fight for allocation of funds for Poland within the next multiannual framework.
- · In Slovakia, parties mostly focused on domestic policy issues but at the same time, posts contained a lot of positive campaigning aimed at promoting ideas of joint Europe and benefits of the EU membership and integration in general. Some opposition parties used FB intensively to campaign for their candidates and also attempted to mobilise voters. There was a strong unified approach to combat against extremisms and its political representatives which vocally presented their EU-resentful policy.

FINDINGS

rom 1 April till 15 May (the first monitoring period), we analysed 6,046 posts by 47 parties out of a total 105 parties which were running in the EP elections in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia and

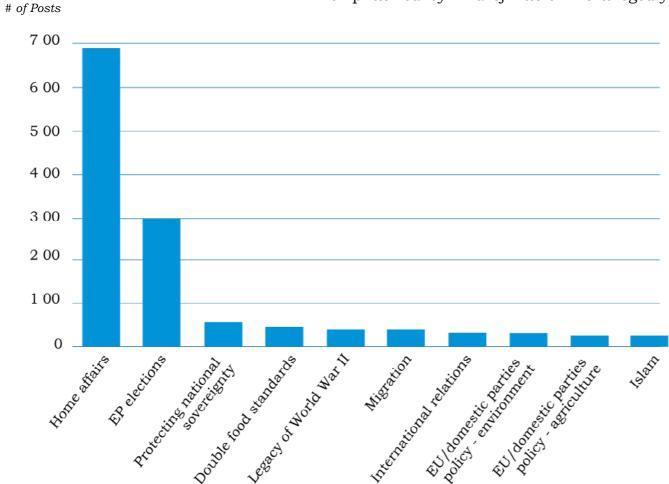
Focusing on the actual posts by political parties, we were able to determine not only what were the main issues of focus by each monitored party, but also which topics/narratives generated the highest level of engagement (comments, shares and reactions). The monitored parties in all four countries despectively. While migration was the fourth ti-migrant measures.

most focused topic amongst the parties in all four countries, it generated a lot of comments, shares and reactions (584,215), confirming that it certainly belongs to highly divisive topics widely discussed on Facebook. It should be noted however that this statistic was affected by the fact that this topic was pushed very actively in Hungary, in particular by the ruling Fidesz party. Of the total number of posts devoted to migration (292) in all four countries, as many as 163 were generated by parties in Hungary (105 by Fidesz and 41 by Jobbik). Almost all voted the highest number of posts to home these posts by Fidesz and Jobbik were negaffairs (1,579) and EP elections (1,431) re- ative about migrants calling for tough an-

CZECH REPUBLIC

itoring period, Hnutí SPD posted the highest number of posts (361) from among the parties whose official Facebook accounts were monitored. They were followed by KSČM (202), ODS (196) and ČSSD (174). However, the highest number of engagement (comments, shares and reactions) - 118,774 - was achieved by Česká pirátská strana which posted 132 posts during the monitoring period.

n the Czech Republic, during the mon-launched, the Czech Commissioner Věra Jourová had failed to push through a regulation which would guarantee the same food standards in the whole economic area. To understand the Czech obsession with customers' rights regarding food production, it is important to keep in mind that Czech media has been focusing on export of meat products from Poland for a long-time raising question about its quality. It is also important to keep in mind that the topic is often emphasized by Andrej Babiš who allegedly

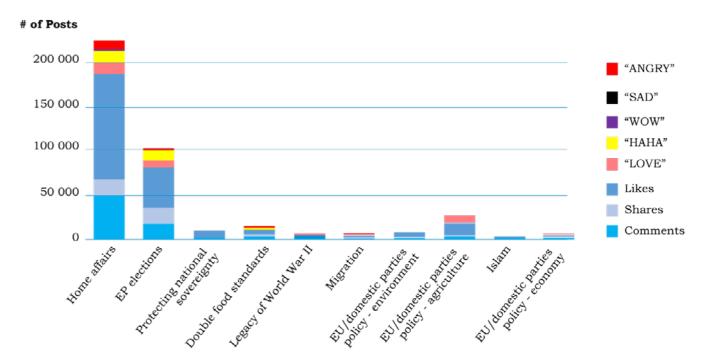


Czech Republic, social media monitoring, narratives by # of posts

The Czech campaign preceding European Election in 2019 was clearly dominated by the topic of the double food standards, which has been resented by all parties – from the right-wing liberals, the extreme rightwing SPD to the leftists including Communists. The topic pervaded the elections as only a few weeks before the campaign was

still controls Agrofert which is a company with a big share at the Czech food market.

The fact that the campaign was repeatedly overshadowed by home affairs (including big protests against the appointment of a new minister of justice in time when Prime Minister Babiš is investigated for frauds with the EU funds) has also been a



Narratives by Engagement

significant feature of the pre-election peri- KSČM, liberal right-wing parties and Pirates od. For this reason, the opposition parties (mainly ODS, TOP09, KDU-ČSL, Starostové a nezávislí) dedicated sometimes close to a half of their Facebook feed to home affairs. Similar to the Senate elections which took place just a few weeks ago, the significant increase in parental allowance and old age pensions proposed by the government were keeping the opposition busy.

In general, the election campaign in the run up to the EP elections was limited to shallow declarations, slogans and empty phrases dropping (the combination of emphasis on environment, economical sector, security and agriculture was the most common one). The parties were mostly letting their followers know who their candidates are, highlighting their achievements. Pictures from campaigns in regions were widely shared without further elaboration on how the meeting with citizens or the debates progressed. To rightly assess the strategies of the parties during the campaign, it is important to contextualize it with a very low voter turnout which was only little more than 18% in 2014.

When it comes to the evaluation of the overall structure of the respective parties' Facebook feed, we cannot speak about The text under the video reads: one pattern. While the approach of ČSSD,

was similar (when it comes to the number of posts which oscillates around 200), ANO and SPD significantly deviated from the expectations. The inactivity of ANO on Facebook can be explained by its bold dominance on the Czech political scene - the party is expected to win the election anyway, thus, it does not have to stretch the effort much. It mainly focused on the home agenda.

The case of nationalist SPD is different. The central figure of the party - its leader Tomio Okamura – either personally contributed to Facebook or directly commissioned the posts. The number of them exceeded all the other parties by far (around 360 posts). By contrast to the content of posts by other Czech parties which were generally measured when it comes to language, the SPD's posts included xenophobic and often racist statements. SPD was the only party which used immigration more intensively as a topic in the campaign.

Following are three posts by the Czech parties which attracted the biggest amount of comments, shares and reactions (hereinafter engagement). The first one was posted by Starostové a nezávislí and has a clear pro-European position criticizing Brexit.

We have such an abuse here (Brexit)...



check out our election clip. If you like it, share it. The engagement was 17,767 (comments, shares and reactions).

The second one was posted by Česká pirátska strana in which they focus on the problems with double food standards which, topics of focus during the campaign.

Do you want to grow food and other useful crops, or grow fuel? Pirates are clear. We are



growing food and not rapeseed which devastates Czech soil and groundwater. In Europe, we will promote capping subsidies for big agribusiness. Saved funds should be available to small farmers. We will support sustainable agriculture and improve soil quality, animal welfare and biodiversity. We will promote the subsidies to be conditional on an effective approach to the landscape and promote rural development, not giant corpora-

tions. We are going to put together a reform of the common agricultural policy towards the establishment of sustainable management of soils, diversification of cultivated crops and biodiversity protection as a

What about you, what future do you want? as mentioned above, was one of the main Decide in May in the elections to the European Parliament! The engagement was 16,106.

> The third post with the highest level of engagement was produced again by Česká pirátska strana in which they focus on environmental issues, more specifically criticizing air pollution and supporting products made of recycled materials.

We didn't want to support air pollution, so we have instant benches all over the Czech Republic. The engagement was 7,196.



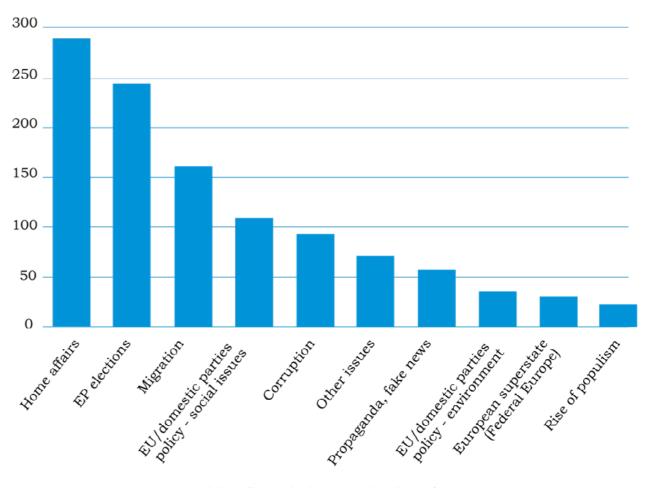
HUNGARY

agyar Szocialista Párt (MSZP - Hungarian Socialist Party) published 285 posts between 1 April and 15 May which was more than any other party in Hungary. They were followed Párbeszéd Magyarországért (264), Demokratikus Koalíció (248) and Fidesz (217). However, the highest number of engagement (comments, shares and reactions) - 1,024,363 - was achieved by the ruling Fidesz party².

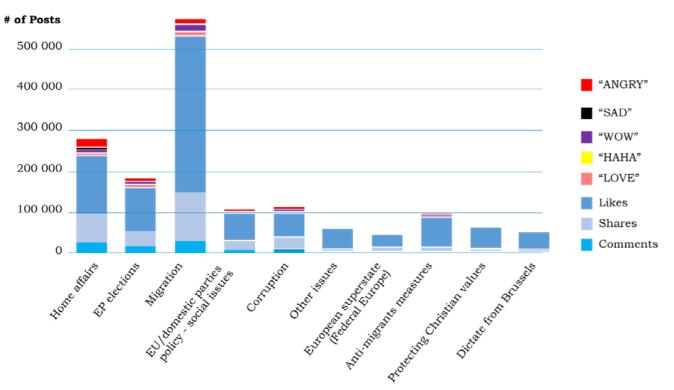
When monitoring topics and narratives, we focused on Fidesz, Magyar Szocialista Párt (MSZP - Hungarian Socialist Party), Demokratikus Koalíció (DK - Democratic Coalition), Jobbik, Lehet Más a Politika (LMP - Politics Can Be Different), Momentum Mozgalom (Momentum - Momentum sues also appear. Movement).

According to Fidesz, the Hungarian political field is divided into advocates and opponents of immigration, the former being represented by the government and the Fidesz/ KDNP, the latter by the opposition. Accordingly, we can see that also the Facebook communication of the campaign was divided into two parts, either in terms of topics or ways of communication. The most striking thing was that when it came to Fidesz and their use of Facebook, not only did they deal with one topic, but they did it with a single tool. In contrast, the FB pages of opposition parties are more complex, the main campaign themes, the campaign process and their reactions to the current domestic is-

of Posts



Hungary, social media monitoring, narratives by # of posts



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highest level of engagement, it is important to mention that Fidesz had as many as 14 posts among the top 20 posts which received the biggest number of shares, comments and reactions in all four countries. The biggest number of shares, comments and reactions was given to a post published by Fidesz on 28 April in which an opposition MP from MSZP was asked in a TV interview why Fidesz party was so popular to which she replied that there were many used in the Facebook post). The engagement

When it comes to posts which received rats in Hungary. She later denied that she had Fidesz supporters in mind and she also apologised. However, Fidesz used this to their advantage, ordering an opinion poll by the Nézőpont Intézet, which found that 68% of non-Fidesz voters condemn Mrs. Bangó's description of Fidesz supporters as rats. Fidesz also prepared a campaign video using the Bangó quotation and also initiated a nationwide campaign about the outrageous reference to Fidesz rats (which was also





was 36,810 (9,274 comments, 6905 shares and 20,631 reactions)

The post says: Ildikó Bangóné Borbély of MSZP called all Fidesz supporters' rats. Remember this on May 26th when we vote!

The post which gathered the second biggest engagement (32,700) was the one published by Fidesz on 5 May titled "God bless Hungarian mothers"

The third biggest number of comments, reactions and shares (30,392) was given to another post by Fidesz published on 5 April 2019 in which the party asked their supporters to sign up to their program. It said: "We ask the Hungarian people to sign the program and go to vote on May 26! Send Viktor Orbán's program to stop immigration!"



God bless Hungarian mothers



Even Viktor Orban's official visit to the United States on 13 May 2019 generated a lot of attention on Facebook – with the post published on the same day, as many as 24,165 comments, shares and reactions were generated. The post quotes President Donald Trump saying:

Viktor Orbán did a good job of keeping his country safe, said Donald Trump, President of the United States, at a joint press conference with Viktor Orbán in Washington.

On the other side of the political spectrum, MSZP published a post on 11 May 2019 saying that "Viktor Orbán was a coward to sit down with the European Socialist top candidate Frans Timmermans. Share it to everyone to find out: we don't ask the liar





prime minister!" The post engagement was 18,306 (1665 comments, 6376 shares and 10,265 reactions)

POLAND

n Poland, the party which published dow the highest number of posts during the monitoring period was Kukiz 15, followed by SLD (Sojusz Lewicy Demokratycznej) and Wiosna Biedronia. The highest number of engagement (comments, shares and reactions) – 265,271 - was achieved by Platforma Obywatelska.

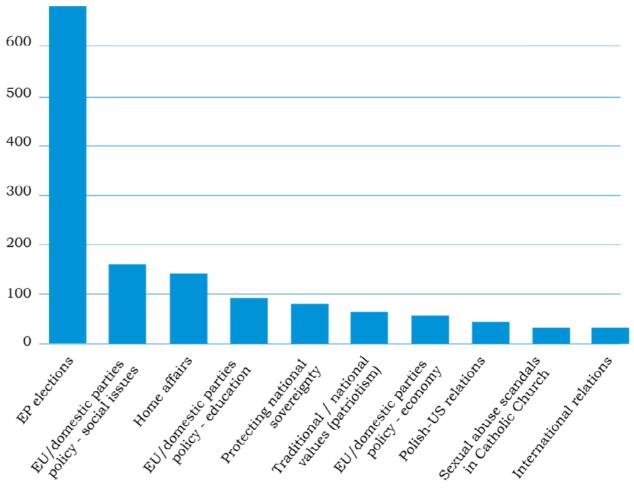
dowe (PSL) (52)

Coalitions: Koalicja Europejska (16)

Out-of-parliament opposition: SLD (262), Wiosna (214), Polska Fair Play (40), Razem (72)

Opposition - nationalist and right wing: Ruch Narodowy (145), Mlodziez Wszechpolska (98)

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Scope of monitoring:

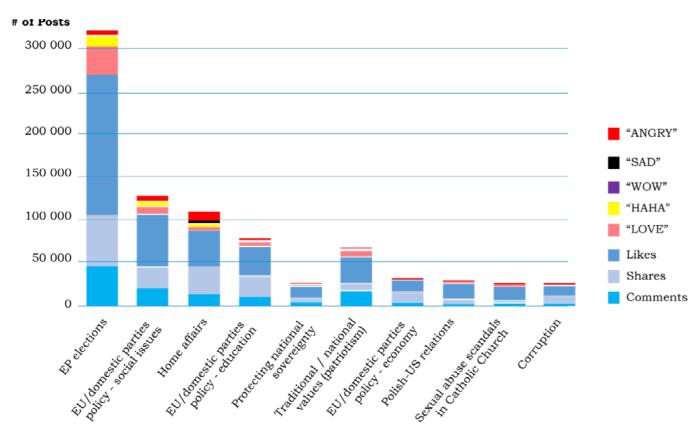
FB channels of 12 Polish parties were monitored during the period of April 1 - May 15. These parties may be grouped as follows (numbers in brackets indicate quantities of posts):

Government and supply and confidence support: PiS (204) and Kukiz'15 (297)

Parliamentary opposition: Platforma (182), Nowoczesna (55), Polskie Stronnictwo Lu-

General findings:

Each party had appeal to its own group (which is a natural thing). In this respect Polska Fair Play, SLD, Wiosna, and Razem could be characterized as left parties (albeit appealing to different groups in the electorate); Ruch and Mlodziez belonged to a classic nationalist right wing type of parties; Nowoczesna took liberal niche, while Platforma Obywatelska (the biggest opposition



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party), PSL (agrarian party), and PiS (ruling conservative party) have in many respects shared a set of conservative values despite varying at intensity of these values application in their everyday campaigning. Kukiz'15 is a typical anti-establishment party which generally votes with PiS despite being in formal opposition. In EP election, Kukiz associated itself with the Italian M5S and Croatian Zivi Zid (Live Shield) calling for a more direct democracy.

When it comes to the posts which received the highest number of comments, shares and reactions, these were posted by Platforma Obywatelska and PSL.

The post with the highest engagement was posted by Platforma Obywatelska on 7 May and it concerned an early-morning raid by police in the flat of an activist Ewa Podleśna who posted images of Mary and Jesus with rainbow halo as to attract attention to LGBTQI groups problems. Police shortly detained her and TVP and other state-leaning media made it a key story those days widely promoting statements of officials that "such profanation should not be permitted in Poland" The level of engagement was 18,453.

The post reads:

Scandalous use of police for a dirty political struggle and religious crusade



Detention of a citizen at 6 a.m. by the police for posting the image of Mary and Jesus with a rainbow halo compromises Minister Brudzinski. Are these the standards worthy of Iranian ayatollahs which (this government) wants to promote in the EU

The whole world is talking about yet further excesses of the PiS-led government. It is time to give Poles a modern and a religiously neutral state back and return good reputation of Poland with its allies

Our Office of Civic Intervention offers a free legal help and advice to Ewa Podleśna detained and persecuted (in this way). Nobody would be persecuted for such things in a normal (modern) state.

The post which received the second highest number of comments, shares and reactions (12,027) was posted by the opposition PSL party. It criticises PiS which is on one hand trying to position itself as a party of "a small average person" as opposed to "elitists in the previous government". One of key lines of attack by the opposition were salaries of PiS officials as well as bonuses

they paid themselves stressing that "while you who voted for PiS to make 600 EUR monthly, Karczewski (in this case) would make more than 5,000 EUR per month. The previous scandal with bonuses led to downfall of Beata Szydlo's government in 2017. Morawiecki cabinet.

In the actual post, there is Stanisław Karczewski, the Senate Speaker, with the upper part citing him saying that "One should work for an idea. I am working for an idea". The lower part of the post says that while being the Speaker of Senate, he was paid 534,387 zlotys [an average of 127,000

"Powinno się pracować dla idei. Ja pracuję dla idei." -Stanisław KARCZEWSKI MARSZAŁEK SENATU

534 387 zŁ przytulił dla idei z Senatu RP w latach 2016/17 # PSL

> EUR] in 2016/2017. Karczewski said these words when he was confronted with a guestion why wouldn't PiS vote to increase teachers' salaries. He responded that "teachers should be working for an idea. I am". This narrative was immediately picked by TVP.

The third post to receive the highest lev-She was replaced by the acting Mateusz el of engagement (11,024) was posted again by Platforma Obywatelska referring to a big strike which took place right before school graduation exams which called for a wave of hate towards teachers on TVP that claimed that "teachers are working for money and not for an idea and they are ruining futures of the children". The government proposed to increase the amount of working hours but

not to increase the salaries. The opposition (except for Kukiz 15) backed the striking teachers. The strike was suspended right before the graduation exams until September.

The text of the post reads:

The previous government always prioritized better salaries for Poles. In 2008 we immediately set ourselves for real salary increases for teachers. We will do the same (this time) after winning the (October) election.

The picture juxtaposes statement by the Education Minister Anna Zalewska that "teachers have never enjoyed such increases in salaries as now" (left part). The right side claims that the previous government increased salaries of teachers by 34 per cent over 2008-2011 while the incumbent government managed only 11.65 over 2016-



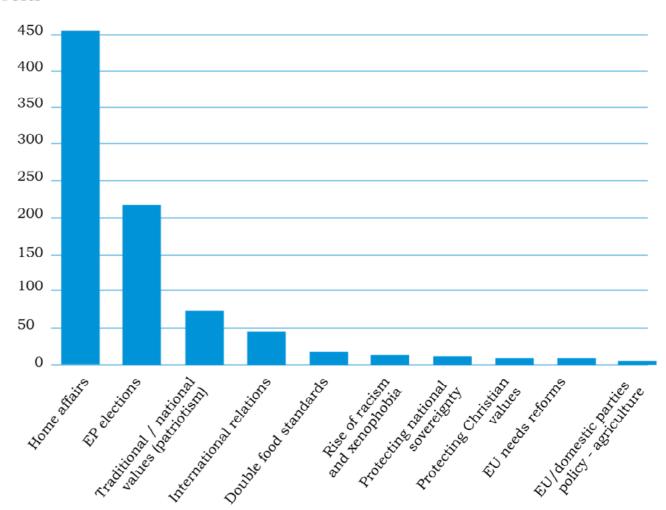
SLOVAKIA

n Slovakia, during the monitoring period, OĽaNO posted the highest number of posts (156) from among the parties whose official Facebook accounts were monitored. They were followed by Most-Hid (114), SaS (107) and SNS (102). However, the highest number of engagement (comments, shares and reactions) - 101,100 - was achieved by SNS.

all on the domestic political events (price/ quality of food, anniversary of liberation of Slovakia during WWII, pensions, parents' allowance, state symbols protection) than the EP campaign per se.

By contrast, parties such as SaS, PS, SPOLU, KÚ and OĽaNO used FB more intensively. They presented their candidates in short videos, and there was more infor-

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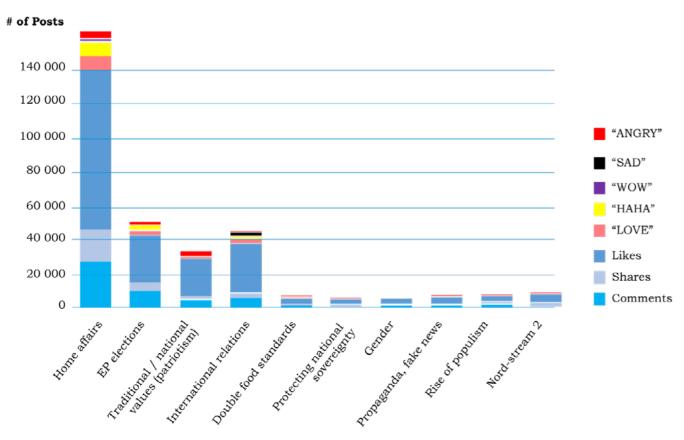


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to what extent do political parties and candidates used social media for campaigning. Many posts comprised of a poster form, where only a candidate's name and the date of elections were stated with the prerogative to search for more information being with a voter. Parties like SMER-SD, LSNS, SNS,

The monitoring team, inter alia, analysed mation on candidates' activities with more detailed explanations and objectives of their candidacies.

Some political parties chose the form of comparisons in principles and activities, quite often from a morally superior position (better vs worse). Hateful or inflammatory posts were not published - quite the oppo-Strana Zelených, SMK concentrated above site, a number of political parties challenged



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the existence and activities of the extremists/fascists. The monitoring did not reveal any voter education but the SaS party conducted Live Chat on their FB page, where a single candidate was invited, and online discussion was held based on online visitors' questions. PS and SPOLU made a lot of videos to inform about EU – advantages of EU, what can EU contribute to Slovakia and its citizens.

The SNS party and its chairman Andrej tions from a popular stream visit to the commemoration of the WWII – who all triend; stressing uniqueness of his presence in leba's party.

Russia as well as his personal meetings/talks with the topo officials, including president Putin ("this day will never be forgotten" in his own words). While Andrej Danko presented the trip as a unique chance to build up strong economic ties with Russia, some

parties (OĽaNO) criticized it. Political parties in general did not attack each other, rather there was a strong unified approach to combat against extremisms and its political representatives (namely ĽSNS).

ESNS presented Brussels in its campaign video, in which it featured it as almost entirely non-European city. However, the video contained many factual mistakes and PS/Spolu reacted. Moreover, there were reactions from citizens/activists as well as from a popular stand-up comedian Ján Gordulič – who all tried to debunk claims of the Kotleba's party.



In general, established parties conducted the campaign in a more traditional manner with many of their posts focusing on domestic issues rather than on EU related issues (for example, SMER - SD, SNS, Most, KD). By contrast, parties PS and SPOLU considered the EP elections as priority and mobilized their voters via Facebook posts to get out and vote.

When it comes to posts which received the highest number of comments, shares and reactions, it was the Smer-SD party which on 5 April published a post portraying a response by Prime Minister Pellegrini to a question asked by the Czech member of the European Parliament Tomáš Zdechovský (EPP) in connection with the murder of the Slovak business man Vlado Rybár alleging that he was killed in connection with his lucrative piece of land near Bratislava. In his sharp response, the Slovak PM Pellegrini was highly critical saying

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The second highest number of engagement (7,347) was received by a post published by the SNS party on 9 May 2019 showing a picture of the SNS chairman and Speaker of the Slovak Parliament during a meeting with President Putin.

The post reflected on Danko's quote after the meeting which reads: "I was surprised at the end. I could have talked to President Putin. It's a day I won't forget. I thanked him on behalf of the Slovak Republic for the liberation of Slovakia and wished him well,"said Andrej Danko after the meeting."

The post which received the third highest engagement (4,649) was an advertisement by the Progresivne Slovensko party which reads:

"In the EU, after 15 years, we are not as good as others. Someone keeps us from fulfilling our potential.

Due to second-class

politicians we do not have Austrian food quality, German salaries, Scandinavian hospitals and schools. People in Slovakia deserve first-class politicians. We are the only pro-European force. On May 25, let us choose a truly European Slovakia."



that he would not allow anyone to tarnish Slovakia's reputation abroad.

The post titled "I will not allow purposeful damage to Slovakia's reputation abroad" received the highest number of engagement (9,032).

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METHODOLOGY

The issue of social media and disinformation has gained increasing attenelections worldwide. Given the increasing potential impact of social media platfroms during elections, we decided to analyze the role of Facebook during the EP elections in the four EU countries. More specifically, we analysed the official Facebook pages of the main political parties running in the elections in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia. Taking into consideration the popularity ratings and status of the parties contesting the EP elections (parliamentary and non-parliamentary) as well as our capacity, we decided to focus on major 46 political parties. According to the Global Digital reports published by We Are Social Ltd. in 2018, Facebook was among the most popular and widely used social media platfroms in all four countries which is the reason why it was the subject of the analysis³.

In the first phase of the process, we used a tool called Netvizz⁴ to extract data from the public Facebook accounts of the chosen political parties which we consequently exported into Microsoft excel. This enabled us to collect information on the type of post, post link, post message, picture, the time of posting, number of likes, comments, reactions, shares and other forms of engagement. Consequently, we further analysed the actual content of the posts and coded it according to a list of narratives (see the list below) taking into consideration various aspects ranging from more global and crossregional topics and issues (such as migration, Islam or Brexit) to more local issues specific for each country (home affairs).

The monitoring also focused on narratives which were used by Russia in some previous elections (Germany, Sweden) to undermine citizens' trust in their democratic institutions. We were interested to see if such narratives were used by any political parties running in the elections to spread disinformation and confusion. In the long-

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The main reason for including these additional criteria was to get a sense on what kind of content is published by political parties on Facebook and to evaluate to what extent is this information useful for voters so they can make more informed choices at the ballot box.. From a more general perspective, we analysed to what extent do parties and candidates use Facebook for campaigning and mobilization of voters and voter education.

We also looked at potential signs of dangerous speech and inflammatory langauge (used in the posts) as well as attempts aimed at discreditation of opponents. Finally, we also tried to determine if Facebook posts were focusing on important public policy issues or they only tried to grab attention by focusing on scandals, conspiracies and myths.

Using previous media-monitoring projects, we have identified 69 narratives and topics, including domestic and European ones. Morover, we included some narratives used by Russia previously - during elections (Germany 2017 and Sweden 2018) as well as during its coverage of the war in Ukraine. Our intention was to focus on the social drivers, and thus the frustrations that have been permeating into ever-wider national, European and international sphere and are implicitly reflected in the narratives.

Monitored narratives:

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1	Migration	ments in Europe			
2	Islam	38 EP elections manipulations			
3	LGBTI rights		1		
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23	EP elections	56	EU as useless organization (corrup-		
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31	EU needs reforms	Chur			
32	Sanctions against Russia	63	EU/domestic parties' policy - Digitali-		
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33	Protests in Russia	64	Propaganda, fake news		
34	President Trump (incl. US adminis-	65	EU/domestic parties' policy - Educa-		
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35	Russian disinformation efforts during	66	Rise of populism		

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rope)

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List of Facebook accounts

CZECH REPUBLIC (10 parties)

ANO 2011

Type: Public page Created: 25.10.2011

Number of Administrators: 15 Likes: 104,000 Followers: 98,000

Frequency of use: 13 posts (0.29 post/day)

https://www.facebook.com/anobudelip/

Česká pirátská strana

Type: Public page Created: 27.7.2009

Number of Administrators: 33 Likes: 135,000 Followers: 139,000

Frequency of use: 133 posts (2.96 posts/day)

https://www.facebook.com/ceska.piratska.strana/

Česká strana sociálně demokratická (ČSSD)

Type: Public page Created: 21.4.2010

Number of Administrators: 14 Likes: 27,000 Followers: 27,000

Frequency of use: 175 posts (3.89 posts/day)

https://www.facebook.com/cssdcz/

Zelení - Strana zelených

Type: Public page Created: 23.12.2008

Number of Administrators: 7
Likes: 29,000
Followers: 29,000

Frequency of use: 36 posts (0.8 post/day)

https://www.facebook.com/stranazelenych/

Komunistická strana Čech a Moravy (KSČM)

Type: Public page Created: 3.9.2013

Number of Administrators: 5 Likes: 11,000

Followers: 12,000

Frequency of use: 203 posts (4.51 posts/day) https://www.facebook.com/komunistickastranacechamoravy/

Křesťanská a demokratická unie - Československá strana lidová (KDU-ČSL)

Type: Public page Created: 20.8.2009

Number of Administrators: 14 Likes: 25,000 Followers: 25.000

Frequency of use: 118 posts (2.62 posts/day)

https://www.facebook.com/kducsl/

Občanská demokratická strana (ODS)

Type: Public page Created: 20.10.2008

Number of Administrators: 15 Likes: 59,000 Followers: 57,000

Frequency of use: 197 posts (4.38 posts/day)

https://www.facebook.com/ods.cz/

TOP 09

Type: Public page Created: 6.6.2009
Number of Administrators: 25
Likes: 119,000

Followers: 110,000 Frequency of use: 158 posts (3.51 posts/day)

https://www.facebook.com/top09cz/

Svoboda a přímá demokracie - Tomio Okamura (SPD)

Type: Public page Created: 29.11.2010

Number of Administrators: 6

Likes: 258,000 Followers: 248,000

Frequency of use: 362 posts (8.04 posts/day)

https://www.facebook.com/hnutispd/

Starostové a Nezávislí

Type: Public page Created: 5.3.2010
Number of Administrators: 14
Likes: 22,000
Followers: 23,000

Frequency of use: 162 posts (3.6 posts/day)

https://www.facebook.com/starostove/

HUNGARY (12 parties)

Fidesz Magyar Polgári Szövetség

Type: Public page

Created: 18 February 2008

Number of Administrators:

Likes: 281,423 Subscribers: 276,000

Frequency of use: 217 posts (4.82 posts per day)

https://www.facebook.com/FideszHU/

Kereszténydemokrata Néppárt (KNDP)

Type: Public page
Created: 1 January 2011

Number of Administrators: unknown Likes: 100,616 Followers: 101,417

Frequency of use: 171 posts (3,8 posts per day)

https://www.facebook.com/pestmegyeikdnp/

Magyar Szocialista Párt (MSZP)

Type: Public page

Created: 19 September 2010

Number of Administrators: 14 Likes: 207,941 Subscribers: 201,000

Frequency of use: 285 posts (6.33 posts per day)

https://www.facebook.com/mszpfb/

Demokratikus Koalíció (DK)

Type: Public page Created: 28 October 2011

Number of Administrators: 24 Likes: 127,234 Subscribers: 124.000

Frequency of use: 248 posts (5.51 posts per day)

https://www.facebook.com/dk365/

Lehet Más a Politika

Type: Public page Created: 27 January 2009

Number of Administrators: 6 Likes: 79,267 Subscribers: 75,919

Frequency of use: 122 posts (2,71 posts per day)

https://www.facebook.com/lehetmas/

Jobbik Magyarországért Mozgalom

Type: Public page Created: 20 January 2010

Number of Administrators: 10 Likes: 511,987 Subscribers: 498,000

Frequency of use: 214 posts (4,75 posts per day) https://www.facebook.com/JobbikMagyarorszagertMozgalom/

Párbeszéd Magyarországért

Type: Public page

Created: 20 November 2012

Number of Administrators: 12 Likes: 122,477 Subscribers: 120,000

Frequency of use: 264 posts (5,86 posts per day)

https://www.facebook.com/parbeszedmagyarorszagert/

Mi Hazánk Mozgalom

Type: Public page Created: 19 May 2018

Number of Administrators: 32 Likes: 59,938 Subscribers: 61,462

Frequency of use: 117 posts (2,6 posts per day)

https://www.facebook.com/mihazank/

Magyar Kétfarkú Kutya Párt (MKKP)

Type: Public page Created: 20 May 2018

Number of Administrators: 19 Likes: 301,528 Subscribers: 300,000

Frequency of use: 147 posts (3,26 posts per day)

https://www.facebook.com/justanotherwordpresspage/

Momentum Mozgalom

Type: Public page Created: 28 July 2015

Number of Administrators: 61 Likes: 99,212 Subscribers: 104,000

Frequency of use: 144 posts (3,2 posts per day)

https://www.facebook.com/momentum.mozgalom/

Magyar Munkáspárt

Type: Public page Created: 2 August 2013

Number of Administrators: 7

Likes: 135,443 Subscribers: 134,000

Frequency of use: 109 posts (2,42 posts per day)

https://www.facebook.com/m.munkaspart/

Egységes Magyar Nemzeti Néppárt (EMNN)
Type: Public page
Created: 1 April 2019
Number of Administrators: unknown

Likes: 135 Subscribers: 139

Frequency of use: 21 posts (0,46 posts per day)

https://www.facebook.com/Egys%C3%A9ges-Magyar-Nemzeti-N%C3%A9pp%C3%A1rt-

EMNP-418858898688344/

POLAND (12 parties)

Prawo i Sprawiedliwosc (PiS)

Type: Public page Created: 14 October 2009

Number of Administrators: 7
Likes: 216,764
Subscribers: 218,000

Frequency of use: 204 posts (4,53 posts per day)

https://www.facebook.com/pisorgpl/

Platforma Obywatelska

Type: Public page Created: 13 July 2009

Number of Administrators: 16 Likes: 178,323 Subscribers: 179,000

Frequency of use: 182 posts (4,04 posts per day)

https://www.facebook.com/PlatformaObywatelska/

Koalicja Obywatelska

Type: Public page
Created: 10 July 2018
Number of Administrators: unknown
Likes: 1,553
Subscribers: 1,640

Frequency of use:

https://www.facebook.com/Koalicja-Obywatelska-531102127292760/

Polskie Stronnictwo Ludowe (PSL)

Type: Public page
Created: 10 July 2018
Number of Administrators: unknown
Likes: 1548
Subscribers: 1635

Frequency of use: 52 posts (1,15 posts per day)

https://www.facebook.com/nowePSL/

Sojusz Lewicy Demokratycznej (SLD)

Type: Public page

Created: 2 February 2011

Number of Administrators: 6 Likes: 65,822

Subscribers: 65,443

Frequency of use: 262 posts (5,82 posts per day)

https://www.facebook.com/SLDLewicaRazem/

Kukiz 15

Type: Public page Created: 4 February 2015

Number of Administrators: 15 Likes: 295,327 Subscribers: 291,000

Frequency of use: 297 posts (6,6 posts per day)

https://www.facebook.com/KUKIZ15/

Partia Razem

Type: Public page Created: 17 March 2015

Number of Administrators: 28 Likes: 115,412 Subscribers: 117,000

Frequency of use: 71 posts (1,57 posts per day)

https://www.facebook.com/partiarazem/

Nowoczesna

Type: Public page Created: 12 April 2015

Number of Administrators: 10 Likes: 98,196 Subscribers: 97,439

Frequency of use: 55 posts (1,22 posts per day)

https://www.facebook.com/Nowoczesna.oficjalnie/

Mlodziez Wschechpolska

Type: Public page Created: 31 July 2017

Number of Administrators: 25 Likes: 25,929 Subscribers: 26,815

Frequency of use: 98 posts (2,17 posts per day)

https://www.facebook.com/Wszechpolacy1922/

Ruch Narodowy

Type: Public page Created: 7 December 2016

Number of Administrators: 18 Likes: 28,538 Subscribers: 29,706

Frequency of use: 145 posts (3,22 posts per day)

https://www.facebook.com/RuchNarodowy/

Wiosna Roberta Biedronia

Type: Public page Created: 20 January 2019

Number of Administrators: 23 Likes: 73,694 Subscribers: 76,693

Frequency of use: 214 posts (4,75 posts per day)

https://www.facebook.com/wiosnabiedronia/

Polska Fair Play

Type: Public page Created: 10 March

Number of Administrators: 19 Likes: 26,105 Subscribers: 27,215

Frequency of use: 40 posts (0,88 posts per day)

https://www.facebook.com/PolskaFairPlay/

SLOVAKIA (13 parties)

SMER - sociálna demokracia

Type: Public page Created: 24.3.2010

Number of Administrators: 7
Likes: 45,000
Followers: 44,000

Frequency of use: 51 posts (1.13 post/days)

https://www.facebook.com/smersd/

Kotleba – Ľudová strana Naše Slovensko (area of Banska Bystrica a Brezno)

Type: Public page

Created: 30.11.2015 (...v BB) | 16.6.2016 (...v NR SR)

Number of Administrators: 2 | 5

Likes: 5,000 | 14,000 Followers: 5,000 | 15,000

Frequency of use: 23 posts (0.51 post/day) – 60 posts (1.33 post/day)

https://www.facebook.com/lsnsbb/

https://www.facebook.com/lsnaseslovensko/?_tn_=%2Cd%2CP-R&eid=ARANJqlKiXrSSTd2FbttJX8XniI5NvKJAX2Duq_KeFs09bwcsryE2n6q1sgQ_2QvbScpX

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Slovenská národná strana

Type: Public page
Created: 20.5.2010
Number of Administrators: 12 (11/SK, 1/HU)

Likes: 74,000

Followers: 73.000

Frequency of use: 102 posts (2.27 posts/day)

https://www.facebook.com/stranasns/

SME RODINA – Boris Kollár

Type: Public page Created: 12.11.2015

Number of Administrators: 15 Likes: 83,000 Followers: 83,000

Frequency of use: 94 posts (2.09 posts/day)

https://www.facebook.com/HnutieSmeRodina/

OBYČAJNÍ ĽUDIA a nezávislé osobnosti

Type: Public page
Created: 12.1.2012
Number of Administrators: 20
Likes: 115,000
Followers: 120,000

Frequency of use: 156 posts (3.47 posts/day) https://www.facebook.com/obycajni.ludia.a.nezavisle.osobnosti/

Kresťanskodemokratické hnutie

Type: Public page Created: 25.10.2009

Number of Administrators: 4
Likes: 13,000
Followers: 13,000

Frequency of use: 69 posts (1.53 post/day)

https://www.facebook.com/krestanskidemokrati/

Strana zelených Slovenska

Type: Public page Created: 3.5.2010

Number of Administrators: 9
Likes: 10,000
Followers: 10,000

Frequency of use: 5 posts (0.11 post/day)

https://www.facebook.com/Strana-zelen%C3%BDch-Slovenska-118941138134201/

MOST-HÍD

Type: Public page
Created: 10.3.2010
Number of Administrators: 9 (8/SK, 1/HU)

Likes: 12,000 Followers: 12.000

Frequency of use: 114 posts (2.53 posts/day)

https://www.facebook.com/MostHid/

Strana maďarskej komunity – Magyar Közösség Pártja (SMK-MKP)

Type: Public page

Created: 17.10.2012 Number of Administrators: No information

Likes: less than 1,000 (261)
Followers: less than 1,000 (264)
Frequency of use: 11 posts (0.24 post/day)

https://www.facebook.com/Magyar-K%C3%B6z%C3%B6ss%C3%A9g-P%C3%A1rt-

ja-Taksony-Strana-Ma%C4%8Farskej-Komunity-286360844810932/

Sloboda a Solidarita (SaS)

Type: Public page Created: 7.4.2019
Number of Administrators: 12
Likes: 125.000

Likes: 125,000 Followers: 117,000

Frequency of use: 107 posts (2.38 posts/day)

https://www.facebook.com/stranasas/

Kresťanská únia

Type: Public page Created: 21.2.2019

Number of Administrators:

Likes: 4,000 Followers: 4,000

Frequency of use: 87 posts (1.93 post/day)

https://www.facebook.com/KrestanskaUniaOfficial/

Koalícia Progresívne Slovensko (PS) a SPOLU - občianska demokracia

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Type: Public pages

Created: 7 November 2016 | 14 March 2016

Number of Administrators: 10 (9/SK, 1/not available) | 30 (26/SK, 3/CZ, 1/RU)

Likes: 28,000 | 27,000 Followers: 30,000 | 27,000

Frequency of use: 60 (1.33 post/day) | 75 posts (1.67 post/day)

https://www.facebook.com/ProgresivneSlovensko/

https://www.facebook.com/stranaspolu/

ANNEX

Monitoring period:

1 April – 15 May 2019

Summary of social engagement:

Sum (comments & shares & reactions)

Comments & shares

type	(All)					
Country_	Media_	Values Sum of Post_	Sum of engagement_fb	Sum of comments_count_fb	Sum of Comments per post	Sum of shares_count_fb
∘⊄	Hnutí SPD	361	52457		21,12	
	KSČM	202	20450	5 581	27,6	2 2 5 6
	ODS	196	79298	19 377	98,9	6 167
	ČSSD	174	57362	16 464	94,6	6143
	Starostové a nezávisli	161	43242	5 846	36,3	7529
	TOP 09 PS	157	68919	12 431	79,2	7243
	Česká pirátská strana	132	118774	22 459	170,1	8 433
	KDU ČSL	117	19034	4 698	40,2	1557
	Strana zdených	40	3715	425	10,6	523
	ANO	12	5677	1 801	150,1	163
CZ Total		1552	468928	99 029	63,8	48 92 1
⊗HU	Magyar Szocialista Párt	285	119410	13 044	45,8	33833
	Párb eszéd Magyaro rszágért	264	131188	10 589	40,1	25254
	Demokratikus Koalició	248	294750	27 221	109,8	81003
	Fid esz	217	1 02 4 3 6 3	59 098	272,3	168423
	Jobbik Magyarországért Mozgalom	214	255323	27 789	129,9	62 466
	Magyar Kétfarkú Kutya Párt	147	270419	9 842	67,0	28 880
	Momen tu m Mozgalom	144	63177	4 984	34,6	9110
	Lehet Más a Pol Itika	122	15217	2 476	20,3	254
	Mi Hazánk Mozgalo m	117	67873	5 619	48,0	1192
	Magyar Munkáspárt	109	11226	1986	18,2	395
	Egységes Magyar Nemzeti Nétppár	21	265	54	2,6	5:
	KDNP	21	79	1	0,0	1
HUTotal		1909	2 25 3 28 5	162 703	85,2	427 461
oPL.	Kukiz 15	297	184060			36939
	So Jusz Lewicy Demokratycznej	262	49724	3 613	13.8	11528
	Wiosna Bi edron la	215	112715	12 508	58,3	9839
	Prawo i Sprawedliwosc	204	196759	49 886	244.2	25947
	Platforma Obywatelska	182				
	Ruch Narodo wy	145				
	Mio dzież W schechp olska	98				
	Razem	71				9074
	Nowoczesna	56				
	Polskie Stronnictwo Ludowe	52	31508		- 1,1=	
	Polska Fair Play	40				
	Koalicja Buropejska	16				
PL Total	nouncja zaropicjana	1636				204799
uSK	OtaNO	156				
	Most Hid	114	5974			
	SaS	107	18374			1673
	SNS	102				
	Sme rodina	94				
	Kresťanská ún la	87	9748			
	Spoli	75				
	KDH	69				
	PS PS	60	31372			174
	SMER SD	51				
	ISNS	23				
SKTotal	SMK	949	41 361856			

Summary of social engagement: Reactions (like, love, haha, wow, sad, angry)

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	ISÓM	202	12613	62.4	9670	1578			145	
	005	196	53.754	274.3	40.623	2966		172		
	ČS0	174	34 753	199.7	23 733	1557	5 472		234	
	Stanstoví a rezávisli	161	29 867	185.5	21 373	2 436	4 929		189	
	TOP99-PS	157	49 245	313.7	38 443	3 124		176	600	
_	Česká pirátská strana	132	87 877	665.7	57.798	19 296	7 080		626	
	KDU-ČS L	117	12 779	109.2	8635	918				
	Strana zelených	40	2767	69.2	2 202	199	180			
	ANO ANO					402	312			
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CZ Total ⊜HU	Magyar Szocialista Pért	15 52	320 978 72 533	20 6, 8 25 4.5	228 471 54 021	34 687 1 82 1	33 798 1 287	2 41 Z 4 486	2 779	
SHU	Megyar Szcoralista Pert Pérbeszéd Megyarországént	295 264	72 533 95 345	25 4, 5 36 1, 2	54 021 75 391	1 821 2 571	1 287	2757	2 325	
	Demokratikus Koalició	264	186 526	752.1	158 5 08	9 362	1 160		3 434	11747
	Fidest	249	796 842	752,1 3 672,1	729 280	21021	3 450		3 434 2 950	
	Jobbik Magyarország ért Mozg alom				127 395	21021	2 529		2 950 5 546	19 060
	Magyar Két farki Kut ya Párt	214	165 068 231 697	771,3 1 576,2	160 524	13 149	2 460		2 753	
	Momentum Mozgalom	147	49 078	340.0	37 972	3 183	2 460		1 411	
	Lebet Mis a Politika	144	10 193	310,0 83.5	7 052	120			579	
	Mi Hazánk Mozgalom	117	50327	430.1	44 541	1612		2 142	258	
	Magyar Munkáspárt	109	5 290	48,5	4 131	128	106	766	35	
	Egységes Magyar Nemzeti Nétppár	21	152	7,2	104	3	1	19		18
	KONP	21	70	3,3	62 1398976	4	0	0		0
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DPL.		297	34 583	132.0	28 006	3 715	227	107	631 2 018	3 303
	Sojusz Lewicy Demokrat yonej Wiosna Biedronia	215	90368	421.4	25 UU6 66 197	18 635	2 386			
	Pra wo i S pra wedliwosc	215	120 926	621,6 591,5	90 417	19 748		294		2 2967
	Platforma Obywatelska	192	149 415	591,5 818.1	101 408	16 452	6 104 9 922		1 396 2 479	
			14 836		101 405	15452				
	Ruch Narodowy Modzie z Wschechodska	145	21712	222.9	16 092	2 870	884	251	1 001	614
	Razem	71	48 328	614,9	37 727	7 196	674	634	798 251	
	Nowoczesna Orbitis Constitution of the	56	11431	20 8, 6	7611	1 193				
	Polikie Strannict wo Ludowe	52	8945	173,2	7 073	670			99	
	Polska Fair Play Koalicia Europeiska	40	6 640 781	186,7	5 568 621	578 157	79	39	140	
PL Total	Roalicja Europejska	16 16 36	635 249	50,0 300,3	482 986	15 / 81 049				
(I)SK	OCANO	1636	50 208	32 1.0	402 900	2 940	3 566		9 225	
-3a	Most-Hid	114	3949	34,6	2 821	73				
	SaS	107	12 079	112,9	9 407	602			363	
	SNS	107	75 186	737.1	99325	5 09 9	4 128	655	2 316	
	Sme rodina	94	29 367	312.4	25349	1968		398		
	Krestanská úmia		7698			512				
		97		88,5	6779					
	Spoli	75	15 158	202,1	12 4 38	883	1 156	171		
	KDH	69	3 750	54,3	3 2 10 17 4 48	143	254	29		
	PS COURT CO	60	22 603	376,7		2 002				
	SMER-SD	51	38 854	761,8	33 189	3 097	1 481	282	260	
	CSMS	23	1858	80,8	1 4 3 2	281	31			
OK Wood	SMK	11	25	2,3	23	0				
SK Total	1	949	260 735	274,7	211 687	17 600	14 931	2 982	4 286	9 249

Endnotes

- 1 Data sources can be found in the Annex.
- 2 In Hungary, the monitoring engagement included all selected parties (12) and monitoring of topics and narratives focused on six most popular of them.
- 3 For more information and statistics of social media use in all four countries, see also the Global Digital report 2018 available at https://digitalreport.wearesocial.com/
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