



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 31, 2023

Case No. FL-2023-00013

Reed Rubinstein
America First Legal Foundation
611 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, #231
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Mr. Rubinstein:

As we noted in our letter dated July 31, 2023, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department of State ("Department") has identified an additional 35 responsive records subject to the FOIA. We have determined that all 35 records may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each record. Where applicable, the Department has considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing these records and applying FOIA exemptions. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released and is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Pardis Gheibi, U.S. Department of Justice Trial Attorney, at pardis.gheibi@usdoj.gov and (202) 305-3246. Please refer to the case number, FL-2023-00013, and the civil action number, 22-cv-03386, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hickson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Diamonece Hickson
Chief, Litigation and Appeals Branch
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
 - 1.4(b) Foreign government information
 - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
 - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
 - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
 - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:
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| ARMSEXP | Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c) |
| CIA PERS/ORG | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g) |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004 |
| INA | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505 |
- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
 - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
 - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
 - (D) disclose confidential sources
 - (E) disclose investigation techniques
 - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

- NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

From: (b)(6)@state.gov>
To: Jim Rutenberg <(b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Subject: Re: Re:
Date: Tue, 9 Nov 2021 16:02:01 +0000

Great. See also attached excerpts from Larry Bittman, former deputy chief of the "special operations" (active measures) department of the Czechoslovak state security intelligence service from 1964 to 1966.

Excerpts from The Deception Game explain the basic technique of SOV/RU AM (active measures). Last graf of UPI interview explains how they scan the West for ideas of what prop/disinfo themes to circulate.

See also for recent examples of how RU use fringe voices in the West and elsewhere:

- #6: Using Pseudo-Academic Online Journals to Amplify Fringe Voices, September 28, 2020
 - How the Russian Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR) uses a pseudo-academic online journal, the Strategic Culture Foundation, to amplify the views of fringe voices in the West
- #7: Building an International Disinformation Network, November 10, 2020
 - How the SVR-directed Strategic Culture Foundation partnered with Global Research, a far-left website in Canada, and The 4th Media, an obscure website in Beijing, to begin to build an international disinformation system in the early 2010s.

From: Jim Rutenberg <(b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 10:46 AM
To: (b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject: Re: Re:

Excellent, thanks so much (b)(6), will peruse these before we speak
All best, thanks again, Jim

On Tue, Nov 9, 2021 at 10:43 AM (b)(6)@state.gov> wrote:
Anytime from 2-6 pm is good. Agree there is lots to discuss; very interesting topic.
You may have seen already Doug Selvage's very interesting article, Operation "Denver": The East German Ministry of State Security and the KGB's AIDS Disinformation Campaign, 1985–1986 (Part 1) [attached for reference]. Search for Shively to see discussion of origins of AIDS disinfo story -- I have more to add on this. See also p. 12-23 in 1988 report I wrote, found at <http://insidethecoldwar.org/sites/default/files/documents/Soviet%20Active%20Measures%20in%20the%20Era%20of%20Glasnot%20March%201988.pdf>, which discusses SOV "Ethnic Weapons" disinfo, which apparently was picked up by Shively and others, per Doug's article. (Doug told me you are speaking with him tomorrow).

This is likely a mashup of SOV disinfo plus delusions/conspiracy theories of local fringe elements, including fellow travelers and useful idiots. Can explain more.
See also original article in US Army's Military Review, which led to "ethnic weapons" disinfo; two versions attached.

All for now.

(b)(6)

From: Jim Rutenberg <(b)(6)@nytimes.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 10:28 AM

To: (b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: Re: Re:

Hi (b)(6)

Looking forward to speaking today -- so much to discuss, and I really appreciate getting some of your time.

Just making sure -- 4:30/1630 est ok time to call?

Thanks again, Jim

On Mon, Nov 8, 2021 at 3:02 PM Jim Rutenberg <(b)(6)@nytimes.com> wrote:

Ok great advice thanks! Catch you tomorrow and thanks on all

On Mon, Nov 8, 2021 at 2:56 PM (b)(6)@state.gov> wrote:

Tomorrow from 1430-1800 is good.

There was an excellent article in the WSJ in September about COVID safety when flying. The most dangerous time is when you (and others) take your mask off to eat. They recommend turning up the forced air in the controls above your seat and pointing the nozzle at your face when your mask is off to scatter any COVID particles away.

I got permission to speak you on the terms we discussed. Will send you a couple of articles later today.

Best,

(b)(6)

From: Jim Rutenberg <(b)(6)@nytimes.com>

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 2:40 PM

To: (b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: Re: Re:

Thanks (b)(6) sounds good

I'm boarding a plane and don't land till around 6/6:30

Is there an ok time tomorrow to try you?

Thanks again much obliged

On Mon, Nov 8, 2021 at 2:37 PM (b)(6)@state.gov> wrote:

Jim:

Let's just discuss between you and me and I'll fill the others in as needed. I'll give you a call.

My cell is (b)(6). Home landline: (b)(6)

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Subject: Re:

Thanks (b)(6) and thanks, all.

(b)(6) came highly recommended and would be a great help. I'm happy to fill you all in more on the general sweep of the book if you would like.

Thanks and all the best, Jim

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(b)(6):

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If my bosses and PA agree, I think it would be best to talk and share information with you on a background or deep background basis meaning that you are free to use the material but without attributing it to the Department of State, with some exceptions in which I would be glad to go on the record or be described as a State Department expert on disinformation, in particular when we are speaking about established Soviet and Russian disinformation and propaganda practices. I think it's best to do that on a case-by-case basis provided my bosses at GEC and Public Affairs agree.

I am certainly willing to discuss other topics than the AIDS disinformation campaign, if I get permission to speak with you, but I strongly prefer to stick to topics that I know well. From 1987 to 1996, I followed rumors of child organ trafficking very closely, which the Soviets repeated and which also circulated on their own as an urban legend, and paid attention to prominent Soviet disinformation claims (prior to 1992), often helping U.S. Information Agency (USIA) posts overseas respond to Soviet disinformation claims in the local media in their countries. I was at USIA from 1987 to 1996, before it was absorbed into State in 1999 and have been at State since 2003, working to counter misinformation and disinformation most of that time.

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Many thanks for your inquiry.

Best,

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Subject:

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I'm doing some research for a narrative history book I'm writing about information warfare at home and abroad, from roughly 1970 to now. I was wondering whether I could check in with you about the work you did on the Active Measures team in the Reagan years. I am looking into the successful Soviet operation to plant false stories that AIDS was invented in the US

Laboratory at Fort Detrick. While this is now a fairly well-told tale, I am particularly interested in how that story got picked up and elaborated upon in the publications of fringe political movements here in the US. That labor intensive and onerous work on behalf of the Soviet disinfo agents of the 1980s will stand in contrast to later portions of the book, when their successors will have a much easier time penetrating the American information stream of the social media and cable tv era. Also, I was interested to see in one of your team's reports an assessment that Russian disinformation would be far more effective if they ever figured out how to produce better television, which, of course, they would later go on to do (see <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/13/magazine/rt-sputnik-and-russias-new-theory-of-war.html>), so I'd also want to range a little bit beyond the AIDS operation if you're game. I am writing the book for Penguin Press and am not yet sure of the publication date (I would expect it to go to market in roughly a year and a half). It is possible that some of what I learn will feed my reporting for The Times, but there are no such plans as of now. If you are amenable then we can discuss the terms of our discussion, but please know that I am comfortable doing this on a background and deep background basis. Of course, I would always be happy to have anything on the record that you are willing to bring onto the record.

Thanks and all best, Jim

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Comments by Ladislav Bittman

Russian active measures are much the same as they were 50 years ago. In his 1972 book *The Deception Game*, Ladislav Bittman, the former deputy chief of the "special operations" (active measures) department of the Czechoslovak state security intelligence service from 1964 to 1966 described how "special operations" operated at that time:

A workday in the disinformation factory consisted of study, analysis, discussions, and meetings as well as much bureaucratic paperwork. Our main objective was to note and dissect all the enemy's weaknesses and sensitive or vulnerable spots and to analyze his failures and mistakes in order to exploit them. The formulation of special operations might remind one of a doctor who, in treating the patient entrusted to his care, prolongs his illness and speeds him to an early grave instead of curing him. All secret or confidential information picked up by intelligence antennae abroad was processed several times within the department in order to determine its potential for reutilization against the enemy. (p. 124)

United Press International, November 13, 1985

HEADLINE: How 'disinformation' works; The Reagan-Gorbachev Summit: Soviet 'reverse P.R.'

By JIM ANDERSON

The man who once was the deputy commander of Czechoslovakia's disinformation operation, Ladislav Bittman, defines his former profession as "public relations in reverse, trying to damage the image of your enemy."

Bittman, now a professor of journalism at Boston University, predicts that a failure -- particularly a lack of specific progress on arms control -- at the Geneva summit will be followed by a massive disinformation campaign by the Soviet Union.

The key to such disinformation, he said, is to adapt the line to existing prejudices but, he added, "Journalists can be bought, corrupted and recruited, just as diplomats and government officials."

"If I were still in the business, I would carefully analyze the American and European press, particularly any comments about President Reagan's unwillingness to cooperate (at the summit), or about splits within the administration.

"I would compose a series of phony messages, including some verifiable, true information, and add a few dramatic statements 'proving' that the U.S. president came to the summit with a plan that it should not succeed.

"I would start it in the European press, using two or three journalists with respected names, who would write stories that would fit their previous bias. The journalists would do some of their own research and background and so they would be able to say, quite properly, that they did their own reporting. It would be written in their own style."

... "The technique begins by carefully analyzing the western press, seeing what they are interested in, and what sort of theories and speculations are being published."

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Date: Mon, 8 Nov 2021 19:58:12 +0000

Can't do anything in the AM. Booked solid from 0900-1400, very unusually. After 1430 should be good

From: Jim Rutenberg <(b)(6)@nytimes.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 2:55 PM
To: (b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject: Re: Re:

Ok thanks — how's morning for you? 10-ish?

On Mon, Nov 8, 2021 at 2:41 PM (b)(6)@state.gov> wrote:
No room for messages on your voicemail, so I couldn't leave one. I'm around this afternoon, although I need to run one errand. Will have my cell. Busy tomorrow before 1300. Best, (b)(6)
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From: (b)(6) (Bangkok) (b)(6)@state.gov>
To: Baybars Orsek <(b)(6)@poynter.org>
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CC: (b)(6)@state.gov>;
(b)(6)@state.gov>;
(b)(6)@state.gov>;
(b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject: Re: Poynter Grant Amendment - For Baybars response
Date: Wed, 10 Feb 2021 03:35:18 +0000

Thanks Baybars - totally understand.

From: Baybars Orsek <(b)(6)@poynter.org>

Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 9:42 AM

To: (b)(6) (Bangkok) (b)(6)@state.gov>

Cc: (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: Re: Poynter Grant Amendment - For Baybars response

Hi (b)(6)

Thank you so much! We will be providing another update to (b)(6) next week.

I've just reminded our VP of Finance and Business again for her signature.

Poynter is having its National Advisory Board meeting this week so she must have been swamped but will take care of that before the end of the week for sure.

Thanks a lot for your understanding.

Best-

Baybars

On Tue, Feb 9, 2021 at 8:52 PM (b)(6) (Bangkok)

(b)(6)@state.gov> wrote:

Hi Baybars,

So glad to see you and (b)(6) discussing the way forward. Just a quick reminder that we hope to receive the DS 1909 soon. Hope all is well in your neck of the woods.

Best,

(b)(6)

From: Baybars Orsek <(b)(6)@poynter.org>

Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 11:19 PM

To: (b)(6) (Bangkok) (b)(6)@state.gov>

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Subject: Re: Poynter Grant Amendment - For Baybars response

Hi (b)(6)

Thanks! I confirm the receipt of the DS1909.

Do you want this to be signed by us? I can send it to you after asking our VP of Finance and Business signs it.

On the other hand, we are ready to deliver the training.

How should we proceed to schedule them?

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best-

Baybars

On Sun, Jan 31, 2021 at 9:21 PM (b)(6) (Bangkok)

(b)(6)@state.gov wrote:

Hi Baybars,

Can you please confirm receipt of the DS1909?

Thank you,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) (Bangkok)

Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 2:50 PM

To: Baybars Orsek <(b)(6)@poynter.org>

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(b)(6)@state.gov

Subject: RE: Poynter Grant Amendment - For Baybars response

As promised, here is the new DS1909 and the new Award Provisions, which contains a detailed description of the grant's balance of payments and budget. Please review the provisions and have the DS1909 signed by one of the directors at Poynter (Wendy Wallace signed the last one).

Regards,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) (Bangkok)

Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 1:37 PM

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(b)(6)@state.gov

Subject: RE: Poynter Grant Amendment - For Baybars response

Hi Baybars,

The grant has already been extended. Do you need more time to deliver the training? Do you still stand by the earlier commitment to give us a product this month?

Best,

(b)(6)

From: Baybars Orsek <(b)(6)@poynter.org>

Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 6:22 AM

To: (b)(6) (Bangkok) (b)(6)@state.gov>

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Hi (b)(6)

Yes! The content is ready therefore we are good to go and deliver the trainings.

Looking forward to receiving the paperwork.

Thanks

Baybars

On Mon, Jan 11, 2021 at 8:17 PM (b)(6) (Bangkok) (b)(6)@state.gov> wrote:

Hi Baybars,

Just another ping to see if everything is going well on your side. Everything on track to produce online course content?

Best,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) (Bangkok) <(b)(6)@state.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 8:30 AM

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Subject: Re: Poynter Grant Amendment - For Baybars response

Hi Baybars,

Hope you had a nice New Year holiday. Just wanted to drop a note to let you know we look forward to receiving the course outline this month. Let me know if you need to discuss anything. In the meantime, I will work on some of the required documents to reformat the grant.

Warm regards,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) (Bangkok)

Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 11:48 AM

To: Baybars Orsek <(b)(6)@poynter.org>

Cc: (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)

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(b)(6)@state.gov

Subject: RE: Poynter Grant Amendment - For Baybars response

Hi Baybars,

When I return after Christmas we will do some paperwork outlining these initiatives more formally in the grant. For now, please proceed designing the online course and designing the virtual training.

Congrats again on the new family member.

Regards,

(b)(6)

From: Baybars Orsek <(b)(6)@poynter.org>

Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 8:39 PM

To: (b)(6) (Bangkok) (b)(6)@state.gov

Cc: (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)

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(b)(6)@state.gov

Subject: Re: Poynter Grant Amendment - For Baybars response

Hi (b)(6)

Thanks for this!

Please kindly feel free to share if there is any paperwork we should focus on for the amendment if you need it to be done before your break.

Otherwise, happy to keep up the conversation with GEC and (b)(6).

Best-

Baybars

On Wed, Dec 2, 2020 at 12:08 AM (b)(6) (Bangkok)

(b)(6)@state.gov> wrote:

Hi Baybars –

Thank you for replying that you're interested in continuing the grant in the separate email. We understand completely about parental leave, and many congratulations to you on the new family member!

I'd like to keep the conversation going in this thread here as there are additional stakeholders cc'ed. I have initiated an extension of the grant out to July 31, 2021 just to give us buffer room. I will be on much needed R&R from Dec 7-25, so we will pick up this conversation again when I return. While I am out, please feel free to continue discussions with GEC, and (b)(6) (b)(6) on my staff. I have copied elements of your separate email, which looks fine to me, below.

Warm regards,

(b)(6)

--email Dec 2, 2020 from Baybars --

Given we are heading to the end of the year and the winter break here, can we aim the following timeline for the amendment?

Late January: Poynter provides online course outline to Embassy for review (in English).

Embassy and TJA provide feedback.

Mid February: Poynter provides online course version 2 to Embassy (in English or Thai).

Embassy and TJA provide feedback.

Early March: Poynter provides final version of online course to Embassy (in Thai). Embassy and TJA make final checks.

Late March: Virtual Training + Kickoff Press Conference at TJA to introduce the new online course.

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From: (b)(6)@state.gov>

Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 9:01 PM

To: (b)(6) (Bangkok) (b)(6)@state.gov>; Baybars Orsek

<(b)(6)@poynter.org>

Cc: (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)

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Subject: Poynter Grant Amendment - For Baybars response

(b)(6) adding in (b)(6) and (b)(6) from my team.

Best, (b)(6)

From: (b)(6) (Bangkok) (b)(6)@state.gov>

Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 4:04 AM

To: Baybars Orsek <(b)(6)@poynter.org>

Cc: (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)

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(b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: RE: Important issue to discuss

Hi Baybars,

Final check. Do you want to amend this grant?

Best,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) (Bangkok)

Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 12:23 PM

To: 'Baybars Orsek' <(b)(6)@poynter.org>

Cc: (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: RE: Important issue to discuss

Hi Baybars – how are you? Shall we proceed with the grant amendment?

Best,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) (Bangkok)

Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 11:18 AM

To: Baybars Orsek <(b)(6)@poynter.org>

Cc: (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: RE: Important issue to discuss

Hi Baybars,

I'll be going on leave soon and want to amend the grant as soon as possible.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) (Bangkok)

Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 2:49 PM

To: 'Baybars Orsek' <(b)(6)@poynter.org>

Cc: (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: RE: Important issue to discuss

Hi Baybars,

I hope you are well. I'm sure that election season is an exciting time for the fact checking community!

Given the many challenges of Covid we appreciate your willingness to be flexible in this project. My team and I have reviewed the Google Doc and we generally like the plan. We are wondering if you can make two changes. One, to be less ambitious, we recommend 1 (one) not three virtual training sessions. Also, is there any way to increase the payment to TJA for their services? Their work as implementing partner will be very important.

To review, the two major components of the grant are 1) virtual training and 2) development of an online course. Here is a rough sketch of timings we think are realistic:

Mid November: Poynter provides online course outline to Embassy for review (in English).

Embassy and TJA provide feedback.

Mid December: Poynter provides online course version 2 to Embassy (in English or Thai).

Embassy and TJA provide feedback.

Early January: Poynter provides final version of online course to Embassy (in Thai). Embassy and TJA make final checks.

Late January: Virtual Training + Kickoff Press Conference at TJA to introduce the new online course.

Sound okay?

Kind Regards,

(b)(6)

From: Baybars Orsek <(b)(6)@poynter.org>

Sent: Friday, October 16, 2020 10:45 PM

To: (b)(6) (Bangkok)(b)(6)@state.gov>

Cc: (b)(6)W@state.gov>; (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: Re: Important issue to discuss

Hi (b)(6)

Just wanted to follow up on this to see if we would be able to do this before the end of this year or move to 2021.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best-

Baybars

On Fri, Sep 25, 2020 at 4:04 AM (b)(6) (Bangkok)

(b)(6)@state.gov> wrote:

Thanks Baybars,

COVID has certainly been a challenge for grants. Glad to hear your team is engaging on elections! Important topic for fact checking!

Our team will look at the Doc and get back to you soon.

Hope all is well!

Best,

(b)(6)

From: Baybars Orsek <(b)(6)@poynter.org>

Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 9:59 PM

To: (b)(6) (Bangkok) (b)(6)@state.gov>

Cc: (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: Re: Important issue to discuss

Hi (b)(6)

Sorry about the delay. We had been buried down with an election focused project, our new chatbot on WhatsApp around the US elections.

Sharing this document to get your feedback and discuss it over the document if needed.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lBhFi4s0XnHOVICcq6UZ0nqFlPmwGdlYAkypauzk/edit>

I just had to adjust the dates in this timeline.

Also copying the budget notes in that document as well.

I suggest having a call with TJA as soon as possible to start planning and executing the trainings!

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best-

Baybars

On Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 12:34 AM (b)(6) (Bangkok)

(b)(6)@state.gov> wrote:

Hi Baybars,

We have a few ideas for how to move the grant forward. Let us know what you think, and please provide an estimate of the cost.

1. **Three Online Training Sessions** for the Thai Journalists Association (TJA is the main professional association for journalists in Thailand. We would recommend you pay TJA as the implementing partner so they can procure simultaneous translation, and naturally you would provide them with admin fees etc so they can help you organize the sessions.
 - a. Session 1 - September 3. Fact-Checking and Misinformation (broad overview for journalists and editors)
 - b. Session 2 – Mid-September. Fact-Checking for News Rooms (for news room editors)
 - c. Session 3 – October. Fact-Checking: U.S. Election Watch (20-30 media and academics.
2. **Online Course for Thai Journalists.** This would be an online course with quizzes and a final test in the Thai language. The goal is to promote journalism standards, fact-checking, and accuracy. Thai journalists who complete the course with a passing score would receive a certificate which could read “This is to certify that –NAME – has received IFCN Certification in News-Room Fact-Checking” or something similar. This would be a morale booster for the journalists, and something they can put on a resume.
 - a. Phase 1. September – IFCN submits course outline and structure to the Embassy which will seek comment from TJA and may adjust the outline to meet the needs of the Thai environment.
 - b. Phase 2. December – IFCN submits full course in Thai language to Embassy for review.
 - c. Phase 3. January – IFCN Launches course with joint press releases, social media postings, and an online event with TJA and IFCN.

Warm regards,

(b)(6)

Acting Spokesperson
Social Media Director
U.S. Embassy, Bangkok



From: Baybars Orsek <(b)(6)@poynter.org>

Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 6:31 PM

To: (b)(6) (Bangkok) (b)(6)@state.gov>

Cc: (b)(6) W@state.gov>

Subject: Re: Important issue to discuss

Hi (b)(6)

Great to hear from you! I'm all good, safe, and interesting in Istanbul for a few weeks. I wanted to take the liberty of working from Istanbul for a month or so to stay a bit away from Florida and be closer to the (b)(6)

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I've heard that (b)(6) is now in another heaven like place in Earth after lovely Thailand and hoping she invites me to Hawai at some point to do a training there! :)

Since the Global Fact is over and I've been able to recover a bit, I'm now able to send you a proposal on our engagement in Thailand.

Would that be possible to send it in a week or two and we then start acting assuming we confirm the new scope of the program.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best-

Baybars

On Mon, Jul 20, 2020 at 12:03 PM (b)(6) (Bangkok)

(b)(6)@state.gov wrote:

Hi Baybars,

Greetings from Thailand, where we have had very low cases of the virus. I hope you are well!

(b)(6) (b)(6) has moved to Hawaii for a year at the East West Center.

I'm writing to see if we can move the grant forward and somehow safely train/certify Thailand's first IFCN fact-check organization.

Any and all ideas are on the table - including virtual training.

All best,

(b)(6)

From: Baybars Orsek <(b)(6)@poynter.org>

Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:28 PM

To: (b)(6) (Bangkok) (b)(6)@state.gov

Cc: (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov

Subject: Re: Important issue to discuss

Hi (b)(6)

Hope all is well on your end too and you are all doing well and healthy!

It's been a crazy week not only workwise but also personally as well for all of us so please accept my apologies for the late response.

I just wanted to share that I'll share the proposal with you before the end of the week. I couldn't do that yet because there has been an enormous workload on our e-learning department as everything is being migrated to online, therefore I had wait a bit to have my turn with them.

Once I have the costs and timeline from them, I'll share it with you and will look forward to moving forward!

Stay healthy and safe!

Best-

Baybars

On Sun, Mar 15, 2020 at 11:37 PM (b)(6) (Bangkok)

(b)(6)@state.gov wrote:

Hi Baybars,

Hope all is well in these rapidly evolving times. Number one priority is health, of course. Looking forward to your proposal on a virtual version of activities that still gives Thai organizations a good shot at becoming certified by IFCN. I'm also open to hearing any other suggestions you have. Again, health is number one at this point.

All best,

(b)(6)

From: Baybars Orsek <(b)(6)@poynter.org>

Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:02 AM

To: (b)(6) (Bangkok) (b)(6)@state.gov

Cc: (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov

Subject: Re: Important issue to discuss

Hi (b)(6)

It was great to talk to you as well!

I agree with you. I think it will be wiser to design the extension/modification relying only on virtual teaching and a limited notion of bringing two Thai participants to Oslo.

I'll have a meeting with related faculty people at Poynter and then share the possibilities and ideas around localizing our training materials to Thai and creating new modules from scratch.

I should be able to send that email to you by Monday if that's not too late.

Best-

Baybars

On Tue, Mar 3, 2020 at 10:27 PM (b)(6) (Bangkok)

(b)(6)@state.gov wrote:

Hi Baybars,

Was great talking to you the other day. I'm looking forward to seeing your revised proposal on how we can best utilize the remaining funds in the current environment. Thailand's Ministry of Public Health is now raising its alert level for other nations new experiencing a rise in cases, including European countries. It will also be important to note the rise in cases in the U.S. and to see if that could impact Thai travel to the U.S. Department of State

Given the rapidly evolving situation and potential risks, I'd ask you to think about virtual programming and have an annex to your proposal that has a fully virtual (no travel) scenario. This could include mass translation of web based courses into Thai, Web based virtual training, etc etc.

All best,

(b)(6)

From: Baybars Orsek <(b)(6)@poynter.org>

Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 9:57 PM

To: (b)(6)@state.gov>

Cc: (b)(6) (Bangkok) (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: Re: Important issue to discuss

No worries! It will be 9pm Sunday eve here and I should be able to take the call.

How should we connect? Can you send me dial-in instructions?

Best-

Baybars

On Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 4:37 AM (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov> wrote:

Great! I can do 9am on Monday March 2, but unfortunately no other day this week.

From: Baybars Orsek <(b)(6)@poynter.org>

Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 10:26 PM

To: (b)(6)@state.gov>

Cc: (b)(6) (Bangkok) (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: Re: Important issue to discuss

Dear (b)(6), (b)(6) and (b)(6)

Hope this email finds you well.

It's great to hear from you, (b)(6). I really missed that beautiful place! Hope you had a great break!

My suggestion for the rest of the project based on your feedbacks are;

- To organize a Skype call Yo/Sure and Share, and SONP as per (b)(6) suggestion and discuss their progress and provide feedback before their application.
- Schedule a call this or next week to;

- o Set the date and the content for the video conference from Florida
- o Fix the scope and the date for Thai's delegation visit to St. Petersburg, FL
- o Decide who to bring to Global Fact in Oslo from Thailand (possibility from other Mekong countries as well)

Once we kick the ball rolling, this will be a lot easier to move.

Looking forward to hearing from you for your ideal day to have a 9am Bangkok time call.

Best-

Baybars

On Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 2:59 AM (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov> wrote:

Baybars! I'm just back from the Gulf of Thailand... you know, (b)(6) Hope all is well.

How shall we proceed? I think it's time we get something down in writing – dates for a video conference from Florida, dates for a visit by a few to Florida, and then a total number of Thais to Oslo. Let's look at the budget and the planning, get something approved, and determine when you might be able to get back out here as well!

I depart Thailand mid June, so would love to be sure we have everything rolling before I go!

All best,

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) (Bangkok) (b)(6)@state.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 3:38 PM

To: Baybars Orsek <(b)(6)@poynter.org>

Cc: (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: RE: Important issue to discuss

Hi Baybars,

Hope all is well. The virus is still making news here but seems to be contained, for now.

Would you be willing to do the Skype connection with Yo/Sure and Share, and SONP to discuss their efforts toward certification? We know they would love to have the opportunity to talk with you on Skype. Any further thought to (b)(6) second question below as well?

Best,

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@state.gov>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 2:47 PM

To: Baybars Orsek <(b)(6)@poynter.org>

Cc: (b)(6) (Bangkok) (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: RE: Important issue to discuss

Thank you Baybars. I can understand that many don't want to travel to the region considering the international declarations.

We are facing a battle here of information and misinformation. We'll very much like to see what you are doing in that space.

Meanwhile, let me talk to (b)(6). I think we would like to reformat the grant a bit and include some new elements. Would you be willing to (in addition to some international travel for Thais), do the following:

1. DVC with Yo/Sure and Share, and SONP to discuss their efforts toward certification. We can do that in February on the planned dates, or we can look to a convenient time in the next month.
2. Come back to Thailand after you can travel again, and after Oslo?

Once we know the answer to those, (b)(6) can work with you to amend the grant.

Thanks!

(b)(6)

From: Baybars Orsek <(b)(6)@poynter.org>

Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 10:22 PM

To: (b)(6)@state.gov>

Cc: (b)(6) (Bangkok) (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: Re: Important issue to discuss

Hi (b)(6)

Greetings from DC! I just organized a day-long event at the Washington Post in partnership with Google and been working on the side for the programming in Bangkok.

I've just seen the news on Reuters that Thailand confirms the first human-to-human coronavirus transmission. The virus has been a big focus for the fact-checkers lately as we keep publishing our reports on the misinformation around the disease.

I've also heard that Splice Beta is canceled/postponed due to WHO's declaration on public health emergency of international concern.

All those considered, can we officially amend the project with no travel to Bangkok in February and discuss alternative options such as bringing people either to the US or Oslo? We can multiply the impact of the engagement with such options

Looking forward to hearing your thoughts.

Thanks

Baybars

On Wed, Jan 29, 2020 at 4:17 AM (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov> wrote:

Thanks for all of this, Baybars. Our inclination is to have your deputy/trainer come in February and I hope they're still available. Our Thai partners are eager. We're just negotiating with Washington about how to spend the rest of the money, i.e. if there will be US and/or Oslo travel. We will get back to you ASAP to confirm February and also what else lies in store. Sound ok?

From: Baybars Orsek <(b)(6)@poynter.org>

Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 1:11 PM

To: (b)(6) (Bangkok) (b)(6)@state.gov>

Cc: (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: Re: Important issue to discuss

Hi (b)(6)

Thank you so much! I really appreciate it! Fingers crossed! Once again, thank you so much for your understanding.

Eoghan Sweeney, German trainer who is one of the leading experts on Open Source Intelligence Tools for fact-checking & verification. More about him and his works are available here > <https://www.osintessentials.com/> He can do great work by providing the training in those two days.

Having said that and putting more thought into it, my suggestion will be to try to invite senior and non-senior Thai to Florida and use the remaining resources to bring Thai and some other

regional participants to Oslo for the Global Fact between 24-27 June. By doing these two - not doing the Bangkok training in February - we can achieve;

- having one-to-one time with leading figures of the Thai media and journalists in the steer of their newsrooms
- offering Poynter's renowned teaching resources to the participants and merging ethics & newsroom management seminars with our fact-checking training
- following up with some of the participants in Florida tour in Oslo during the Global Fact and having them (Shure and Share + others) exposed to 60+ different sessions in 3.5 days

Once the Global Fact 7 is over, Shure and Share along with other potential Thai partners can apply to the network thanks to the training they had (Bangkok/October + Florida/Spring + Oslo/June) in three different settings and the remote consulting I had been providing and will keep providing until they are evaluated by our advisory board.

If those don't sound a terrible idea to you, I can send a draft template over the weekend for what we can cover in 2-3 days in Florida for the first group. Also, the attached program of the last Global Fact which took place in Cape Town, South Africa can also give a better sense of what will most likely await the Thai & regional journalists in Oslo.

One way or another, I'll make sure we will share our know-how with the invested participants and support the practitioners in the country. I remain committed to making this effort helping the non-partisan Thai media landscape.

Best-

Baybars

On Wed, Jan 22, 2020 at 9:53 PM (b)(6) (Bangkok)

(b)(6)@state.gov> wrote:

Hi Baybars,

Great to speak with you and we wish you and your family all the best in this momentous progress toward (b)(6)

I found the bio of Christina on the Poynter site, but would love to hear from you what you propose for the activities/deliverables going forward. Also, could you kindly send the bio of the trainer who would accompany Christina to Bangkok?

Though you may have more ideas, the activities we wrote down from the call were:

- Sending Thais (could be a mix of senior and working level) to Poynter in Florida
- Christina and trainer come to Thailand in place of Baybars and trainer
- Sending Thais (and perhaps other journalists from Mekong/Indo-Pacific countries) to Oslo, June 24-27

Warm regards,

(b)(6)

From: Baybars Orsek <(b)(6)@poynter.org>

Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 8:31 AM

To: (b)(6)@state.gov>

Cc: (b)(6) (Bangkok) (b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: Re: Important issue to discuss

Good morning!

What's the best way to connect? Whatsapp call works?

Talk to you soon!

Baybars

On Mon, Jan 20, 2020 at 8:00 PM (b)(6) (Bangkok)

(b)(6)@state.gov> wrote:

Perfect. We have a call here 8-9am, so just after our 9am works well.

From: Baybars Orsek <(b)(6)@poynter.org>

Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 7:57 AM

To: (b)(6)@state.gov>

Cc: (b)(6) Bangkok) (b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: Re: Important issue to discuss

How about anytime tomorrow (Tuesday) evening Eastern time? Sometime between 9-11 am (Wednesday) Bangkok time?

On Mon, Jan 20, 2020 at 6:28 PM (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov> wrote:

Absolutely- when works well for you? We can make it work to suit your schedule.

From: Baybars Orsek <(b)(6)@poynter.org>

Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 2:31:05 AM

To: (b)(6) (Bangkok) (b)(6)@state.gov>

Cc: (b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: Important issue to discuss

Dear (b)(6) and (b)(6),

There are some developments on my end that I need to talk to you about as soon as possible regarding our plans.

May I kindly ask for a call at your earliest convenience this week?

Thanks a lot

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Baybars Örsek

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From: (b)(6)@state.gov>
To: 'Ferdi Ozsoy' <(b)(6)@poynter.org>
'Vonda Wolcott' <(b)(6)@iwpr.net>;
CC: 'Baybars Orsek' <(b)(6)@poynter.org>;
'Alanna Dvorak' <(b)(6)@poynter.org>;
'Maria Adelma Montejo' <(b)(6)@iwpr.net>
Subject: RE: M&E for Balkans and Pacific Islands
Date: Wed, 10 Feb 2021 16:35:31 +0000

Hi all,

The workbook template we will review is attached. I recommend the 'Intro' tab as pre-reading before our meeting.

I look forward to talking with you all.

Best,

(b)(6)

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(b)(6)@state.gov



From: Ferdi Ozsoy <(b)(6)@poynter.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 4:39 PM
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Subject: Re: M&E for Balkans and Pacific Islands

I didn't realize, it was Presidents Day. We are free on Tuesday as well.

We will wait for the calendar invite from your end then.

Have a great three day weekend.

Best,
Ferdi

On Tue, Feb 9, 2021 at 4:35 PM (b)(6)@state.gov> wrote:
Thank you, Ferdi. We actually are not working Monday because it is a federal holiday, but I am free all day Tuesday. Will that work for you?

I will send the M&E Workbook/Performance Monitoring Plan shortly.

Best,

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Subject: Re: M&E for Balkans and Pacific Islands

Dear (b)(6),

Thank you for reaching out regarding M&E for the Balkans and Pacific Islands. Sorry for the late reply. We were just waiting for some internal updates regarding a meeting with our National Board of Advisors. My colleagues and I were tasked in running a few of the meetings that are set through this Thursday and Friday.

We were wondering if we can set a date early next week. We can for sure move things around for Monday need be.

As for activities for the two regions :

We have made some headway with the Pacific Island Grant. We have identified the local partner that will be partnering up with and they are currently underway preparing the localized materials for the training sessions.

As for the Balkans, we are still at the very beginning. We have identified potential partners and have had our introduction meetings and will more to work off of at the end of this month.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for all the support.

Best,
Ferd

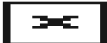
On Fri, Feb 5, 2021 at 2:28 PM (b)(6)@state.gov wrote:
Hi! Thank you for reaching out!

Would next Friday work? I'm free anytime after 11am except 3-4pm EST.

Before we meet, can you tell me where your projects are at and what M&E work you've done so far? Also, are you just looking for a walk through of the M&E Workbook/Performance Monitoring Plan? Is there anything else you'd like to accomplish during our call?

Thanks!

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Subject: Re: M&E for Balkans and Pacific Islands

Hi All,

Vonda, thank you for the introductions.

(b)(6) When would be the best time and date for us to set up a call to go over the documents?

The only day that would not work for us is Monday, we will be filming that day for the projects.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best,
Ferdie

On Thu, Feb 4, 2021 at 4:47 PM Vonda Wolcott <(b)(6)@iwpr.net> wrote:

Hi everyone.

Per our discussion, I wanted to put Poynter folks in touch with (b)(6), the M&E expert from GEC. (b)(6) has kindly offered to walk you through the GEC's new M&E workbook.

This Workbook uses the M&E from your GEC-approved proposals, which I've attached for everyone's convenience.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

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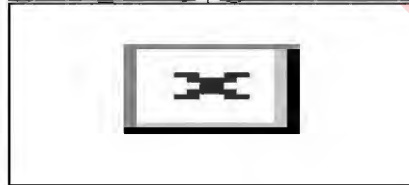
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Introduction to Using this Workbook

Getting Started:

This workbook is designed to walk you through the design and implementation of your project and to provide easy to access information about the project's progress and performance. Engage with your GEC Program Officer and M&E Specialist early and frequently during the performance and implementation planning process. This is a progressive process, steps must be completed in order. 1. Logical Framework 2. Implementation Plan 3. M&E Plan 4. Performance Data. Please note that cells with grey borders require you to fill in information by typing or by selecting information from a drop down. Some cells in this workbook will auto-populate with information from other sheets, those cells will not have a grey outline.

Logical Framework:

Your project's logical framework is what drives planning, monitoring, and evaluation, which makes it one of the most important documents in this project's lifetime. The logical framework outlines the logic of the To begin filling out the logical framework tab on the workbook, first fill in the requested information on the top left boxes on the sheet under the title "Logical Framework". Only fill in the cells with grey boxes, as shown

Award Number: Enter your award number, the award number begins with "5GECPO"

Project Title: Project Name

Implementing Partner: Your Company Name

Duration: Start Date – End Date

Directorate: Select threat from drop-down list

Region: Select from drop-down list

Country/Countries: Country name (for multiple countries enter country name 1, country name 2, etc.)

County/District: If relevant, enter specific counties or districts where activity will occur

Program: GEC will enter

Sub-Program: GEC will enter

Funding: Enter total award amount in U.S. dollars

Funding Type: GEC will enter

Next, move down to the Logical Framework table and start with the **Results Chain**. In the column on the far left under the **Results Chain** heading click on the first cell in B18. There is a Below your first objective enter your first outcome, this is a short- or medium-term change that must occur for the objective to be achieved. Outcomes are typically a change in attitude, behavior, knowledge, or belief. Below your outcome, enter your output. Outputs are what needs to be created or completed to cause the outcomes to occur. Outputs are typically tangible goods or services (webinars delivered) and usually can be Below your output, enter your activities. Activities are what you plan to do to create the outputs. Activities are specific actions that are typically conducted over a period (desk research). Activities are numbered with Use your scope of work as a reference as well as the proposal in filling out the Results Chain. This is an iterative process that may require consultation with the GEC's relevant M&E Specialist. Identify Assumptions, Risks, and Mitigation as needed throughout the Results Chain. **Assumptions** are things that you must assume to be the case for the logical framework to hold true. Align the assumptions to the

Implementation Plan:

The Implementation plan has unique features to facilitate tracking project implementation and identifying areas that may require additional support, previously unidentified risks, or just need more time. This tool helps At the top of the page in cells E2 through G5 is a **Control Table**. Enter the **Project Start Date** in F/G2 and enter the **Project End Date** in F/G3. When you enter the dates, the start date on the Gantt Chart will In the **Display** drop-down in cell E/G4 allows you to adjust the view of the **Gantt Chart** to **Biweekly**, **Monthly**, or **Quarterly**. Starting in cell Q13 you can observe that the cells in row 13 change from week numbers, to The **Display Period** adjusts the view of the Gantt Chart to start the Gantt at a specific time-period. For example, if the **Display** drop-down is set to **Quarterly** and the **Display Period** is set to 3, then the Gantt Chart will After the **Logical Framework** is completed, the activities from the **Results Chain** will auto-populate on the Implementation Plan tab under the **Activity** heading. If you decide you need to add activities to the POC means **Point of Contact** and the person's name that is responsible for the specific activity. Enter the activity's **Planned Start** and **End Dates** in columns F and G. Notice that when you enter these dates there is a corresponding shaded gray bar in the Gantt Chart. At the onset of the project the **Activity Type** for all activities will be **Proposed Activity**. However, as the project progresses adjustment may be required. A **Modified Activity** is an originally proposed activity that had to At the onset of the project the **Status** for all activities will be **Not started**. As you begin implementation, enter your **Actual Start Date** and change the **Status** to **In progress**. Notice the change on the Gantt Chart. Upon completion of an activity, enter the **Actual End Date** and change the **Status** to **Completed – on time/early** or **Completed – late** depending on if the **Actual End Date** is after the **Planned End Date**. The **Progress bar** is an estimate of the percent complete on the specified activity based upon the **Planned Start Date**. Please note any discrepancies in the **Notes** column.

Monitoring and Evaluation Plan:

The project's M&E Plan is a map for how we are going to measure success and how we know if we have achieved it. The plan should be specific, clear, and actionable. The Results Chain will auto-populate in the M&E In the **Indicator** column enter a metric name. For example, *# of interviews*. In the **Definition** column enter a definition of the metric. These definitions should clearly describe how the measure is calculated and what key terms mean. For example, *(number of participants that agreed or strongly In the **Tools, Methodology** column enter what tools you will need to collect this data or calculate the indicator and what methods will be utilized. For example, questionnaire, principle component analysis. In the **Data Source**, **Disaggregation** column enter how we will verify the data and, if relevant, disaggregation rules for the data. For example, *webinar registration, by gender*. In the **Frequency** column enter how frequently this data will be collected and reported. For example, if the indicator is measured using a questionnaire at the beginning of the project and after an intervention then you In the **POC** column enter the **Point of Contact** responsible for collating this data. In the **Target** column enter the desired value for the metric at its last measurement period. For example, 75% In the final column, **Target Justification**, enter any comments about how this target was estimated or any caveats required.*

Performance Data:

The **Performance Data** tab of the workbook is where you can report the data for the specific indicators for the project on a quarterly basis as part of the Quarterly Performance Reports. This allows quick access to Any indicator that is measured as a percentage or proportion should be reported as the value with the numerator and denominator in parenthesis. For example, 75% (115/153). If the indicator is not being measured during this quarter, leave the cell blank.

Trouble Shooting:

You may see a **Spill** error when the workbook is attempting auto populate the data. This means that the size of the table is not large enough for all of the data to populate the table. To remedy this, simply insert more Any other errors or issues please send the workbook to your GEC M&E Specialist via email with an explanation of the issue and they can fix it immediately. Please do not attempt to edit formulas or alter the template.

Logical Framework

Award Number:	
Project Title:	
Implementing Partner:	
Duration:	
Directorate:	
Region:	
Country/Countries:	
County/District:	
Program:	
Target Audience:	
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Funding:	
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RESULTS CHAIN		ASSUMPTION	RISK	MITIGATION
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Performance Data

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Work package plan

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Date: Thu, 14 Oct 2021 15:53:48 +0000

Great, thank you so much! Looking forward to the follow-up piece, as well.

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Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 11:49 AM
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Subject: Re: Linkedin article

Sure, I'd be happy to! I'm just wrapping up a much longer, more comprehensive take, but here's the first cut we put out, and I'll send you the other later.

On Thu, Oct 14, 2021 at 11:45 PM Bowe, Alexander A. (b)(6)@state.gov> wrote:
Hi, Liza,

I saw your article today on LinkedIn closing in China. Would you be able to send me the full piece? I don't have my subscriptions set up at my new job yet. If not, no worries.

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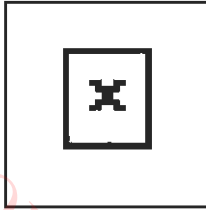
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From: "Nakashima, Ellen" <(b)(6)@washpost.com>
To: Price, Edward C <(b)(6)@state.gov>
CC: GEC Press <GECPress@state.gov>
Subject: RE: just double-checking
Date: Wed, 16 Mar 2022 01:30:35 +0000

Ok to say this?

A State Department official knowledgeable about foreign disinformation and propaganda

From: Price, Edward C <(b)(6)@state.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 8:32 PM
To: Nakashima, Ellen <(b)(6)@washpost.com>
Cc: GEC Press <GECPress@state.gov>
Subject: RE: just double-checking

CAUTION: EXTERNAL SENDER

Yes

From: Nakashima, Ellen <(b)(6)@washpost.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 8:28 PM
To: Price, Edward C <(b)(6)@state.gov>
Cc: GEC Press <GECPress@state.gov>
Subject: RE: just double-checking

Great and thank you, Ned! That's on-background to a State Department official?

From: Price, Edward C <(b)(6)@state.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 8:17 PM
To: Nakashima, Ellen <(b)(6)@washpost.com>
Cc: GEC Press <GECPress@state.gov>
Subject: RE: just double-checking

CAUTION: EXTERNAL SENDER

Yes, I signed off w doing it on background.

From: Nakashima, Ellen <(b)(6)@washpost.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 8:13 PM

To: Price, Edward C <(b)(6)@state.gov>

Cc: GEC Press <GECPress@state.gov>

Subject: just double-checking

Hi, Ned,

Just double-checking on my request to speak with the GEC's Daniel Kimmage, who is on leave at NDU, for a story about Ukraine's information campaign.

Would that be okay with you –and under what ground rules –on record or on background?

Many, many thanks!

Ellen Nakashima

The Washington Post

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Sender: "Nakashima, Ellen" <(b)(6)@washpost.com>

Recipient: Price, Edward C <(b)(6)@state.gov>;
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(b)(6)@state.gov>;
CC: (b)(6)@state.gov>;
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(b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: Re: Invitation: Discussion on FY21 Strategy for Engagement in Europe

Date: Fri, 30 Oct 2020 12:35:44 +0000

Dear (b)(6)

Many thanks for the invitation. Happy to participate and would like to share this invitation with my colleague Edward Lucas if possible.

Best regards,
Corina

From: (b)(6)@state.gov>
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 11:52 AM
To: Tom Baker (b)(6)@iwpr.net> (b)(6)@iwpr.net>, Vonda Wolcott (b)(6)@iwpr.net>, Corina Rebegea (b)(6)@cepa.org>, Geysa Gonzalez (b)(6)@cepa.org>, (b)(6)@freedomhouse.org (b)(6)@freedomhouse.org>, (b)(6)@ff.cuni.cz (b)(6)@ff.cuni.cz>, Baybars Orsek (b)(6)@poynter.org>, (b)(6)@poynter.org (b)(6)@poynter.org>, (b)(6)@ceip.org (b)(6)@ceip.org>, (b)(6)@ceip.org (b)(6)@ceip.org>, (b)(6)@aspi.org.au (b)(6)@aspi.org.au>, (b)(6)@aspi.org.au (b)(6)@aspi.org.au>, (b)(6)@aspi.org.au (b)(6)@aspi.org.au>
Cc: (b)(6)@state.gov>, (b)(6)@state.gov>, (b)(6)@state.gov>, (b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: Invitation: Discussion on FY21 Strategy for Engagement in Europe

Good afternoon,

With a new fiscal year and a full slate of programs in execution globally, the GEC China team invites you to join a discussion as we look ahead to our efforts in Europe in FY21.

We hope this discussion can be candid, informal, and focused on how we can bring our unique capabilities to bear to support our efforts to counter PRC malign influence in Europe. We look forward to hearing your thoughts on where we've made progress, where gaps remains, and things we should keep in mind as put together our programmatic strategy for FY21.

Please confirm participation in a virtual discussion via Microsoft Teams on November 5 at 8:00 EST / 13:00 CET / 22:00 AET to accommodate your participation from Washington, Europe and Canberra.

Best,

(b)(6)

Director, China
Global Engagement Center
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From: "Atwood, Kylie" (b)(6)@cnn.com>
To: GEC Press <GECPress@state.gov>
Price, Edward C (b)(6)@state.gov>;
Ice, John T (b)(6)@state.gov>;
CC: GEC-Press <GEC-Press@state.gov>;
(b)(6)@state.gov>;
Hansler, Jennifer (b)(6)@cnn.com>
Subject: Re: Global Engagement Center conversation
Date: Fri, 6 May 2022 17:12:25 +0000

Hi – can I actually call you guys? I won't be on my cell I will be on an office line that is not my own (long story!). What number can I call?
Thanks!

From: GEC Press <GECPress@state.gov>
Date: Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 1:19 PM
To: Atwood, Kylie (b)(6)@cnn.com>
Cc: Price, Edward C (b)(6)@state.gov>, Ice, John T (b)(6)@state.gov>, GEC-Press <GEC-Press@state.gov>, (b)(6)@state.gov>, Hansler, Jennifer (b)(6)@cnn.com>
Subject: Re: Global Engagement Center conversation

Great - we will call you at 1:30 tomorrow for the on background call with Mr. Stoltz.

Thanks for your flexibility.

From: Atwood, Kylie (b)(6)@cnn.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 5, 2022 12:47 PM
To: GEC Press <GECPress@state.gov>
Cc: Price, Edward C (b)(6)@state.gov>; Ice, John T (b)(6)@state.gov>; GEC-Press <GEC-Press@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; Hansler, Jennifer (b)(6)@cnn.com>
Subject: Re: Global Engagement Center conversation

Yes that works tomorrow. How about 1:30 pm tomorrow. Happy to do it over the phone or in person masked. Thanks!

Kylie Atwood
CNN National Security Correspondent
Cell (b)(6)

From: GEC Press <GECPress@state.gov>
Date: Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 12:21 PM
To: Atwood, Kylie (b)(6)@cnn.com>
Cc: Price, Edward C (b)(6)@state.gov>, Ice, John T (b)(6)@state.gov>, GEC-Press <GEC-

Press@state.gov> (b)(6) state.gov>
Subject: Re: Global Engagement Center conversation

GEC Deputy Coordinator, Karl Stoltz, is available to speak with you tomorrow from 1:30-3:30.
Are you free during that time frame?

If so, I can call you and conference you in to Mr. Stoltz.

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From: Atwood, Kylie (b)(6) @cnn.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 5, 2022 9:54 AM
To: GEC Press <GECPress@state.gov>
Cc: Price, Edward C (b)(6) state.gov>; Ice, John T (b)(6) state.gov>; GEC-Press <GEC-Press@state.gov>; (b)(6) state.gov>
Subject: Re: Global Engagement Center conversation

Hi (b)(6) - thanks for reaching out. Yes, these are the topics I would like to cover.
Thanks so much, Kylie

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From: GEC Press <GECPress@state.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 5, 2022 9:30:10 AM
To: Atwood, Kylie (b)(6) @cnn.com>
Cc: Price, Edward C (b)(6) @state.gov>; Ice, John T (b)(6) @state.gov>; GEC-Press <GEC-Press@state.gov>; (b)(6) @state.gov>
Subject: Global Engagement Center conversation

EXTERNAL SENDER: Caution opening links or attachments

Good morning Ms. Atwood,

The Global Engagement Center would like to arrange for someone to speak with you on background. To help us identify the best person at GEC to speak with, we would like to confirm that these are still the topics you are looking to discuss:

What is the GEC is doing when it comes to the disinformation that Russia and China have increasingly put out about the Ukraine war?

How is the GEC tracking it?

What kinds of trends have there been?

Is the GEC leading any efforts to directly combat it?

We look forward to hearing from you and arranging a time for the conversation.

Thank you,

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Recipient: GEC-Press <GEC-Press@state.gov>;

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Hansler, Jennifer (b)(6)@cnn.com>

From: "Gordon, Michael" <(b)(6)@wsj.com>
To: (b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject: Re: GEC Follow Up
Date: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 08:38:55 -0500

It's about the material you guys sent me

On Wed, Feb 17, 2021 at 8:31 AM (b)(6)@state.gov> wrote:
Hi Michael,
Glad that time works for you. Would you be able to provide your questions today by noon?
Very best,

(b)(6)

Public Affairs Officer
Global Engagement Center
U.S. Department of State
Accenture Federal Services Contractor

(b)(6)



From: Ice, John T <(b)(6)@state.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 4:40 PM
To: Gordon, Michael <(b)(6)@wsj.com>
Cc: (b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject: Re: GEC Follow Up

Hey Michael,
Thanks for the text confirmation at 2:00 PM on Thursday works for you.
J.T.

From: Gordon, Michael <(b)(6)@wsj.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:50 PM
To: Ice, John T <(b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject: Re: GEC Follow Up

J.T.
I have a zoom call around that time. Could we do 11 AM or 1 PM or pretty much anytime Thursday?
The questions all pertain to the material and links you guys sent me. Thanks
Michael
National Security Correspondent

The Wall Street Journal

(b)(6) (cell, WhatsApp, Signal)

(b)(6)@wsj.com (work email)

(b)(6) (encrypted email)

Book site: michaelrgordon.com

On Tue, Feb 16, 2021 at 3:44 PM Ice, John T <(b)(6)@state.gov> wrote:
Hi Michael,

Thanks for the call. Daniel Kimmage can talk at 2:00 PM on Thursday. Would that work for you?

Also, would you mind giving us the questions in advance? I think that would go a long way toward helping Daniel to be prepared.

Best,

J.T.

From: Ice, John T <(b)(6)@state.gov>

Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 11:57 AM

To: Gordon, Michael <(b)(6)@wsj.com>

Cc: (b)(6)@state.gov

Subject: Re: GEC Follow Up

Hey Michael,

As discussed on the phone, we will look forward to hearing from you on Tuesday.

In the meantime, have a nice weekend.

J.T.

From: Gordon, Michael <(b)(6)@wsj.com>

Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 11:24 AM

To: Ice, John T <(b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: Re: GEC Follow Up

Can you give me until Tuesday to sort this out within the WSJ?

Michael Gordon

National Security Correspondent

The Wall Street Journal

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On Fri, Feb 12, 2021 at 11:22 AM Ice, John T <(b)(6)@state.gov> wrote:

Dear Michael,

I hope this email finds you well and ready for the long weekend.

Just giving you a heads up that at this point we would like to go ahead and pitch this information to another outlet. If you are planning to publish something imminently, please let us know and we can hold.

We sincerely appreciate your interest, and we hope we can work on another project, soon.

Best,

J.T.

John T. Ice

Deputy Spokesperson

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From: Ice, John T <(b)(6)@state.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 9:40 AM

To: Gordon, Michael <(b)(6)@wsj.com>

Cc: (b)(6)@state.gov

Subject: Re: GEC Follow Up

Thanks, Michael! Can you share if you have a time frame in mind?

J.T.

From: Gordon, Michael <(b)(6)@wsj.com>

Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 9:03 AM

To: Ice, John T <(b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: Re: GEC Follow Up

Yes. I will be back to you relatively soon. Got tied up with Myanmar, etc.

Michael

National Security Correspondent

The Wall Street Journal

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(b)(6) (encrypted email)

Book site: michaelrgordon.com

On Thu, Feb 4, 2021 at 8:41 AM Ice, John T <(b)(6)@state.gov> wrote:

Hi Michael,

I hope this email finds you well. Just to follow up on (b)(6) email, do you think you will do the article?

Happy to help with any questions you might have.

Best,

J.T.

John T. Ice

Deputy Spokesperson

United States Department of State

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: (b)(6)@state.gov

From: (b)(6)@state.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 4:37 PM

To: (b)(6)@wsj.com <(b)(6)@wsj.com>

Cc: Ice, John T <(b)(6)@state.gov>; GEC Press <GECPress@state.gov>

Subject: re: GEC Follow Up

Hi Michael,

Hope you are doing well. I wanted circle back with you on this to confirm receipt of the follow on information and to see if you had any other questions.

I'm also copying in our Deputy Spokesperson, J.T. Ice, in case you have any questions for him.

Look forward to hearing from you soon.

Very best,

(b)(6)

Public Affairs Officer

Global Engagement Center

U.S. Department of State

Accenture Federal Services Contractor

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From: (b)(6)@state.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 11:50 AM

To: (b)(6)@wsj.com <(b)(6)@wsj.com>

Cc: (b)(6)@state.gov>; GEC Press <GECPress@state.gov>

Subject: GEC Follow Up

Hi Michael,

Thank you again for your time last week. Please find some follow-on information both below and attached. In addition, I wanted to see if you had a few minutes to chat quickly by phone

today between 1pm-3:30pm, so that our Principal Deputy Coordinator could provide some further context off the record?

Information Provided:

1. GEC's Special Report (**On the Record**)
2. Links to each of the sites discussed (**Provided with No Attribution**).
3. Examples of disinformation spreading (**Provided with No Attribution**).
4. Current and removed social media presences by each of the sites in the matrix attached (**Provided on Deep Background**).

- **Off the Record:** *The GEC is in no way claiming a cause/effect relationship between any GEC exposure effort and the timing of any account removals. All takedowns are the decisions of the companies and based on their own terms of service.*

GEC's Special Report Pillars of Disinformation and Propaganda Ecosystem [On the Record]:

<https://www.state.gov/russias-pillars-of-disinformation-and-propaganda-report/>

Website Links [Provided with No Attribution]:

- **News Front:** [https://news-front\[.\]info/](https://news-front[.]info/); also accessible via [https://ambassadeur\[.\]info/](https://ambassadeur[.]info/)
- **New Eastern Outlook:** [https://journal-neo\[.\]org/](https://journal-neo[.]org/)
- **Oriental Review:** [https://orientalreview\[.\]org/](https://orientalreview[.]org/)
- **Rebel Inside:** [https://reblins\[.\]com/](https://reblins[.]com/)

Example 1 [Provided with No Attribution]:

Overview: The following five articles demonstrate how Russian state entities used similar propaganda and disinformation narratives to undermine the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. These websites are all a part of Russia's disinformation and propaganda ecosystem, and the articles here highlight how similar narratives are picked up across Russia's disinformation ecosystem and can be pushed to wider audiences globally.

Oriental Review: "Bill Gates, Vaccinations, Microchips, And Patent 060606"

- **Posted 04/29/2020**
- <https://orientalreview.org/2020/04/29/bill-gates-vaccinations-microchips-and-patent-060606/>
- The most popular article on the Oriental Review website as of January 14, 2021 is an article titled "Bill Gates, Vaccinations, Microchips, And Patent 060606."
- The article attempts to undermine the vaccine development efforts of Bill Gates, claiming that the "globalist media" defends his dark connections to a "supranational government" comprised of corporations and international organizations. It alleges that Microsoft registered a patent WO/2020/060606 for a technology that will use chips inserted into a person's body to monitor his/her daily activity.

New Eastern Outlook: "What's Not Being Said About Pfizer Coronavirus Vaccine"

- **Posted 11/13/2020**
- <https://journal-nco.org/2020/11/13/what-s-not-being-said-about-pfizer-coronavirus-vaccine/>
- The article promotes the idea that the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is unsafe, describing the mRNA gene-editing as a “radical” technology that lacks “precision.”
- The author implies that the vaccine is not trustworthy, noting that even Pfizer’s CEO “doesn’t share the confidence” in his vaccine because he sold 62% of his stock in the company the day Pfizer announced vaccine trials.
- The article accuses Pfizer-BioNTech, the WHO, Bill Gates and the “notorious” Dr. Fauci of rushing through the vaccine approval and therefore “clearly playing fast and loose with human lives.” The article quotes Robert F. Kennedy Jr to accuse Dr. Fauci, and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases that he leads, of ignoring known issues with a dengue fever vaccine that had led to the death of 600 Filipino children.

Rossiya 1: “Weekly News with Dmitriy Kiselyov”

- **Posted on 11/29/20**
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zPQpoHdN5zQ&t=1032>
- After praising the Russian vaccine Sputnik V, Dmitriy Kiselyov, the host of the flagship weekly news analysis program on the state-owned television channel Rossiya 1, pointed out alleged huge flaws in the Pfizer vaccine, claiming it is too costly to store and that there is no infrastructure in the world to transport it.
- Kiselyov argued that Pfizer’s history is full of scandals worthy of a crime drama, including illegal deadly experiments on children, falsification of research, false advertising, and fraud. Pfizer executives, Kiselyov said, sold their shares in the company, implying that they might know something that will bring the share price down when the vaccine is actually used. Considering Pfizer’s reputation, one can expect anything, he concluded.

RT Arabic: “Britain bans the Pfizer vaccine for those with allergies”

- **Posted on 12/09/2020**
- <https://euvsdisinfo.eu/report/6-people-died-because-of-the-pfizer-vaccine/>
- RT Arabic reported that 6 people who received the Pfizer vaccine died during the clinical trials. According to the EUvsDisinfo, this claim is partly false. “Six people did die during the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine trials, but only two of them were given the vaccine. The other four were given a safe placebo solution of salt and water. Furthermore, no causal relationship was established between the vaccine and the two deaths, which occurred in line with the normal death rate for the general population, as both of them were older than 55,” EUvsDisinfo said.

Sputnik Georgia: “Mass vaccinations began in the EU, but will they save Europe from the pandemic?”

- **Posted on 12/29/20**
- <https://sputnik-georgia.ru/video/20201229/250479267/Massovaya-vaktsinatsiya-nachalas-v-ES-Spaset-li-eto-Evropu-ot-pandemii---video.html>
- Reporting on the start of mass vaccinations with the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine in Europe, Sputnik Georgia says that is unclear whether it will be effective against the new strains, while claiming that such effectiveness of Sputnik V has been proven. The report asserts that Europe refuses to buy the Russian vaccine for political reasons.

Example 2 [Provided with No Attribution]:

Overview:

New Eastern Outlook (NEO) describes itself disingenuously, claiming in its "About" section to be a "notable international networking platform offering unbiased expert opinions and open dialogue among all thinking people worldwide regardless of their nationality, race or religion." Outlined below are the many places that an article from NEO's website appeared across the internet and the globe. The article was originally posted on January 10, 2021 and is titled "Growing Protests Over Threat of US Bio Weapons." The article includes a litany of long-refuted disinformation about alleged U.S. biological weapons. These examples highlight how Russia's disinformation spreads and can be picked up both on purpose, by other Russian proxy sites and channels, and unknowingly by other sites.

Link to original NEO article: <https://journal-neo.org/2021/01/10/growing-protests-over-threat-of-u-s-bio-weapons/>

The article quickly appeared in:

- **New Age, (Bangladesh)**, posted on January 12, 2021
 - <https://www.newagebd.net/article/126917/growing-protests-over-threat-of-us-bio-weapons>.
 - Full article published
- **Piazza Della Carina (Italy)** posted January 10, 2021

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Sender: "Gordon, Michael" <(b)(6)@wsj.com>

Recipient: (b)(6) @state.gov>

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From: GEC Press <GECPress@state.gov>
To: Seitz, Amanda (b)(6)@ap.org>
CC: (b)(6)@state.gov>; GEC-Press <GEC-Press@state.gov>

Subject: Re: GEC - Who to contact?

Date: Fri, 29 Jul 2022 15:39:13 +0000

Hi Amanda,

Many thanks for your email and follow-up. The topic you've landed on sounds very interesting! Happy to run your questions by a few folks internally. I will likely have answers by Monday if that is OK? Would you be able to share a deadline/timeline for when the story might run? Thanks and either myself or (b)(6) will revert back with guidance.

Best,

(b)(6)

From: Seitz, Amanda (b)(6)@ap.org>
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2022 10:50 AM
To: GEC Press <GECPress@state.gov>
Cc: (b)(6)@state.gov>; GEC-Press <GEC-Press@state.gov>
Subject: RE: GEC - Who to contact?

Hi (b)(6) and (b)(6)

I hope you are doing well. I wanted to give you an update on our story. We are now hoping to run something around Russian propaganda in regards to the Ukraine war in August, and I was hoping to include some of (b)(6) comments around the possibilities he raised that Russia is likely to exploit divisiveness over refugees in Europe. I plan on summarizing his comments that Russian propaganda is likely to play up narratives that refugees cause crime, take away jobs, etc. As for an actual quote, am hoping to use this:

"They'll try to connect them to negative indicators about quality of life in Europe," he said.

As far as a title, how should I handle this as I believe John has already moved into a new position since we spoke?

Also, please let me know if we should touch base before this story runs if there are any relevant updates to be had on this topic.

Thank you very much,

Amanda

Amanda Seitz
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From: GEC Press <GECPress@state.gov>

Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2022 11:09 AM

To: Seitz, Amanda (b)(6)@ap.org>

Cc: (b)(6)@state.gov; GEC-Press <GEC-Press@state.gov>

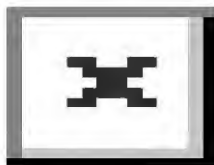
Subject: Re: GEC - Who to contact?

[EXTERNAL]

Hi Amanda,

We have attached the original Russian Health Ministry disinformation pamphlet that John mentioned during the interview.

This is GEC's short report on Russian disinformation on food security, which includes a section listing examples of the Russian disinformation ecosystem amplifying false narratives: <https://www.state.gov/disarming-disinformation/russias-disinformation-cannot-hide-its-responsibility-for-the-global-food-crisis/>



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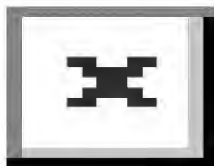
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Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2022 20:17:29 +0000

Steven

I'm really sorry I was unable to connect when you were in town. Please keep your eye out for Secretary Blinken's announcement today – our new Special Envoy and Coordinator is Jamie Rubin. You can flag for your editors. He said he'd like to grab lunch with you when you are in town next.

Best,

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Subject: Re: Foreign disinformation operations
Date: Wed, 30 Nov 2022 16:57:38 +0000

Hi Steven,
We haven't forgotten about you. There is currently much activity and we are looking for the right way to move forward.

Thanks,

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Subject: Re: Foreign disinformation operations

Hi Steven,
Apologies for the late reply as we were swamped after the Thanksgiving holiday.
We will circle back to you tomorrow with a response and appreciate your patience.

Thanks!

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Subject: Foreign disinformation operations

Hello again,
I'm reaching out in hopes of setting up an interview with the Global Engagement Center -- in person. I will be in Washington next week and thought I'd see if it would be possible to sit down (post midterms) to talk a bit about what we've been seeing from Russia and China, among others.
Many thanks
Steve

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Subject: Phoenix Challenge Panel 1 Rehearsal
Date: Sat, 3 Apr 2021 22:42:33 +0000

Speakers,

Welcome to our Panel 1 rehearsal for Phoenix Challenge. You will have gotten full details on this meeting from my UMD email address. Objective of this session is to test your connection and technology, review best practices for Teams meetings, and discuss your remarks.

See you on Friday.

V/R,

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Barton Brown <(b)(6)@lexsg.com>
Subject: Phoenix Challenge Panel 1 - Rehearsal Date/Time
Date: Thu, 1 Apr 2021 03:04:52 +0000

Dear Panel 1 Members,

Thank you for your patience as we nailed down a date/time that works for most of you! **Your rehearsal time is Friday, April 9th at 0900 ET.*** You will receive an invite with a Microsoft Teams link by this Friday afternoon.

Note that if you are dialing in from a government computer, you will need to create a cvr.mil account to access the Teams rehearsal and main event. Apologies for another step—we're working hard to make this event as secure and easy as possible, and believe it or not, this is the easiest method, given the constraints.

Please try to dial into the rehearsal from the same computer you'll be using for the event, to avoid as many unforeseen challenges as possible.

***Maj. Gen. Grynkewich**, I am tracking that the only time that will work for you is Monday, April 5th at 1600 ET, so we'll either add you to another rehearsal that is happening at that time or do an individual one with you. Either way, we have your availability locked in.

Standing by for questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Angie

Angie Mallory, Ph.D.

Integrator, Human Aspects of Military Operations
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*Take decisive action based on research. Observe the fight, and expand the Field.
Embrace the Unknown – though it mock your Knowns. Such is the burdened privilege of Knowledge and
Freedom.*

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Cc: Angie Mallory (b)(6)@arlis.umd.edu>

Subject: Fwd: Phoenix Challenge Panel 1 - Rehearsal and Coordination

Panel Members

Thank you again for joining us at the Phoenix Challenge conference on April 13th. Your panel will run from **1030-1215 EDT** – please mark your calendars accordingly.

You are on Panel 1: Information Effects in Strategic Competition and **your panel shepherd** to guide you through the rehearsal is **Boyd Brown**. He will follow up with you on matters in this email.

In order to check comms prior and ensure a smooth panel, we must schedule a **rehearsal the week of April 5th at either 0900 or 1600ET. Please reply with your availability ASAP.** To the extent possible, please arrange to participate in the rehearsal from the same location and computer that you will use on April 13th. This will allow us to identify and plan for any technical issues.

In order for us to adhere to our event compliance and provide pertinent information to attendees, we ask that all speakers provide the following information. As the event is fast approaching, if each of you could **provide these to me (and Angie Mallory copied) as soon as possible**, it would be greatly appreciated.

1. Short bio and a head shot. If you would like us to pull these from LinkedIn or another website, just let us know.
2. Emergency contact information (cell phone, office phone & email) for the day of the event to allow instant contact in case of tech issues.
3. We have your names, titles, and institutions listed below – please send us back any corrections.

a. MODERATOR: (b)(6) Director, Strategic Multilayer Assessment, Joint Staff J3

b. RADM Steve Parode, USN (Ret), Penn State University Applied Research Lab

c. Maj Gen Alexis Grynkeiwich, USAF, Director of Operations (J3), USCENTCOM

- d. Mr. Daniel Kimmage, Acting Coordinator, Global Engagement Center,
Department of State
- e. Mr. Gordon Crovitz, Co-Founder & Co-CEO, Newsguard
- f. Ms. Ellen Nakashima, National Security Reporter, The Washington Post

Please find attached the updated agenda and note that it includes a change in format. We will not be holding breakout sessions with attendees as it will interfere with effective presentations by our panelists. That means we will need you to participate for the full scheduled panel time.

We will be recording the event but conducting it under Chatham House rules of non-attribution and the recording will only be made available to registered attendees. Please keep an eye out for a speaker release form that will be coming separately.

Thank you again for your support to the information operations community!

On behalf of ARLIS and the IPA,

Joe

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Michaela Mannix (Washington Post Customer Care)

Jun 28, 2022, 11:55 AM EDT

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Washington Post Live Team

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Jun 27, 2022, 5:12 PM EDT

Good evening,

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Thank you for registering to attend **Protecting Public Safety** at The Washington Post tomorrow, June 28.

Guest check-in will be located in the West Tower at 1301 K Street NW. Please be prepared to show Photo ID and proof of COVID-19 vaccination and booster. Doors will open at 8:15 a.m. and registration will conclude at 9:15 a.m.

Tuesday, June 28

Doors open at 8:15 a.m. ET for coffee reception

Program 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. ET

Location

The Washington Post Live Center
1301 K St NW, Washington DC 20071

Directions

McPherson Square is the closest metro stop via the blue, orange and silver lines. Take the exit toward 14th and I Streets. The Washington Post is one block north and to your right on K Street.

COVID-19 Protocol

All attendees must be fully vaccinated and boosted, meaning you have either received one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and a booster or two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines and a booster.

Proof of vaccination and booster will be required upon arrival in the form of a physical vaccination card or a digital photo on a mobile device.

Security

Please bring a photo ID. All bags will be searched prior to entry.

For program updates visit: wapo.st/postlive

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Subject: Haiti kidnap - Press request
Date: Tue, 19 Oct 2021 10:49:37 +0000

Hi there,

I'm a reporter in London, we're seeking any comment from the state department on a report by the Wall Street Journal today that a **ransom of \$17 million** has been requested by a gang in Haiti for the release of the mostly American missionary group.

Please could you confirm this fact and any response or intention to pay/negotiate?

Grateful for any other comments you can share on work being done or how the state department envisages this may play out.

Many thanks indeed,
Adela

Adela Suliman
Breaking-News reporter, London

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Date: Tue, 9 Mar 2021 12:37:19 -0500

Michael Gordon
National Security Correspondent
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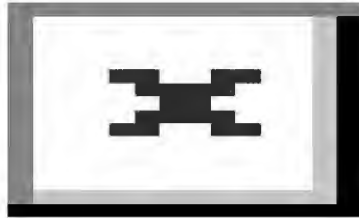
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Book site: michaeltgordon.com

Hello from Sen King's office --

Know you are tracking the Russia/Pfizer/social media nonsense story, so sharing Senator King's thoughts today on the topic on CNN this morning -- as he is the Chair of the Cyberspace Solarium Commission and a member of the Intelligence Committee.

- Russia has been doing this since the '30s --the Russians are very skilled, it's part of their play book going back, you know, almost 100 years, of propaganda and disinformation. They just have better techniques of doing it now. But they also, I think, have a commercial interest. They're denigrating Pfizer and Moderna, because they have their own vaccine called Sputnik 5 that they're selling in Europe and around the world.
- So this may be just good old, you know, economic competition. But the propaganda and misinformation is now taking a new, insidious form. We don't need the Russians to tell us whether or not our vaccines are safe, that's why we hired the FDA.



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Subject: Foreign misinformation about elections
Date: Fri, 7 Oct 2022 14:32:58 -0400

Hello,

Following up on our last conversation, I was hoping to speak about foreign influence operations following the recent takedown by Facebook and this AP story.

<https://hosted.ap.org/thetimes-tribune/article/ea913f2b3b818651a9db1327adaa330a/us-warns-about-foreign-efforts-sway-american-voters>.

Would it be possible to set something up?

Many thanks

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The New York Times

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Subject: For Baybars - please respond to team in Thailand

Date: Tue, 1 Dec 2020 13:04:10 +0000

Baybars,

Our colleagues in Thailand are trying to connect with you to wrap issues related to the first grant and are under a major deadline. Can you please reach back to them?

Thanks so much, (b)(6)

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Subject: Early 202 Blocked State Department Nominees - Deadline 10/28
Date: Wed, 27 Oct 2021 17:26:39 +0000

Hello!

I'm Tobi Raji and I work with Jackie Alemany and Theo Meyer on the Early 202. I'm taking a look at Ted Cruz's hold on State Department nominations in an attempt to get the Biden administration to reinstate sanctions against Nord Stream 2 AG.

I know Cruz has blocked Rufus Gifford for Chief of Protocol. I'm trying to get a better sense of how this logjam has impacted operations. I'm wondering if Acting Chief of Protocol **Asel Roberts** has a few minutes to hop on the phone today or tomorrow for an interview?

Thanks in advance for your time and help,

Tobi

Tobi Raji

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Subject: BN Check Contacts to Share with Africa Check for Tentative GEC Award
Date: Tue, 20 Sep 2022 19:09:16 +0000

Good afternoon Alanna,

The China Division of the Global Engagement Center is currently in the final stages of pre-award negotiation with tentative implementer, Africa Check, for an FY22 award. I understand from

(b)(6), cc'd, that you spoke with Africa Check over the summer about the inclusion of Tunisian organizations in their proposed program.

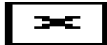
Could you please provide the relevant contacts at BN Check for us to pass along to Africa Check?

Thank you.

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Grants Management Officer
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Date: Tue, 25 May 2021 21:51:30 +0000

Hi (b)(6)

I wonder if the GEC can discuss with us the apparent Russian connections here:

<https://apnews.com/article/europe-social-media-coronavirus-pandemic-business-coronavirus-vaccine-c4ce42244be08d7d73a412dd42e36360>

We did not include them in our reporting yet _ we're still working on it. But we're seeing apparent Russian hosting of fазze.com (which is now offline) and interesting LinkedIn connections between adnow.com and fазze employees. Is this an SVR front, one wonders?

Seems like there may be considerably more to Russia's effort to try to discredit Pfizer and other Western vaccines than what this WSJ piece referenced <https://www.wsj.com/articles/russian-disinformation-campaign-aims-to-undermine-confidence-in-pfizer-other-covid-19-vaccines-u-s-officials-say-11615129200>

Many thanks,
-fb

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Your weekly, bite-sized dose of tools, tips and ideas for digital journalism. Kindly supported by the American Press Institute and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

Hi, friend!

It has certainly been a minute. If you're a new-ish subscriber, welcome! I used to send this newsletter once a week and I miss it very much. If you're a longtime fan, you might have heard that I became Poynter's managing editor earlier this year.

Either way, I'm hangry for some new digital tools and I'm sure you are, too. I'll turn it over to Jeremy Caplan to deliver those. I hope you find them useful and perhaps even calming.

- Ren

Welcome! I'm Jeremy Caplan, with some new tools and resources. I'm a former Time Magazine reporter, now director of teaching and learning for CUNY's Newmark Graduate School of Journalism in New York City. I write about the most useful tools I find in a free newsletter called Wonder Tools.

As we approach Election Day, staying focused on work at home can be tricky. Twitter-free mornings is a little Chrome add-on that shuts up your Twitter feed until 11 a.m. to keep you from doomscrolling or procrastitweeting. Or to ramp up the feeling of being back in the office, turn on Sound of Colleagues for some customizable sounds, like keyboards typing nearby 🗣️.

Another way to get a fresh focus back for journalism in the pre-election week is to pick a

new free front page for your browser. [Momentum](#) will help keep you focused on your key task, while [Toby](#) will give you easy access to your preferred links and recent pages. If you need a furry friend to scare away political stress, [Tabby Cat](#) will start up your browser with sweet cats. If your habit is opening up too many tabs, like me, [Tabagotchi](#) is an option to tempt you toward productivity. Fewer tabs = happy Tabagotchi creature. More tabs = angry Tabagotchi. Or just get a gorgeous new photo with [Unsplash Instant](#).

If you're covering the election, check out the First Draft [2020 Dashboard](#) with resources and research on election misinformation, or the new [Media Misinformation Casebook](#) from Harvard's Shorenstein Center. Or touch base with ProPublica's [Electionland](#) to collaborate on covering voting problems relating to election administration, misinformation, long lines, or voting equipment problems.

The Google News Initiative worked with 50 news publishers to develop a free [Reader Revenue Playbook](#). Particularly useful are the [interactive exercises](#) for goal-setting and to help determine how much reader revenue your organization could generate. Google also recently launched [Journalist Studio](#), including a handy new tool, [Pinpoint](#), that helps you analyze large document collections like PDFs, email archives or images. ([DocumentCloud](#), another great tool for analyzing documents, has a [new beta version](#) that works with documents in 103 languages).

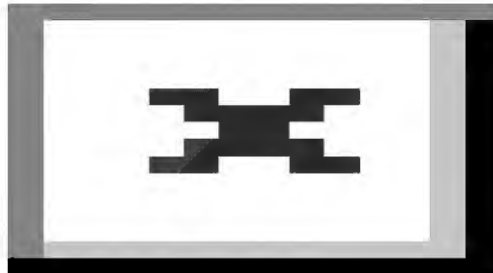
Journalist Studio also includes a simple tool called [the Common Knowledge Project](#) for creating charts with public data. I found it quick and easy to use. Google [Tables](#) also launched recently, with Airtable-like elements, to help teams track and automate projects and tasks.

The Membership Puzzle Project recently issued its exhaustive free [Membership Guide](#), a compilation of insights and resources drawing on three years of analysis, full of useful examples and case studies. Current's ["Local That Works"](#) collection is handy for its 350+ examples of engagement and revenue initiatives at nonprofit news organizations and public radio and TV stations.

One way to get up to speed on product development, one of the biggest growth areas in journalism, is to [join the brand new News Product Alliance](#), a community of support and practice for news product professionals and product thinkers. If you prefer independent learning, an engaging new resource is Refind's new ["Deep Dives"](#) series on topics ranging from ["Better Thinking"](#) by Anne-Laure Le Cunff to Robin Kwong's lively [guide to Newsgames](#).

New Zoom alternatives are flourishing this fall. [Vowel](#) builds in note-taking and [Butter](#) emphasizes a shared visual agenda. I like [Around](#) for video meetings because it puts people's faces in small circles and lets you focus on whatever else is on your screen. Other

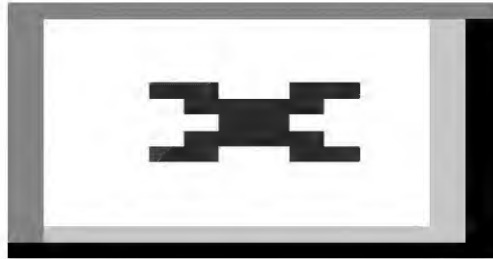
video conference tools eat up too much screen real estate.



A Zoom add-on I'm enjoying lately is Grain, which lets me share highlights from a Zoom meeting. It automatically transcribes the meeting recording. Then I just highlight the transcribed text for key moments to get a shareable video clip to share with colleagues. Here's a bit more from my recent post on Grain and other new tools. Otter can be used similarly — for journalism transparency — to share a link to recorded audio (with transcribed text) of a particular moment from an interview, meeting or online event. A huge Zoom upgrade is coming with new Zapps, which basically are apps that allow you to use lots of other tools inside Zoom, from Slack and Dropbox to Slido (polling) and Miro (whiteboarding).

Polish up your photo headshot into a free illustration with Dzook. Or, if you've got a Wall Street Journal subscription, create an AI-generated hedcut stipple portrait of yourself with your headshot.

Alice is a creative new transcription app specifically designed for journalists with input from reporters. It's quick and easy to use. I like that you can pause and restart recording and add bookmarks with finger swipes, without looking down at your phone. And once you stop a recording, the MP3 audio file is immediately sent to your email with a Word document transcript shortly thereafter. It's free to try and then \$10/hour for two hours, or \$3/hour for 100 hours.



Clipdrop lets you copy and paste something from the real world into a document. Point your phone at something you want to put into a slide or a Photoshop document and paste it in.

A couple of upcoming events to sign up for: Local Independent Online News Publishers' 5 Revenue Ideas in 50 Minutes on Tuesday, Oct. 27 at noon; and Poynter's own Celebration of Journalism, Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Finally, if you could use some help coping with this overwhelming fall, The Self-Investigation program has a great curated collection of resources specifically for supporting journalists dealing with stress and digital overload. Or if you just need a quick break to recharge, tap your keyboard with Paratap to make some tunes. Or join Bongo Cat for a cat-inspired musical creativity break. Or bring some fun to your colleagues by starting a five-day YDays drawing challenge with your journalism team.

Sign up for my free Wonder Tools newsletter to get useful tools and resources in your inbox. Subscribe today and I'll share a list with you of the most useful free sites and apps I've been using for working at home, plus a list of great newsletters about journalism.

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Dear all,

This week Full Fact has published a revised Framework for Information Incidents.

Since 2020, we've been working with internet companies, civil society and governments to create a new shared model to fight crises of misinformation. The Framework for Information Incidents is a tool to help different actors to identify incoming information crises and collaborate with others to respond effectively.

Please find the Framework on our website at
<https://fullfact.org/about/policy/incidentframework>

I'd like to thank everyone on this list whose excellent research we drew on, and who contributed feedback on earlier versions last year.

The Framework guides users to judge the severity of an information incident using indicators over five levels, and to identify the challenges presented by the situation. It then guides users in thinking through possible collaborative aims and responses in order to create a proportionate response plan.

In this iteration, we have introduced a **five step process** for using the Framework, as well as **template spreadsheets to aid collaboration** among or between teams, to make it simple to identify and respond to information crises proportionately and effectively.

We have also **clarified and developed the severity indicators**, introduced **flexible aims corresponding to challenges** that users might experience during an information incident, and created an **enriched set of recommended responses** that users can choose from or adapt, which are linked to relevant actors and appropriate for both long and short term periods.

We hope you'll look closely at the new version of the Framework and integrate it into national and sector discussions about managing information crises, and adopt it for use within your team or in collaborations, whether in full or in part.

Please get in touch with us to let us know which parts you find useful, and what improvements you'd like to see in the next iteration, via policy@fullfact.org.

Best wishes,
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There are three ground rules for this community aimed at ensuring appropriate communication and exchange:

- (1) Civility is the primary responsibility of membership - we intend to avoid uncivil debates or rhetoric and those who violate this rule will be immediately removed.
- (2) To preserve people's comfort with being open and frank, all exchanges are to be treated as "off the record" unless the member(s) in question explicitly agree otherwise.
- (3) To maintain high-quality exchanges of ideas and practice, all new members must be recommended by two other group members to be added to this group. Please fill the form at <https://goo.gl/forms/h1UkZIIwGEjt5Z4wg1> before you apply for membership.

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