

Review of: "From Soviet Active Measures to Russian Information Warfare"

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The author raised a very important topic. Whole decades have passed, and there are still no effective tools for minimizing the impact of hybrid wars provided by Russia. The term "hybrid war" would be appropriate for determining Russia's relations with the rest of the world. Modeling such a hybrid war would be a significant contribution to the problem chosen for the study.

Another interesting issue is the analysis of the environment in which hybrid aggression is carried out. And here, the irrationality of the players is clearly observed. Therefore, it is precisely this type of game theory model (irrational choice modeling) that should be used.

And what affects this irrationality? What are the influencing factors? The state of education in general? The state of higher education? Democracy of the press? The presence of sectors of the economy accustomed to constant subsidization (like farmers)? The list of independent variables in such a linear regression (or logit model) can be impressive. And the dependent variable could be a crucial change in political course (0 OR 1).

Do other countries have effective tools to counter such influence? It is difficult to agree with the author regarding the CEE (let's look at the border between Poland and Ukraine with posters in the hands of Poles saying "Putin put things in order"), but regarding the Baltic countries, it looks quite effective. Again, the division or allocation of separate tools is needed: restrictions on the arrival of culturally disloyal foreigners (disgust with language, culture, local legislation), restrictions on information flows, etc. Therefore, the descriptive part of the article needs an addition in the form of modeling the situations described in the article and above.

I wish the author success in carrying out this work.