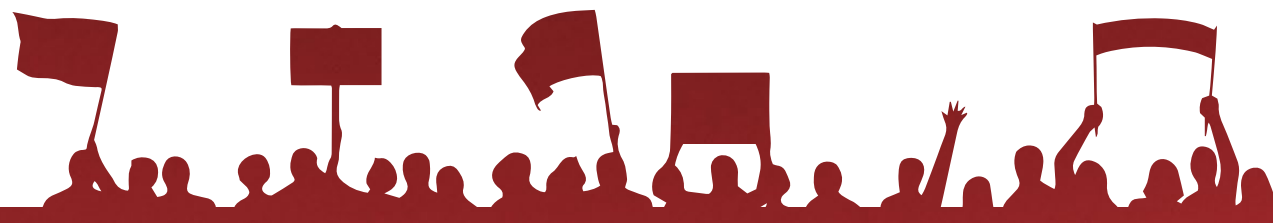


DISINFORMATION ON PROTESTS AND DEMOCRACY IN BELARUS

In August 2020, hundreds of thousands of Belarusians took to the streets to oppose the results of rigged presidential elections. The protests were violently suppressed. Repression against dissidents, activists and journalists continue to this day. The Belarusian people continue to demand free and fair elections, political and civil rights.



Alyaksandr Lukashenka's regime is using disinformation to legitimise repression against the Belarusian people and drown out critical voices. The pro-Kremlin outlets support these actions.

1 IN EVERY 6

examples of disinformation claims collected by EUvsDisinfo since August 2020 is about Belarus.

TOP DISINFORMATION NARRATIVES ABOUT BELARUS

Western interference

Claim: The West is directing and sponsoring a 'colour revolution' in Belarus.

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Conspiracy theories

Claim: The US attempted to assassinate President Lukashenka.

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Russophobia

Claim: The West is trying to establish a Russophobic regime in Belarus.

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Forced landing of Ryanair flight in Minsk

Claim: Belarus saved Europe from a bomb threat by allowing the Ryanair flight to land in Minsk.

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Deceitful EU

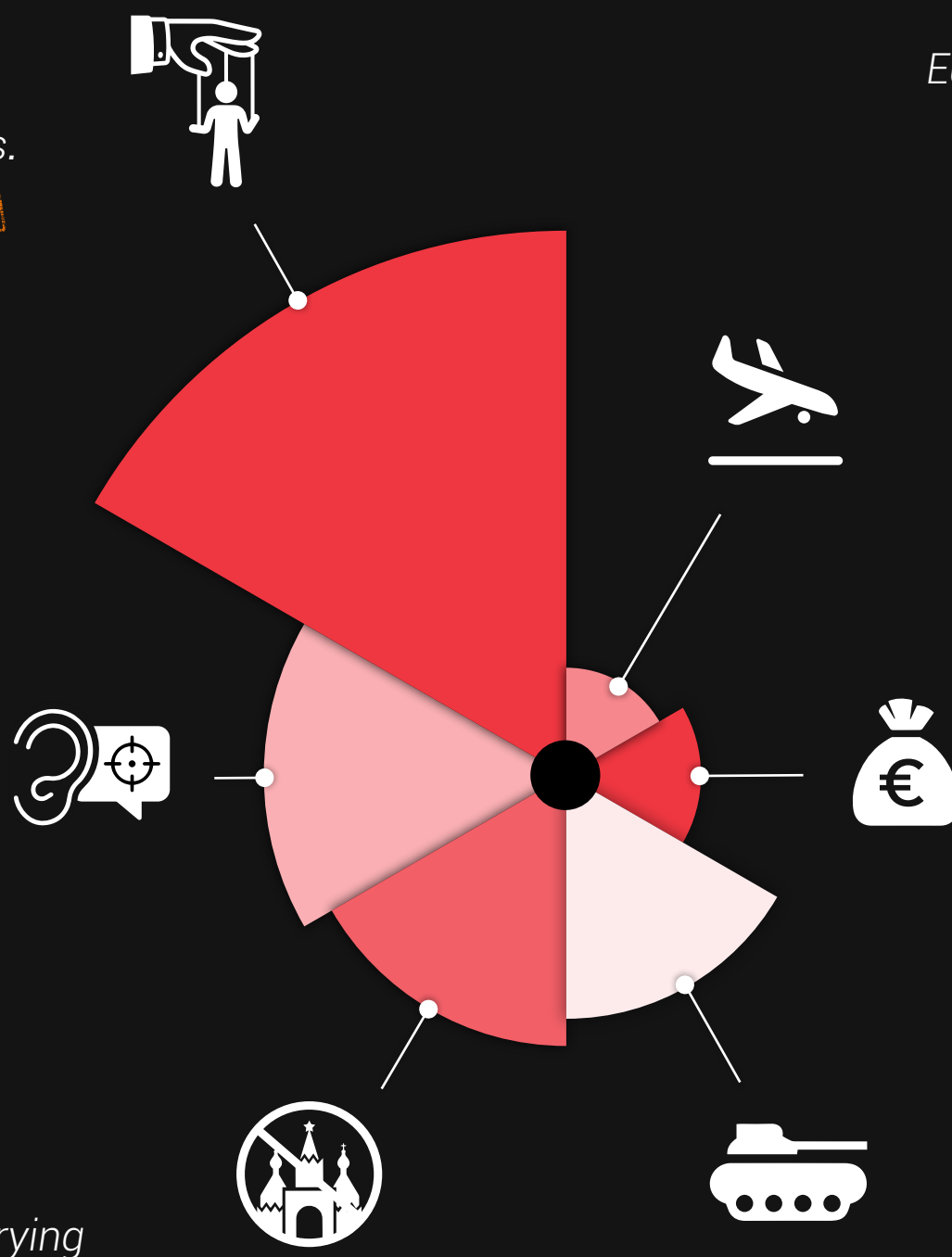
Claim: The EU is bribing Belarus in exchange for "democratisation".

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Links with Fascism

Claim: The "White-Red-White" flag is a symbol of Nazi collaboration.

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TOP 5 LANGUAGES USED TO SPREAD DISINFORMATION ABOUT BELARUS

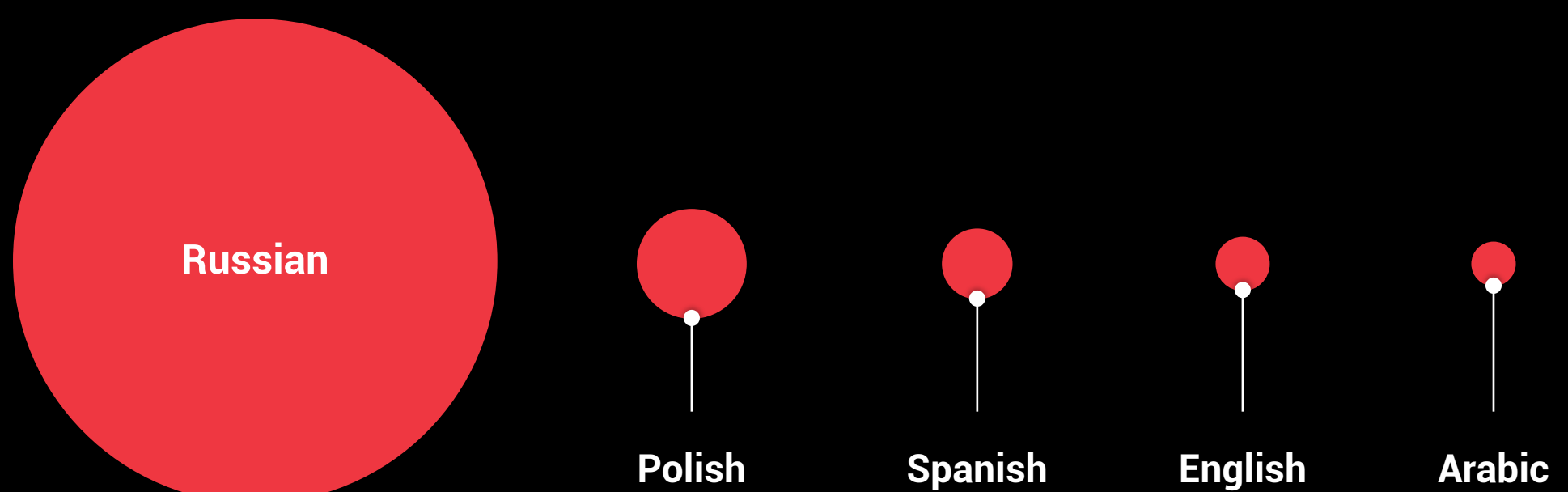


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