

Viewpoint: Anti-GMO Organic Consumers Association helps Russia spread dangerous myths raising fake concerns about vaccines and biotechnology

Russian trolls are meddling wherever and whenever they can to cause societal strife. Radio Free Europe [reports](#) that Russian trolls may have contributed to the massive measles outbreak in Europe in 2018, which sickened 82,000 people and killed 72, by spreading anti-vaccine propaganda.

This is consistent with [stories](#) that were reported a few months earlier, which concluded that Russian trolls were promoting pro- *and* anti-vaccine campaigns. Why both? Because their mission is to sow discord, chaos, and confusion. This strategy even has a name: The [Gerasimov Doctrine](#). It's why the promotion of all sorts of conspiracy theories (including [anti-GMO propaganda](#)) on social media can often be traced back to Russia.

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The Organic Consumers Association is funded by the organic [food] industry, which is built upon a foundation of lies. Evidence shows that organic food isn't healthier for people and that organic farming isn't better for the environment. (Actually, [it's worse for the environment](#).)....Given its shaky relationship with reality, it shouldn't come as a surprise that the Organic Consumers Association peddles other bizarre ideas....

So, both Russian trolls and the Organic Consumers Association push conspiracy theories, including anti-vaccine propaganda. But the similarities don't end there. The OCA actively colludes with the Russian propaganda machine.

Ronnie Cummins, who heads the OCA, [appeared on the propaganda outlet RT](#) (formerly known as Russia Today) to spread misinformation about American agriculture.

Read full, original article: [How Organic Consumers Association Colludes With Russian Trolls](#)