

Abstract

The aim of the thesis is to analyse selected articles from Aeronet, a controversial website repeatedly accused of spreading disinformation and propaganda, and to confirm or disprove elements of propaganda on this website. The work consists of three parts. Firstly it describes theoretical basis of propaganda and its specific communication. This will include basic definitions of propaganda, specifications of the spreading of propaganda with special attention to new technologies and recipients of manipulative communication. Secondly, the work deals with methodological aspects of this thesis, describing four elements of pragmatic linguistic analysis which are: consituation, production, perception and interpretation. It will also explain the main manipulative tools which will be later analysed in the practical part of the work such as defamatory narrative and manipulative strategies. Thirdly, the selected articles from Aeronet will be examined based on the information provided in the first and second part. Particular sections of the articles will be highlighted to provide further recognition of the manipulative tools used.