





How Venezuela's TeleSUR Acts as Russia's and China's Information-Laundering Front

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#### **Introduction**

After a <u>contested July election</u> in which Nicolás Maduro claimed victory with 51% of the vote—amid allegations of irregularities, limited oversight, and too few international observers—Venezuela was thrown into turmoil. The Carter Center, one of the few sanctioned observers, <u>concluded</u> the "election did not meet international standards of electoral integrity and cannot be considered democratic." To sustain its tenuous grip on power, Maduro's administration must seek legitimacy from powerful allies such as Russia and China, even while attempting to <u>mend ties</u> with the Trump administration—an effort the latter had warmed to, then cooled on.

Digital Forensic Research Lab fellow Iria Puyosa argues that authoritarian regimes across Latin America engage in <u>cross-regional authoritarian collaboration</u> in the form of "strategies to manipulate media and information spaces in order to undermine weak democracies ... and help like-minded illiberal leaders seize and consolidate power". For Venezuela, this is manifest in its subordinate relationships with Russia and China, which hinge on mutual legitimation—endorsing each other's elections, governance practices, and policies and strategic amplification, with China and Russia promoting their preferred narratives and national interests in the country. Yet TeleSUR, Venezuela's premier state media outlet, does not parrot Russian and Chinese lines under duress. Rather, its editorial line frequently aligns with those of these major powers due to overlapping ideological and political goals, including a shared desire for a multipolar world that counters Western influence and sanctions. This synergy allows Venezuela to secure vital international support and reinforce its domestic legitimacy, thus preserving the Maduro administration's foothold in power. Venezuela, in turn, recreates this patron-client relationship with its own regional allies—a dynamic we term "media vassalage."

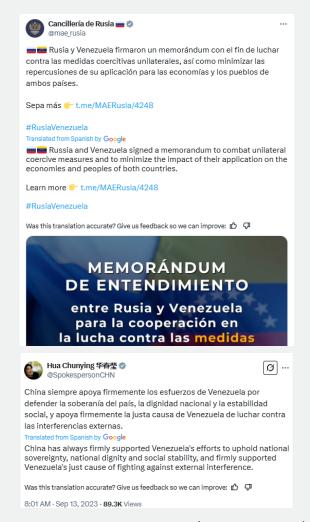


Figure 1: Screenshots of tweets ( and translations) from Russian and Chinese government accounts expressing solidarity with Venezuela

In essence, TeleSUR exploits a strong press-freedom tradition in Latin America, though not Venezuela, to amplify Russian and Chinese footprints in the region. Russia spreads anti-US sentiment, erodes democratic institutions, and cements authoritarian rhetoric, while China uses information operations to expand influence and polish its global image. Both exploit anti-colonial sentiment to posture as champions of the "Global South" even as Russia engages in conscription for its war in Ukraine and China uses forced labor for its Belt and Road project. To seed these narratives, Russia, China, and Venezuela rely on information-laundering—the process by which problematic content is cycled through other channels, gaining legitimacy. We track this by sampling TeleSUR articles through the Information Laundromat, an open-source ASD tool, to locate related content across the web, and by conducting a full-scale archival analysis of all TeleSUR articles from 2024. These findings illustrate how nested patron-client dynamics manifest through TeleSUR, reinforcing the media vassalage hierarchy.

#### TeleSUR and the Venezuelan Media Environment

Founded in 2005 by Hugo Chávez, TeleSUR is a state-funded pan-Latin American television network <u>supported</u> primarily by the government of Venezuela, with contributions from the governments of Nicaragua and Cuba, and formerly Bolivia, Uruguay, and Argentina. Conceived as a <u>leftist</u> counter to corporate Western media dominance, it expanded across Latin America, launching an English-language site in 2014. However, Argentina <u>withdrew</u> in 2016 over TeleSUR's overtly pro-Chavista editorial stance. Critics including Rory Carroll, author of "<u>Comandante</u>", argue that TeleSUR had, by 2007, "mutated into a mouthpiece for … communicational and informational hegemony" and that during the Arab Spring, it had <u>prioritized</u> narratives favorable to allied governments. Venezuela's <u>tightly controlled</u> media landscape <u>features</u> state-run outlets such as TeleSUR and VTV, pro-government intermediaries such as Globovision, and a shrinking, largely online <u>independent</u> press facing censorship, arrests, and digital blocks. While social media <u>remains</u> relatively open, it is saturated with disinformation, and platforms such as X frequently face restrictions.

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# Methodology

#### **Information Laundering Sample**

This report closely follows the methodology of <u>The Russian Propaganda Nesting Doll</u>, ASD's flagship report on information laundering. Analysis is divided into two periods, from January to July 2024 and from July to December 2024, with a final review in January 2025. Candidate articles were identified through keyword searches in Spanish and English for Vladimir Putin, Xi Jinping, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Russia, China, and Ukraine.

The first sample was collected in July 2024 by sourcing links from Google News using queries such as <a href="Taiwan site:https://www.telesurenglish.net">Taiwan site:https://www.telesurenglish.net</a> when:180d to bypass technical glitches on TeleSUR's websites—a method that, while effective, skews toward advertised articles. After deduplication, we obtained 705 articles (345 Spanish-language URLs, 360 English-language URLs) published since January 2024. In early January 2025, we archived TeleSUR's entire website and selected articles posted after July 12, 2024, whose titles were at least 70 characters, yielding an additional 659 URLs (205 in English, 453 in Spanish).

Next, we ran collected URLs through the Information Laundromat, which identifies matching or nearmatching text online via Google and Bing searches (geolocated in the United States for English and in Mexico for Spanish). These queries produced over 20,000 potential matches, each with a title, description, URL, domain, and similarity score. More information on similarity scores can be found <a href="here">here</a>. We filtered these matches using minimum thresholds: a single match requires an 80% average similarity score, two or three matches require 70%, and four or more require 60%. We aggregated valid results by domain, calculating median and average scores. Results are presented in Appendix 1.

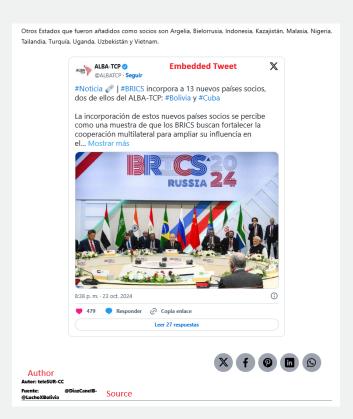


Figure 2: Labeling extracted features on a sample article

#### **Full TeleSUR Archive Methodology**

In January 2025, we scraped TeleSUR's Spanish- and English-language websites via public WordPress endpoints, collecting all articles published since January 2023 in Spanish (14,758) and since January 2024 in English (6,722). From each article, we extracted listed sources, authors, and embedded tweets. While authors provided little insight, sources and embedded tweets revealed TeleSUR's external influences. We aggregated these by counting how many articles each source or tweet author appeared in, noting potential undercounts due to spelling or formatting inconsistencies (for example, Sputnik vs. Sputnik Mundo). We then applied inclusion thresholds (Spanish: ≥100 sources, ≥50 tweets; English: ≥20 sources, ≥10 tweets) and labeled each entry with an affiliated state when it met the <u>State Media Monitor's criteria for editorial control</u>. Results are presented in Appendix 2, and an edited release of the dataset is available on <u>Zenodo</u>.

# Media Vassalage in Action: How TeleSUR Launders Russian and Chinese State Media

TeleSUR's role as a media vassal is to repackage content from Russian and Chinese state media, rebrand it with TeleSUR's regional authority, and redistribute it, painting a picture of Russia and China as benevolent, anti-imperialist counterweights to a fractious, inept West. In return, TeleSUR benefits from the perception of solidarity with powerful allies who help Caracas resist Western sanctions, diplomatic pressure, and political isolation. Evidence of this practice appears in republished articles, embedded social media posts, and selective editorial framings that rely heavily on material from outlets such as Xinhua, RT, Sputnik, and TV BRICS.

#### Xinhua Synergy: China and TeleSUR

On January 2, 2025, TeleSUR English's "World" section ran Xinhua's Top 10 International News Stories in 2024 as its cover story, encapsulating China's deep influence over the network. Nearly 10% of TeleSUR's English content can be traced to Chinese sources, and in a full archive of 6,722 TeleSUR English posts, 601 explicitly cite Xinhua. This makes Xinhua TeleSUR English's second-most-referenced source after the (legitimate) Spanish news agency EFE. Xinhua is referenced even more frequently than TeleSUR's own Spanish service. By contrast, TeleSUR's Spanish-language site cites Xinhua only about 200 times (1.3%).



Figure 3: TeleSUR's World page, January 2, 2025

Both the sample and the full archive reveal substantial information-laundering. In the Information Laundering Sample, TeleSUR English republished more pieces from Chinese state outlets—especially Xinhua—than all other non-Venezuelan state sources combined, with 83 near-verbatim copies of China-origin stories. These findings suggest that 12% to 16% of TeleSUR articles in English may come from Chinese sources, around 5% of which are linked directly to Xinhua. Meanwhile, TeleSUR Spanish appears to have effectively leased its "Route to China" opinion section to Xinhua: all 46 pieces there bear the byline "Por: Xinhua". Another 37 TeleSUR articles in English (see Appendix 3) reference Xinhua indirectly either through misleading sourcing or embedded tweets. Many cover Central and East Africa, labeling the content as coming from AfricaNews (from Xinhua) or Al Jazeera (from Xinhua). Given this deceptive practice and the differential between the archive and the sample, the cited 640 Xinhua-sourced pieces are likely undercounts.

Unsurprisingly, TeleSUR leans on Xinhua to portray China as a benevolent, anti-imperialist force opposing a bloodthirsty, <u>dysfunctional</u>, and <u>fractious</u> West. About one-fifth of Xinhua-related content covers Middle East conflicts, and numerous articles endorse narratives favoring <u>Russia</u>, BRICS, or emerging partners such as <u>Sierra</u>

<u>Leone</u>. TeleSUR English also posts feel-good or <u>technology-focused</u> stories clearly originating from Xinhua or <u>People's Daily</u> (<u>DW and "The Star" credited</u>); in fact, two-thirds of their science and technology stories are copied or sourced from Xinhua (see Appendix 4). These often pair <u>SpaceX</u> or <u>NASA</u> with Chinese <u>astronautic achievements</u> to imply parity or superiority. Reports on Western crises such as <u>wildfires</u> emphasize inadequate responses, reinforcing a "dysfunctional West versus ascendant China" perspective.

# From RUS to SUR: How TeleSUR Mirrors Russia

TeleSUR's Spanish-language output heavily features content from Russian state media (TASS, Sputnik, and RT en Español) through favorable reporting, embedded social media posts, and the unedited inclusion of TV BRICS in its opinion section. While most articles citing Russian state media undergo a normal editorial process from article or brief to TeleSUR piece, Russian-affiliated tweets enjoy prominent placement in both thematically related and unrelated articles, appearing more than 500 times between the two sites. Although only 24 items (3% of the Information Laundering Sample) directly originated from Russian sources, a broader archive reveals Russia's deep influence.

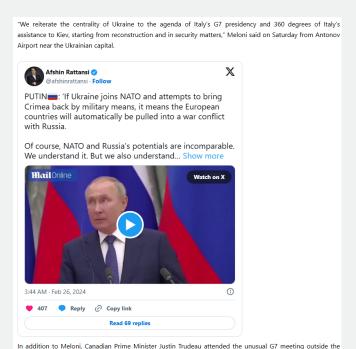


Figure 4: Link boxes from TeleSUR's Opinion page in July, where 8 of 12 pieces originated from TV BRICS

TV BRICS, a Russian-registered media outlet launched in 2017 at Putin's behest, operates as a media intermediary focused on the BRICS+ bloc, repackaging and redistributing content through partnerships with at least 70 media organizations across Latin America, Africa, and Asia, including state-run outlets like China's CGTN and TeleSUR. In TeleSUR, TV BRICS emerges as the largest source of laundered Russian content, contributing around 70 TeleSUR posts, half of which are from early 2024 when it dominated TeleSUR's opinion page. Laundered articles authored by RT, TV BRICS, and Sputnik Mundo portray Russia as a stable, influential actor with key allies (Venezuela, Iran, Nicaragua) and a pivotal role in BRICS. Coverage features BRICS convenings as challenging Western hegemony, Russia's internal politics emphasizing stable governance, scientific achievements such as the Angara-A5 rocket launch, and diplomatic gestures that reinforce Russia's global support. While smaller in volume than Chinese content, Russia's "media vassalage" dynamic likewise positions TeleSUR to bolster Moscow's key narratives.

One-fifth of TeleSUR's articles in Spanish (over 3,200) trace to Russian state media, ranking RT, Sputnik, and TASS as TeleSUR's second, third, and fourteenth most cited sources. Much of this coverage focuses on restoring Russia's image; among the 1,640 RT-sourced headlines, the most-mentioned countries were Russia (219), Israel (177), the United States (122), Ukraine (119), and China (57). Embedded tweets further extend Russian influence, especially for English-speaking audiences, where RT, Sputnik, and the Russian MFA were among the most frequently referenced accounts—even on TeleSUR's original content. Occasionally, embedded Twitter handles connect to figures such as Chay Bowes, Afsin Rattansi, or Glenn Diesen—hosts and commentators tied to Russian state media—portraying them as credible analysts. By our estimate, Russian-affiliated accounts are quoted in English 109 times and in Spanish 416 times (Partial evidence in Appendix 2).

Together, these patterns illustrate TeleSUR's subordinate role in a patron-client framework: it repackages and amplifies Russian perspectives to secure vital support, reinforcing an implicit "media vassalage" arrangement.



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Figure 5: A tweet by RT host Afshin Rattansi in a

Figure 5: A tweet by RT host Afshin Rattansi in a TeleSUR article on security agreements between Italy and Ukraine, originally laundered from Xinhua

#### PressTV'ed into Service: Iran's and Qatar's Quiet Influence

Iran exerts a smaller yet notable influence on TeleSUR's "media vassalage" dynamic. Its Spanish-language outlet, HispanTV, is cited nearly 500 times—primarily in stories on Middle Eastern conflicts (Israel appears 207 times, Palestine 43, Yemen 32, and Syria 21). In TeleSUR English, Iran's footprint is less pronounced, with around 90 references split among HispanTV, PressTV, and IRNA. Meanwhile, the Iranian state media account @PalHighlight, which focuses on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, features prominently in both Spanish- and English-language coverage.

Qatar's Al Jazeera, whose collaboration with TeleSUR dates to a 2006 cooperation agreement, ranks comparatively high, as the fifth most-cited outlet in TeleSUR English and the second-most referenced non-Venezuelan state media entity after Xinhua. Its @AJEnglish handle is TeleSUR English's second-most embedded account, trailing only TeleSUR's own.

# Second Order Information-Laundering— TeleSUR as Benefactor

Just as TeleSUR depends on Russia, China, and to a lesser degree, Iran for material and political support, it also acts as a patron to the state media of smaller allies, particularly Nicaragua and Cuba, as well as other sympathetic outlets. Through second-order information-laundering, TeleSUR's content is repackaged by local media—such as Nicaragua's Barricada or Cuba's Prensa Latina—often with minimal attribution. These downstream partners mimic TeleSUR's own relationship with its patrons: official narratives, whether about elections, foreign policy, or geopolitical alliances, cycle through overlapping news ecosystems that originate from the more powerful partner. This network reinforces shared ideological positions and creates a counterweight to Western-dominated global media structures. By extending the "media vassalage" playbook it learned from Moscow and Beijing, TeleSUR solidifies its regional influence, bolsters regime survival, and amplifies narratives that challenge US and Western hegemony. This strategy positions TeleSUR as a linchpin in a broader geopolitical project—legitimizing authoritarian allies and insulating them from international isolation under the guise of promoting multipolarity and anti-imperialism.

Three broad categories of content-laundering sites emerge—aggregators, politically aligned, and economically motivated, while mirror sites and other outliers also regularly appear.

#### **Political and Economic Reposters**

TeleSUR's English-language content has limited direct uptake but is redistributed by regional and ideologically aligned outlets, reinforcing the "media vassalage" model. For example, the <u>St. Vincent Times</u> published over <u>200 articles</u> including a weekly column from Venezuela's embassy, many copied from TeleSUR. These articles promote Venezuela's <u>foreign policy</u> and diplomatic efforts while building confidence in recent elections. In Cuba, Prensa Latina lightly rewrites TeleSUR's English-language pieces without attribution, focusing on foreign affairs and legitimizing Venezuela's <u>electoral process</u>. Additional ideologically aligned "launderers" emerged in the second sample, including an Iranian Marxist-Leninist site <u>10 Mehr Group</u> and Big News Network, <u>known for syndicating</u> state media via faux local platforms, through shared Xinhua content.

Spanish-language outlets show even broader patterns of TeleSUR content-laundering and thus "vassalage". Nicaragua, a <u>TeleSUR sponsor</u>, republishes its articles across state-owned channels (<u>Diario Barricada</u>, <u>Canal 8</u>, <u>El 19 Digital</u>) with 35 instances identified out of 565 links, mostly involving local references. <u>Prensa Mercosur</u>, the press wing of the South American economic union MercoSur, reposted 29 TeleSUR stories, while <u>Globovision</u>, a Venezuelan outlet under <u>US sanctions</u>, added six. Here, TeleSUR's own practice of amplifying Russia and China is mirrored back: These sites become junior partners, laundering TeleSUR content under local or pan-Latin bylines to bolster Maduro's legitimacy and related political narratives.

Most small- to medium-scale laundering sites appear at least nominally independent and ideologically sympathetic: Mexico's <u>Mision Politica</u>, Argentina's <u>Resumen Latinoamericano</u>, plus Venezuelan outlets <u>La Prensa de Caracas</u> and



<u>Aporrea</u>. Their reposts primarily highlight stories on <u>Gaza</u>, <u>China, and Russia</u>, but avoid election topics. The Chavista blog <u>Pueblo Combatiente</u> likewise relies on TeleSUR, except for editorial sections and Ukraine coverage sourced from Sputnik Mundo.

Some local news outlets seem driven more by content needs than ideology, including Nicaragua's <u>Canal 2</u>, Peru's <u>idesotv[.]com</u>, and Argentina's <u>Canal Cuatro Posadas</u>. Websites like <u>Agalena.com[.]ar</u> and <u>PeorParaElSol.com[.]</u> <u>ar</u> similarly feature TeleSUR excerpts with minimal context, suggesting economic motives. Across these varied platforms, TeleSUR's content is rebranded and redistributed, exemplifying a patron-client "media vassalage" structure that deepens the Maduro administration's regional and international foothold.

#### **TeleSUR and Social Media**

This patron-client dynamic extends to social media platforms, where TeleSUR's content is recycled by smaller outlets or ideologically aligned channels. Instagram and X (Twitter) are the primary nodes.

TeleSUR posts frequently, and sites such as <u>El Universal</u> (with substantial followings), Nicaragua's <u>El 19 Digital</u> and <u>Canal 8</u>, plus semi-affiliated reposters (<u>Cubasi</u>, <u>Prensa Mercosur</u>) amplify TeleSUR's coverage, thereby reinforcing "media vassalage" online. Other networks—YouTube, TikTok, DailyMotion, Pinterest, Reddit, and LinkedIn—show lower but still notable traces of information-laundering, often through partially or fully unattributed TeleSUR reprints.

Some reposts illustrate complex, multi-hop laundering. A <u>Reddit post</u> about Russia's Angara-A5 rocket launch, for example, copied a <u>TeleSUR English-language article</u> that itself drew from <u>TV BRICS</u>, which cited a <u>TeleSUR Spanish piece</u> likely derived from <u>RT</u>. The Information Laundering Sample also revealed scattered examples on Facebook and TikTok—where text-based search results were harder to parse—and two instances on YouTube. In one case, a <u>YouTube video</u>'s description duplicated a <u>TeleSUR article</u> that originally came from <u>Xinhua</u>.

Though not all content-sharing equals laundering, posts using entire segments without attribution constitute unambiguous evidence of repackaging TeleSUR for new audiences. Even minor engagement—such as a repost on r/UkrainianConflict that garnered backlash—demonstrates how such narratives can migrate across ideological lines. Platforms such as Pinterest and LinkedIn, where TeleSUR and Prensa Mercosur maintain active accounts garnering 300,000 and 239,000 views per month respectively, further bolster TeleSUR's regional and international reach, deepening the cycle of information-laundering and fostering media vassalage.



Figure 6: A screenshot of TeleSUR's Pinterest profile from January 2025, showing their 300K+ monthly viewership

# Conclusion

TeleSUR's alignment with Russia and China belies a convergence of autocratic state media narratives laundered and disseminated through Venezuelan channels. As Maduro tries to secure power amid internal turmoil and international scrutiny, TeleSUR serves as a crucial tool in his arsenal—an echo chamber that amplifies and legitimizes the narratives of foreign powers with vested interests in a sympathetic Venezuela, then echoes that message to Venezuela's sphere of influence. The message: authoritarian regimes are bastions of stability and progress, while Western democracies are chaotic and untrustworthy. Thus, a striking contradiction emerges: Venezuela has historically positioned itself as a beacon of anti-imperialism and social welfare. Yet the Maduro administration has effectively mortgaged part of its autonomy to the imperial ambitions of other states—adopting the propaganda playbook it once denounced.

In effect, TeleSUR's news pipeline illustrates a media vassalage dynamic in both directions: it acts as a beneficiary of Russia and China while simultaneously serving as a benefactor to smaller state allies (Nicaragua, Cuba, and others), creating a layered ecosystem of mutual dependence. Through this framework, media channels across Latin America are drawn into a patron-client hierarchy of shared narratives, further tightening the Maduro administration's tenuous grip on power at the cost of genuine journalistic independence. As Puyosa and NED <u>recommend</u>, the antidote to this authoritarian influence on media in Latin America is strengthening and refocusing civil society to expose and dismantle these narratives through robust fact-checking, independent journalism, and regional coalitions.



# **Appendices**

#### **Appendix 1. Selected Data Frames from Sample**

Below are selected samples from the filtered and aggregated results. TeleSUR and other Venezuelan state media domains, along with low-volume domains (fewer than three matches unless otherwise relevant), have been excluded.

#### Chinese State Media—Information Laundering Sample

Chinese state media domains found in the Information Laundering Sample. Spanish-language results are denoted in italics.

Domain	Volume: January - July	Volume: July - December	Total
english.news.cn	16	12	28
china.org.cn	16	2	18
chinadaily.com.cn	4	4	8
spanish.xinhuanet.com	4	1	5
chinadailyhk.com	3	3	6
en.people.cn	3	1	4
news.cgtn.com	3		3
espanol.cgtn.com	3		3
english.gov.cn	2	1	3
eng.chinamil.com.cn	2		2
english.scio.gov.cn	2		2
english.sina.com	2		2
english.cctv.com	2		2
spanish.news.cn	1	1	2

Domain	Volume: January - July	Volume: July - December	Total
chinadailyasia.com	1		1
english.jschina.com.cn	1		1
radio.cgtn.com		1	1
spanish.people.com.cn		1	1
Total	65	27	92

#### Other State Media - Information Laundering Sample

Non-Chinese state media domains found in the Information Laundering Sample. All originated from Spanish-language articles

Domain	State	Volume: January - July	Volume: July - December	Total
diariobarricada.com	Nicaragua	9	7	16
actualidad.rt.com	Russia	8	5	13
tvbrics.com	Russia	6	2	8
prensa-latina.cu	Cuba	7		7
tnh.gob.hn	Honduras	6	1	7
el19digital.com	Nicaragua	2	3	5
es.irna.ir	Iran	4		4
radionicaragua.com.ni	Nicaragua	1	3	4
latamnews.lat	Russia	3		3
vivanicaragua.com.ni	Nicaragua	3		3
plenglish.com	Cuba	2		2
Total		51	21	72



#### Social Media—Information Laundering Sample

Social media domains found in the Information Laundering Sample

Domain	Volume: January - July	Volume: July - December	Total
instagram.com	39	109	148
twitter.com or x.com	103	27	130
facebook.com	43	73	116
tiktok.com	41	15	56
youtube.com	27	7	34
pinterest.com, .ca, or .de	11	10	21
threads.net	3	11	14
reddit.com	7	1	8
dailymotion.com	6	1	7
t.me	5	2	7
rumble.com	1	4	5

#### TeleSUR Reposters and Other Sites—Information Laundering Sample

Non-specified domains in the Information Laundering Sample with more than five instances. Some sites removed for insufficient evidence of laundering or content aggregation

Site	Туре	Volume: January - July	Volume: July - December	Total
pueblocombatiente.wordpress.com	Politically Aligned Launderer	45	12	57
prensamercosur.net or .org	Economic Union Press Office	9	20	29
misionpolitica.com (now offline)	Politically Aligned Launderer	19	1	20
telesurtv.amazoniaemfoco.com	TeleSUR Mirror		15	15
idesotv.com	Economically Motivated Launderer	13	1	14
resumenlatinoamericano.org	Politically Aligned Launderer	7	7	14
agalena.com.ar	Economically Motivated Launderer	13		13
telesurtv.noticiaspernambucanas.com	TeleSUR Mirror	2	12	12
cubasi.cu	Politically Aligned Launderer	2	10	12
canal2tv.com	Economically Motivated Launderer	11		11
laprensadecaracas.com	Politically Aligned Launderer		10	10
aporrea.org	Politically Aligned Launderer	4	4	8
eluniversal.com	Economically Motivated Launderer	3	5	8
english.10mehr.com	Politically Aligned Launderer		7	7
bignewsnetwork.com (incl. Irishsun.com)	Known Launderer	6	1	7
peorparaelsol.com.ar	Economically Motivated Launderer	7		7
canalcuatroposadas.com.ar	Economically Motivated Launderer	5	2	7



Site	Туре	Volume: January - July	Volume: July - December	Total
globovision.com	Politically Aligned Launderer	3	3	6
telesurtv.noticiasdopara.net	Aggregator or Newsletter	6		6
mazo4f.com	Politically Aligned Launderer	2	4	6
radio-orinoco.com	Politically Aligned Launderer	3	3	6

# **Appendix 2. TeleSUR Sources and Embedded Tweets**

Sources cited in Spanish-language articles 100 or more times, with state controlled or captured media noted, as defined by the State Media Monitor

Source	Articles	Affiliated State
EFE	3761	
RT	1640	Russia
Sputnik	1294	Russia
Unspecified	1245	
Wafa	974	
Al Mayadeen	705	
TeleSUR	681	Venezuela
VTV	577	Venezuela
Europa Press	564	
AFP	516	
HispanTV	486	Iran
La Jornada	397	
Página 12	318	
SANA	313	Syria
TASS	273	Russia
DW	259	
Prensa Latina	251	Cuba
Al Jazeera	248	Qatar
AA	232	Türkiye
Xinhua	224	China
Cubadebate	218	Cuba

Source	Articles	Affiliated State
Abi	208	
Palestina Hoy	189	
Prensa Presidencial	176	Venezuela
AP	171	
RTVE	164	
Indepaz	160	
Brasil De Fato	144	
CGTN	141	China
RPP	130	
PressTV	122	Iran
Tiempo Argentino	108	
ONU	107	
Primicias	105	
Últimas Noticias	104	
Ecuavisa	104	



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Articles	Affiliated State
1699	
1377	
601	China
461	Venezuela
408	Qatar
375	
316	
245	
216	Venezuela
192	
174	
144	Russia
123	
104	Syria
100	Russia
54	
45	
43	
41	
40	Iran
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Source	Articles	Affiliated State
Cubadebate	40	Cuba
TCP	38	
AA	38	Türkiye
TASS	30	Russia
UN	29	
AL	28	
IRNA	27	Iran
Pagina 12	27	
Haitilibre	24	
Europa Press	24	
PressTV	23	Iran
Prensa Presidencial	22	
Yvan Gil	22	
Reuters	21	
AFP	21	

#### **Embedded Tweets**

Tweets embedded in Spanish-language articles 50 or more times, with state controlled or captured media noted, as defined by the State Media Monitor.

(Note: We did not label individual journalist accounts as being affiliated with a state, even if those journalists work for a state media outlet.)

Twitter Account	Embedded Tweets	Affiliated State	Twitter Account	Embedded Tweets	Affiliated State
@HoyPalestina	467		@Claudiashein	79	
@teleSURtv	340	Venezuela	@Sepa_mass	77	Russia
@yvangil	195		@mfa_russia	72	Russia
@Indepaz	177		@UNRWA	72	
@NicolasMaduro	147		@ALBATCP	69	
@LemusteleSUR	138		@lopezobrador_	63	
@DiazCanelB	134		@COE_RD	62	
@petrogustavo	129		@el19digital	61	
@almayadeen_es	124		@Nexo_Latino	59	Russia
@ElenaDeQuito	108		@santi_corei	56	
@LulaOficial	107		@DrTedros	55	
@QudsNen	103		@PalHighlight	53	Iran
@LuchoXBolivia	103		@cgtnenespanol	52	China
@BrunoRguezP	97		@SputnikMundo	50	Russia
@FreddyteleSUR	88				
@madeleintISUR	85				
@ActualidadRT	84	Russia			



Tweets embedded in English-language articles 10 or more times, with state controlled or captured media noted, as defined by the State Media Monitor.

(Note: We did not label individual journalist accounts as being affiliated with a state, even if those journalists work for a state media outlet).

Twitter Account	<b>Embedded Tweets</b>	Affiliated State
@telesurenglish	155	Venezuela
@AJEnglish	71	Qatar
@Timesofgaza	40	
@upholdreality	34	
@RT_com	33	Russia
@SputnikInt	25	Russia
@NicolasMaduro	23	
@MiddleEastEye	20	
@teleSURtv	20	Venezuela
@venanalysis	20	
@QudsNen	17	
@BRICSinfo	16	
@PalHighlight	16	Iran
@mfa_russia	14	Russia

Twitter Account	Embedded Tweets	Affiliated State
@ivan_8848	14	
@yvangil	14	
@swilkinsonbc	13	
@DiazCanelB	13	
@sahouraxo	13	
@OnlinePalEng	12	
@TRTWorldNow	11	Türkiye
@WHO	11	
@el19digital	11	
@army21ye	10	
@UNRWA	10	
@PressTV	10	Iran
@Kanthan2030	10	
@Reuters	10	

# Appendix 3. Articles Where Xinhua Is Mentioned, but Not Attributed

URL	Title	Professed Source
https://www.telesurenglish.net/record-increase-in-u-s-street- people-in-2024/	Record Increase in U.S. Street People in 2024	Sputnik - @HUDgov
https://www.telesurenglish.net/macron-to-travel-to-mayotte- to-inspect-the-damage-caused-by-cyclone-chido/	Emmanuel Macron To Travel to Mayotte to Inspect the Damage Caused by Cyclone Chido	
https://www.telesurenglish.net/explosive-device-kills-head-of- russian-biological-defense-forces/	Explosive Device Kills Head of Russian Biological Defense Forces	
https://www.telesurenglish.net/former-south-korean-minister- of-defence-formally-arrested-for-insurrection/	Former South Korean Minister of Defence Formally Arrested for Insurrection	EFE
https://www.telesurenglish.net/mexican-president-sheinbaum- responds-to-trumps-annexation-suggestion/	Mexican President Sheinbaum Responds to Trump's 'Annexation' Suggestion	
https://www.telesurenglish.net/south-korea-motion-to- dismiss-president-yoon-failes-in-parliament/	South Korea: Motion to Dismiss President Yoon Failes in Parliament	France 24 // The Chosun Daily // EFE
https://www.telesurenglish.net/canada-to-sign-1st-modern- treaty-with-manitoba-metis-federation/	Canada to Sign 1st Modern Treaty With Manitoba Métis Federation	
https://www.telesurenglish.net/bomb-explosion-leaves-9- dead-and-15-injured-in-pakistan/	Bomb Explosion Leaves 9 Dead and 15 Injured in Pakistan	
https://www.telesurenglish.net/spain-declares-disaster-zones- to-regions-hit-by-deadly-floods/	Spain Declares 'Disaster Zones' to Regions Hit by Deadly Floods	
https://www.telesurenglish.net/orban-criticizes-eu-pressure- and-defends-hungarys-sovereignty/	Orban Criticizes EU Pressure and Defends Hungary's Sovereignty	
https://www.telesurenglish.net/uganda-food-security-through- south-south-cooperation-with-china-fao/	Uganda: Food Security Through South-South Cooperation with China, FAO	Aljazeera-FAO
https://www.telesurenglish.net/urumqi-the-6th-world-media- summit-officially-begins-today/	Urumqi: The 6th World Media Summit Officially Begins Today	
https://www.telesurenglish.net/zambia-chinese-firms-to-increase-investment-in-mining-sector/	Zambia: Chinese Firms to Increase Investment in Mining Sector	DW-Africanews



URL	Title	Professed Source
https://www.telesurenglish.net/nigeria-rising-water-levels- faced-flash-and-river-flooding/	Nigeria: Rising Water Levels Faced, Flash and River Flooding	EFE-Africanews
https://www.telesurenglish.net/mexico-declares-natural- reserve-in-mining-extraction-zone-in-quintana-roo/	Mexico Declares Natural Reserve in Mining Extraction Zone in Quintana Roo	
https://www.telesurenglish.net/turkiye-arrests-head-of- mossads-financial-network/	Türkiye Arrests Head of Mossad's Financial Network	
https://www.telesurenglish.net/bangladeshis-set-sheikh- hasinas-party-offices-on-fire/	Bangladeshis Set Sheikh Hasina's Party Offices on Fire	
https://www.telesurenglish.net/uganda-roads-closed-in- capital-city-ahead-of-protest/	Uganda: Roads Closed in Capital City Ahead of Protest	Aljazeera-Africanews
https://www.telesurenglish.net/sudan-war-inflicts-11-bln-usd- damage-on-health-sector/	Sudan: War Inflicts 11 Bln USD Damage on Health Sector	DW-Africanews
https://www.telesurenglish.net/uganda-security-agencies- deployed-ahead-of-planned-protest/	Uganda: Security Agencies Deployed Ahead of Planned Protest	DW-The Star
https://www.telesurenglish.net/china-to-implement-policies- to-promote-quality-development-until-2035/	China To Implement Policies To Promote 'Quality Development' Until 2035	EFE
https://www.telesurenglish.net/kenya-tanzania-border- scientists-call-for-halt-to-elephant-hunting/	Kenya-Tanzania Border: Scientists Call for Halt to Elephant Hunting	Africanews-DW
https://www.telesurenglish.net/zambia-wwf-partners-to- implement-2-climate-adaptation-projects/	Zambia: WWF Partners to Implement 2 Climate Adaptation Projects	DW-WWF
https://www.telesurenglish.net/maximum-security-deployed- ahead-of-g7-summit-in-italy/	Maximum Security Deployed Ahead of G7 Summit in Italy	
https://www.telesurenglish.net/tanzania-east-african- petroleum-conference-exhibition-to-be-hosted/	Tanzania: East African Petroleum Conference, Exhibition to Be Hosted	Africanews-DW
https://www.telesurenglish.net/sudan-100-killed-in- paramilitary-forces-attack-on-village/	Sudan: +100 Killed in Paramilitary Forces Attack on Village	Aljazeera-DW
https://www.telesurenglish.net/st-petersburg-international- economic-forum-kicks-off/	St. Petersburg International Economic Forum Kicks Off	
https://www.telesurenglish.net/the-white-house-not-to-send- us-military-advisors-to-ukraine-for-training-purpose/	The White House Not to Send US Military Advisors to Ukraine for Training Purpose	

URL	Title	Professed Source
https://www.telesurenglish.net/iran-initiates-vetting-process- for-presidential-candidates/	Iran Initiates Vetting Process for Presidential Candidates	
https://www.telesurenglish.net/equatorial-guinea-and-china- to-strengthen-relations/	Equatorial Guinea and China to Strengthen Relations	Africanews
https://www.telesurenglish.net/cuba-offers-free-visa-for- chinese-citizens/	Cuba Offers Free Visa for Chinese Citizens	Granma // Cubadebate
https://www.telesurenglish.net/sudan-food-insecurity-due-to- ongoing-fighting-un/	Sudan: Food Insecurity Due to Ongoing Fighting, UN	AfricaNew
https://www.telesurenglish.net/cuban-news-agency- denounces-cyberattack-against-youtube-channel/	Cuban News Agency Denounces Cyberattack against YouTube Channel	PL
https://www.telesurenglish.net/namibia-water-crisis-worsens- rainfall-plummets-below-average/	Namibia: Water Crisis Worsens, Rainfall Plummets Below-Average	Al Jazeera
https://www.telesurenglish.net/uganda-high-alert-amid- worsening-tensions-in-eastern-dr-congo/	Uganda: High Alert Amid Worsening Tensions in  Eastern DR Congo	Al Jazeera
https://www.telesurenglish.net/s-sudan-at-least-42-killed-in-	S. Sudan: At Least 42 Killed in Fresh Communal	AfricaNews
fresh-communal-clashes/	Clashes	Airicanews
https://www.telesurenglish.net/sudan-un-condemns-killing-of-	Sudan: UN Condemns Killing of 28 Civilians During	AfricaNews
28-civilians-during-cattle-raid/	Cattle Raid	Allicanews



# **Appendix 4: Xinhua-Linked Science and Technology Articles**

Date	Title	Link	Matching Link, If Not Claimed
9/5/2024	China's Tianwen-3 Mission To Bring Back Samples From Mars	https://www.telesuren mission-to-bring-ba	glish.net/chinas-tianwen-3- ack-samples-from-mars/
6/7/2024	SpaceX Successfully Launches Starship Rocket	https://www. telesurenglish.net/ spacex-successfully- launches-starship- rocket/	
8/9/2024	NASA Astronauts Stranded in Space Could Be Rescued in 2025		nglish.net/nasa-astronauts- ould-be-rescued-in-2025/
8/13/2024	Russian Cargo Spacecraft Progress MS-26 Completes Mission	https://www.telesure spacecraft-progress-r	english.net/russian-cargo- ms-26-completes-mission/
8/13/2024	New Research Suggests Presence of Concealed Ocean Beneath Surface of Mars	suggests-presence-of-	english.net/new-research- -concealed-ocean-beneath- :e-of-mars/
8/14/2024	US Justice Department is Considering Breakup of Google	https://www. telesurenglish.net/us- justice-department-is- considering-breakup-of- google/	
8/15/2024	Russia Launches Cargo Spaceship Progress MS-28 Into Orbit		sh.net/russia-launches-cargo- ess-ms-28-into-orbit/
8/22/2024	European Space Agency's Juice Completes World's First Lunar-Earth Flyby	agencys-juice-complet	nglish.net/european-space- tes-worlds-first-lunar-earth- flyby/
8/29/2024	US FAA Requires Investigation Into Spacex Falcon 9 Landing Failure		nglish.net/us-faa-requires- :ex-falcon-9-landing-failure/
7/2/2024	The Milky Way's Dark Matter Halo Has an Oblate Shape: Chinese Scientists	https://www.telesurengl matter-halo-has-an-obla	lish.net/the-milky-ways-dark- ate-shape-chinese-scientists/
	9/5/2024 6/7/2024 8/9/2024 8/13/2024 8/13/2024 8/14/2024 8/15/2024 8/22/2024 8/29/2024	9/5/2024 China's Tianwen-3 Mission To Bring Back Samples From Mars  6/7/2024 SpaceX Successfully Launches Starship Rocket  8/9/2024 NASA Astronauts Stranded in Space Could Be Rescued in 2025  8/13/2024 Russian Cargo Spacecraft Progress MS-26 Completes Mission  New Research Suggests Presence of Concealed Ocean Beneath Surface of Mars  8/14/2024 US Justice Department is Considering Breakup of Google  8/15/2024 Russia Launches Cargo Spaceship Progress MS-28 Into Orbit  European Space Agency's Juice Completes World's First Lunar-Earth Flyby  8/29/2024 US FAA Requires Investigation Into Spacex Falcon 9 Landing Failure  The Milky Way's Dark Matter Halo Has an Oblate Shape: Chinese	9/5/2024 China's Tianwen-3 Mission To Bring Back Samples From Mars  6/7/2024 SpaceX Successfully Launches Starship Rocket  8/9/2024 NASA Astronauts Stranded in Space Could Be Rescued in 2025  8/13/2024 Russian Cargo Spacecraft Progress MS-26 Completes Mission  New Research Suggests Presence of Concealed Ocean Beneath Surface of Mars  8/14/2024 US Justice Department is Considering Breakup of Google  8/15/2024 Russia Launches Cargo Spaceship Progress MS-28 Into Orbit  8/22/2024 Russia Launches Cargo Spaceship Progress MS-28 Into Orbit  8/22/2024 US FAA Requires Investigation Into Spacex Falcon 9 Landing Failure  7/2/2024 The Milky Way's Dark Matter Halo Has an Oblate Shape: Chinese  https://www.telesurenglish.net/spaces.nebles.net/spaces.net/s

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TRUE	9/13/2024	US Astronauts Complete First Commercial Spacewalk	https://www. telesurenglish.net/us- astronauts-complete- first-commercial- spacewalk/	
TRUE	9/20/2024	Tech Giants Voice Concern Over European Union's AI Regulatory Framework	concern-over-europe	lish.net/tech-giants-voice- an-unions-ai-regulatory- nework/
TRUE	9/25/2024	China Starts Construction of Second Phase of Giant Radio Telescope	construction-of-seco	english.net/china-starts- nd-phase-of-giant-radio- scope/
TRUE	6/17/2024	Chinese Astronauts Complete Space Tests Regarding Strength, Muscle Adaptability	complete-space-tests-r	ish.net/chinese-astronauts- egarding-strength-muscle- tability/
TRUE	10/8/2024	Two Scientists Win Nobel Prize in Physics for Discoveries Enabling Machine Learning	nobel-prize-in-physics	lish.net/two-scientists-win- -for-discoveries-enabling- e-learning/
TRUE	12/17/2024	TikTok Asks U.S. Supreme Court to Block Looming Ban	https://www. telesurenglish.net/tiktok- asks-u-s-supreme-court- to-block-looming-ban/	
TRUE	10/9/2024	Nobel Prize in Chemistry Awarded to 3 Scientists for Work on Proteins	chemistry-awarded-to-	nglish.net/nobel-prize-in- -3-scientists-for-work-on- oteins/
TRUE	10/14/2024	Urumqi: The 6th World Media Summit Officially Begins Today	https://www.telesurenglis media-summit-of	h.net/urumqi-the-6th-world- ficially-begins-today/
TRUE	10/14/2024	Global Media Summit Offers Opportunity for Stronger Alliances, Says Senior Media Official	offers-opportunity-for-st	ch.net/global-media-summit- ronger-alliances-says-senior- a-official/
TRUE	10/14/2024	Interview: World Media Summit to Offer 360-Degree Perspective on Al Use, Says Peruvian Journalist	summit-to-offer-360-de	h.net/interview-world-media- gree-perspective-on-ai-use- ian-journalist/



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TRUE	11/20/2024	SpaceX Completes Starship's 6th Test Flight	https://www. telesurenglish.net/ spacex-completes- starships-6th-test-flight/	
TRUE	12/12/2024	NASA Performs First Aircraft Accident Investigation on Another World		ish.net/nasa-performs-first- igation-on-another-world/
TRUE	12/14/2024	NASA's Juno Mission Uncovers Mystery of Jovian Moon's Volcanoes		ish.net/nasas-juno-mission- jovian-moons-volcanoes/
FALSE	5/28/2024	NASA Mission Identifies Volcano Eruptions on Venus	https://www. telesurenglish.net/ nasa-mission-identifies- volcano-eruptions-on- venus/	https://english.news. cn/20240528/5757fd97580a4dd9890acff0352a66e2/c. html
FALSE	5/20/2024	UK Infected Blood Scandal Could Have Been Avoided: Langstaff		lish.net/uk-infected-blood- been-avoided-langstaff/
FALSE	5/8/2024	NASA and Boeing to Launch Starliner Crewed Mission	https://www. telesurenglish.net/nasa- and-boeing-to-launch- starliner-crewed-mission/	https://english.news.cn/20240508/ f3dc5461aa414e41b000595053f072a3/c.html
FALSE	5/3/2024	Chang'e-6 Mission Takes Off Towards the Moon's Far Side	https://www. telesurenglish.net/ change-6-mission-takes- off-towards-the-moons- far-side/	https://english.news. cn/20240503/029b1e7f5ec94a45a99f54caffc54e57/c. html
FALSE	5/2/2024	China to Launch Chang'e-6 Lunar Probe on May 3	https://www. telesurenglish.net/china- to-launch-change-6- lunar-probe-on-may-3/	https://english.news. cn/20240501/73bdd4a0cf1c467e9c9f0a5ccac83fee/c. html
FALSE	4/26/2024	Chinese Astronauts Arrive at Tiangong Space Station	https://www. telesurenglish.net/ chinese-astronauts- arrive-at-tiangong- space-station/	

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FALSE	4/26/2024	Russian Cosmonauts Complete Spacewalk Ahead of Schedule	https://www. telesurenglish.net/ russian-cosmonauts- complete-spacewalk- ahead-of-schedule/	https://english.news. cn/20240426/50fb6a499d5449679d25ac1e5bb2dc11/c. html
FALSE	1/19/2024	US Launches New Private Astronaut Mission to Space Station	https://www. telesurenglish.net/us- launches-new-private- astronaut-mission-to- space-station/	https://english.news.cn/20240119/ cc4a1e67603941bfb6e9ce954546009f/c.html
FALSE	2/23/2024	US Makes First Lunar Landing in 51 Years	https://www. telesurenglish.net/ us-makes-first-lunar- landing-in-51-years/	
FALSE	1/25/2024	El Niño Prompts Increase in Dengue Cases in Brazil	https://www. telesurenglish.net/el- nino-prompts-increase- in-dengue-cases-in- brazil/	
FALSE	3/20/2024	The First Health Ministry in the World	https://www. telesurenglish.net/the- first-health-ministry-in- the-world/	
FALSE	3/14/2024	Spacex's Starship Rocket Launches on Third Test Flight	https://www. telesurenglish.net/ spacexs-starship-rocket- launches-on-third-test- flight/	https://english. newscn/20240314/6c974f8a32894c16a8f6d7f3eef38f68/c.html
FALSE	2/15/2024	Russia Is on the Verge of Creating Anti-Cancer Vaccines: Putin		h.net/russia-is-on-the-verge- ancer-vaccines-putin/



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FALSE	3/13/2024	Moscow to Host Spaces for Drone Industry Development	https://www. telesurenglish.net/ moscow-to-host- spaces-for-drone- industry-development/	https://tvbrics.com/en/ news/public-space-for- development-of-drone- industry-and-private-space- opens-in-russian-capital/
FALSE	2/27/2024	US Odysseus Lunar Lander Ends Mission in Advance	https://www. telesurenglish.net/ us-odysseus-lunar- lander-ends-mission-in- advance/	https://english.news.cn/ northamerica/20240227/56c44d3d07224e89a75d1292bf07bbac/c. html
FALSE	4/12/2024	Archaeologists Discover Frescoes on the Trojan War in Pompeii	•	nglish.net/archaeologists- :he-trojan-war-in-pompeii/
FALSE	12/25/2024	NASA's Parker Space Probe Approaches the Sun	https://www. telesurenglish.net/nasas- parker-space-probe- approaches-the-sun/	
FALSE	7/28/2024	NASA Rover Discovers Rock That Suggests Microbial Life on Mars	https://www. telesurenglish.net/nasa- rover-discovers-rock- that-suggests-microbial- life-on-mars/	https://english.news. cn/20240727/03a68bc137df41aaba3ff0db49ceed1b/c. html
FALSE	7/4/2024	World Conference Sets Al Governance Guidelines	https://www. telesurenglish.net/world- conference-sets-ai- governance-guidelines/	
FALSE	12/4/2024	Successful launch of the Soyuz-2.1b rocket from Plesetsk	•	sh.net/successful-launch-of- ocket-from-plesetsk/

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FALSE	11/19/2024	NASA Reports Smaller Ozone Hole in 2024: Path to Full Recovery by 2066	•	sh.net/nasa-reports-smaller- n-to-full-recovery-by-2066/
FALSE	10/14/2024	NASA and SpaceX Launch Mission to Explore Europa, Jupiter's Moon		lish.net/nasa-and-spacex- ore-europa-jupiters-moon/
FALSE	10/7/2024	Scientists Discover a Galaxy That Challenges Current Knowledge About the Cosmos	galaxy-that-challenges-cu	sh.net/scientists-discover-a- rrent-knowledge-about-the- smos/
FALSE	9/24/2024	Astronomers Glimpse a Bloated and Asymmetrical Exoplanet		h.net/astronomers-glimpse- mmetrical-exoplanet/
FALSE	9/17/2024	Venezuelan Scientists Develop Stem Cell Treatments	https://www. telesurenglish.net/ venezuelan-scientists- develop-stem-cell- treatments/	
FALSE	8/29/2024	International Researches Discovers New Submarine Mounts and New Species in the Nazca Ridge	researches-discovers-ne	nglish.net/international- w-submarine-mounts-and- -the-nazca-ridge/
FALSE	6/10/2024	Argentines Find 5,000-Year-Old Dolphin Skull	https://www. telesurenglish.net/ argentines-find-5000- year-old-dolphin-skull/	
FALSE	8/24/2024	NASA Says Two Starliner Astronauts Stranded on the ISS Will Return in February	starliner-astronauts-strand	glish.net/nasa-says-two- led-on-the-iss-will-return-in- ruary/
FALSE	7/19/2024	Failure in CrowdStrike's Software Prompts a Global Technological Blackout		n.net/failure-in-crowdstrikes- oal-technological-blackout/



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FALSE	7/19/2024	Science Community Alarmed at NASA's Canceling of Major Lunar Mission	https://www. telesurenglish.net/ science-community- alarmed-at-nasas- canceling-of-major- lunar-mission/	https://english.news.cn/20240719/ b37e406c04e943fdbb4bf11651a7b3fd/c.html
FALSE	7/17/2024	Putin Asks to Control Cryptocurrency Mining Due to Its High Energy Consumption	https://www. telesurenglish.net/ putin-asks-to-control- cryptocurrency-mining- due-to-its-high-energy- consumption/	https://english.news.cn/ europe/20240809/0964c813f92640389db4241947fb3baf/c.html
FALSE	7/11/2024	Starliner Might Return as Early as End of July: NASA	https://www. telesurenglish.net/ starliner-might-return- as-early-as-end-of-july- nasa/	https://english.news.cn/ northamerica/20240711/583f811d3cd842d288fda17cfb56cd92/c.html
FALSE	7/10/2024	Extreme Heat Causes \$7.7 Billion Losses in California Over Past Decade	https://www. telesurenglish.net/ extreme-heat-causes- 7-7-billion-losses-in- california-over-past- decade/	https://english.news.cn/20240710/ d71a2e17b9974220af18a93a9851170b/c. html
FALSE	7/10/2024	China's FAST Telescope Provides New Platform for Astronomical Cooperation	https://www. telesurenglish.net/ chinas-fast-telescope- provides-new-platform- for-astronomical- cooperation/	https://english.news. cn/20240710/0ac48b24a8914f82a6cdb07fcfa6fe2c/c. html

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FALSE	7/9/2024	NASA'S CURIE Mission to Explore Solar Radio Waves	https://www. telesurenglish.net/nasas- curie-mission-to-explore- solar-radio-waves/	https://english.news. cn/20240709/1fe2f20f5f584d66ba15f23f2b156422/c. html
FALSE	1/9/2024	US Moon Lander Suffers Malfunctions After Launch	https://www. telesurenglish.net/us- moon-lander-suffers- malfunctions-after- launch/	https://english.news. cn/20240109/8955fcd94bc94d0a8a3bbb5844f8639f/c. html
FALSE	1/8/2024	Mexican Micro Robots Set Out on a Mission to the Moon	•	h.net/mexican-micro-robots- ssion-to-the-moon/



# **Appendix 5. Information-Laundering Matches on Social Media**

Social Media Post	TeleSUR Link	Secondary Site
https://www.facebook.com/story. php?story_fbid=122211445946027506& id=61550825196152&_rdr	https://www.telesurtv.net/fiscalia-de-venezuela-exige- investigar-a-lula-por-supuesto-incidente-antes-de-cumbre- brics/	
https://www.facebook.com/ groups/434004943672696/ posts/1754642414942269/	https://www.telesurtv.net/yuan-chino-desplaza-al-euro-como- segunda-moneda-mas-usada-en-comercio-internacional/	
https://www.facebook.com/ groups/131395639428/ posts/10161640777269429/?_rdr	https://www.telesurtv.net/presidente-maduro-el-28j-triunfara- la-paz-la-independencia-el-derecho-al-futuro/	
https://www.facebook.com/LithiumBolivia/photos/vladimir-putin-grupo-brics-supera-al-g7-en-cuanto-a-pib-y-crecimiento-econ%C3%B3micoe/860534669605782/?_rdr	https://www.telesurtv.net/vladimir-putin-grupo-brics-supera- al-g7-en-cuanto-a-pib-y-crecimiento-economico/	
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