

# The Threat of Disinformation to African Democracies

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### What is Disinformation in the Sahel?

 Le geopolitical contest between France and Russia

"Afrancaux News" (Kirwin, Ouedraogo and Warner 2022).



## Sponsors/Actors of Disinformation

**Civil Society organizations** 

**Cyberwarriors** 

Members of religious organizations?

New self-proclaimed solo online pan-Africanists

Wagner??



#### **Old New Stuffs**

French and Russian coordinated
Coordinated
Inauthentic Behavior
reported in CAR, Mali,
Niger, Burkina Faso,
Algeria, Côte d'Ivoire,
and Tchad in 2020







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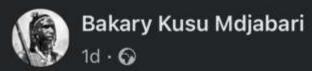


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## **Drive: Local Perception of Russia** as the champion against Western **Imperialism**









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