

Streszczenie w języku angielskim:

The doctoral dissertation titled "Information Pathogen in the Process of Social Communication. A Case Study Based on the Territorial Defense Forces" by Anita Lewandowska explores the impact of disinformation and media manipulation on society. The work focuses on the concept of an "information pathogen," defined as deliberately distorted information aimed at evoking negative emotions, such as fear or distrust towards state institutions. The case study analyzes journalistic articles about the Territorial Defense Forces (WOT) published between 2016 and 2018. The analysis revealed that the media often portrays WOT in a negative light, using specific narrative frameworks that facilitate the spread of informational pathogens. The main objectives of the study include identifying the mechanisms of replication and mutation of these pathogens in the media space and their influence on shaping public opinion.