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# The Russian policy under conditions of contemporary information warfare: from defense strategy to offensive one

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*The paper considers the concept of “information warfare”. We investigate its strategies and give specific examples of their implementation. A number of actual proposals on improving the Russian policy under the conditions of contemporary information warfare are presented. We also discuss the necessity of changing the defense strategy to the offensive one.*

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