mid.ru_ru_2024

Corpus based on the website of Russia's MFA (in Russian, 2003-2023)

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Scope of this corpus

This corpus includes all news items published on the Russian-language version of the website of Russia's MFA.

Summary statistics

Dataset name: mid.ru_ru_2024

Dataset description: all news items published on the Russian-language version of mid.ru

Start date: 2003-01-02

End date: 2023-12-31

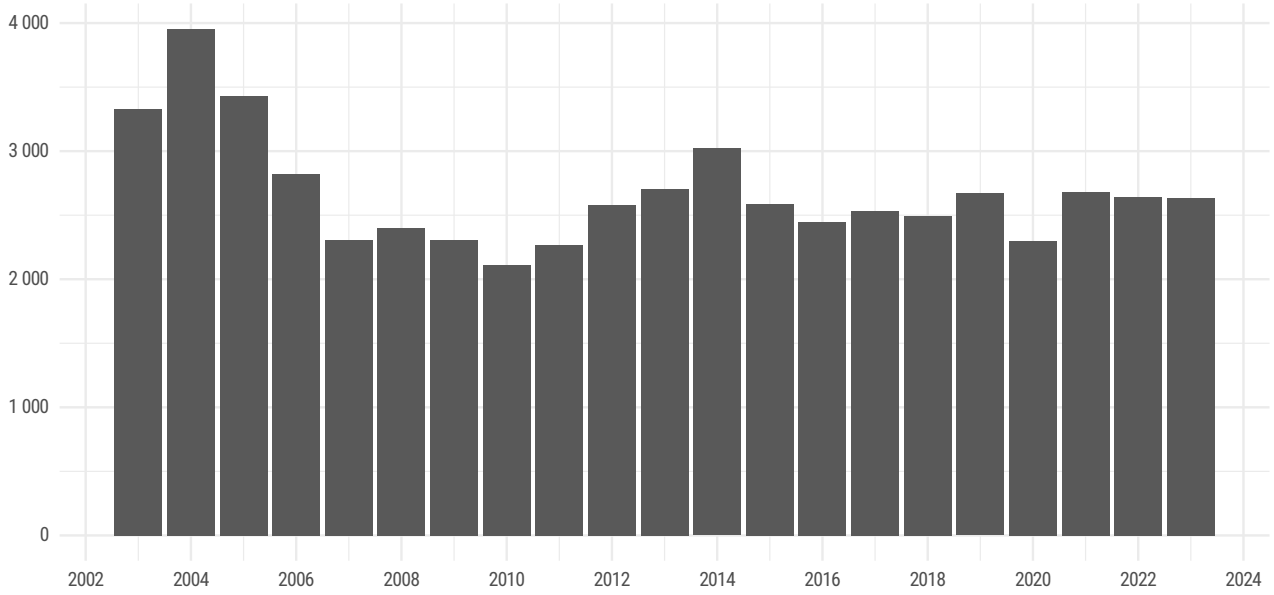
Total items: 56 203

Available columns: doc_id; text; date; datetime; title; internal_id; url_id; translations; countries; url

License: Permissive (see details)

Number of items per year published on the Russian-language version of mid.ru

Based on 56 203 items published between 2 January 2003 and 31 December 2023



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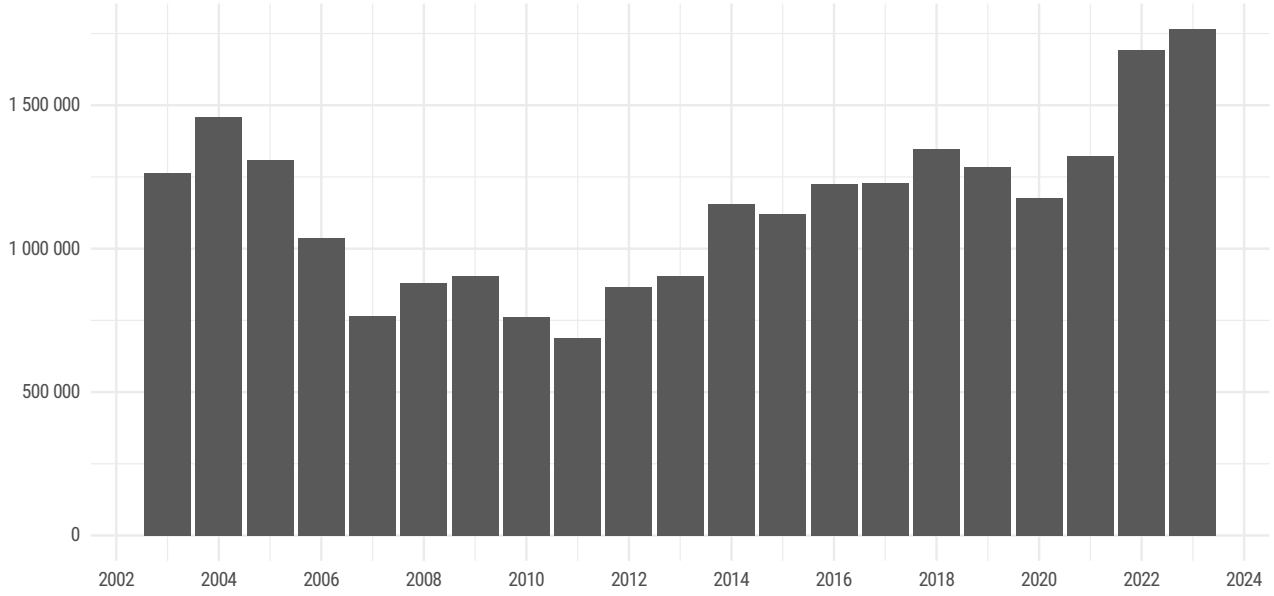

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Missing metadata on the Russian-language version of mid.ru

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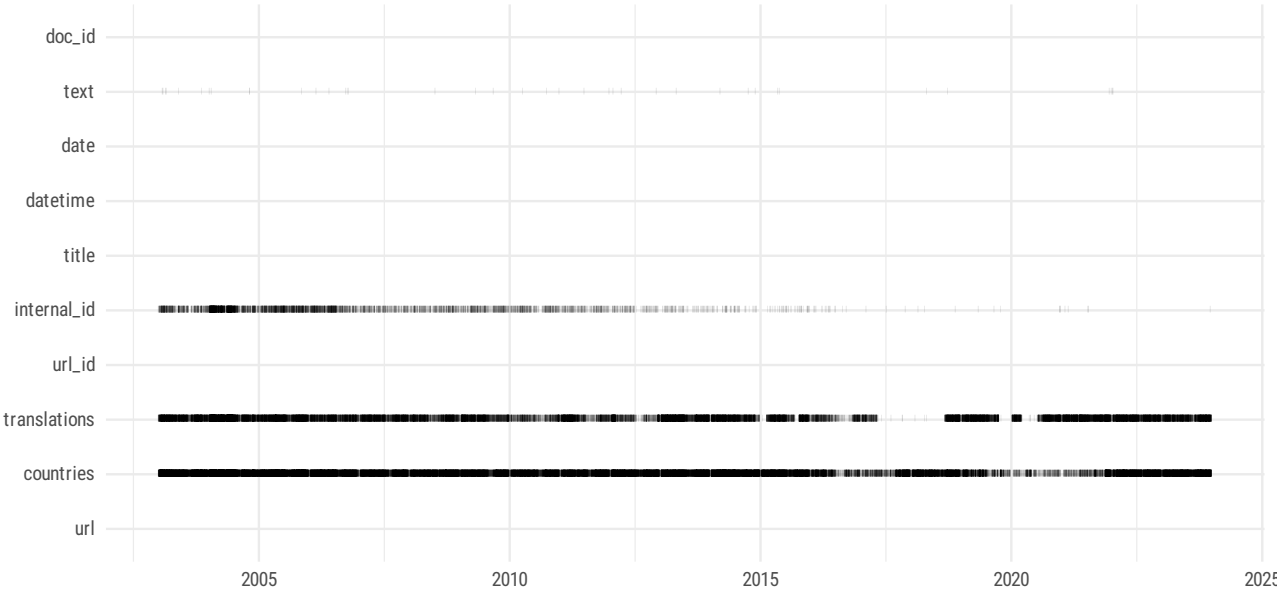

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Narrative explanation of how this textual dataset was built

The website of Russia's MFA makes it possible to search in its news section by date. All index pages for each date starting with earliest publications have been retrieved. In the few occasions when more than 20 items were published on the same day, a second page for the relevant day was also retrieved. Here is an example of such an index page:

- https://www.mid.ru/ru/foreign_policy/news/?activeFrom=22.09.2011&activeTo=22.09.2011

Direct links to news items were extracted from these pages.

The corpus includes the limited metadata available through the website, namely:

- title
- date and time of publication
- an internal id which is included in almost all posts (see note below)
- a list of the languages in which a given post has been published

Notes

This section lists some issues that may be of interest to users of this corpus

- Along with news, the MFA publishes items that detail the timing and accreditation rules for press briefings, see for example: https://mid.ru/ru/foreign_policy/news/1927386/. As these do no not include substantive contents, they are not included in the dataset.
- Almost all news items are published with an identifier, e.g. "1383-22-09-2011" for this item. In many instances, in particular in the earlier years, the identifier is missing, and in a handful it is not unique. As a consequence, the numeric component of the url is likely preferable as the main unique identifier.
- The Russian-language version of this corpus has a significantly larger number of publications.
- There are 39 items with empty text fields. Indeed, they simply include no text besides the title or include just a link to an external file (not included in this corpus).

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