

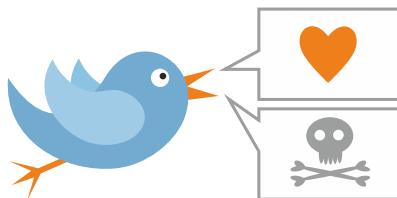
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## False flags



Kyrgyzstan's National Security Committee has identified a 22-year-old native of that country as the perpetrator of the attack on St. Petersburg's metro. Opponents of Vladimir Putin have identified Russia's own FSB security service as the perpetrator. At least that is the gist of Twitter and Facebook posts [such as this one in Russian](#) shared by journalist Alexandr Mitrofanov. It says that 78% of 9,500 people in a Twitter poll blamed the attacks on the FSB or other Russian intelligence agencies, and it also suggests that these agencies are themselves terrorists. The attack did indeed divert attention away from the anti-corruption protests that had been held across Russia. The problem with an accusation like this is that it works both ways. If we're willing to consider the possibility that Putin's people could stage a false-flag event, where does it stop? How many of the terrorist acts in the West are also staged? Or are our politicians and spy agencies too moral for this?

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