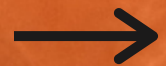


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# ANTI 5G MOVEMENT. CASE OF POLAND







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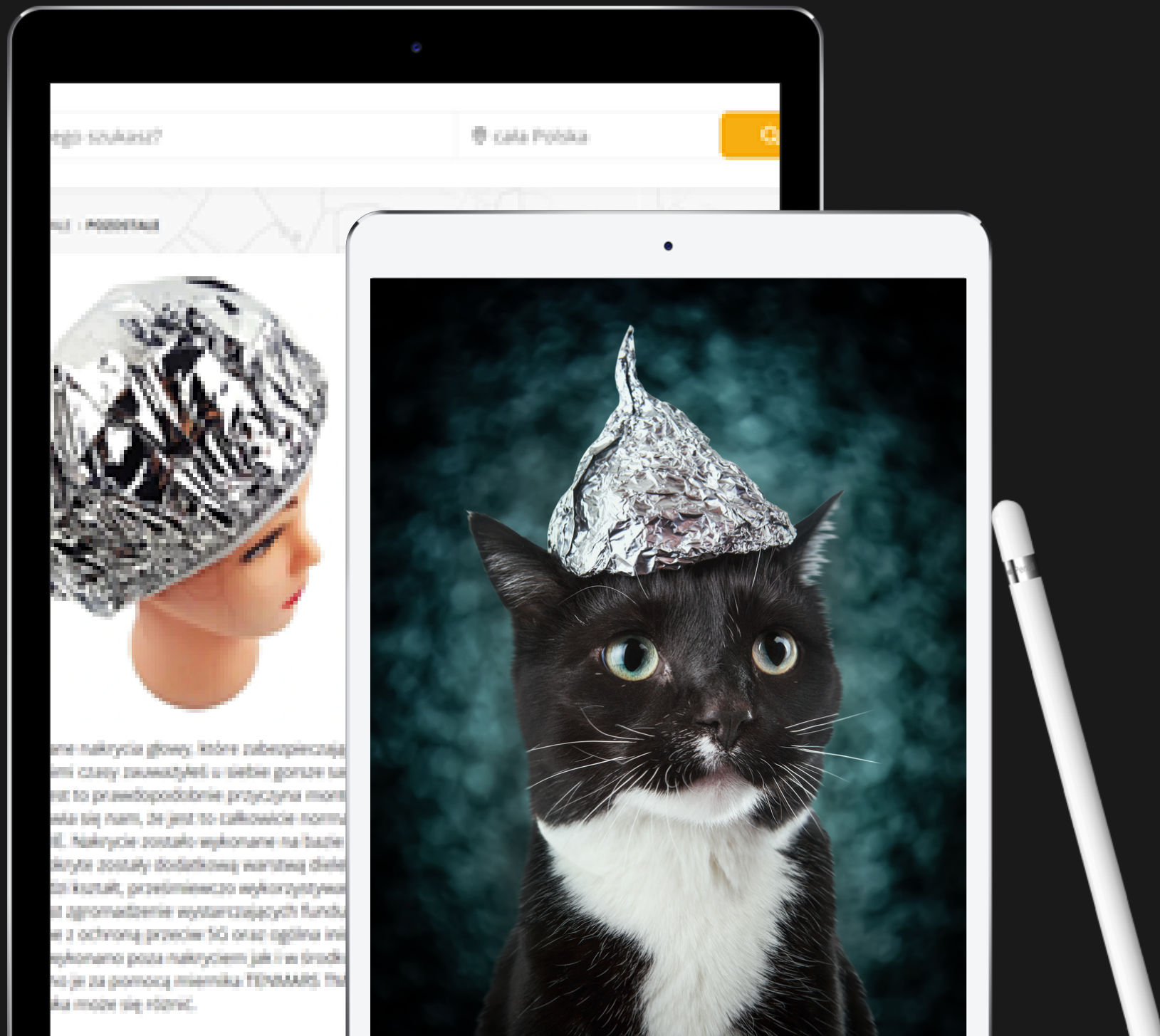
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- Why are people afraid of 5G?
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# Why are people afraid of 5G?



- New complex technology
- People are often afraid of new things, they don't understand
- Hard to understand and explain
- Difficult to debunk fake news
- Greed people who want to earn money



# Selected narratives

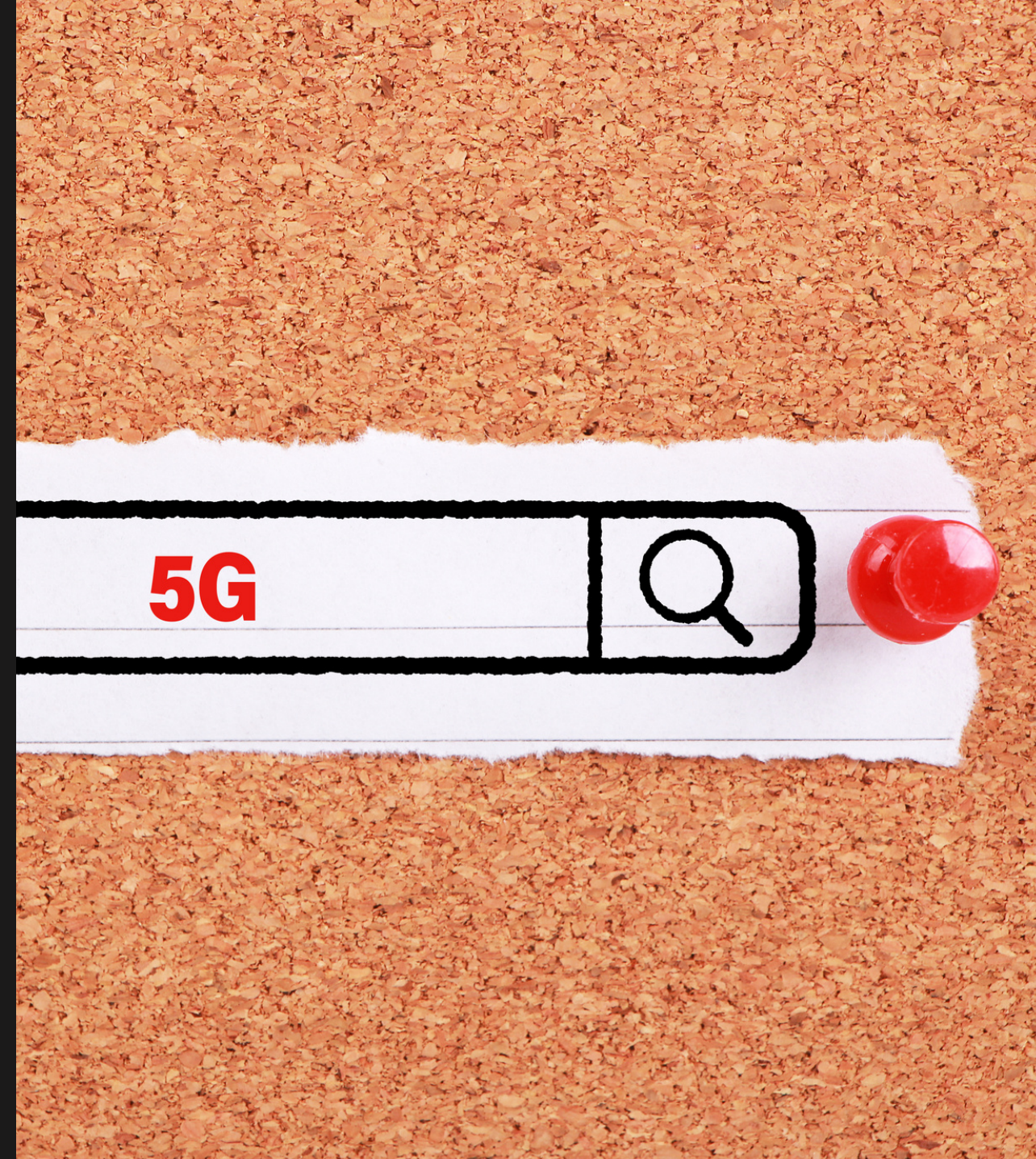
- 5G = epidemic of cancer (especially brain tumor);
- Switzerland stops 5G rollout;
- 15 years in prison for building 5G cell towers in Israel;
- 5G kills bird...;
- Electromagnetic radiation= Ionizing radiation;
- Demonic 5G technology on the church bell in Lodz;
- Minister Zagórski supports 5G rollout to give children access to pornography;
- The lethal cell tower in Cracow





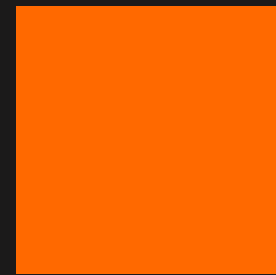
## 5G + COVID-19 = disinformation recipe

- COVID-19 is a cover to introduce 5G network
- During the June quarantine 100 5G cell towers were launched
- Italians are destroying 5G cell towers accusing them of spreading COVID-19
- COVID-19 inscription on cell towers
- Prohibition from entry to forest
- Vaccination with microchips





# Who and where?



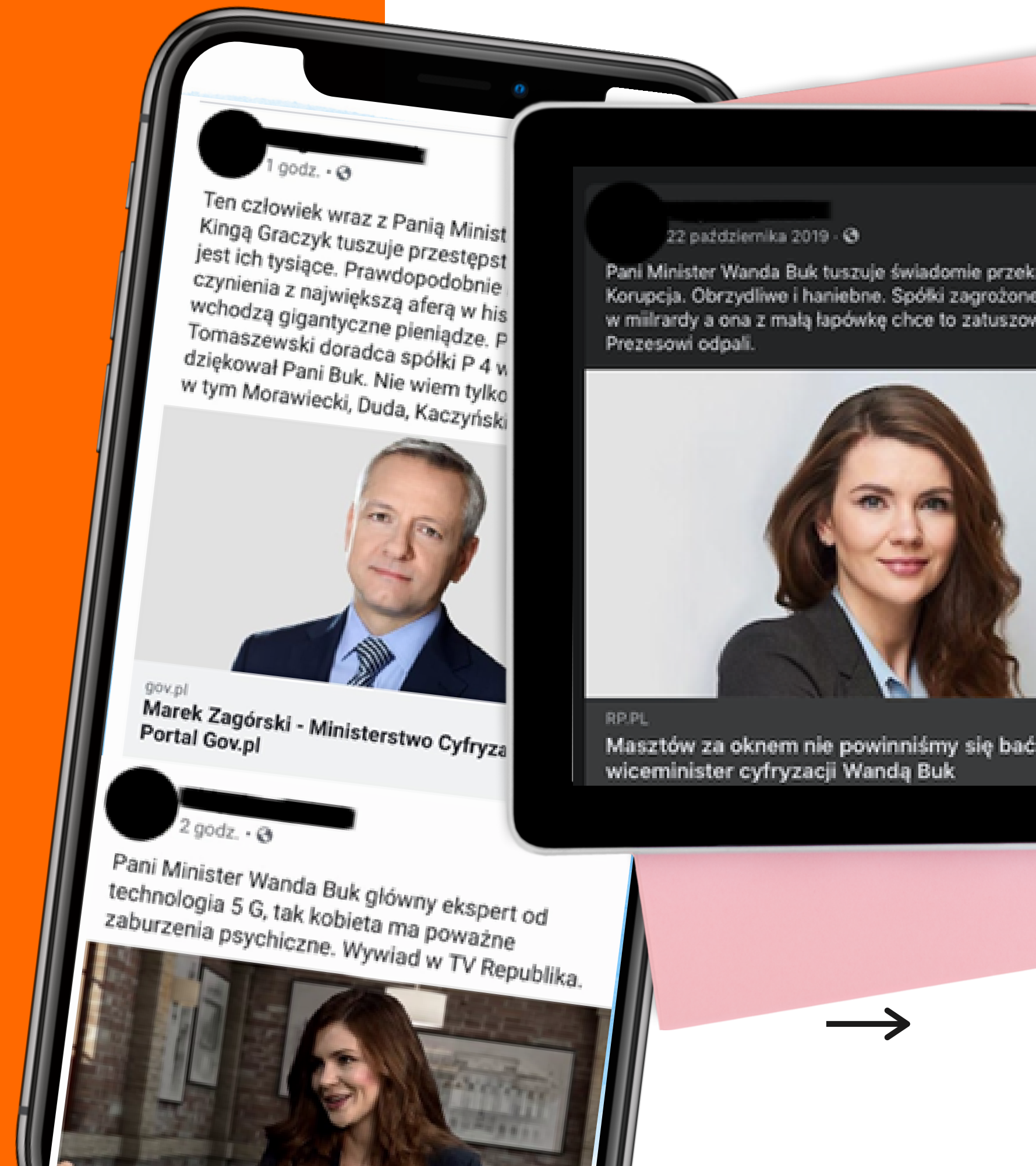
- Social Media (Facebook, YouTube)
  - Channels on YouTube
  - Facebook pages and groups
- MPs
- Professors (sic!)
- Social Assistance of MPs (actively support destruction of 5G telecommunication infrastructure)
- Polish Parliament Special Committee (Parliament Committee on Child Cybersecurity) Manifestations
- Similarities with the anti vaccination movements and engagement of various charlatans
- NYT: Russia is attacking 5G with health disinformation





# Freedom of speech limits

- Death threats to the deputy minister of digital affairs
- Threats and accusation of corruption against Minister of Digital Affairs, workers of Ministry of Digital Affairs, journalists and experts







# Why did we fail?

- 
- Underestimating the anti-5G movement;
    - Mocking opponents
    - Crazy people („foliarze”)
    - No real discussion
  - Lack of effective information campaign;
  - No reaction on the initial signals;
  - No real penalties for people sending threats and insults;





A grayscale background image showing a parking lot. On the left, a parking sign with a 'P' symbol and the word 'Płatny' (Paid) is visible. Below it, another sign reads 'Pobierz bilet z parkowania' (Download ticket from parking). In the background, a tall mobile phone tower stands against a cloudy sky. The foreground shows the tops of several cars parked in the lot.

# CONSEQUENCES

- Destruction of telecommunication infrastructure
- Anti 5G legislation in Polish cities (Kraśnik, Solina, Mielec)
- Hamper the economic development of the country
- Problem on the European Union level





*Thank you*

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