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Trolls...



Source: Makuch & Lamoureux/VICE (November 20, 2018)

... and Extremists

Trolls



Source: Sports de Nature (2019)



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Monty Python and the Holy Grail (Gilliam/EMI Films, 1975)



Papa Coolface/Know Your Meme (2012)

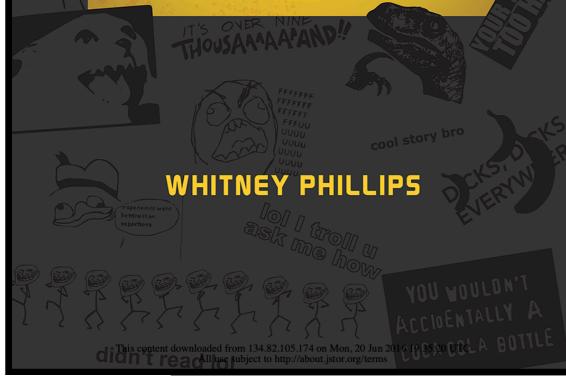
Trolls

Needless to say, the power dynamic between the troll and his or her target is, and can only ever be, fundamentally asymmetrical.

This Is Why We Can't Have Nice Things (Phillips 2015, 26)

THIS IS WHY WE CAN'T HAVE NICE THINGS

Mapping the Relationship Between Online Trolling and Mainstream Culture



1) trolls are "in on the joke"; their targets are not

2) trolling targets are often socially marginalized



Source: Meme Generator

The MIT Press (2015)

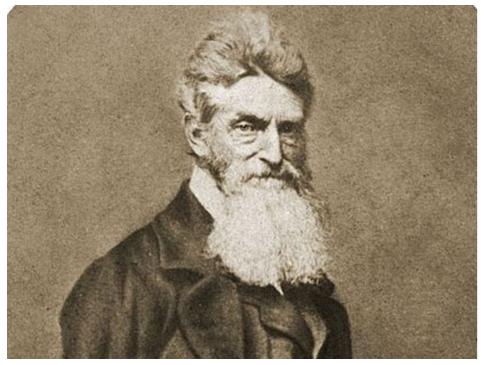


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Source: Wikimedia

earth liberation front



Protecting the environment since 1996

Source: Real Life Villains Wiki



Photo credit: Chet Strange/Getty Images (July 8, 2017)



FBI Director Tells Lindsey Graham Most Domestic Terrorism Cases Are Motivated by 'White Supremacist Violence'

Published on July 23, 2019 at 01:37 PM ET By David Badash



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The Rise of the Alt-Right

Thomas J. Main

TABLE 2-2Average Visits per Month and Percent Changefor Total Alt-Right Sites and Selected Individual Sites acrossthe Political Spectrum, September 2016–February 2018

| POLITICAL BIAS | MONTHLY AVERAGE | PERCENT CHANGE |
|--|-----------------|----------------|
| ALT-RIGHT | | |
| Total Alt-Right sites (N = 9, 10^*) | 4,374,282 | + 33 |
| SELECTED ALT-RIGHT SITES | | |
| Daily Stormer | 956,355 | - 96 |
| The Right Stuff | 1,116,563 | +122 |
| American Renaissance | 689,849 | + 25 |
| VDARE | 631,963 | +126 |
| ALT-LITE | | |
| Breitbart | 64,084,589 | + 0 |
| RIGHT | | |
| National Review | 10,148,826 | + 24 |
| Weekly Standard | 2,300,744 | - 24 |

The Rise of the Alt-Right (Main 2018, 24)



Trolls

Believe in Tacos Even if it means Sacrificing your daughter

JUST DO IT.

memes

Stop White Genocide

Whites in 20th Century: 30 % worldwide.

coordinate harassmer



Whites will drop to 8 % worldwide by 2060 if multiracialism continues.

anti-politic AFRICA FOR THE AFRICANS, ASIA FOR THE ASIANS, MEXICO FOR THE MEXICANS, ISRAELI STATE FOR THE JEWS, WHITE COUNTRIES FOR EVERYBODY!

Anti-racist is a code word for anti-white

Source: stormfront.org c. 2018

Extremists

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Source: 4chan.org/pol/ c. 2018

More Freedom

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Less Freedom

Unthinkable Radical Acceptable Sensible Popular Policy Popular Sensible Acceptable Radical Unthinkable



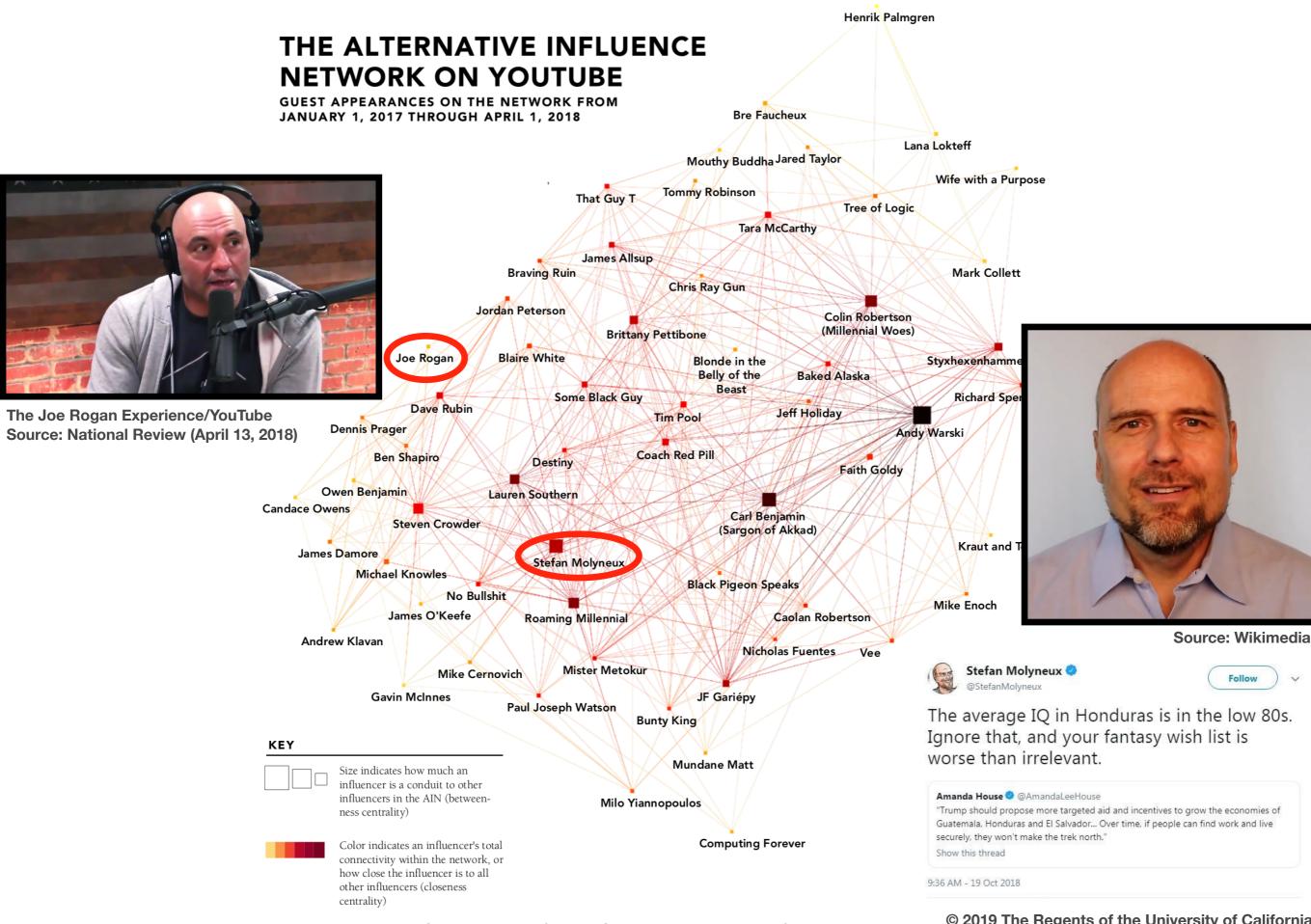
Tucker Carlson Tonight/Fox News Source: The Daily Beast (August 23, 2018)



Donald J. Trump

I have asked Secretary of State @SecPompeo to closely study the South Africa land and farm seizures and expropriations and the large scale killing of farmers. "South African Government is now seizing land from white farmers." @TuckerCarlson @FoxNews

7:28 PM - 22 Aug 2018



Alternative Influence (Rebecca Lewis/Data & Society Institute 2018, 10)

The New York Times A Voice of Hate in America's Heartland



Tony Hovater at his home in New Carlisle, Ohio. George Etheredge for The New York Times

By Richard Fausset

Nov. 25, 2017



Local

'Let's party like it's 1933': Inside the alt-right world of Richard Spencer

THE CODE OF LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TITLE 47—TELEGRAPHS, TELEPHONES, AND RADIOTELEGRAPHS

CHAPTER 5—WIRE OR RADIO COMMUNICATION

SUBCHAPTER II—COMMON CARRIERS

PART I-COMMON CARRIER REGULATION

§230. Protection for private blocking and screening of offensive material

(c) Protection for "Good Samaritan" blocking and screening of offensive material

(1) Treatment of publisher or speaker

No provider or user of an interactive computer service shall be treated as the publisher or speaker of any information provided by another information content provider.

(2) Civil liability

No provider or user of an interactive computer service shall be held liable on account of—

(A) any action voluntarily taken in good faith to restrict access to or availability of material that the provider or user considers to be obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy, excessively violent, harassing, or otherwise objectionable, whether or not such material is constitutionally protected; or

(B) any action taken to enable or make available to information content providers or others the technical means to restrict access to material described in paragraph (1).¹



We didn't suspend Alex Jones or Infowars yesterday. We know that's hard for many but the reason is simple: he hasn't violated our rules. We'll enforce if he does. And we'll continue to promote a healthy conversational environment by ensuring tweets aren't artificially amplified.

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4chan Troll Tries to Tie LGBTQ+ Community to Pedophilia by **Impersonating Gay Men on Twitter**

By Josh Hilgenberg | January 4, 2019 | 1:57pm

Source: Paste Magazine



Twitter Safety 🤜 @TwitterSafety

Today, we permanently suspended @realalexjones and @infowars from Twitter and Periscope. We took this action based on new reports of Tweets and videos posted yesterday that violate our abusive behavior policy, in addition to the accounts' past violations.

Abusive behavior

6 Sep 20

You may not engage in the targeted harassment of someone, or incite other people to do so. We consider abusive behavior an attempt to harass, intimidate, or... help.twitter.com



Gab: Inside the social network where alleged Pittsburgh synagogue shooter posted final message Lizzie Dearden Sunday 28 October 2018 19:15



6:11 PM - 7 Aug 2018 ppm San Francisco, CA



4chan (August 18, 2014) Source: archive.today (November 5, 2014)



Sugreev2001 140 points · 4 years ago

SJWs ruin everything they touch. Video Gaming Journalism should be about Video Games, not how many White guys are protagonists in games etc.

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- DoDoeDie 121 points · 4 years ago
- This happens all the time when dealing with feminists social justice warriors. They will bully or doxx you till you comply with their agendas. It even happened on Reddit with <u>/r/TwoXChromosomes</u>. People were coming up with fake rape accusations to bully the mods to bend to their wills. It got so bad that the admins had to step in. They revealed to us that almost all of the rape accusation were false. I have had to deal with these crazy feminist SJW types myself, believe me when they say that they will try to ruin you they will ruin you. People like Zoe Quinn, Anita Sarkeesian, Rebecca Watson, Adria Richards have morphed feminism into an insane cult.

Source: Reddit (August 19, 2014)



Working in games has left me temporarily homeless, my family harassed, my friends' company destroyed for defending me, & my life threatened.

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The police just came by. Husband and I are going somewhere safe.

Remember, #gamergate isn't about attacking women.

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@BuckSexington Yes, our partners at @intel were flooded with complaints over a recent opinion piece, and they did pull an ad campaign.

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Feminist Frequency

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I usually don't share the really scary stuff. But it's important for folks to know how bad it gets [TRIGGER WARNING]

| Kevin Dobson @kdobbsz | Tweets Tweets and replies |
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| | Kevin Dobson @kdobbsz - 12s @femfreq I'm going to kill your parents too. |
| Don't miss any updates from Kevin Dobson | the seen their house. |
| Full name | Kevin Dobson @kdobbsz - 42s |
| Email | @femfreq But instead, I'll drink your blood out of your cunt after I rip it open. |
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| #RIPMona #NationalDogDay #DogBands #UnaCosaQueQuieroYa | Kevin Dobson @kdobbsz -1m @femfreq Oh, Anita. You're so beautiful and sexy, you know that? |
| Hey Mamacita #EstaNocheSoloQuiero The Beagles Khalifa x Fergie Ferg | Kevin Dobson @kdobbsz - Im @femfreq I'm going to kill Jonny too. He's a fruitcake. |
| Dyl Pickles FifthHarmonyForVSfashionShow | Kevin Dobson @kdobbsz - 2m |

(August 27, 2014)

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(October 11, 2014)



Photo credit: Gage Skidmore (2017) Source: Wikimedia

In describing gamers, Bannon said, "These guys, these rootless white males, had monster power. ... It was the pre-reddit. It's the same guys on (one of a trio of online message boards owned by IGE) Thottbot who were [later] on reddit" and other online message boards where the alt-right flourished, Bannon said. "I realized Milo could connect with these kids right away," Bannon told Green. "You can

activate that army. They come in through Gamergate or whatever and then get turned onto politics and Trump."

Mike Snider/USA Today (July 18, 2017)



Image credit: Matt Furie (2005) Source: imgflip



Source: Anti-Defamation League

theguardian

Student sues neo-Nazi website publisher after 'troll storm' of harassment

Taylor Dumpson, American University's first black female student president, says Andrew Anglin directed the Daily Stormer's readers to harass her

Associated Press in Washington

Tue 1 May 2018 14.36 EDT



Milo Yiannopoulos' Facebook rant shows that de-platforming actually works

Yiannopoulos later characterized the comment as "casually snapping" at someone, but his words highlight a greater point: that de-platforming hate-mongering internet celebrities actually works. It reduces the influence pernicious trolls like Yiannopoulos can have on national discourse. And makes their speech, though still hateful, and free, do less harm.



Dear Readers,

A few minutes ago, the VDARE Foundation was kicked off of Paypal without warning.

Brimelow

Peter

August 15, 2017, 9:22 pm A+ | a-

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We were given no reasons, so are left to speculate why we've been suddenly purged. Best guess: the Charlottesville debacle — in which VDARE.com played no part, either in planning, promoting or appearing — is being used as an excuse for the authoritarian Communist Left to punish anyone who disagrees with their anti-American violence against patriotic people. Source: VDARE.com

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The case for quarantining extremist ideas

When confronted with white supremacists, newspaper editors should consider 'strategic silence'

Joan Donovan and Danah Boyd

Fri 1 Jun 2018 13.46 EDT

Hillary Clinton's 'alt-Right' smear will backfire

COMMENTARY

Pratik Chougule, former policy coordinator for Mike Huckabee and Donald Trump Published 10:42 AM ET Tue, 30 Aug 2016

MCNBC

Hillary Clinton did not, in short, conjure the alt-right out of the ether. Rather, her speech, and the news cycle it catalyzed, reflected a growing concern not just over the alt-right's increasing influence, but also the fact that Donald Trump was, if not actively embracing the movement, then not protesting when the movement actively embraced him. What Clinton's spotlight—one brightened exponentially by journalists covering the story—did do, however, was catapult the group, to the extent that it could be called a cohesive group, onto the national stage.

The Oxygen of Amplification (Whitney Phillips/Data & Society Institute 2018, 4)