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Trolls... and Extremists

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

Image credit: Carlos Ramirez (2008)

Source: Know Your Meme

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Trolls

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

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

2) trolling targets are often socially marginalized

Source: Meme Generator

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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
Part of what I observed in the shift of the White supremacist movement from print to digital is that they were very good, prescient even, at understanding how to exploit emerging technologies to further their ideological goals.

So we see that White nationalists, as early adopters, are constantly looking for the vulnerabilities in new technologies as spots into which their ideology can be inserted.

“The Algorithmic Rise of the ‘Alt-Right’” (Jessie Daniels/Contexts 2018, 63)

Opinion
This Is a Warning About the 2 Sides of White Nationalism

The white supremacist terrorists and the white supremacist policymakers share the same mission.

Aug. 4, 2019

I think a better way to look at it is to understand that white nationalist terrorists — young and rash — and white nationalist policymakers — older and more methodical — live on parallel planes, both aiming in the same direction, both with the same goal: To maintain and ensure white dominance and white supremacy.
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*The Rise of the Alt-Right* (Main 2018, 24)
Trolls

Abhor fame-seeking of all sorts. Fame can be useful motivated by "lulz" political motivations and objectives anti-political correctness.

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

Extremists

Believe in Tacos Even if it means Sacrificing your daughter

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

Stop White Genocide

Whites in 20th Century: 30 % worldwide.

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

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
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
THE ALTERNATIVE INFLUENCE NETWORK ON YOUTUBE
GUEST APPEARANCES ON THE NETWORK FROM JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH APRIL 1, 2018

The Joe Rogan Experience/YouTube
Source: National Review (April 13, 2018)

KEY
Size indicates how much an influencer is a conduit to other influencers in the AIN (betweenness centrality)
Color indicates an influencer's total connectivity within the network, or how close the influencer is to all other influencers (closeness centrality)

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

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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

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

By John Woodrow Cox

November 22, 2016
§ 230. Protection for private blocking and screening of offensive material

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

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(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).
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.

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.

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

Gab: Inside the social network where alleged Pittsburgh synagogue shooter posted final message

Lizzie Dearden
Sunday 28 October 2018 19:15
TLDR: Zoe Quinn, a rabid feminist SJW GAMUR GIRL who made a shitty non-game called Depression Quest, just got outed for bribing the media into liking her shitty non-game with her vagina by cheating on her boyfriend with 5 other guys, including Kotaku staff members who defended her online and reviewed her game and HER MARRIED BOSS. She is a manipulative liar and a sociopath.

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**Reddit**

Source: Reddit (August 19, 2014)

**4chan**

Source: archive.today (November 5, 2014)
Adam Baldwin @AdamBaldwin

#GamerGate:

pt. 1: m.youtube.com/watch?v=C5-51P...
pt. 2: youtube.com/watch?v=pKmy5O...

Zoe ‘GRANOS’ Quinn @TheQuinnspracy

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

Brianna Wu @Spacekatgal

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

Remember, #gamergate isn’t about attacking women.

Gamasutra @gamasutra

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

Feminist Frequency @femfreq

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 @kdobson

Don’t miss any updates from Kevin Dobson
Full name
Email
Password

Sign up for Twitter
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)

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The Guardian

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.

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
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

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)