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Sent: Thur 11/12/2020 6:26:28 PM
Subject: FW: Election Integrity Partnership Briefing: 11/12 at 5 p.m. EST / 2 p.m. PST
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Renee –

In case you have time, Molly Roberts (the Washington Post's lead tech writer on the editorial page) is looking to chat with someone at the EIP regarding Parler and alternative platforms. I'm not sure if she's looking for anything on the record, but it seems like she's looking for more background perspective for an upcoming editorial.

-- Michael

From: Roberts, Molly <Molly.Roberts@washpost.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 10:02 AM
To: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>
Subject: Re: Election Integrity Partnership Briefing: 11/12 at 5 p.m. EST / 2 p.m. PST

Hi Michael! Will try to make it to this but might not be able to swing it and would love the link just in case. Also, I was wondering if you might be able to get me on the phone with someone at the partnership sometime tomorrow to talk on background in greater depth about Parler/other alternative platforms.

From: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>
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Subject: Election Integrity Partnership Briefing: 11/12 at 5 p.m. EST / 2 p.m. PST

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Hello from the Election Integrity Partnership.

For those who have been asking whether our team will be hosting additional research briefings as we transition toward writing our final report on disinfo/misinfo in the 2020 U.S. elections, the EIP leads have called a briefing for [Thursday, 11/12 at 5 p.m. EST / 2 p.m. PST \[stanford.zoom.us\]](#) to share some insights into some things our team continues to monitor. (Apologies in advance if we start a few minutes late.) Per usual, after our presentation, we'll have time for Q&A. If you can't make the briefing and are interested in the event recording, let me know and I'll share it with you when it's ready.

Thanks and let me know if you have questions.

-- Michael

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Importance: Normal
Subject: Accepted: EIP Media Briefing
Start Date/Time: Wed 11/9/2022 6:45:00 PM
End Date/Time: Wed 11/9/2022 8:15:00 PM

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Cc: Elena Cryst[ecryst@stanford.edu]; Daniel Bateyko[dbateyko@stanford.edu]
From: Renee DiResta
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Subject: RE: EIP Media Briefing
Received: Wed 11/9/2022 6:23:28 AM

As a heads up, my husband is having a minor medical procedure tomorrow and I have to show up to the facility to ride in the Uber home with him b/c he is not allowed to leave on his own. I don't know what time he will be done. I will be able to join but might have to drop early.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 7:41 PM
To: Kate Starbird; Mike Caulfield; Renee DiResta
Cc: 51 Rachel Moran; Sukrit Venkatagiri; 51 Christopher Giles; Elena Cryst; Daniel Bateyko; 51
Subject: EIP Media Briefing
When: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 10:45 AM-12:15 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).
Where: <https://washington.zoom.us/j/92879058530> [washington.zoom.us]

I'll open the Zoom room around 10:45 a.m. (Pacific) and then we can try to get started at 11 a.m. (Pacific)

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Subject: Where Stewart Rhodes Got The Idea To Overthrow the US Government
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Where Stewart Rhodes Got The Idea To Overthrow the US Government

and some news about WATERGATE: A New History

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Welcome back to Doomsday Scenario — first a funny story: Monday afternoon around 3:30 p.m. I was sitting working in my hotel room and got a text from Evan Smith, the longtime editor of the *Texas Tribune*, “Congratulations!” My immediate thought was, “For what?!” As it turned out, and as other texts from journalist friends began to arrive, I learned that my book “WATERGATE: A New History,” had been stunningly named a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in History. Never for a single iota of a fleeting thought in the last year had I considered WATERGATE Pulitzer fodder, and so I was absolutely floored.

The Pulitzer judges called WATERGATE, “A comprehensive analysis of the country’s best-known political crime, a finely-crafted synthesis of multiple sources into a comprehensive account that is engaging, humanizing and funny.”

If you’re not a close student of publishing, “Finalist for the Pulitzer Prize” is one of the very few awards that actually make it to the cover of a book — along with honors like the National Book Award, the Booker Prize, or the NYT’s Ten Best Books of the Year — and so here is the new cover of my book, as of this morning:



My favorite reactions to the news, though, came last night from a [reader on Twitter](#):



Now onto the real reason for today’s newsletter: I want to share the latest episode, out today, of my podcast **LONG SHADOW: RISE OF THE AMERICAN FAR-RIGHT**. In the first four episodes, if you’ve been listening, the series tells the “historical” story of the modern far-right: the evolution and groups through the 1980s, the landmark events of the 1990s — Ruby Ridge, Waco, the Oklahoma City bombing — and, in last week’s episode, the rise and transformation of conservative media and its slide into conspiracy theories. The final three episodes, beginning today, focus on what you call “modern times,” tracing the evolution of the moment that changes everything: America elects a Black president in 2008.

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Barack Obama’s campaign and his ultimate election turbo-charges the militia movement across the country — triggering both the racist wings, who saw again America as a white country slipping away, and the paranoid, who feared a Democratic president would come for their guns. Obama faced so many serious death threats even as a candidate that he was given Secret Service protection earlier than any other candidate in history.

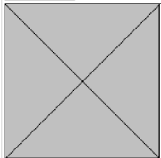
Much of that hatred and anger was fueled by the right-wing media ecosystem of Fox News, talk radio, which had spent the 2000s super-charging the backdrop of American Hate and engaging in vile displays of Islamophobia — including repeatedly referring to the candidate and president by his middle name, Barack Hussein Obama, and fueling conspiracy theories that he was born in Kenya — a claim particularly endorsed and flamed by a New York real estate tycoon (recently found civilly liable for a sexual assault) who used these “birtherism” controversies to attract attention.

Today’s episode of **LONG SHADOW** tells the story of when Obama’s administration collided with the question of western land rights in a series of escalating showdowns in Nevada and Oregon—events that led in very direct ways to the January 6th showdown at the US Capitol and events that turned the right-wing militia movement into what it’s become today, a free-range, self-directed patriotic security force.

Here are the episodes on Apple and Spotify, or find and subscribe wherever you get podcasts:



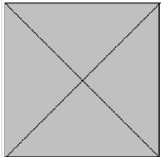
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The Land Nobody Wants

In the urban east, it's easy to live most of your life without bumping up against the authority of the federal government. Sure, air traffic controllers are keeping watch over your flights; USDA inspectors are watching over the meat you eat, and EPA inspectors are checking your drinking water is safe, but it's hardly a daily presence in most urban Americans' lives. Out west, it's different — the federal government land holdings are vast and an agency that most Americans have never heard of, the Bureau of Land Management, often has a vast say over your daily work.

East of the Mississippi, the federal government owns less than five percent of land—and it's usually land that we feel good about as a country, mostly national parks and forests that are widely appreciated and recognized. Out west, though, nearly half of all land from Colorado and New Mexico west to the Pacific is owned by the federal government. In Nevada, it's actually over 80 percent — roughly 56 million of the state's 70 million acres — and Utah and Idaho also both have more than half of their land owned by the US government. Much of that is preserved for public use, overseen by the BLM, which is one of the least known and most controversial agencies in the US government.

The BLM is part of the Department of the Interior, and altogether oversees a quarter-billion acres of public lands — that's one-eighth of the entire country. It's work is almost too enormous to comprehend. It's the modern-day successor of what was originally called the US Grazing Service and the General Land Office, and today manages 221 wilderness areas, 27 national monuments, countless scenic rivers, and historic sites; it handles about 18,000 grazing permits and 63,000 oil and gas wells on public lands, and oversees wild horses and burros across ten western states. And it does all of that with an annual budget of just \$1.3 billion, about what the US government spends on the Pentagon every 14 hours.

There's almost no way BLM can balance everything it's supposed to think about. The challenge of our democracy is that our government is supposed to balance us all — and out west, that means balancing widely varying needs of environmentalists, outdoors enthusiasts, hunters, ranchers, mining companies, native tribes, and future generations. It's a task that falls to the BLM and one that the bureau has carried out with widely varying levels of success.

Though the bureau has more than 10,000 employees, it has just a tiny police force of its own — about 250 law enforcement officers, a mix of uniformed wildland rangers and special agents charged with investigating crimes.

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Over the years, many people joke that BLM gets the land no one else wants — and indeed a huge chunk of the land that the BLM oversees is the Great Basin — which stretches from the eastern side of Oregon and Idaho down through Nevada and Utah into the northwest of Arizona. The name comes from the fact that there's no outlet for the water that falls there, no rivers that empty down to the ocean — it's a corner of the country settled by white people in the late 1800s long before state boundaries drew artificial lines on the map, one with a shared culture of ranching and individualism, heavily Mormon, heavily conservative. It's a hard place to make a living from the land.

And it's this corner of the country — and this government agency — that serves as the backdrop of our LONG SHADOW episode this week. The battle over public lands out west and the federal government's support — or lack there of — for farmers and ranchers has long been one of the biggest flashpoints in the far-right extremism.

In today's episode, we tell the story of a moment in 2014 and 2016 where ranchers and the militia movement — including a group called the Oath Keepers and a guy named Stewart Rhodes — team up to lead what ultimately are not one, but two armed uprisings against the US government, uprisings that — consequentially — are not only unsuccessful but go largely unpunished.

Last Friday, the Justice Department asked for a 25-year prison sentence for Rhodes, who was convicted of seditious conspiracy — a charge just under treason — for his role in the January 6th insurrection. I hope you'll listen to this week's podcast episode to hear where Stewart Rhodes first got the idea that you could stand up to the US government — and win.

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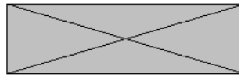
PS: Apropos of literally nothing, I wanted to share this *New York Times Magazine* article from 2021 about what it's like to spend time with the last two white rhinos on Earth. My paper "to be read" archive of Sunday NYT Magazine archive, like the ever-accumulating *New Yorker*, stretches back years of well-intentioned future reading — and I finally read it this particular issue while traveling this week, along with a couple 2022 issues of the *New Yorker*, and found it incredibly thoughtful and moving.

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From: Renee DiResta

Sent: Monday, November 7, 2022 5:52 PM

To: Daniel Bateyko <dbateyko@stanford.edu>

Subject: FW: Interview on election misinformation guide?

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Date: November 7, 2022 at 7:14:42 AM PST

To: Renee DiResta <reneejustrenee@gmail.com>

Subject: Interview on election misinformation guide?

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All the best,

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Subject: RE: Interview on election misinformation guide?
Received: Mon 11/7/2022 11:28:00 PM

We helped Cristiano out earlier today. This request should be taken care of.

From: Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>

Sent: Monday, November 7, 2022 3:27 PM

To: Elena Cryst <ecryst@stanford.edu>; Mike Caulfield <mica42@uw.edu>; Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>

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From: Renee DiResta
Sent: Fri 11/4/2022 6:01:58 PM
Subject: Re: Hoping to connect with you for a midterm elections disinformation story
Received: Fri 11/4/2022 6:02:07 PM

Hey Suzanne, thanks for reaching out. I'm slammed but looping in Michael - we can have someone field if you send questions in writing?

From: Suzanne Smalley <suzanne.smalley@cyberscoop.com>
Sent: Friday, November 4, 2022 8:58 AM
To: Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>
Subject: Hoping to connect with you for a midterm elections disinformation story

Hi Renee,
I'm working on a story about domestic disinformation and how it might impact the midterm elections. I know how busy you are, but I just have a few questions and even five minutes of your time would be a huge help. I can talk between now and 12:30 EST, between 1 and 2 EST, or anything after 3 EST. I'm at 202-931-9538. We could also do it over email if needed; I can send a few questions.

Many thanks,
Suzanne

To: Paul, Katie (Reuters)[Katie.Paul@thomsonreuters.com]
Cc: Dang, Sheila (Reuters)[Sheila.Dang@thomsonreuters.com]; Renee DiResta[rdirresta@stanford.edu]
From: Michael Grass
Sent: Mon 11/7/2022 11:10:26 PM
Subject: RE: Reuters query re: midterms
Received: Mon 11/7/2022 11:10:00 PM

Katie,

I've cc'd Renee DiResta from Stanford Internet Observatory. Renee, think anyone at SIO can field this?

-- Michael

From: Paul, Katie (Reuters) <Katie.Paul@thomsonreuters.com>

Sent: Monday, November 7, 2022 3:05 PM

To: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>

Cc: Dang, Sheila (Reuters) <Sheila.Dang@thomsonreuters.com>

Subject: RE: Reuters query re: midterms

Hi Michael, circling back, would anyone at EIP be able to provide quick feedback about whether it's their understanding that Twitter's a) policies and/or b) ability to enforce policies have changed in the past several days? And if there aren't definitive answers, speak to the impact of that uncertainty?

Thanks very much,

Katie

From: Paul, Katie (Reuters)

Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2022 4:11 PM

To: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>

Cc: Dang, Sheila (Reuters) <Sheila.Dang@thomsonreuters.com>

Subject: RE: Reuters query re: midterms

Thanks so much for the thorough reply, Michael. Emailed quotes would be fine for efficiency's sake for something like this. Unsure whether we'll be able to make a preview call given everything that may go down with Twitter tomorrow, but please do share Zoom info and we'll join if able!

Much appreciated,

Katie

From: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>

Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2022 4:01 PM

To: Paul, Katie (Reuters) <Katie.Paul@thomsonreuters.com>

Cc: Dang, Sheila (Reuters) <Sheila.Dang@thomsonreuters.com>

Subject: [EXT] RE: Reuters query re: midterms

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Katie –

A couple follow ups ...

- First off, we are hosting a virtual media briefing on Friday at 2 p.m. Eastern / 11 a.m. Pacific time around our team's "what to expect" analysis (which published on Thursday) and have time for reporters to ask our researchers questions. (We will likely have a follow-up briefing next week Wednesday, details TBD.) If you're interested in attending Friday's meeting, let me know and I can share Zoom information. <https://www.eipartnership.net/blog/what-to-expect-2022-midterm-election-rumors-narratives>
- As for timely data and research insights, the best way to track our work is to keep an eye out for updates via the EIP's Twitter account (https://twitter.com/EI_Partnership) and to a lesser extent, CIP research scientist Mike Caulfield's Twitter account (<https://twitter.com/holden>), who is offering up more granular updates of stuff he and our team are tracking.
- We also anticipate to offer up more frequent updates, compiled in our weekly reports (<https://www.eipartnership.net/weekly-reports-2022>), in the coming week. In these reports, if you scroll down, there are additional rundowns of incidents beyond the larger analysis pieces we've been publishing on the EIP's website.
- If you're looking for a timely quote(s), you're likely best to email me first so I can find the right person. I can't make any promises for 1:1 phone calls with our researchers given everything else going on, but I'm a good place to start. If you need to track me down in a hurry, text/call me at 202-577-7418.

-- Michael

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Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2022 1:12 PM

To: info@eipartnership.net

Cc: Dang, Sheila (Reuters) <Sheila.Dang@thomsonreuters.com>

Subject: Reuters query re: midterms

Hi team, Katie Paul from Reuters here, along with my partner on the social media beat Sheila Dang.

We're looking to line up sources for research and analysis we can very quickly cite during and after the midterms vote next week.

Given what's happening at Twitter this week, and our expectations of deep layoffs tomorrow, we're especially attuned to any spikes in problematic activity there.

What's the best way to keep track of the EIP's findings in the days ahead? Do you expect to have anything that'll specifically address issues on Twitter? And likewise, what's the most efficient way to reach you for a quote when news is breaking?

Thanks much,

Katie

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From: Michael Grass
Sent: Wed 11/2/2022 8:49:17 PM
Subject: FW: AFP media inquiry: Story on Donald Trump's message, misinformation heading into midterm elections, quick deadline
Received: Wed 11/2/2022 8:49:00 PM

Renee –

Is this something that SIO could respond to? Not sure if David is still on vacation or not ...

-- Michael

From: Bill MCCARTHY <bill.mccarthy@afp.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 11:19 AM

To: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>

Subject: AFP media inquiry: Story on Donald Trump's message, misinformation heading into midterm elections, quick deadline

Hi Michael,

Bill McCarthy from AFP here. I hope you're well.

I'm writing a story about former president Donald Trump's message and Truth Social activity heading into the 2022 midterms, including his engagement with QAnon and other extremist content, his repetition of falsehoods about the 2020 election being stolen and his amplification of misinformation about the upcoming midterms. The story may also preview what to expect from Trump during and after Election Day.

I was wondering if a UWCIP expert might be able to offer insights into – or quantify, if possible -- the effect of Trump's Truth Social megaphone and activity on the spread of misinformation about the 2022 midterm elections. A few questions I would have for that expert:

Trump has amplified claims about [Colorado voter registration cards \[truthsocial.com\]](#), [ballot mules \[truthsocial.com\]](#), [unverified ballots in Pennsylvania \[truthsocial.com\]](#), and more – all while repeatedly claiming US elections are corrupt and the 2020 race was stolen from him. Has your research shown his voice to have had a significant impact on the spread of misinformation around these narratives, or any other narratives the Election Integrity Partnership has tracked?

What do you expect from Trump in terms of amplifying election-related misinformation in 2022? What are the potential harms that could result from his amplification, for example, of [a post sharing an image \[truthsocial.com\]](#) of a voter at a ballot drop box in Arizona and claiming the voter is a “mule”?

What do you make of Trump's engagement in recent months with content from promoters of the QAnon conspiracy theory and other extremists? Has he become more brazen?

Your speedy response would be greatly appreciated, as I'm looking to file before Friday. Thank you in advance!

Cheers,

Bill

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Sent: Fri 11/4/2022 5:11:24 PM

Subject: Run-of-Show for the 11 a.m. Media Briefing

Received: Fri 11/4/2022 5:11:00 PM

Hello everyone,

Here's a quickish run-of-show for today's media briefing.

- Zoom info: <https://washington.zoom.us/j/98425658789>
- **I'm hoping we can open the waiting room as close to 11 a.m. Pacific as we can**, so if you're able to hop on a few mins before 11 a.m., that'd be great, though we'll probably get started 2-3 mins after the hour.
- I will do a brief introduction/welcome for the call, go through housekeeping details, etc.
- I will then turn things over to Mike Caulfield, to kick off the overview of the "what to expect" post: <https://www.eipartnership.net/blog/what-to-expect-2022-midterm-election-rumors-narratives>
- We'll save the rest of the time for open Q&A, since that's most useful for those attending. I can call on reporters but I'll let Kate/Mike/Renee relay certain questions to students in the room who may have been involved in certain research.
- I will do my best to drop relevant links into chat based on discussion, but if anyone is faster on the draw, be my guest.
- Housekeeping: I'll ask participants to stay muted and when it's time for Q&A, ask them to either raise their hand or drop their question into the chat.
- This is an on-the-record call (so there's no easy way to go on background or off-the-record).

-- Michael

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Parmy,
I'll be sure to send the analysis your way when it's ready to share.
-- Michael

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Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2022 11:54 AM

To: rdirecta@stanford.edu; Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>

Subject: Re: Facebook misinformation ahead of midterms?

Lovely, thank you. Look forward to seeing the assessment.

----- Original Message -----

From: Renee DiResta <rdirecta@stanford.edu>

To: PARMY OLSON, megrass@uw.edu

At: 10/20/22 19:52:23 UTC+01:00

Yup! Looping in Michael Grass, an EIP colleague from UW, and we can coordinate on getting you a copy of that post.

From: Parmy Olson (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) <polson29@bloomberg.net>

Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2022 11:51 AM

To: Renee DiResta <rdirecta@stanford.edu>

Subject: Re: Facebook misinformation ahead of midterms?

I would love to see your assessment of platform policies when it is released, yes please!

Good to know on inauthentic accounts too.

Thank you for the feedback!

----- Original Message -----

From: Renee DiResta <rdirecta@stanford.edu>

To: PARMY OLSON

At: 10/20/22 19:12:58 UTC+01:00

Hi Parmy,

We're going to be releasing an assessment of platform policies and changes for 2020 a little bit later today/first thing tomorrow. Is that useful?

Generally speaking, yes, they have prioritized taking down networks of coordinated inauthentic accounts and they appear to be fairly transparent and effective where that is concerned (caveating that as outsiders we can't see what they may *not* take down). This question is separate from election rumors and misinformation, though, which are often spread by very real and authentic people.

best,

Renee

From: Parmy Olson (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) <polson29@bloomberg.net>

Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 12:19 PM

To: Renee DiResta <rdirecta@stanford.edu>

Subject: Facebook misinformation ahead of midterms?

Hi Renee - Hope this email finds you well and that you're having a great week. I'm

working on a column exploring how much Facebook has made improvements in tackling misinformation and coordinated inauthentic accounts, ahead of the midterm elections. Has your team done any research on this, which I could refer to in my piece? I'm also curious if, generally speaking, you think the company has been doing a better job over the last couple of years in tackling these issues.

Any thoughts / suggestions / pointers by tomorrow would be much appreciated.

Thanks again,

Parmy

----- Original Message -----

From: PARMY OLSON

To: rdiresta@stanford.edu

At: 02/25/22 13:27:26 UTC

This is very helpful, Renee - thank you.

----- Original Message -----

From: Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>

To: PARMY OLSON

At: 02/25/22 01:18:44 UTC

Apologies, just saw this.

Similarly to the early days of COVID, content is going viral because the entire world is watching unfolding events with profound impact on people's lives, and sharing the videos (in particular) that resonate. This time there is also the added complexity of velocity - events are unfolding extremely quickly, across multiple fronts simultaneously, and each of these locales has become a hashtag that many people are searching for or following, not only on Western social media platforms but on apps like Telegram as well, offering dozens of opportunities for misleading content to spread. It's the fog of war, but at high speed.

We put out some work on Monday about things we had observed on Telegram - Russia is using its usual combination of state media in concert with fake accounts...some pretending to be ordinary people, others writing for blogs. <https://cyber.fsi.stanford.edu/io/news/full-spectrum-propaganda-ukraine>

FSI | Cyber | Internet Observatory - Full-Spectrum Pro-Kremlin Online Propaganda about Ukraine

The forgery was shared to 9gag.com (by a seemingly authentic account) the same day, and received 31 comments. On October 11, 2021, a user named valyatkach shared the 9gag post, showing the possibly authentic reactions, on [currentpolitics.livejournal.com](https://www.currentpolitics.com) (among other sites, and on the r/ukraina subreddit, which quickly removed it). Valyatkach has since been suspended from Reddit.

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From: Parmy Olson (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)

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Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2022 1:08 PM

To: Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>; reneedirestapa@gmail.com

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Subject: Ukraine

Hi Renee,

Hope this finds you well. I'm working on a column for tomorrow

about disinformation on social media about the Russia-Ukraine conflict, and while the situation is very fluid I wondered what your initial observations were so far. Anything unique or unusual about the fake content that's going most viral?

The scammy fundraising is something I haven't seen before:

<https://twitter.com/paradoomer/status/1496855640718950410?s=21>

A contact in Kyiv also alerted me to the attached, which has apparently raised \$200k (it's from an Instagram account run by a guy in Florida).

Seems like despite the efforts of Big Tech firms it's going to be very hard to manage the flood of disinfo, not just from the Kremlin but perhaps even more from those in other countries who want to exploit the excitement.

Grateful for any thoughts or analysis you might have here.

Many thanks

Parmy

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[PiYaoBa Report Fake News Real Consequences.pdf](#)

This is related to Chinese media and the narratives seem pretty national on the election front. I would prefer to give the reporter a contact who works on Chinese diaspora misinformation directly; Cameron, would someone on your team be interested?

From: Han Li <han@sfstandard.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 2:58 PM
To: Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>
Subject: Media request

Dear Ms. DiResta, this is Han Li, a reporter from the SF Standard. Hope you are well!

An SF-based nonprofit has launched a Chinese-language fact-checking website, piyaoba.org [piyaoba.org], to combat what they called the "right-wing disinformation narratives" on social media.

Attached please see their report.

May I have a quick phone interview with you to talk about the "right-wing disinformation" and its spread out? And potentially, what might be the best strategy to combat this in the Chinese-speaking world?

Best,
Han

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Han Li 李晗
Reporter 記者
[The San Francisco Standard \[sfstandard.com\]](http://TheSanFranciscoStandard.com)
Cell: 415-766-0283

To: Alex Stamos[stamos@stanford.edu]; Kate Starbird[kstarbi@uw.edu]; Ari Chasnoff[chasnoff@stanford.edu]; Renee DiResta[rdiresta@stanford.edu]; Elena Cryst[ecryst@stanford.edu]
From: Michael Grass
Sent: Thur 10/6/2022 8:25:48 PM
Subject: RE: Media request: Robby Mook's involvement in Election Integrity Partnership
Received: Thur 10/6/2022 8:25:00 PM

Kate is OK with the statement, though we pause on whether you should include "libelous" without additional consultation from the lawyers.

-- Michael

From: Alex Stamos <stamos@stanford.edu>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 1:11 PM
To: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>; Kate Starbird <kstarbi@uw.edu>; Ari Chasnoff <chasnoff@stanford.edu>; Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>; Elena Cryst <ecryst@stanford.edu>
Subject: Re: Media request: Robby Mook's involvement in Election Integrity Partnership
We gotta make a call of whether we are responding ASAP.

Alex

From: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>
Date: Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 1:01 PM
To: Alex Stamos <stamos@stanford.edu>, Kate Starbird <kstarbi@uw.edu>, Ari Chasnoff <chasnoff@stanford.edu>, Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>, Elena Cryst <ecryst@stanford.edu>
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I like that response (short and direct), but on the UW end of things, I'll defer to Kate.

-- Michael

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Here is my suggested response to Greg:

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Mr. Piper-

Like most of what Just the News has written about EIP over the last week, your implications in this email are completely false. The Defending Digital Democracy project at Harvard was not a part of the EIP, had no role in referring, analyzing or writing about our work, and nobody at DDD (including Robby Mook) played any part in our 2020 analysis of election disinformation.

We have responded to your other false and libelous claims here:

<https://www.eipartnership.net/blog/a-statement-from-the-election-integrity-partnership> [eipartnership.net]

Sincerely,

Alex

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From: Greg Piper <gpiper@justthenews.com>
Date: Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 7:49 AM
To: info@eipartnership.net <info@eipartnership.net>, Alex Stamos <stamos@stanford.edu>, uwqip@uw.edu <uwqip@uw.edu>
Subject: Media request: Robby Mook's involvement in Election Integrity Partnership

Hey folks, this is Greg Piper at Just the News in DC. I saw that the Defending Digital Democracy project at Harvard's Belfer Center, cofounded by 2016 Clinton campaign manager Robby Mook, was one of your civil society collaborators for the 2020 misinformation reporting effort.

Mook testified this summer in the criminal trial of former Clinton campaign lawyer Michael Sussmann that Clinton approved taking the allegation of a covert Trump Organization-Alfa Bank hotline to the press, even though the campaign wasn't "totally confident" in the allegation. He said it wasn't an "October surprise" even though the campaign tweeted it Oct. 31, 2016.

Given that this allegation was exposed as pretty blatant disinformation, didn't that give you pause about inviting a Mook-founded project to participate in the EIP? Wouldn't his involvement weaken the legitimacy of the EIP?

My deadline is 4 pm Eastern, thanks.

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Greg Piper

Reporter

Just the News

gpiper@justthenews.com

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On Thu, Sep 29, 2022 at 8:11 PM Greg Piper <gpiper@justthenews.com> wrote:

Hello, this is Greg Piper at Just the News in DC. There's new scrutiny on CISA and its work with the Election Integrity Partnership and I wanted to get your response.

Rep. Andrew Clyde (R-Ga.), a member of the House Homeland Security Committee, told us this amounted to the federal government sanctioning and outsourcing censorship:

"The government knows that they cannot do it by themselves because of the First Amendment of the Constitution, which prohibits it. And then they decide to partner with another entity, a private entity, a social media platform or university.

"And then they say, 'Hey, we're going to feed you information that we think is disinformation, or we want to be disinformation. And then you go ahead and you do the deplatforming. You label it as misinformation, or disinformation.'"

He says to expect Republicans to investigate the consortium next year if they take back Congress, and that he's drafting legislation called the Free Speech Defense Act to address censorship issues:

"This bill would prevent the federal government from labeling anything through a proxy entity, like a social media company, as disinformation, labeling it as misinformation or labeling it as true. And then it would also give an opportunity for those people who have been injured by it to take legal action."

Former State Department official Mike Benz, who founded the Foundation for Freedom Online and has been [digging into alleged DHS censorship](#) [foundationforfreedomonline.com], told us this was the largest federally sanctioned censorship effort he'd ever seen:

"If you trace the chronology, you find that there was actually 18 months' worth of institutional work to create this very apparatus that we now know played a significant role in the censorship of millions of posts for the 2020 election and has ambitious sights for 2022 and 2024.

"Amazingly, there are now so many Ministry of Truth functionaries within the Department of Homeland Security. There are so many Ministry of Truth tasks, so many Ministry of Truth points of contact, so many different Ministry of Truth policies for whether to remove something, reduce it, slap a fact checking label on it."

What's your defense of this past and ongoing collaboration with the federal government to report content for removal, throttling and labeling that the First Amendment prevents the feds from doing directly? Are you helping them circumvent the law? Renee DiResta said there were "unclear legal authorities including very real First Amendment questions" about the partnership at the Cybersecurity Summit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNe4MJ351wU> [[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNe4MJ351wU)]

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From: Alex Stamos
Sent: Wed 10/19/2022 11:55:24 PM
Subject: Re: NBC question
Received: Wed 10/19/2022 11:55:37 PM

Hey, Kevin-

Hope things are well.

This isn't our area so much. You might want to talk to our old colleague, Matt Masterson. He's at Microsoft now and probably knows the infrastructure players best.

Alex

mastersonmv@gmail.com

From: Collier, Kevin (NBCUniversal) <Kevin.Collier@nbcuni.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 4:49:16 PM

To: info@eipartnership.net <info@eipartnership.net>

Subject: NBC question

Hi, Kevin Collier from NBC News here. I'm writing a story about defenders working to keep ENR sites up on election day, especially given the chance of an outside DDoS attack, and am curious if there's anyone there who it'd make sense for me to talk to at the EIP team.

Thanks!

Kevin

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Fake News, Real Consequences: The Growing Threat of Chinese-Language Disinformation

PiYaoBa Disinformation Report
April 1 - Sept. 15, 2022

Introduction

Asian Americans are the fastest growing electorate in the U.S. with the power to shape elections local and national. The 2020 presidential election saw record-breaking turnout by Asian American voters. However, along with a growing electorate comes increasing misinformation and disinformation, especially among Chinese Americans, who are the largest Asian community in the U.S.

Through our Chinese Digital Engagement program, Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA) has documented an increase in political lies and attacks that demonize progressive causes and policies. Much of this disinformation is spread through WeChat, which is part of the everyday life of many Chinese Americans. As of August 2020, WeChat had 3.8 million monthly active users in the U.S. That means 60% of Chinese Americans are active on WeChat, a space where right-wing disinformation dominates. To share accurate information on the platform is difficult because of its closed nature and the Chinese government's censorship.

The groups behind disinformation are well-resourced, including the two largest media giants focused on Chinese Americans: The Falun Gong-backed Epoch Times Media Group and Guo Media Group, formed in April 2020 by billionaire Guo Wengui and former Trump strategist Steve Bannon.

From affirmative action to the recall of former San Francisco District Attorney Chesa Boudin, disinformation circulating in Chinese-language social media plays an increasingly worrisome role in shaping elections and policy. The most popular conspiracy theories in these spaces push the narrative that election fraud is prevalent, threatening the very foundation of our democracy. There will be serious consequences for election integrity in the midterms and 2024 if we do not tackle this growing threat.

About PiYaoBa

PiYaoBa is the first centralized fact-checking website to combat right-wing disinformation in the Chinese American community. “PiYaoBa” means “let’s fact-check it” in Mandarin Chinese. Launched in early 2022, PiYaoBa offers in-language resources and tools to help Chinese Americans dispel disinformation, such as real-time alerts, reports, and in-depth fact-checking articles. Piyaoba systematically researches and documents misinformation and disinformation. Readers can also suggest topics for fact-checking.

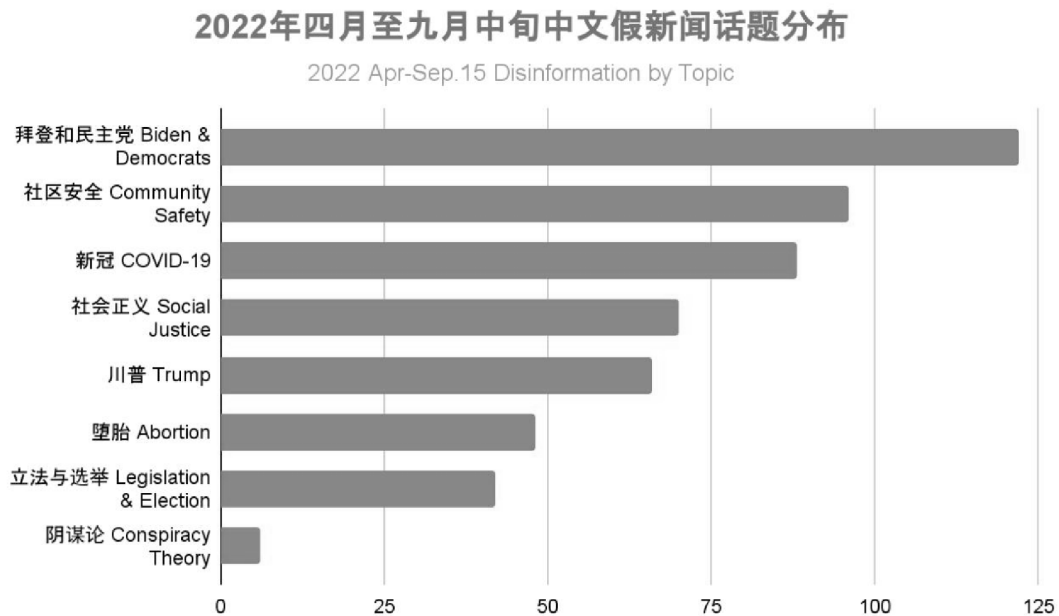
PiYaoBa is part of CAA’s pioneering Chinese Digital Engagement program, which began in 2019 to provide accurate information to the Chinese American community about issues related to social justice. Our work includes three WeChat channels and the websites JusticePatch.org and PiYaoBa.org. Since its launch, PiYaoBa has published a total of 100 in-depth fact-checking articles and 91 disinformation alerts.

This report summary covers our findings from April 1 to September 15, 2022.

Disinformation Topics

PiYaoBa detected and recorded a total of **320 major disinformation articles** (including those verified as mixed with partially accurate information) on Chinese-language social media networks (including WeChat, Chinese Twitter, Chinese YouTube, etc.).

Here are the top topics of Chinese mis/disinformation we tracked, with examples:



Community Safety includes immigration, crime, gun violence, and homelessness.

Social Justice includes race, gender, and education.

Conspiracy Theory is disinformation that is specifically about QAnon and the Deep State.

- **Biden & Democrats**

- Example: The Biden administration's Title IX gender identity rule will usurp parental authority and encourage children to change their gender.

- **Community Safety**

- Example: Undocumented immigrants caused the U.S. formula crisis because Biden gave all the baby formula to them.
- Example: The public is safer with more guns. Blue states, which have the strictest gun control, have the most frequent shootings and higher crime rates.

- **COVID-19**

- Example: COVID-19 was exaggerated to increase the use of mail-in ballots in order to steal elections.

- **Social Justice**
 - Example: Banks are offering zero down payment and not checking credit scores for Black and Hispanic borrowers.
 - Example: Critical Race Theory has influenced math curriculum by inserting info about prostitutes and sexual abuse into algebra problems.

- **Trump**
 - Example: The FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago was orchestrated by the Democratic Party as a way to rig the midterm elections in favor of the Biden administration and to prevent Trump from running in 2024.

- **Abortion**
 - Example: Abortion in the United States is too lenient and allows mothers to kill their babies within seven days after giving birth.

- **Legislation and Election**
 - Example: California will become the first state in the United States to legalize street prostitution through California Senate Bill SB357.

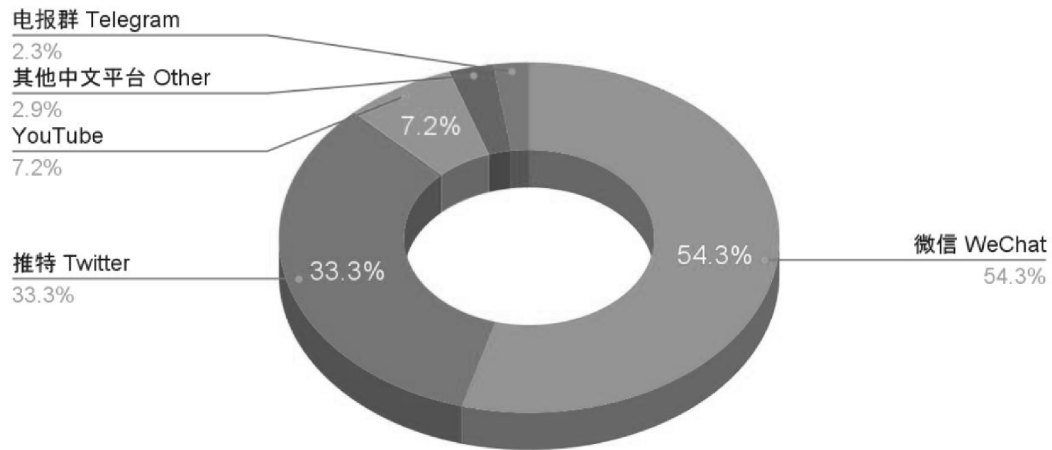
- **Conspiracy Theory**
 - Example: The CIA and FBI could protect people if they wanted to. They knew about the Uvalde school shooting, but didn't do anything about it because it was the Deep State's plan to allow it.

Platforms

WeChat is the largest source of mis/disinformation, accounting for 54.3% of the mis/disinformation circulated, followed by Twitter (33.3%) and YouTube (7.2%).

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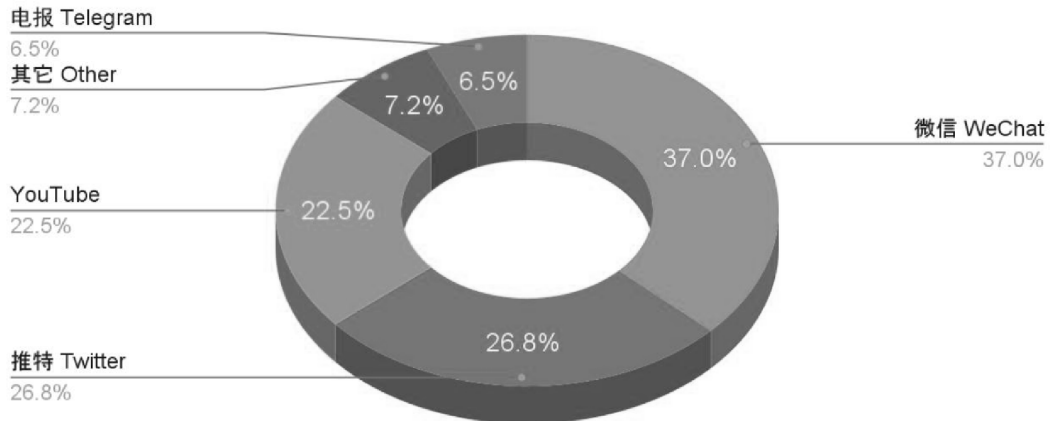
When highly similar disinformation narratives were detected multiple times on the same platform, we only recorded once. “微信 WeChat” includes: WeChat public accounts, WeChat group message, and individual users’ share. “其他中文平台 Other” includes disinformation detected on Weibo and other Chinese websites.

Types of Accounts

We monitored a total of **138 active mis/disinformation accounts**, including a total of 51 WeChat public accounts, 37 Chinese Twitter accounts, and 31 YouTube channels.

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These mis/disinformation accounts can be divided into three types:

- 1. Individuals:** Most accounts are run by individuals holding conservative positions. Some of these accounts are active on multiple social media platforms and usually have close ties to Chinese American right-wing conservative activists. We do not rule out the possibility that these accounts are operated by or involved with conservative organizations.
- 2. Media Companies:** These accounts are run by Chinese-language media companies, including the Epoch Times and Guo Media, that often manage WeChat public accounts and groups in multiple U.S. cities.
- 3. Lifestyle Accounts:** We found a more deceptive type of conservative Chinese WeChat operator: individual-run WeChat public accounts and groups that mostly focus on lifestyle, but when conservatives launch political campaigns, they transform themselves overnight to use their large audience to serve the conservative agenda.

Trends & Observations

1. Trump continues to strongly influence supporters within the Chinese American community who repeat his election fraud narrative while applying it to any Trump-endorsed candidate.

The FBI search at Mar-a-Lago re-invigorated WeChat groups of Trump supporters, who are even more active now than during the 2020 election. They've given Trump the nickname "Chuan Bao川宝" (Trump baby), copying the way that Chinese fans refer to their idols in Chinese. Key false narratives surrounding the FBI search are: that it is a political persecution from the Democratic Party, that it is a Democratic Party conspiracy to rig the midterm elections, and that the Democrats' goal is prevent Trump from participating in the 2024 election.

These right-wing influencers also diligently promote candidates endorsed by Trump and call on Chinese Americans to vote for them. During the primaries, when Trump-endorsed candidates did not win or were behind in votes, Trump supporters claimed votes had been stolen.

2. The key strategy of right-wing Chinese-language disinformation is to attack Biden, the Democratic Party, and progressive policies.

By far the largest number of mis/disinformation we observed falls under this topic category. The mis/disinformation includes: spreading false information about policies developed by the Democratic Party; attacking progressive issues; and using conspiracy theories to speculate on some of the federal government's decisions. These attacks increased after the FBI search at Mar-a-Lago this August.

3. Multiple conspiracy theories on Chinese-language social networks spread the same disinformation as English-language ones, but couch the mis/disinformation in relation to self-defense, especially on the issue of gun violence.

The long-existing deep state conspiracy theories appear frequently on Chinese-language social networks. After the mass shooting in Uvalde, Texas we saw the frequent mention of keywords such as "deep state" and "false flag" in addition to pro-gun narratives. While the English narrative generally emphasizes the constitutional right to bear firearms, Chinese American conservatives focus on self-defense.

4. Amidst censorship in China, anti-vaccine narratives from the U.S. are influencing Chinese citizens in a more conservative direction.

We observed a growing number of users in mainland China using anti-vaccine "evidence" from American users to argue that vaccines do not work. On the flip side, many American

conservative users cite the strict “zero case” COVID-19 policies in China to argue that the Democratic Party is moving toward communism.

5. WeChat-based Chinese disinformation is becoming a powerful tool for conservative Asian American political engagement.

During the recall election of San Francisco’s former District Attorney Chesa Boudin this year, propaganda and disinformation spread widely among WeChat groups. Asian American conservatives adopted a strategy of targeting Chinese American voters through WeChat public accounts and WeChat groups.

Our Chinese Digital Engagement team has identified more than 138 Chinese-language accounts that are actively spreading disinformation and political propaganda. Conversely, the few fact-checking sites that do exist are all volunteer-run or maintained by nonprofit organizations.



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To: Julia Love[jlove78@bloomberg.net]; Renee DiResta[rdirresta@stanford.edu]
From: Michael Grass
Sent: Wed 8/10/2022 3:11:50 PM
Subject: RE: Fwd:Story for Bloomberg
Received: Wed 8/10/2022 3:11:00 PM

Julia,

I chatted briefly with Renée DiResta at Stanford Internet Observatory who said she can connect you with a colleague at SIO who would be well positioned to chat about content moderation on Truth Social, Gettr, etc. Renée is copied here.

Renée,

Here's the text of Julia's original inquiry to Kate:

"I recently began covering tech at Bloomberg - hope you're doing well. Prior to joining Bloomberg in July, I reported extensively for Reuters on Truth Social and other tech companies that have positioned themselves as champions of free speech. I'm working on a story about the approach that these apps are taking on content moderation, focusing in particular on Truth Social's ban on profanity and sexual images, which has left the platform feeling rather PG. I'd love to hear your thoughts on Truth Social's content moderation policies and how it compares with both peers like Gettr and Gabb as well as mainstream social media companies. Do you have time for a quick call this week? My schedule is pretty flexible, so just let me know when you find an opening. Thanks in advance for your help - I look forward to our conversation."

Thanks,

-- Michael

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From: Julia Love (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) <jlove78@bloomberg.net>

Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:05 PM

To: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>

Subject: RE: Fwd:Story for Bloomberg

That would be wonderful, thank you, Michael!

From: megrass@uw.edu At: 08/09/22 18:03:48 UTC-4:00

To: [Julia Love \(BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM: \)](#)

Subject: RE: Fwd:Story for Bloomberg

Hi Julia,

Let me poke around and see who might be able to speak to some of the nuances of Truth Social and similar apps' content moderation policies. I also may be able to connect you with someone at Stanford Internet Observatory who tracks content moderation policies closely.

-- Michael

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Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:00 PM

To: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>

Subject: Fwd:Story for Bloomberg

Hello! Passing on this request for Kate - would love to chat with her or anyone else at the university who may be keeping an eye on Truth Social and other conservative apps. Thanks!

From: Julia Love (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) At: 08/09/22 17:58:24 UTC-4:00

To: kstarbi@uw.edu

Subject: Story for Bloomberg

Hi Professor Starbird,

I recently began covering tech at Bloomberg - hope you're doing well. Prior to joining Bloomberg in July, I reported extensively for Reuters on Truth Social and other tech companies that have positioned themselves as champions of free speech. I'm working on a story about the approach that these apps are taking on content moderation, focusing in particular on Truth Social's ban on profanity and sexual images, which has left the platform feeling rather PG. I'd love to hear your thoughts on Truth Social's content moderation policies and how it compares with both peers like Gettr and Gab as well as mainstream social media companies. Do you have time for a quick call this week? My schedule is pretty flexible, so just let me know when you find an opening. Thanks in advance for your help - I look forward to our conversation.

All best,

Julia Love

To: Max Eddy[max_eddy@pcmag.com]; Michael Grass[megrass@uw.edu]
From: Renee DiResta
Sent: Wed 8/24/2022 2:55:02 PM
Subject: Re: PCMag Story on Disinformation
Received: Wed 8/24/2022 2:55:11 PM

Hi Max,

Thanks for reaching out! I'm currently a bit slammed on things related to [a report that we put out two hours ago](#), so I am looping in a colleague at UW who works with us on the Election Integrity Partnership. He can help field your inquiry here!

best,
Renee

From: Max Eddy <max_eddy@pcmag.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 7:15 AM
To: Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>
Subject: PCMag Story on Disinformation
Hi, Renee.

I'm working on a story for PCMag.com about disinformation on Twitter, building off the disclosures from the Twitter whistleblower and looking forward to the US midterm elections. I'd really like to add your insight to the piece.

The two questions I'm looking to answer are:

1. What does Twitter need to do to curb disinformation on its platform?
2. Do you think it's likely that work will be done?

Any other thoughts you have on disinformation, social media, and elections would be enormously helpful as well.

Thank you for your time,
-Max Eddy

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To: Davey Alba (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)[malba13@bloomberg.net]; Michael Grass[megrass@uw.edu]
From: Renee DiResta
Sent: Wed 6/8/2022 5:56:10 PM
Subject: Re: Re:Chat With Davey Alba?
Received: Wed 6/8/2022 5:56:20 PM

Happy to chat on background - I'm free today around 3pm ET does that work?

From: Davey Alba (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) <malba13@bloomberg.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 12:45 PM
To: megrass@uw.edu <megrass@uw.edu>; Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>
Subject: Re:Chat With Davey Alba?

Hey Renee! Would love to chat CrowdTangle whenever you have a second. The idea for the story is roughly along the lines of -- research teams and platforms are starting to prep for the midterm elections, and CrowdTangle is still so integral to how they are planning for those operations. But now teams - including the big election integrity monitoring project, the algorithmic transparency institute, etc - feel like they're in limbo. Meanwhile, Facebook is pushing its FORT API for researchers, but what I've heard from others is that it doesn't really give you good enough data.

Happy to chat on background or whatever works best for you. Will also shoot you a text about this, hope to talk soon!

Best,
Davey

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From: megrass@uw.edu At: 06/07/22 15:11:04 UTC-4:00
To: [Davey Alba \(BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM: \)](#), [rdiresta@stanford.edu](#)
Subject: Chat With Davey Alba?

Renee -

Following up on our conversation yesterday ... Davey Alba, cc'd here, would love to connect with you if you have time to hop on a call re: Crowdtangle.

-- Michael

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To: Renee DiResta[rdiresta@stanford.edu]; Davey Alba (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)[malba13@bloomberg.net]
From: Michael Grass
Sent: Tue 6/7/2022 7:10:54 PM
Subject: Chat With Davey Alba?
Received: Tue 6/7/2022 7:10:00 PM

Renee –

Following up on our conversation yesterday ... Davey Alba, cc'd here, would love to connect with you if you have time to hop on a call re: Crowdtangle.

-- Michael

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To: Elena Cryst[ecryst@stanford.edu]; Renee DiResta[rdiresta@stanford.edu]
Cc: John Perrino[perrino@stanford.edu]
From: Michael Grass
Sent: Fri 6/3/2022 9:03:34 PM
Subject: RE: Hi from Bloomberg
Received: Fri 6/3/2022 9:03:00 PM

I just got a separate inquiry from Davey on the CrowdTangle part but not the EIP. I can reply real quick asking what her deadline is, but since it's Friday, I suspect she's sending out a batch of inquiries for stories she's working on next week so she's not on an immediate deadline.

-- Michael

From: Elena Cryst <ecryst@stanford.edu>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 1:57 PM
To: Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>
Cc: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>; John Perrino <perrino@stanford.edu>
Subject: FW: Hi from Bloomberg
Inquiry from Davey re: EIP. @Renee DiResta would you want to take?

Elena Cryst, MBA (she/her)
Assistant Director
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<https://io.stanford.edu>
[Book an appointment](#)

From: Davey Alba (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) <malba13@bloomberg.net>
Date: Friday, June 3, 2022 at 1:56 PM
To: info@eipartnership.net <info@eipartnership.net>
Subject: Hi from Bloomberg

Hi there, this is Davey Alba, from my new post at Bloomberg.

I'm working on a story about how teams are starting to prep for the 2022 midterms, and I was hoping to get in touch with someone at the Elections Integrity Project to learn what you're up to. I also have a few questions about the prep work as it relates to CrowdTangle, which I understand might be at risk of being shut down soon. Would there be someone I could get on the phone to chat with about this?

Hope to hear from you! You can email me back at this address or shoot me a text/call at 650-676-0677.

Thank you,
Davey

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From: Eline Gordts
Sent: Wed 5/4/2022 5:53:56 PM
Subject: Re: Guardian article about EIP study & James O'Keefe complaint
Received: Wed 5/4/2022 5:54:37 PM

Hi Alex,

Thank you so much for the prompt response. I'll discuss this with our legal team as well and circle back with any further questions.

Again, thanks for the quick reply.

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On Wed, 4 May 2022 at 10:39, Alex Stamos <stamos@stanford.edu> wrote:

Hi, Eline-

It is true that Project Veritas initiated litigation against Stanford and the University of Washington, with both universities standing behind our work and vigorously defending against their claims. For further comment, I'll refer you to our attorneys, Sarah Flanagan and Lee Brand or Ernest Miranda from Stanford's communications team.

Sincerely,

Alex

From: 'Eline Gordts' via Info <info@eipartnership.net>

Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 10:20 AM

To: megrass@uw.edu <megrass@uw.edu>, renee.diresta@gmail.com <renee.diresta@gmail.com>, info@eipartnership.net <info@eipartnership.net>

Subject: Guardian article about EIP study & James O'Keefe complaint

Hi,

I'm the west coast editor at the Guardian, and am emailing you after receiving a complaint from lawyers for James O'Keefe about [this Guardian article](#) writing up a 2021 EIP study. O'Keefe takes issue with this line in our story about repeat spreaders of voting misinformation:

The "repeat spreaders" responsible for the most widely spread misinformation included Eric Trump, Donald Trump, Donald Trump Jr and influencers like James O'Keefe, Tim Pool, Elijah Riot and Sidney Powell.

O'Keefe's lawyers mention that they have filed litigation against EIP for defamatory content. As we're crafting our response, it would be very helpful to get a sense of your thinking around his allegations, what exactly they are suing over and whether Project Veritas is suing or James O'Keefe. Would it be possible to discuss this over the phone? Or is there anyone else at your organization I should speak with?

All the best,

Eline

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Cc: Michael Grass[megrass@uw.edu]; Emma Spiro[espiro@uw.edu]; Jevin West[jevinw@uw.edu]
From: Renee DiResta
Sent: Wed 4/27/2022 8:50:30 PM
Subject: RE: SATC meeting: Project slide review
Received: Wed 4/27/2022 8:50:41 PM

Conceptually, I think the key points are there and like Jeff's suggestions for the language shift around replacing "takes root". I think the new non-oval version looks good. Could potentially do the flow across the entire top (the input -> analysis -> outputs -> impacts flow) and then split into 2 columns below, since the text is tighter. But I like this layout.

From: Kate Starbird <kstarbi@uw.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 3:29 PM

To: Jeffrey T. Hancock <hancockj@stanford.edu>

Cc: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>; Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>; Emma Spiro <espiro@uw.edu>; Jevin West <jevinw@uw.edu>

Subject: Re: SATC meeting: Project slide review

The original bottom-up flow was an adaptation to the template which had a vertical oval shape, but since we've moved that around a big and lost that constraint, I think we could do left to right. That's originally how I built it before adjusting to their template.

Is there anything conceptually missing or another direction you all might propose? Or just another iteration on that same flow (with the suggested adjustments)?

Kate

On Apr 27, 2022, at 10:06 AM, Jeff Hancock <hancockj@stanford.edu> wrote:

Thanks for putting this together. I think the text parts look good with a few suggestions:

- can we replace "takes root" in scientific impact with something more science-y? I think a strength of the project is looking at genesis as well as spread (most others look at campaigns that have already taken off). So an empirical contribution of the rapid response is getting data on genesis in real time (proactive) rather than in post hoc or retrospective. Could be as simple as "examining the genesis of disinformation campaigns and what properties lead it to spread"

- add evaluate to "identify and evaluate pathways for intervention and mitigation"

I also struggled with the image, in part because the text is small but its also a bit crowded (but trust me, I know how hard these are to design!). My only suggestion would be to consider a more left to right flow, with inputs like building the reporting infrastructure flowing into the core rapid response analysis, with direct outputs from that being something like "inform stakeholders" "identify and evaluation interventions" and then far right kinda higher level/societal/indirect outputs being "reduce spread of disinfo" "increase resilience to disinfo" and "advance disinformation science"

Feel free to reject any or all of those suggestions, but as the newbie to the team with an overly simplistic view, it's how I think of the project, and the input -> analysis -> outputs -> impacts flow is more legible to NSF types.

Not sure the figures are necessary, but they do look great and could fit nicely into outputs section.

Also, I'm going to be traveling back to Canada on Thursday so will miss our meeting this week. Back next week.

Congrats Renee on a great panel last week and hope the conversation with Obama went great. Couldn't ask for a better speech to support this project (worth noting somewhere?).

--Jef

Jeff Hancock

Harry and Norman Chandler Professor of Communication

Founding Director, Stanford Social Media Lab

Stanford University

On Wed, Apr 27, 2022 at 9:31 AM Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu> wrote:

I'll tinker with this a bit more this afternoon, will attempt to re-create the graphic in a way to fit the space better and (hopefully) more readable.

-- Michael

From: Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 7:48 AM

To: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>; Kate Starbird <kstarbi@uw.edu>

Cc: Jeffrey T. Hancock <hancockj@stanford.edu>; Emma Spiro <espiro@uw.edu>; Jevin West <jevinw@uw.edu>

Subject: RE: SATC meeting: Project slide review

Thanks! At a minimum we could possibly reduce some of the white space to increase text size a bit in the image. I just tried it using this version but the subcomponents have already been grouped. Here is an attempt.

From: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 8:37 PM

To: Kate Starbird <kstarbi@uw.edu>; Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>

Cc: Jeffrey T. Hancock <hancockj@stanford.edu>; Emma Spiro <espiro@uw.edu>; Jevin West <jevinw@uw.edu>

Subject: RE: SATC meeting: Project slide review

Here's a reworked version (see attached .pptx file), with the text from the four subheaded sections realigned, and the graphic shifted to the top-right of the slide. As for the graphic itself, the readability issues remain, but there's not a lot of room to work with if they're looking for a graphic that fits into the larger scientific domain.

-- Michael

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Cc: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>; Jeffrey T. Hancock <hancockj@stanford.edu>; Emma Spiro <espiro@uw.edu>; Jevin West <jevinw@uw.edu>

Subject: Re: SATC meeting: Project slide review

Ya... they want a graphic that demonstrates how our project fits into the larger (scientific) domain. I don't know what to do with that. Any ideas are welcome!!

(Michael is just reorganizing the text and flow. No changes to the graphic yet... so if you have ideas here, please share them!)

Kate

On Apr 26, 2022, at 4:56 PM, Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu> wrote:

I just looked, but will wait to make any changes since I see Michael was working on it today. I think conceptually it makes sense, and my main "design" feedback was all around readability of the center portion.

From: Kate Starbird <kstarbi@uw.edu>

Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 7:05 PM

To: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>

Cc: Jeffrey T. Hancock <hancockj@stanford.edu>; Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>; Emma Spiro <espiro@uw.edu>; Jevin West <jevinw@uw.edu>

Subject: Re: SATC meeting: Project slide review

Thank you, Michael!

Kate

On Apr 25, 2022, at 4:00 PM, Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu> wrote:

I've set some time aside on Tuesday to tinker with and polish the PowerPoint template for the SaTC slide and will aim to share a new version with you on Wednesday.

-- Michael

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From: Kate Starbird <kstarbi@uw.edu>

Sent: Sunday, April 24, 2022 11:39 AM

To: Jeffrey T. Hancock <hancockj@stanford.edu>; Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>; Emma Spiro <espiro@uw.edu>; Jevin West <jevinw@uw.edu>

Cc: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>

Subject: SATC meeting: Project slide review

Hi folks,

For our upcoming SaTC meeting (in June), they've asked that we submit a project slide that will likely be shown in a shared deck featuring all the projects. They provided a template and I tried to create something — adapting our last slide and some new products to their template. Please take a look and see what you think. Definitely adjust anything that seems amiss. And if you have a better idea for how to use that center space graphically, please suggest — or even better, provide an alternative!

Also, I hate Powerpoint (I'm a Keynote user), so anything you can do to help the appearance here would be fantastic. The NSF provided the circular template with the four sections. I'll attach their template slide to give a sense of their request.

The slide is due May 2, but I'm planning on submitting something this coming week.

Thanks!!

Kate

To: Michael Grass[megrass@uw.edu]
From: Renee DiResta
Sent: Wed 9/29/2021 7:06:12 PM
Subject: FW: CBS News Radio Press Request // YouTube Vaccine Ban
Received: Wed 9/29/2021 7:08:54 PM

I can't take this one. Sent to Koko but wanted to flag.

From: Juliana Clark <Juliana.Clark@audacy.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 1:07 PM
To: Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>
Subject: CBS News Radio Press Request // YouTube Vaccine Ban

Hi Professor DiResta,

Reaching out from CBS News Radio in Los Angeles. I was referred your contact information by my colleague Jonathan Serviss. We are interested in covering the story that YouTube is banning all anti-vaccine content, demonstrating a crackdown on misinformation beyond the COVID vaccines.

Would you be available to lend your expertise **today, September 29 at 2:15 pm PST** on our live news magazine show?

The segment would be in a question and answer format with our two anchors, Mike Simpson and Chris Sedens. It would be no longer than 7 minutes in length. You would be the only guest for your segment, and no calls from listeners will be taken during that time.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and I'd be happy to answer them.

Best,

Juliana Clark

To: Ashley Quarcoo[ashley@pfad.us]; Alex Stamos[stamos@stanford.edu]
Cc: info@eipartnership.net[info@eipartnership.net]
From: Renee DiResta
Sent: Wed 11/17/2021 2:51:59 PM
Subject: RE: Future planning on elections and misinformation
Received: Wed 11/17/2021 2:52:18 PM

Hi Ashley,

Apologies, first two days of this week I was at a conference. Next week Mon/Tues would be a bit easier for me – what times were you thinking?

Best,

Renee

From: Ashley Quarcoo <ashley@pfad.us>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 1:55 PM
To: Alex Stamos <stamos@stanford.edu>
Cc: info@eipartnership.net; Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>
Subject: Re: Future planning on elections and misinformation

Dear Alex and Renee,

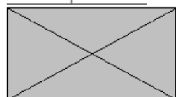
I'm circling back to see if one or both you do have any time to touch base this week, which for me is now limited to tomorrow. I'm free between 12 and 1PM EST, and 3 and 5:30 EST as well. If not tomorrow, then I do have lots of availability early next week Monday or Tuesday.

Very eager again to connect with you. We are doing some thinking about the architecture needed to combat misinformation for the upcoming election cycles and would love to build on the lessons from your model.

Thanks so much,

Ashley Quarcoo

Ashley J. Quarcoo
Senior Director, Democracy Programs and Pillars
www.pfad.us



On Fri, Nov 12, 2021 at 12:49 PM Ashley Quarcoo <ashley@pfad.us> wrote:

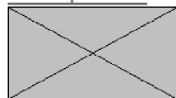
Dear Alex and Renee - delighted to hear from you. I'd welcome the chance to speak with you next week, earlier in the week if at all possible. I'm very open all day Monday and Tuesday between 2 and 3:30 EST, but will be in an all day staff retreat on Thursday and Friday. I'm on EST.

Thanks so much and look forward to speaking with you.

Best,

Ashley Quarcoo

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On Thu, Nov 11, 2021 at 12:07 PM Alex Stamos <stamos@stanford.edu> wrote:

Hi, Ashley. Renee or I can chat with you next week, if that works.

Alex

From: Ashley Quarcoo <ashley@pfad.us>
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 5:55:51 PM
To: info@eipartnership.net <info@eipartnership.net>
Subject: Future planning on elections and misinformation

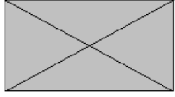
Hello,

My name is Ashley Quarcoo and I'm the Senior Director of Democracy Programs and Pillars at the Partnership for American Democracy. We are undertaking some work on elections and misinformation as we move into the 2022-2024 election cycle. I would really appreciate the opportunity to speak to members of the EIP team about your election misinformation work during 2020 and to hear your ideas of steps that can be taken proactively now to prepare for this in the upcoming cycle. Please let me

know if there are specific people across the institutions involved I can follow up with. Thank you in advance, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,
Ashley

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From: Michael Grass
Sent: Wed 8/11/2021 7:28:24 PM
Subject: RE: NSF-SaTC Grant Announcement Draft
Received: Wed 8/11/2021 7:29:00 PM

Elena, Renée, Sunny and Tara,

Below my signature, you'll find the draft news release that we worked up and has been signed off on by everyone on the UW end. Aspects of this release, including the headline, have some UWCIP-specific call-outs and background details but feel free to adapt as needed for use on Stanford's end. If there's anything that you or others see amiss, let me know.

As for the timing of the release, if all that stars and planets align -- a lot of people have been or will be on vacation on our end -- we'd be interested in rolling it out either later today or tomorrow, or on Monday morning. Kate Starbird is going to be on vacation starting Thursday, but she's signed off on the release and could check in briefly on Monday to retweet and share via her Twitter account.

Thanks,
-- Michael

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DRAFT NEWS RELEASE

For release August 1X, 2021

SEATTLE -- The National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded a \$3 million collaborative grant to a team led by the University of Washington's Center for an Informed Public (CIP) and supported by Stanford University to study ways to apply collaborative, rapid-response research to mitigate online disinformation.

The project, funded through NSF's [Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace \(SaTC\) program](#), will start in October and be led by UW Human Centered Design & Engineering associate professor Kate Starbird and UW Information School associate professors Emma S. Spiro and Jevin D. West, who in 2019 helped launch the Center for an Informed Public, a multidisciplinary research center with a mission to study mis- and disinformation, promote an informed society and support democratic discourse.

Of the \$3 million in NSF funding awarded for the UW-Stanford research collaboration, the UW team at the CIP will receive \$2.25 million.

"Working to advance scientific understanding of online disinformation, this research will develop and evaluate 'rapid response' methods for studying and communicating about disinformation at a sophistication and pace on par with the dynamic and interdisciplinary nature of the challenge," said Starbird, who will be starting a two-year term as the CIP's faculty director in mid September.

Through the development and implementation of rapid-response frameworks, the CIP's research team will quickly identify and analyze disinformation campaigns and communicate those findings uniquely to diverse stakeholders in government, industry, media, and the public more broadly, with the aim of building societal resilience to this kind of manipulation.

"We aim not only to support our own internal research, but to develop and share playbooks and toolkits for others to use to create the sociotechnical infrastructure to support these kinds of collaborations," Spiro said.

The research has three integrated components. First, the research team, led by the CIP in collaboration with Stanford Internet Observatory technical research manager Renée DiResta, will develop models and theories of how disinformation is seeded, cultivated and spread that take into account the sociotechnical nature of the problem. Second, the team will develop and apply rapid-response frameworks for responding to disinformation quickly. And third, the CIP-led team will evaluate the impact of multi-stakeholder collaborations to address disinformation in real-time during real-world events. The work will apply a mixed-method approach that integrates novel visualizations and network analysis to identify patterns and anomalies with qualitative analysis that reveals the meanings of those features. Extending from a rapid-response approach, the CIP-led team, which includes Stanford Department of Communication professor Jeffrey T. Hancock as co-principal investigator, will use interviews and experiments to evaluate strategies for communicating these findings with diverse stakeholders.

Conceptually, this research will leverage theories of rumoring from sociology and social psychology and the growing body of literature related to online manipulation to shed light on the participatory dynamics of disinformation campaigns.

In terms of impacts on scientific infrastructure, this effort builds collaboration frameworks that others can use to create their own systems for rapid response.

“Real-time solutions will not rely solely upon automation, but on collaboration,” said West, who has served as the CIP’s inaugural faculty director. “Through our work at the center, we aim to develop the infrastructure — including a roadmap for multi-stakeholder collaborations — to rapidly detect, analyze and communicate about various information threats in real time, when it matters the most.”

CIP faculty, researchers, students and staff have been involved in previous rapid-response research projects focused on identifying, tracking and responding to mis- and disinformation. In the summer of 2020, the CIP, along with Stanford Internet Observatory, Graphika and the Atlantic Council’s Digital Forensics Research Lab, co-founded the [Election Integrity Partnership](#), a nonpartisan research consortium that identified, tracked and responded to mis- and disinformation about voting before, during and after the November 2020 U.S. elections and facilitated real-time information exchange among stakeholders in government, media, civil society and at tech platforms. In March 2021, the research consortium published “[The Long Fuse: Misinformation and the 2020 Election](#),” a nearly 300-page report described by former U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency director Christopher Krebs as “the seminal report on what happened in 2020, not just the election but also through January 6.”

This year, the CIP has been involved in a similar multi-institution research collaboration, the [Virality Project](#), that’s been tracking and analyzing COVID-19 vaccine misinformation and social media narratives related to vaccine hesitancy. Since January 2020, the CIP has collected more than 11 billion tweets and more than 100 terabytes of social media data as part of its rapid-response mis- and disinformation research activities.

Starbird, Spiro and West — with UW School of Law professor Ryan Calo and iSchool senior principal research scientist Chris Coward — co-founded the Center for an Informed Public in December 2019 with \$5 million in funding from the [John S. and James L. Knight Foundation](#) with additional financial support from the [William and Flora Hewlett Foundation](#). [Craig Newmark Philanthropies](#) and [Omidyar Network](#) have provided financial support for the CIP’s rapid-response research work, including [\\$1 million in new funding](#) from Newmark to support student researchers — to be known as Craig Newmark Fellows — infrastructure and communication needs around election-related mis- and disinformation. The CIP will be hiring a research scientist to lead and facilitate the rapid-response research work ahead. CIP-affiliated undergraduate and doctoral student researchers and postdoctoral scholars detailed to this work will participate in rapid data analysis of social media content, learning techniques of data science, including programming skills, database querying, visualization, network analysis and machine-learning approaches in addition to more qualitative skills of open-source research.

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From: Elena Cryst <ecryst@stanford.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 12:26 PM

To: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>; Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>; Sunny Xun Liu <sunnyxliu@stanford.edu>; Tara C Wright <taratara@stanford.edu>

Subject: Re: NSF-SaTC Grant Announcement Draft

Thanks Michael –

I was actually up in Seattle last week! Sounds good, I look forward to seeing the announcement. I’m looping in Sunny who is the lab manager for Jeff Hancock and Tara our comms contact for the cyber policy center so we can coordinate an announcement on our end.

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Elena Cryst

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From: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>

Date: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 10:29 AM

To: Elena Cryst <ecryst@stanford.edu>, Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>

Subject: NSF-SaTC Grant Announcement Draft

Elena / Renée:

Good day from Seattle.

A quick heads up: I’ve been working on a draft for a news announcement around the UW-Stanford NSF-SaTC funding. Some folks at the CIP have been on vacation or have been unavailable the past week, so we haven’t had a chance to sort out when we want to officially roll out the news. Once I get feedback finalized on the UW side, I was going to share the draft of the release for your feedback (hopefully) early next week. Let me know if there’s anyone else on the Stanford side I should connect and coordinate with on announcing the NSF funding news.

-- Michael

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Cc: Julia Carter Scanlan[jccarter@uw.edu]; Jevin West[jevinw@uw.edu]; kstarbi[kstarbi@uw.edu]
From: Michael Grass
Sent: Tue 1/12/2021 12:51:55 AM
Subject: Comms-Related Ideas for the Release of the EIP Final Report
Received: Tue 1/12/2021 12:52:00 AM

Alex / Renée / Elena / Bella:

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1. There are a handful of media outlets that have expressed interest in getting an early look at the final report before its release. I'd need to go back through my inbox, but off the top of my head: NYT, WaPo, Reuters, WSJ, AP, NPR, DefenseOne, CyberScoop, MIT Tech Review, Bloomberg Businessweek, USA Today. I have not promised anyone an exclusive and have kept the timeline for the report's release mostly vague. You all may be interested in giving one media outlet more of a head start compared to others, and that's totally fine, we just need to manage that process. In theory, we could give an embargoed copy of the report a handful of outlets, but give one outlet permission to publish ahead of the official lifting of the embargo. (An example: We could give the NYT the exclusive and permission to publish at 12:01 a.m. EST while having the embargo lift for everyone else at 8 a.m. EST. That'd allow the NYT to have a print edition article the morning of the release and everyone else would be ready to run their pieces online that morning.) If I'd have to choose the NYT or WaPo for an exclusive, I'd probably go with WaPo given how they were more consistently interested in the EIP's work.
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From: Isabella Garcia-Camargo
Sent: Tue 1/12/2021 5:39:10 PM
Subject: Re: Comms-Related Ideas for the Release of the EIP Final Report
Received: Tue 1/12/2021 5:39:28 PM

Michael, thank you very much for this detailed breakdown. We will discuss some of these points today, and I will keep in close contact with you then as the first draft of the report finishes up a week from now to line up the engagements.

From: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>

Date: Monday, January 11, 2021 at 4:52 PM

To: Alex Stamos <stamos@stanford.edu>, Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>, Elena Cryst <ecryst@stanford.edu>, Isabella Garcia-Camargo <bellagc@stanford.edu>

Cc: Julia Carter Scanlan <jccarter@uw.edu>, Jevin West <jevinw@uw.edu>, kstarbi <kstarbi@uw.edu>

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Cc: Renee DiResta[rdirresta@stanford.edu]; Julia Carter Scanlan[jccarter@uw.edu]; Jevin West[jevinw@uw.edu]
From: Michael Grass
Sent: Wed 2/17/2021 10:15:13 PM
Subject: RE: connecting re: media strategy and our final report
Received: Wed 2/17/2021 10:15:00 PM

Kate,

I'm happy to get the ball rolling and set up a time for us to connect (perhaps on Friday?) and I can update everyone on some of the prep work underway on my end. I'm building out a Google Doc where I've been capturing ideas for the roll out of the final report and I should be able to share that later today.

Some quickish updates in the meantime ...

There's been a group of journalists who we engaged with regularly in the fall who have checked in with me periodically about the EIP's final report. I've been keeping the release timeline mostly vague since it's been in flux, but there's certainly a group already interested in the report's release.

Although I haven't read the entirety of the report, I've been paying closer attention to Chapters 3 and 4 and have been picking out key findings / ideas / takeaways from the report that can be used to either pitch to certain journalists or be used for overall messaging about the final report. I'm keeping an eye out for research findings that could be pitched specifically to local journalists in places that popped up regularly (e.g., Michigan and Pennsylvania).

I've been outlining a press release (that will borrow language from the executive summary) that we can use to accompany the report's official release.

-- Michael

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From: Kate Starbird <kstarbi@uw.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 1:25 PM
To: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>
Cc: Renee DiResta <rdirresta@stanford.edu>; Julia Carter Scanlan <jccarter@uw.edu>; Jevin West <jevinw@uw.edu>
Subject: connecting re: media strategy and our final report

Hi Michael (ccing Julia and Jevin for visibility),

I'm reaching out to get a conversation started about media strategy and our final report from the EIP. I think we're hoping that you can help us come up with a plan for distributing the report (perhaps early to a small group of journalists) and then promoting it afterwards.

Our current "release" date is, I believe, Wed March 3.

Would you be willing/able to connect with Renee, me, and maybe some others from the group to talk strategy sometime soon?

Kate

To: Jeff Tollefson[J.Tollefson@us.nature.com]
Cc: Renee DiResta[renee.diresta@gmail.com]
From: Michael Grass
Sent: Fri 2/26/2021 9:05:45 PM
Subject: RE: Query from Nature
Received: Fri 2/26/2021 9:06:00 PM

Jeff –

I have you on our list for distribution. I'll update you when I know more as the various pieces of the EIP final report are finalized. (I am hopeful I can send you the Executive Summary in a few hours, which should give you a place to start.)

The embargo for the report lifts at 3 a.m. EST on Tuesday. Assuming you're cool with that timeline, I'll circle back with you when I have more to share.

-- Michael

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From: Renee DiResta <renee.diresta@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 12:25 PM

To: Jeff Tollefson <J.Tollefson@us.nature.com>; Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>

Subject: Re: Query from Nature

Hi Jeff,

Yup! We are finalizing the report today and will get that out to you. Looping in Michael from UW, who you know, who is helping the Partnership coordinate everything.

Best,

Renee

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 26, 2021, at 6:52 AM, Jeff Tollefson <J.Tollefson@us.nature.com> wrote:

Hello both,

That should work for me. I'll be on my cell, below. Could I take a look at the report before we chat? Might make things a bit easier, but no stress either way.

Best,

Jeff

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From: Candace DeLeon <reneedirestapa@gmail.com>

Date: Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 12:00 PM

To: Jeff Tollefson <J.Tollefson@us.nature.com>

Cc: Renee DiResta <renee.diresta@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Query from Nature

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Hi Jeff,

Monday, March 1st at 1 pm PT would work. Please let me know the best number to reach you.

Thank you,

Candace

On Wed, Feb 24, 2021 at 9:10 AM Jeff Tollefson <J.Tollefson@us.nature.com> wrote:

Hello both,

Would it be possible to get an embargoed draft of the report? We of course will not put anything out before then, but it would make it easier for me to convince my editors that we should do a story. Even if it's not in its final form, it would help just to know what's coming.

I could chat Monday afternoon? Or Tomorrow/Friday if that's easier for you.

Best

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From: Renee DiResta <renee.diresta@gmail.com>

Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 12:42 AM

To: Candace DeLeon <reneedirestapa@gmail.com>

Cc: Jeff Tollefson <J.Tollefson@us.nature.com>

Subject: Re: Query from Nature

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Hi Jeff,

We'll be releasing our report on March 3 -- believe you will be receiving an invitation to our webinar! Let me know when you'd like to speak.

best,

Renee

On Tue, Feb 23, 2021 at 10:15 AM Candace DeLeon <reneedirestapa@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Jeff,

Apologies for the delayed response.

I'm circling back to see if you were still interested and if there is a set time frame for when you would want to chat.

Thank you,

Candace

On Mon, Feb 15, 2021 at 2:23 PM Jeff Tollefson <J.Tollefson@us.nature.com> wrote:

Hi Candace,

Apologies for the delay, and thanks for your persistence! Why don't we do this: can you ping me when the report is about ready for release? Maybe it would make sense to set up a quick chat around that time – ideally in advance of publication. If there are key lessons we can extract, I would imagine there could be space for a news story or perhaps more likely a magazine editorial.

Many thanks!

Jeff

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From: Candace DeLeon <reneedirestapa@gmail.com>

Date: Monday, February 15, 2021 at 2:09 PM

To: Jeff Tollefson <J.Tollefson@us.nature.com>

Subject: Re: Query from Nature

[External - Use Caution]

Hi Jeff,

Following up to see if you were interested in a chat or you have all you need.

Thank you,

Candace

On Thu, Feb 4, 2021 at 7:45 PM Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu> wrote:

Hi! This is really excellent, so sorry that the week got away from me. As Kate noted, we worked together on the election integrity work and a massive 400 page report (broken neatly into chapters, of course) is mine to wrangle * and so the majority of my month has involved neglecting email and getting it ready for publication. If it's helpful, Candace can help us get a time on the calendar for a subsequent chat. Plandemic - <https://cyber.fsi.stanford.edu/io/news/manufacturing-influence-0> we have a post about it here and still have the data if there's a specific question. Things have been busy with election/vaccine-related misinformation work.

FSI | Cyber | Internet Observatory - Virality Project (US): Marketing meets Misinformation

Plandemic was one step in a larger process to raise the profile of its subject. SIO had begun to observe an increasing number of posts about Plandemic's subject, Judy Mikovits, beginning on April 16. For two and a half weeks, we observed a series of cross-platform moments in which Judy Mikovits – a scientist whose work was retracted by journal editors – was recast as an expert cyber.fsi.stanford.edu

From: Jeff Tollefson <J.Tollefson@us.nature.com>

Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 2:49 PM

To: Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>

Subject: Re: Query from Nature

Hey Renee,

Sorry we never connected last week, and thanks for your help earlier. The story is now live (link below). Unfortunately the portion of the story where we talked about your work and the plandemic stats got cut for space, but maybe we can come back to that? Will you be publishing that story/data at some point?

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-00257-y>

Best,

Jeff

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From: Renee DiResta <rdirresta@stanford.edu>
Date: Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 6:37 PM
To: Jeff Tollefson <J.Tollefson@us.nature.com>
Subject: Re: Query from Nature

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AH, so sorry, didn't see your call. I'm 212 300 6962. Happy to chat for the rest of the day (it's CA so I'm around for a few more hours)

From: Jeff Tollefson <J.Tollefson@us.nature.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 2:34 PM
To: Renee DiResta <rdirresta@stanford.edu>
Subject: Re: Query from Nature

Hi Renee,

Ok, I'm afraid I'm going to have to call it a night. Sorry I missed you earlier, but maybe we can still aim for tomorrow? Let me know what works, or feel free to ring my cell anytime. If I'm tied up, I'll circle back.

Best,

Jeff

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From: Renee DiResta <rdirresta@stanford.edu>
Date: Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 3:27 PM
To: Jeff Tollefson <J.Tollefson@us.nature.com>
Subject: RE: Query from Nature

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Hi Jeff, happy to chat. Would 1:30pm PT work?

From: Jeff Tollefson <J.Tollefson@us.nature.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 7:58 PM
To: Renee DiResta <rdirresta@stanford.edu>

Subject: Re: Query from Nature

Hi Renee,

So we're finally moving forward with this story, and I was hoping to we could chat once again, this time about what we learned from the election integrity work and the capitol uprising, and what comes next for this field. Please let me know if you might have a moment, ideally tomorrow (Thursday).

Many thanks, once again.

Regards,

Jeff

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From: Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 11:19 PM
To: Jeff Tollefson <J.Tollefson@us.nature.com>
Subject: RE: Query from Nature

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Really sorry, I was away from email until now. I'm 212 300 6962 if chatting tomorrow still works. Pacific time.

From: Jeff Tollefson <J.Tollefson@us.nature.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 1:56 PM
To: Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>
Subject: Re: Query from Nature

Hi Renee,

That sounds good. I could do around 2:15 PT? Or anytime thereafter, though sooner would probably be easier.

Let me know what works best for you.

Best,

Jeff

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From: Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 3:52 PM
To: Jeff Tollefson <J.Tollefson@us.nature.com>
Subject: RE: Query from Nature

[External - Use Caution]

Hi! I free up a bit after 2pm PT today – I would have maybe 30 min this afternoon.

From: Jeff Tollefson <J.Tollefson@us.nature.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 2:49 AM
To: Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>
Subject: Query from Nature

Hello Dr DiResta,

I'm working on a story about conspiracy theories, and research efforts to track and understand them. I just saw your piece in the Atlantic, and was hoping you might have a moment to chat, ideally yet today. Please let me know! My schedule is pretty flexible so feel free to pick a time or ring my cell.

Regards,

Jeff

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Cc: Alex Wright[alexwright@cdnis.edu.hk]; Matthew Masterson[mastermv@stanford.edu]
From: Elena Cryst
Sent: Mon 7/5/2021 9:23:07 PM
Subject: Re: [eip-info] Interview request
Received: Mon 7/5/2021 9:23:25 PM

Hi Sarah,

Thank you for reaching out. The best person from our team to talk to would be Mr. Matt Masterson, whom I have copied on this email. He is on Eastern time so it may be a tad challenging to find a time that works for your disparate time zones but if you can propose some times directly to him he will get back to you with what may work.

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From: Sarah Roberts <sarahroberts@cdnis.edu.hk>
Date: Monday, July 5, 2021 at 7:09 AM
To: "info@eipartnership.net" <info@eipartnership.net>
Cc: Alex Wright <alexwright@cdnis.edu.hk>
Subject: [eip-info] Interview request

Hi, My name is Sarah, a current Grade 11 student at the Canadian International School of Hong Kong. I was assigned by my teacher (copied here) in my International Baccalaureate Global Politics course to investigate a political issue. Upon research, I was greatly inspired by the work EIP has done fighting to mitigate the impact of attempts to prevent and deter people from voting or to delegitimize election results. I have decided to use the work EIP has done against voter suppression as my topic for the assignment.

A part of my assignment requires me to directly engage in the issue by conducting interviews with experts on the topic, so as to gain diverse perspectives. I would like to request an interview with anyone on the EIP team to learn more about your knowledge of the Georgia Election Integrity Act of 2021. The interview should be relatively short (15 minutes) and we can do this via Zoom or any other online video conferencing software that you prefer. The specific date and time of the interview can be determined upon your confirmation of your availability.

Your invaluable insights would be greatly appreciated and immensely beneficial to my research.

Thank you very much for your kind attention and I look forward to your favourable response.

Best regards,

Sarah



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Cc: Emerson Brooking[etbrooking@gmail.com]; Graham Brookie[gbrookie@atlanticcouncil.org]; Jevin West[jevinw@uw.edu]; Julia Carter Scanlan[jccarter@uw.edu]; Melanie Smith[melanie.smith@graphika.com]; Renee DiResta[rdiresta@stanford.edu]; kstarbi[kstarbi@uw.edu]
From: Michael Grass
Sent: Fri 1/8/2021 1:51:36 AM
Subject: RE: Media Availability / Press Conference on Friday?
Received: Fri 1/8/2021 1:51:00 AM

Camille (and everyone else) –

We were chatting on Slack earlier and we settled on a 30-minute Q&A **Friday at 11:30 a.m. EST / 8:30 a.m. PST.**

Here is the link to the Zoom room I set up: <https://washington.zoom.us/j/98596127292>

I'll open up the Zoom room at 11:15 a.m. EST / 8:15 a.m. PST if folks want to jump on early to chat before starting at the bottom of the hour. (I know Kate will be busy up until the start of the briefing.)

The Zoom set up for this call will be slightly different from SIO's hosted briefings since we were working on short notice and couldn't get a UW iSchool webinar-enabled meeting, so I'll be hosting this from my own Zoom room. Since this is invite-only (I sent this to about 50 journalists) and there's a lower risk of participant mischief, participants will be visible (but I'll ask them to raise their hands for questions) and I assume will be on good behavior.

I'll be recording the discussion in case anyone needs it.

Let me know if you have questions. Thanks for participating on such short notice!

-- Michael

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My mobile # in case anyone needs it: 18

From: Camille Francois <camille.francois@graphika.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 5:34 PM

To: Alex Stamos <stamos@stanford.edu>

Cc: Emerson Brooking <etbrooking@gmail.com>; Graham Brookie <gbrookie@atlanticcouncil.org>; Jevin West <jevinw@uw.edu>;

Julia Carter Scanlan <jccarter@uw.edu>; Melanie Smith <melanie.smith@graphika.com>; Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>;

Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>; kstarbi <kstarbi@uw.edu>

Subject: Re: Media Availability / Press Conference on Friday?

That's doable on our end. Thanks Michael for thinking of it. I'd be in favor of convening a few minutes earlier as a group to share insights and analysis, and get on the same page.

On Thu, Jan 7, 2021 at 6:07 PM Alex Stamos <stamos@stanford.edu> wrote:

I would prefer something a little earlier, but in any case I can participate up to 9am. It think this is a great idea.

From: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>

Date: Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 1:31 PM

To: Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>, Alex Stamos <stamos@stanford.edu>, Camille Francois <camille.francois@graphika.com>, Emerson Brooking <etbrooking@gmail.com>, Graham Brookie <gbrookie@ATLANTICCOUNCIL.ORG>

Cc: kstarbi <kstarbi@uw.edu>, Jevin West <jevinw@uw.edu>, Julia Carter Scanlan <jccarter@uw.edu>

Subject: Media Availability / Press Conference on Friday?

Good day from Seattle. There's been some discussion among some folks at UW about setting up a media briefing for journalists

for Friday. We've been getting some inquiries about our EIP work in the context of what happened yesterday at the U.S. Capitol. You all might be getting similar inquiries. Let us know if you'd be interested in participating and coordinating.

We're thinking something like 8:30/9 a.m. PST (11:30 a.m./12 noon EST), which would give East Coast news outlets enough time to meet deadlines later in the day or for the weekend.

Thoughts? Let me know and we can figure out details and I can get a round of emails out to journalists this afternoon.

-- Michael

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Cc: Eric Baker[ebaker@atlanticcouncil.org]; Katie Garagozzo[katie.garagozzo@graphika.com]; Julia Carter Scanlan[jccarter@uw.edu]
From: Michael Grass
Sent: Fri 1/8/2021 7:41:14 PM
Subject: Thanks and List of Media Attendees
Received: Fri 1/8/2021 7:41:00 PM

Thanks for attending this morning's media availability. I've received a lot of great post-event feedback from the journalists, who appreciate these opportunities to interact with you all and our ability to assemble on short notice to discuss very timely issues. Here are the news outlets represented on the call (or couldn't attend and requested the recording):

The New York Times
The Associated Press
The Wall Street Journal
The Washington Post
National Public Radio
Reuters
NBC News
Politico
USA Today
Detroit Free Press
MIT Tech Review
Fast Company
Bloomberg
The Telegraph (UK)
BBC News
PolitiFact
KNKX (NPR / Tacoma)
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From: Culliford, Elizabeth S. (Reuters)
Sent: Tue 12/1/2020 7:10:21 PM
Subject: [eip-info] Re: Reuters query re Georgia false claims
Received: Tue 12/1/2020 7:12:34 PM

Thanks Michael, I'll follow up with you directly on that!

Elizabeth Culliford
Reuters
212 767 9959

From: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 7:07:44 PM
To: Culliford, Elizabeth S. (Reuters) <elizabeth.culliford@thomsonreuters.com>; Alex Stamos <stamos@stanford.edu>; info@eipartnership.net <info@eipartnership.net>
Subject: RE: Reuters query re Georgia false claims

Elizabeth,

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Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 10:36 AM
To: Alex Stamos <stamos@stanford.edu>; Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>; info@eipartnership.net
Subject: Reuters query re Georgia false claims

Hi all, we are reporting out a story on the types of mis and disinformation already being spread around the Georgia Senate runoffs and wondered if anyone from the EIP might have a few minutes to chat today or tomorrow about any of the types of claims you're already seeing/tracking or groups particularly being targeted. All best - Elizabeth

From: Alex Stamos <stamos@stanford.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 9:18 AM
To: Culliford, Elizabeth S. (Reuters) <elizabeth.culliford@thomsonreuters.com>; megrass@uw.edu; info@eipartnership.net
Subject: Re: Briefings today - Reuters query

Hi, Elizabeth!

We are going to make that call in several hours when we see the volume of activity. We will announce via our press list and Twitter account.

From: Culliford, Elizabeth S. (Reuters) <elizabeth.culliford@thomsonreuters.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 4:13:23 AM
To: megrass@uw.edu <megrass@uw.edu>; info@eipartnership.net <info@eipartnership.net>
Subject: [eip-info] Briefings today - Reuters query

Hi folks, Reuters wanted to check if you'd be holding briefings today and how/when we should join if so! Thanks - Elizabeth

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From: Michael Grass
Sent: Fri 11/13/2020 6:27:48 PM
Subject: Parler / Washington Post Editorial
Received: Fri 11/13/2020 6:28:00 PM

Molly,

Meet Renee DiResta from Stanford Internet Observatory. Renee said that she should have some time to chat about Parler in case you're still looking to chat about additional insights.

I'll let you two take it from here.

Thanks.

-- Michael

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To: Michael Grass[megrass@uw.edu]
From: Renee DiResta
Sent: Fri 11/13/2020 6:19:12 PM
Subject: RE: Election Integrity Partnership Briefing: 11/12 at 5 p.m. EST / 2 p.m. PST
Received: Fri 11/13/2020 6:20:54 PM

Apologies, just saw this email. Happy to chat with her if still useful.

From: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 10:26 AM
To: Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>
Subject: FW: Election Integrity Partnership Briefing: 11/12 at 5 p.m. EST / 2 p.m. PST
Renee –

In case you have time, Molly Roberts (the Washington Post's lead tech writer on the editorial page) is looking to chat with someone at the EIP regarding Parler and alternative platforms. I'm not sure if she's looking for anything on the record, but it seems like she's looking for more background perspective for an upcoming editorial.

-- Michael

From: Roberts, Molly <Molly.Roberts@washpost.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 10:02 AM
To: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>
Subject: Re: Election Integrity Partnership Briefing: 11/12 at 5 p.m. EST / 2 p.m. PST

Hi Michael! Will try to make it to this but might not be able to swing it and would love the link just in case. Also, I was wondering if you might be able to get me on the phone with someone at the partnership sometime tomorrow to talk on background in greater depth about Parler/other alternative platforms.

From: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 5:11 PM
To: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>
Cc: info@eipartnership.net <info@eipartnership.net>
Subject: Election Integrity Partnership Briefing: 11/12 at 5 p.m. EST / 2 p.m. PST

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Hello from the Election Integrity Partnership.

For those who have been asking whether our team will be hosting additional research briefings as we transition toward writing our final report on disinfo/misinfo in the 2020 U.S. elections, the EIP leads have called a briefing for [Thursday, 11/12 at 5 p.m. EST / 2 p.m. PST \[stanford.zoom.us\]](#) to share some insights into some things our team continues to monitor. (Apologies in advance if we start a few minutes late.) Per usual, after our presentation, we'll have time for Q&A. If you can't make the briefing and are interested in the event recording, let me know and I'll share it with you when it's ready.

Thanks and let me know if you have questions.

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Subject: RE: Parler / Washington Post Editorial
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Monday sounds great. How's 9am PT?

From: Roberts, Molly <Molly.Roberts@washpost.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 10:30 AM
To: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>; Renee DiResta <rdiresta@stanford.edu>
Subject: RE: Parler / Washington Post Editorial

Hi Renee and thanks Michael! It turns out I've been pulled away from this for today, but Renee, might you have some time on Monday? I have a meeting from 10 – 11 ET (early for you anyway, I imagine!) but am otherwise free and would love to chat on background. Thanks a ton.

Molly

From: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>
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Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 10:36 AM
To: Alex Stamos <stamos@stanford.edu>; Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>; info@eipartnership.net
Subject: Reuters query re Georgia false claims

Hi all, we are reporting out a story on the types of mis and disinformation already being spread around the Georgia Senate runoffs and wondered if anyone from the EIP might have a few minutes to chat today or tomorrow about any of the types of claims you're already seeing/tracking or groups particularly being targeted. All best - Elizabeth

From: Alex Stamos <stamos@stanford.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 9:18 AM
To: Culliford, Elizabeth S. (Reuters) <elizabeth.culliford@thomsonreuters.com>; megrass@uw.edu; info@eipartnership.net
Subject: Re: Briefings today - Reuters query

Hi, Elizabeth!

We are going to make that call in several hours when we see the volume of activity. We will announce via our press list and Twitter account.

From: Culliford, Elizabeth S. (Reuters) <elizabeth.culliford@thomsonreuters.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 4:13:23 AM
To: megrass@uw.edu <megrass@uw.edu>; info@eipartnership.net <info@eipartnership.net>
Subject: [eip-info] Briefings today - Reuters query

Hi folks, Reuters wanted to check if you'd be holding briefings today and how/when we should join if so! Thanks - Elizabeth
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To: Laura.Romero@abc.com[Laura.Romero@abc.com]
Cc: kstarbi[kstarbi@uw.edu]; Renee DiResta[rdirresta@stanford.edu]
From: Michael Grass
Sent: Wed 11/11/2020 6:48:41 PM
Subject: FW: ABC News Inquiry -- post-election misinformation
Received: Wed 11/11/2020 6:48:00 PM

Laura –

I'm the communications manager at the University of Washington's Center for an Informed Public and Kate Starbird forwarded me your inquiry. Kate wanted me to relay your request to some of our colleagues within the Election Integrity Partnership who may be better positioned to answer your question. Renee DiResta of the Stanford Internet Observatory, cc'd here, said that she could field your request.

Also, in case it's helpful, Election Integrity Partnership researchers will be available to answer questions during an on-the-record briefing for journalists on Thursday at 5 p.m. EST / 2 p.m. PST:

<https://stanford.zoom.us/j/93659812479?pwd=Sk5DSm1ueVBQYlN3bmNXMWZ5UmtRQT09>

-- Michael

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From: Kate Starbird <kstarbi@uw.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 10:16 AM

To: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>

Cc: Renee DiResta <rdirresta@stanford.edu>

Subject: Fwd: ABC News Inquiry -- post-election misinformation

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Romero, Laura" <Laura.Romero@abc.com>

Subject: ABC News Inquiry -- post-election misinformation

Date: November 11, 2020 at 10:12:04 AM PST

To: "kstarbi@uw.edu" <kstarbi@uw.edu>

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Thank you,

Laura

To: Kate Starbird[kstarbi@uw.edu]
Cc: Renee DiResta[rdirresta@stanford.edu]
From: Michael Grass
Sent: Wed 11/11/2020 6:16:57 PM
Subject: RE: ABC News Inquiry -- post-election misinformation
Received: Wed 11/11/2020 6:17:00 PM

Sure, I'll put that in the Media Requests channel.

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Hi Michael,

Any chance we can push this request to the larger group... someone on the #StopTheSteal team? Or maybe Renee would be interested in taking this? (I think Renee is probably most qualified here, but I know she's busy.)

(And sorry for contacting you on a holiday!)

Kate

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To: Alex Stamos[stamos@stanford.edu]; info@eipartnership.net[info@eipartnership.net]
From: Michael Grass
Sent: Mon 11/9/2020 4:55:59 PM
Subject: [eip-info] RE: Media Request: Washington Post Editorial Board
Received: Mon 11/9/2020 4:58:30 PM

For Molly's request, she isn't looking for a bylined op/ed or to quote anyone on the record, only a background phone call to steer her in a good direction for the Post's editorial on this topic that will publish tonight. If anyone has 10 minutes to chat with her today about the editorial she's writing, she'd be most grateful.

As for a future bylined op/ed from the EIP team, I'm happy to help pitch and place that, whether that's an exclusive for the NYT, WaPo or another publication. Alternatively, different EIP folks could essentially write the same type of lessons-learned op/ed but customize it for different outlets and/or localize it, just so we're potentially reaching a mix of national audiences and local/regional ones, too.

-- Michael

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From: Alex Stamos <stamos@stanford.edu>

Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 8:17 AM

To: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>; info@eipartnership.net

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Thanks.

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From: Michael Grass
Sent: Thur 11/5/2020 6:49:19 PM
Subject: Election Integrity Partnership Briefing at 5 p.m. EST / 2 p.m. PST
Received: Thur 11/5/2020 6:49:00 PM

Hello from the Election Integrity Partnership. We will be assembling our teams for another on-the-record research briefing for journalists later today [at 5 p.m. EST / 2 p.m. PST](#).

Also, a reminder: Keep an eye on the EIP's Twitter account ([@2020Partnership](#)) and [liveblog](#) for additional updates and timely insights.

Let me know if you have questions.

-- Michael

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To: Bobby Allyn[BAllyn@npr.org]
Cc: Renee DiResta[rdirresta@stanford.edu]; info@eipartnership.net[info@eipartnership.net]
From: Michael Grass
Sent: Fri 11/6/2020 8:07:14 PM
Subject: RE: DiResta Request
Received: Fri 11/6/2020 8:07:00 PM

Thanks Bobby,
I've copied Renee here.
-- Michael

From: Bobby Allyn <BAllyn@npr.org>
Sent: Friday, November 6, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>
Subject: DiResta Request

Hey again Michael,
Bobby Allyn here with NPR. My colleague Shannon Bond and I are working on a story for NPR.org and for broadcast about the particularly vexing issue of misinfo/disinfo on live-stream. I found Renee's comments around what she's been seeing around this since Election Day super interesting and was wondering if she might have 5-10 minutes to discuss for a pre-taped recorded interview today? The story will air on either Morning Edition or All Things Considered in the coming days.
Let me know.

Best,
Bobby

 Bobby Allyn | Technology Reporter, Business Desk | San Francisco, Calif. | ballyn@npr.org | cell: 570-814-0887

To: Michael Grass[megrass@uw.edu]; info@eipartnership.net[info@eipartnership.net]
From: Alex Stamos
Sent: Mon 11/9/2020 4:17:09 PM
Subject: Re: Media Request: Washington Post Editorial Board
Received: Mon 11/9/2020 4:21:10 PM

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Cc: Alex Stamos[stamos@stanford.edu]
From: Michael Grass
Sent: Mon 11/9/2020 4:11:38 PM
Subject: [eip-info] Media Request: Washington Post Editorial Board
Received: Mon 11/9/2020 4:13:26 PM

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Zaheer, Alex[alex.zaheer@cisa.dhs.gov]
From: 'Masterson, Matthew' via Info
Sent: Thur 11/5/2020 10:39:04 AM
Subject: [eip-info] MI Contact Info
Received: Thur 11/5/2020 10:39:20 AM

EIP Team,

My understanding is that you were looking for contact info for Michigan. Here is info for state election director Jonathan Brater:

Jonathan Brater

Director of Elections

Michigan Department of State

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson

Bureau of Elections

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Cc: Scully, Brian[brian.scully1@cisa.dhs.gov]; Cable, Jack[jack.cable@cisa.dhs.gov]; Zaheer, Alex[alex.zaheer@cisa.dhs.gov]
From: Alex Stamos
Sent: Thur 11/5/2020 3:31:50 PM
Subject: [eip-info] Re: MI Contact Info
Received: Thur 11/5/2020 3:32:17 PM

Thanks, Matt. A bat signal we sent up last night finally made its way to Benson, they took care of it.

From: Masterson, Matthew <Matthew.Masterson@cisa.dhs.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 2:39:04 AM
To: info@eipartnership.net <info@eipartnership.net>
Cc: Scully, Brian <brian.scully1@cisa.dhs.gov>; Alex Stamos <stamos@stanford.edu>; Cable, Jack <jack.cable@cisa.dhs.gov>; Zaheer, Alex <alex.zaheer@cisa.dhs.gov>
Subject: MI Contact Info
EIP Team,
My understanding is that you were looking for contact info for Michigan. Here is info for state election director Jonathan Brater:
Jonathan Brater
Director of Elections
Michigan Department of State
Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson
Bureau of Elections
Direct: 517-335-3271
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From: Michael Grass
Sent: Wed 11/4/2020 4:59:25 PM
Subject: [eip-info] RE: Briefings today - Reuters query
Received: Wed 11/4/2020 5:00:22 PM

Elizabeth,

Sorry for the short notice but a briefing is being stood up for 12:30 p.m. EST / 9:30 a.m. PST:

<https://stanford.zoom.us/j/99933400780?pwd=QVZhQjRtSTM3S1RlcVVxZFR6eGxyQT09>

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From: Alex Stamos
Sent: Thur 11/5/2020 3:35:12 AM
Subject: [eip-info] Re: NBC News question
Received: Thur 11/5/2020 3:35:24 AM

She might have been referring to this:

<https://www.eipartnership.net/rapid-response/repeat-offenders>

From: Ingram, Dave (NBCUniversal) <David@nbcuni.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 7:34:12 PM
To: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>
Cc: info@eipartnership.net <info@eipartnership.net>
Subject: [eip-info] RE: NBC News question

Hi Michael,

Not urgent if you're off the clock for tonight.

On this evening's call, someone (Kate, I think) mentioned there was an analysis (last week?) of a few of the big right-wing influencers likely to be a problem during the election.

Was that a public analysis? Do you have a link?

Thanks!

From: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2020 3:02 PM
To: Ingram, Dave (NBCUniversal) <David@nbcuni.com>
Cc: info@eipartnership.net
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: NBC News question

Hey Dave,

We've gotten that question (or a variation of it) in the past few days. If you're able to attend the 7:30 p.m. EST / 4:30 p.m. PST briefing, you could ask it during the Q&A. If you're looking for a 1:1 interview, that may take a little more time to arrange given everything else going on.

-- Michael

From: Ingram, Dave (NBCUniversal) <David@nbcuni.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 2:27 PM
To: info@eipartnership.net
Subject: [eip-info] NBC News question

Hi all,

Thank you for all your reports tracking misinformation so far. They've been extremely helpful.

One question I thought I'd run by you. We're interested in some kind of bottom line for how tech platforms have performed during this election (which, of course, is not over). I thought I'd see if you're comfortable offering something like that. I realize it's a very general question, not about a specific piece of disinformation, though it's also a question I think readers are interested in.

Thanks!

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Subject: Election Integrity Partnership Briefings + Research Updates This Week
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Garrett –

Here's a rundown of what we have planned for this week, in case it's useful.

-- Michael

Twitter and Liveblog Updates: The Election Integrity Partnership does not anticipate publishing any major new reports or rapid-response analysis blog posts on Election Day. Instead, the EIP plans to push out updates and insights primarily via Twitter ([@2020Partnership](#)). Those tweets and other updates will be posted on an [EIP Election Day liveblog](#).

Research Briefings: The Election Integrity Partnership has scheduled **two research briefings for journalists on Election Day** (Tuesday, Nov. 3). The first is at **11 a.m. EST / 8 a.m. PST** and the second is at **7:30 p.m. EST / 4:30 p.m. PST**. These on-the-record briefings, hosted by **Alex Stamos** of the Stanford Internet Observatory, will be approximately 30 minutes and feature various EIP researchers from the different partner organizations.

Depending on what happens later on election night and in the days that follow, the **EIP is likely to stand up additional briefings as needed** to share timely research and insights. We will do our best to give journalists **at least one hour advance notice of these additional briefings** via Twitter and follow-up emails to those who express interest in being included.

Interview Requests and Research Questions: On Election Day, it will likely be difficult to arrange 1:1 interviews with EIP researchers and subject matter experts due, so **your best opportunity to ask questions and get direct quotes is through the EIP research briefings**. For journalists who have more specific questions about EIP research, we will do our best to facilitate special requests. Either email me (Michael Grass at megrass@uw.edu) or info@eipartnership.net.

Recent EIP Rapid-Response Analysis and Other Research Releases:

- [Uncertainty and Misinformation: What to Expect on Election Night and Days After](#)
- [Repeat Offenders: Voting Misinformation on Twitter in the 2020 U.S. Election](#)
- [Seeking To Help and Doing Harm: The Case of Well-Intentioned Misinformation](#)
- [The Ballot Harvesting Trope](#)
- [“Friend of a Friend” Stories as a Vehicle for Misinformation](#)

EIP Election Day Handbook for Elections Officials:

- [Election Official Handbook: Preparing for Election Day Misinformation](#)

EIP Analysis on Platform Policy:

- [Evaluating Platform Election-Related Speech Policies](#)

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From: Michael Grass
Sent: Wed 11/4/2020 4:59:25 PM
Subject: RE: Briefings today - Reuters query
Received: Wed 11/4/2020 4:59:00 PM

Elizabeth,

Sorry for the short notice but a briefing is being stood up for 12:30 p.m. EST / 9:30 a.m. PST:

<https://stanford.zoom.us/j/99933400780?pwd=QVZhQjRtSTM3S1RlcVVxZFR6eGxyQT09>

-- Michael Grass

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Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 6:24 AM

To: Alex Stamos <stamos@stanford.edu>; Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>; info@eipartnership.net

Subject: [eip-info] RE: Briefings today - Reuters query

Hi, thanks a lot – we'll keep an eye out!

From: Alex Stamos <stamos@stanford.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 9:18 AM

To: Culliford, Elizabeth S. (Reuters) <elizabeth.culliford@thomsonreuters.com>; megrass@uw.edu; info@eipartnership.net

Subject: Re: Briefings today - Reuters query

Hi, Elizabeth!

We are going to make that call in several hours when we see the volume of activity. We will announce via our press list and Twitter account.

From: Culliford, Elizabeth S. (Reuters) <elizabeth.culliford@thomsonreuters.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 4:13:23 AM

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Subject: [eip-info] Briefings today - Reuters query

Hi folks, Reuters wanted to check if you'd be holding briefings today and how/when we should join if so! Thanks - Elizabeth

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Sent: Mon 10/19/2020 7:33:51 PM
Subject: RE: Election Integrity Partnership Disinfo/Misinfo Weekly Research Briefings
Received: Mon 10/19/2020 7:34:00 PM

Garrett,

Indeed, I'm glad that we've been able to reconnect! Here's what we have lined up with recent and forthcoming research releases and the next weekly briefing for journalists, in case it's helpful ...

Recent releases:

- The EIP published a new rapid-response analysis blog post, "[Laying the Groundwork: Meta-narratives and Delegitimization Over Time](#)," earlier today: *One narrative in particular has emerged that links social protests and voting-related accusations, and in doing so, attempts to preemptively delegitimize the 2020 election: the claim that the United States is in the midst of a "color revolution," a Deep State coup to steal or disrupt the re-election of the President of the United States. This narrative is worth examining not for its content, but to understand how it weaves together a wide swath of discrete events into an overarching meta-narrative, involving both influencers and ordinary users in the process. The meta-narrative becomes a scaffolding on which any future event can be hung: any new protest, or newly-discovered discarded ballot, is processed as further confirmatory evidence that a color revolution coup is indeed underway, that there is a vast conspiracy to steal the election, and that the results will be illegitimate. What may previously have been isolated incidents with minimal social media traction may gain significant new weight when they are processed as additional evidence of an underlying conspiracy.*

Upcoming releases:

- Later today or tomorrow, we'll be releasing an analysis of two connected websites that mix U.S. and Nigerian politics that have been sharing untrue claims about voting in the U.S. presidential elections: *The sites' corresponding social media presence, operated from Facebook pages with managers in Nigeria, the United Kingdom, and the United States, spread these false claims partially using Facebook advertisements.*
- On Thursday or Friday, the EIP's University of Washington team is planning to publish a blog post about social media narratives we're predicting to see on and/or after Election Day. This will be less of an analysis and more of a forecast around disinfo/misinfo narratives we're likely to see. If you're interested in this, let me know and I can try to secure an embargoed copy of this forthcoming report in the coming days.

EIP Weekly Research Briefing:

- Please join us for our weekly EIP research briefing on **Tuesday at 11 a.m. EDT / 8 a.m. PDT** where we'll be discussing the EIP's "color revolution" narratives analysis; the Nigerian websites sharing false claims around U.S. elections; and an update to the EIP's [analysis of social media platform policies on election-related misinformation](#).
Zoom link for the briefing: <https://www.eipartnership.net/events/tuesday-briefing-20201020>

Let me know if you have questions,

-- Michael

From: Garrett M. Graff <garrett.graff@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, October 16, 2020 5:59 AM

To: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>

Subject: Re: Election Integrity Partnership Disinfo/Misinfo Weekly Research Briefings

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Subject: Embargoed Copy of the State-Labeling Analysis
Received: Mon 10/5/2020 11:06:00 PM
[EIP Analysis on State-Media Labeling \[EMBARGOED\].pdf](#)

Renee –

Attached is a pdf of an embargoed version of the state-media labeling analysis. This hasn't been promised as an exclusive to anyone, so it's essentially up for grabs. Embargo lifts at 3 p.m. EDT / 12 noon PDT.

-- Michael

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From: Michael Grass
Sent: Tue 10/13/2020 1:42:24 PM
Subject: RE: [EIP] Weekly Briefing Webinar Info, Tuesday 10/13
Received: Tue 10/13/2020 1:42:00 PM

Here's quick rundown of media folks who responded to me that they were planning on attending this morning's briefing. Since there's no registration requirement, there may be others I invited who will show up but didn't give me any firm indication that they would.

Christina Cassidy (Associated Press ... said that others from AP would likely join)

Katie Paul (Reuters)

Jeff Stone (CyberScoop)

Karissa Bell (TechCrunch)

Craig Timberg (Washington Post)

Isaac Stanley Becker (Washington Post)

Sheera Frenkel (New York Times)

Gordon Corera (BBC News)

Steven Overly (Politico)

Jennifer Glasse (Al Jazeera ... said that she forwarded the invite to a few AJ correspondents)

Garrett Graff (freelance: Wired, Politico, Politico, Washington Post)

Kartikay Mehrotra (Bloomberg Business)

James Pindell (Boston Globe)

Brandy Zadronzy (NBC News ... said she had a conflicting event, but might be able to join and planned to join the rest of the briefings)

From: Elena Cryst <ecryst@stanford.edu>

Sent: Monday, October 12, 2020 12:28 PM

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Cc: Katie Garagozzo <katie.garagozzo@graphika.com>; Eric Baker <ebaker@atlanticcouncil.org>

Subject: [EIP] Weekly Briefing Webinar Info, Tuesday 10/13

Hi All –

Tomorrow's webinar is scheduled from 8-8:30am PT tomorrow, 10/13. It will be open and on the record. We are not requiring registration for participants. We plan to record the session.

Slide Deck (still WIP) is [here](#)

You all (panelists and hosts) should have received an invitation from Zoom to join the webinar. **If you did not, I can resend to you.**

The link for attendees only is [here](#).

Thanks!

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Examining Inconsistencies in State-Controlled Media Labeling

An analysis by Election Integrity Partnership

Embargoed for release:

Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020

3 p.m. EDT / 12 noon PDT

Thirty days out from the U.S. presidential election, platform policies intended to identify state-media influence operations are quickly evolving. However, there is a significant gap between platforms' policy language and actual policy implementation. In order to evolve effectively, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube must fully implement terms of use policies governing how, why, and when labels are appended to foreign state-controlled media accounts, pages, and posts. Because of previous state-controlled media involvement in U.S. elections, it is critical that their capacity to create and spread disinformation is diminished to the fullest extent possible.

State-controlled media influence activity is not limited to covert front properties, or dark propaganda – the operations run by entities like the Internet Research Agency. In 2020, overt state-controlled media properties are active participants in political conversation. Many overt state-controlled media properties, directly funded by governments that exert strong editorial control, have increasingly large audiences on several prominent social media platforms. They use advertisements as well as other types of posts – and, more recently, live video streams – to grow their audiences. Often, users encounter these types of content without proactively looking for them. Labels are therefore meant to add context to the content curated by these platforms given that not all users are experts in discerning which of the entities that appear in their feed are state-controlled media outlets.

Despite platforms' detailed policy updates, however, label application can be sparse, inconsistent, and difficult to locate. With early voting already underway in many states, there is an urgent need for both transparency about policy application as well as a commitment to consistency in labeling. Ultimately, platforms are correct in recognizing the potential harm that flows from granting state-controlled media accounts free rein to operate inconspicuously. However, platforms not only risk their intentions being undone by poor implementation, but jeopardize the legitimacy of the upcoming election.

This post examines the current policies of social media platforms' related to the labeling of state-controlled media entities.

Key Takeaways

- In 2018, platforms first introduced state-media labeling policies designed to counter the impact of foreign influence operations on U.S. elections. As the 2020 U.S. general election approaches, platforms have released a greater volume of updates to labeling policies over a shorter period of time.
- Although platforms' labeling policies cast a broad net, state-controlled media outlets' accounts, pages, and posts are not always accurately labeled, when they are labeled at all, even when they fall within a particular policy's scope. Inconsistent implementation reduces users' ability to identify state-controlled messaging.
- Facebook and Instagram apply labels most inconsistently against their respective policies. Additionally,

- these platforms' newest features lack state-media labels entirely on most mobile and desktop interfaces.
- We recommend that platforms turn their attention to implementing existing state-media policy as consistently, and as quickly, as possible. We further advocate for platforms to make existing labels more obvious and for platforms to provide a searchable database of labeled accounts.

Platforms and Policies

In the interest of allowing a wide variety of perspectives to exist on a global platform, academics and civil society organizations have argued that platforms should allow state media outlets to post, but should provide disclosures to alert the viewer that the content comes from a government-aligned outlet. Experts have suggested drawing on the existing framework offered by the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA). Intended to preserve freedom of expression and open discourse, yet ensure that audiences understood the funding and incentives of the media they came across, FARA requires government-funded state-media outlets to register with the U.S. Department of Justice and label their material. Social networks, experts argued, could use FARA's "registrant list" model as a basis for labeling ahead of the 2020 U.S. presidential election.

Between 2017 and 2020, platforms updated their policy language to address widespread concern about foreign influence operations. Google was the first to release a policy relating to its state-controlled media labeling practices; state-funded accounts now receive instructive labels and warnings across Google Ads and Gmail, respectively. In 2018, YouTube, a Google subsidiary, announced its decision to append declaratory notices to state-controlled media accounts. Still, Facebook and Twitter, among others, did not provide a policy response geared to limit the influence of foreign actors on American elections until 2019. On October 21, 2019, Facebook rolled out new policy language on its "about" domain. The language asserts Facebook's commitment to stop election interference through increased transparency, advanced in part by its choice to label "state-controlled media on their Page and in our Ad library." Then, in June 2020, Facebook again expanded its labeling policy to include state affiliation notices under "Page Transparency" tabs. Although Twitter banned all forms of state-sponsored political advertising in 2019, it did not produce a policy response to the continued presence of state-controlled media accounts on its platform until August 2020. In August, Twitter updated its policy and began to label government and state-affiliated media accounts; it also labels prominent editors' and reporters' accounts.

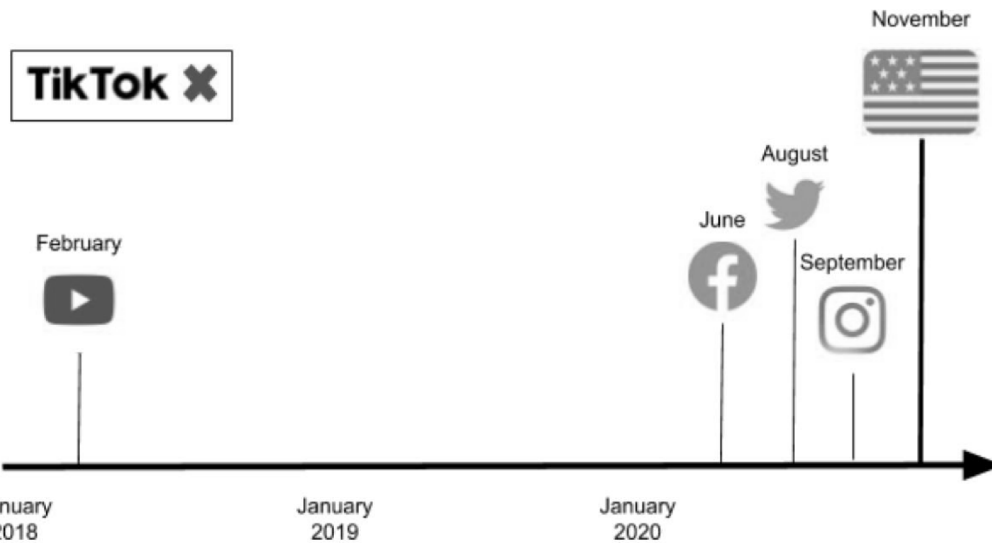


Image 1: A timeline of platform policy updates. Only YouTube articulated their labeling policy prior to the summer of 2020

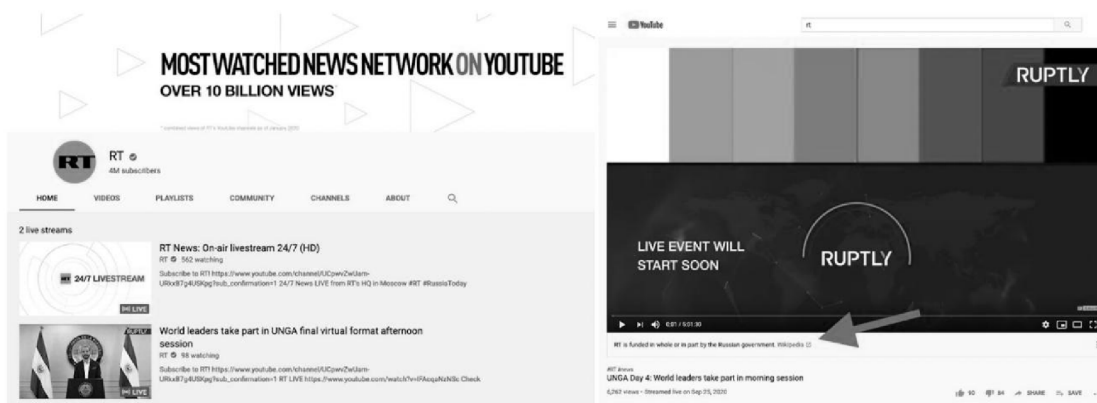
As the above timeline shows, most platforms have only recently articulated their state-labeling policy. If labels are able to serve as a bulwark against foreign state actors’ influence on U.S. politics, delays in the labeling process minimize their impact during this election cycle and diminish the likelihood that labels will have significant impact on either account subscriptions or views. The arrival of platforms’ policies and analyses of their impact are further complicated by differences in how labels are applied. Table One, below, details the extent of policy adoption as well as differences between platform policies.

PLATFORM	STATE-MEDIA LABEL POLICY?	LABEL ON ACCOUNT NAME OR PAGE?	LABEL ON CONTENT?	LABEL IN SEARCH RESULTS?
YouTube	<u>Yes</u> : Announced February 2018	No	Yes	No
Facebook	<u>Yes</u> : Announced June 2020	Yes: Side of Page	Yes	No
Twitter	<u>Yes</u> : Announced August 2020	Yes: Top of Page	Yes	Yes
Instagram	<u>Yes</u> : Updated September 2020	Yes: Top of Page	Yes	No
TikTok	No	No	No	No

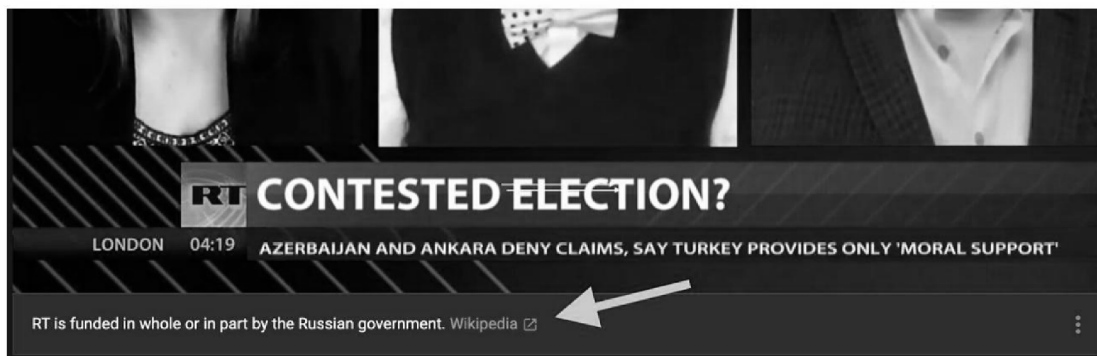
Excluding TikTok, each major platform, all of which host prominent state-controlled media accounts, have labeling policies. Below, we will further explore the consistency in product implementation and coverage of these policies.

Product Implementation

To illustrate differences in implementation, we focus on how platforms have labeled Russian state-controlled media outlets. Because Russian state-controlled media amplified a substantial amount of disinformation during the 2016 general election, we draw primarily on examples from RT (formerly Russia Today, a state-run media entity based in Moscow). Beginning with YouTube, we found that the platform applies labels to the videos RT uploads, but has not labeled [RT's account page](#).



The label applied to videos RT posts reads “Russia Today is funded in whole or in part by the Russian Government”:

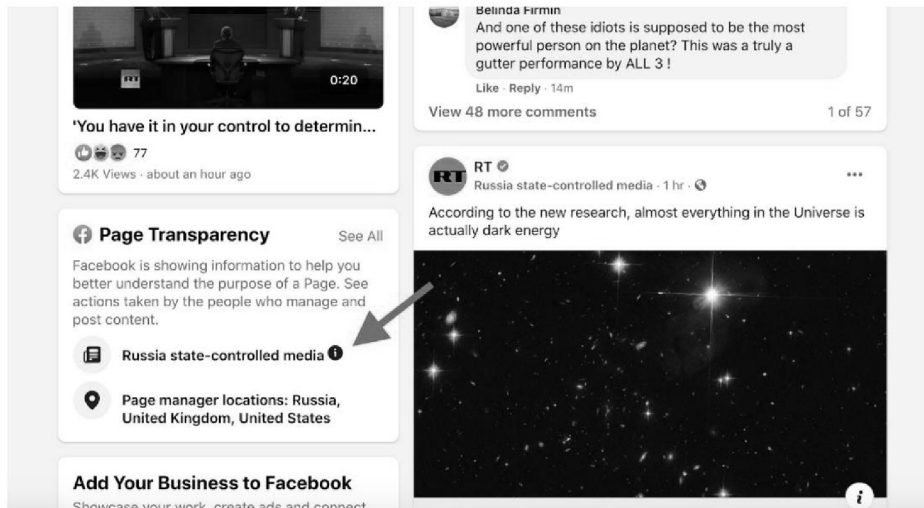


YouTube’s labels are unique in that they include a link to a [Wikipedia page](#) associated with the entity. YouTube [notes](#) that Wikipedia links are a part of its “information panel,” which means to provide “additional information to help you better understand the sources of news content that you watch on YouTube.” YouTube’s decision to use Wikipedia as an informational authority on state-controlled media actors is [controversial](#).

The second platform to introduce state-controlled media labels was Facebook, which in June 2020 began applying labels to both account pages and content. Facebook’s current policy requires labels to identify the country with which a state-controlled media account is affiliated; the label appears below the account’s name in each post it publishes. For example, RT’s Facebook posts include labels that read “Russia state-controlled media”:



Facebook also includes labels on RT’s homepage under the subsection “Page Transparency.” The label also contains an icon specific to the page’s affiliation with state-controlled media. However, to view “Page Transparency,” users must scroll past three unrelated sections:



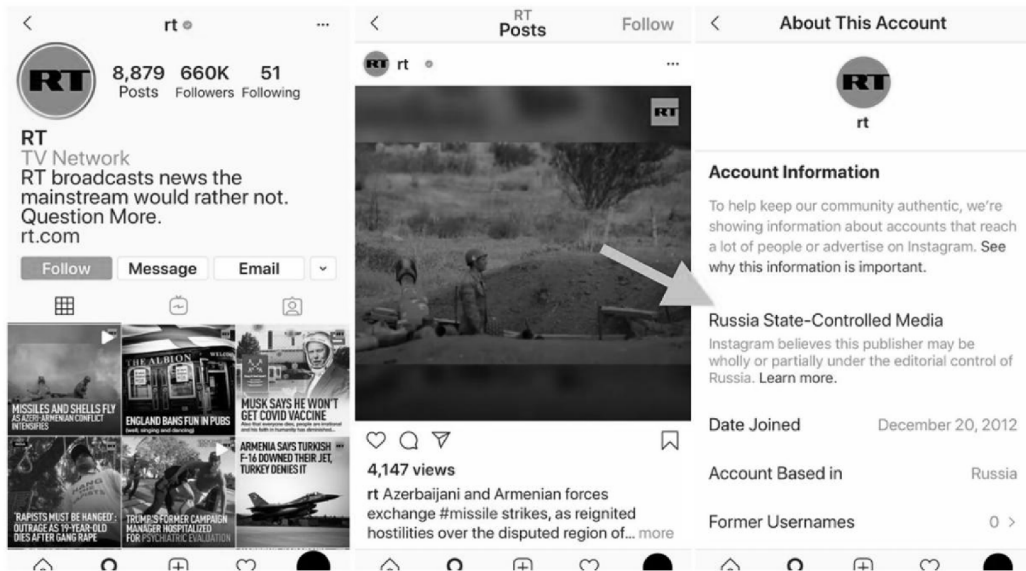
In August 2020, Twitter began labeling account handles and user posts belonging to pages associated with foreign governments. Like Facebook, Twitter’s labels denote the country associated with the account and post in question. The labels read “Russia state-affiliated media”:



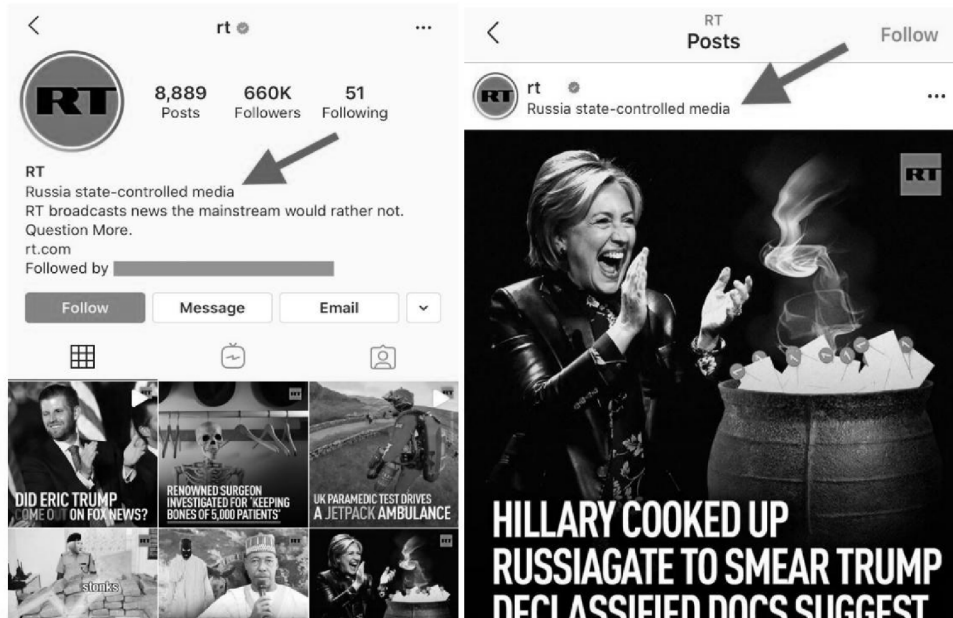
In addition to its application to individual posts, the same label is also affixed to RT’s “biography,” which is the first section visible to users that visit its account page. Moreover, Twitter also uses a microphone icon to distinguish the label from account-entered biographical information. The icon also immediately precedes the text of each state-media label:



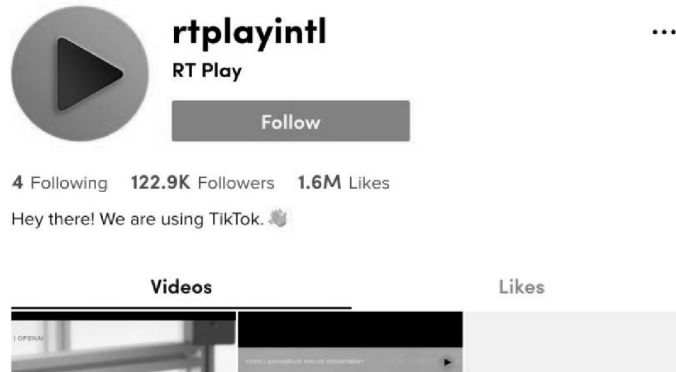
Until September 29, state-controlled media outlets with Instagram accounts could only be differentiated from ordinary media by clicking an “About This Account” tab located at the top of each users’ profile. After clicking through, interested parties could then view a label that read “Russia State-Controlled Media”:



On September 29, Facebook released an update to Instagram’s [policy](#), which noted that Instagram would add “these [state-media affiliation] labels on Instagram to posts and profiles.” Although individual posts are still unlabeled, state-controlled media outlets’ profile pages, such as RT, now contain labels visible to mobile application users. However, this change has yet to be applied to the desktop version of Instagram. Though no icon is currently applied to either, select Instagram pages now include the following label:



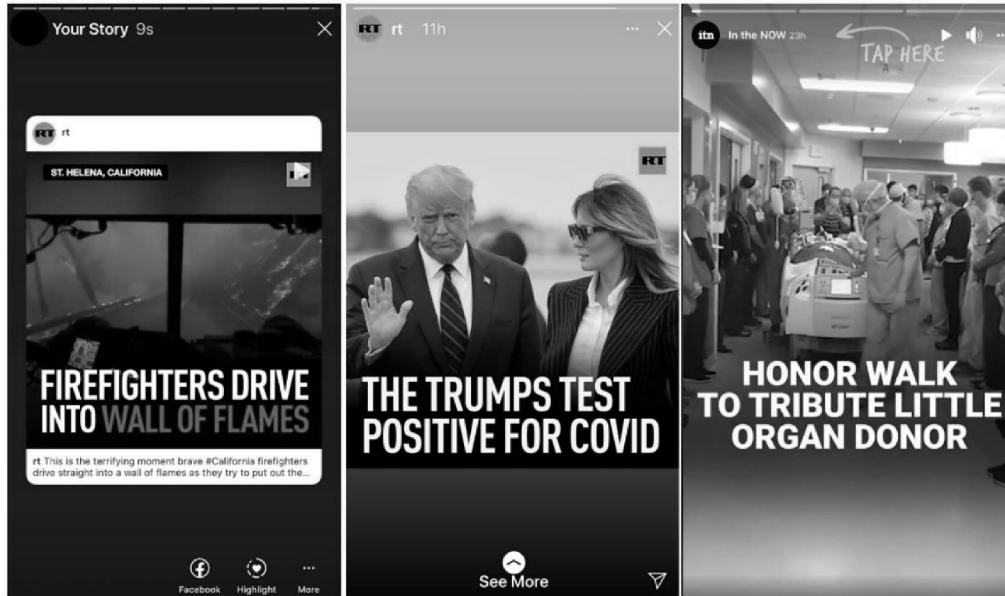
As noted in Table One, state-controlled media outlets’ TikTok accounts, including RT’s primary account, remain unlabeled on the platform:



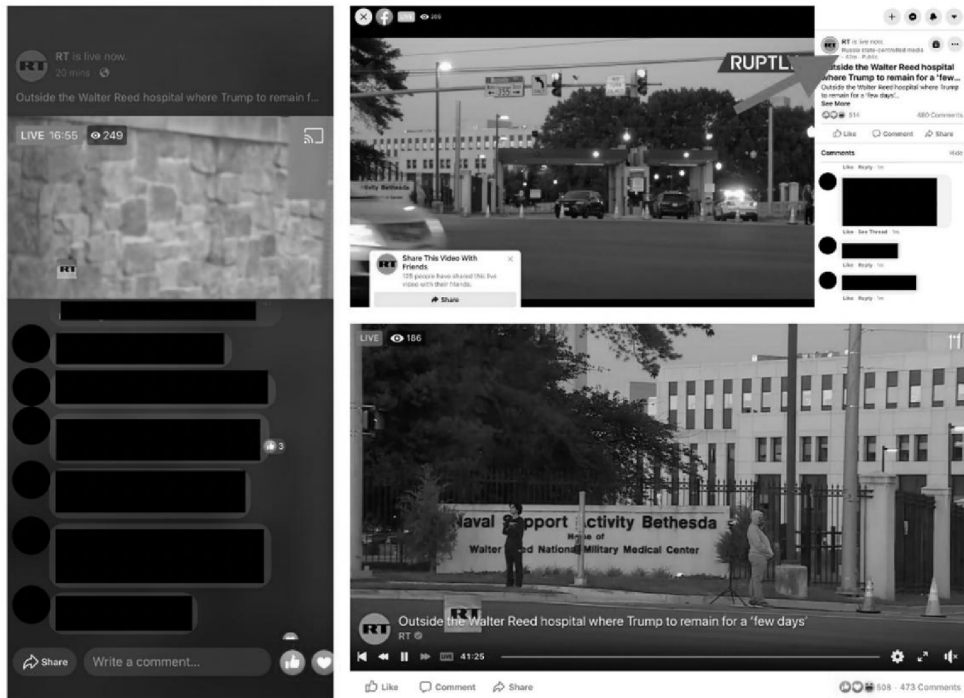
The growing availability and use of temporary presentations and live features across social media platforms presents a new channel of influence for state-controlled media actors. These features contain content that is unlabeled on both Instagram (Instagram Stories) and Facebook (Facebook Stories, and in at least some cases, Facebook Watch and Facebook Live). Although Facebook and Instagram have demonstrated a capacity to label both temporary presentations and live features, attaching “sponsored” tags to advertisements, for example, those labels are not applied to state-controlled media accounts. Labels are also absent from state-media outlets’ stories when they are re-posted to ordinary users’ stories.

To illustrate this policy implementation oversight, we reference a Facebook Story posted by In The Now, a page

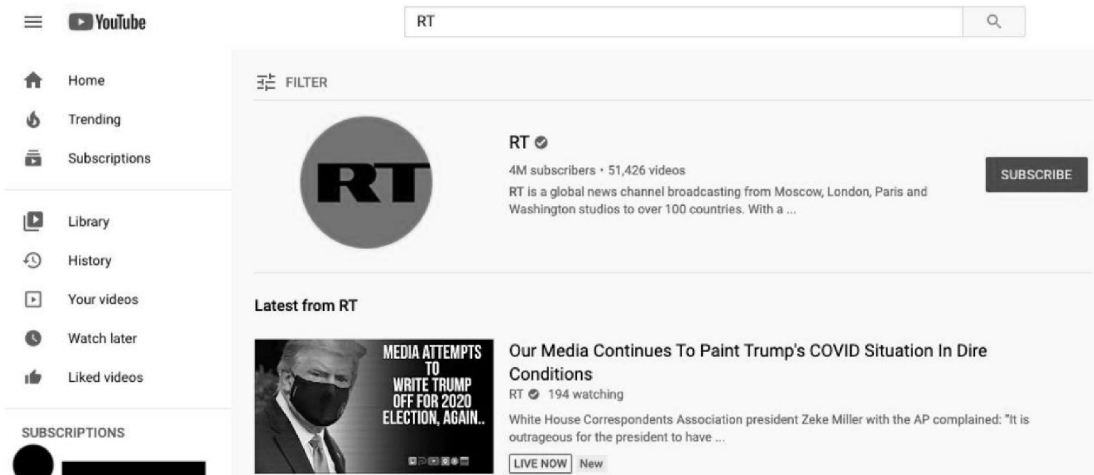
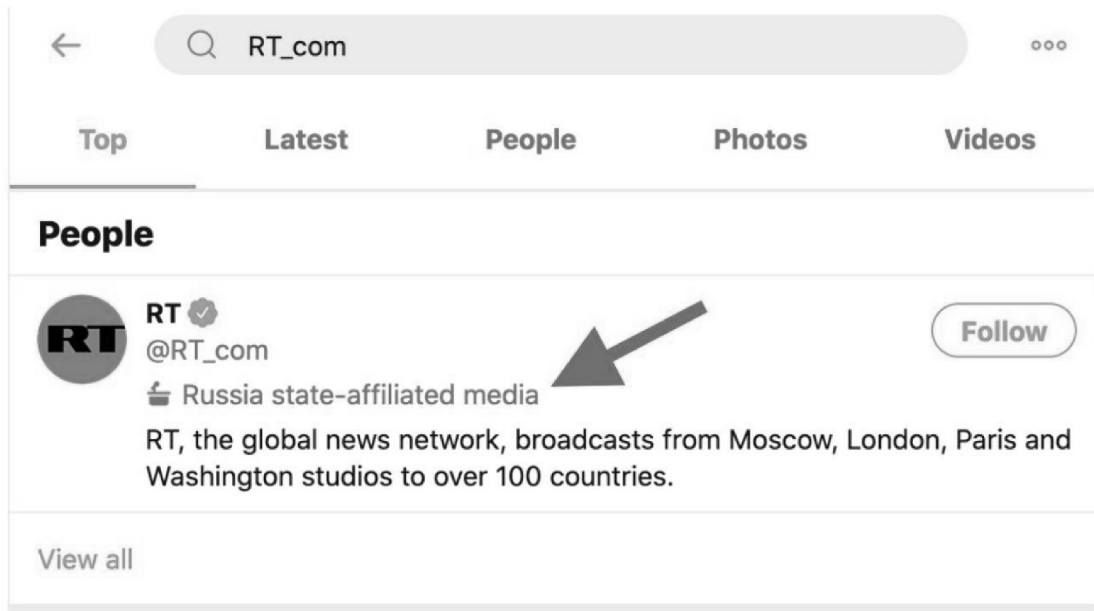
Facebook labeled as state-controlled. Although In The Now disputes Facebook's characterization, we include its profile to demonstrate that, even when Facebook has applied a label to a page, that label is not visible on Stories.



Facebook Live has additional implementation issues. For example, Facebook Live videos are not labeled on mobile devices; further, labels are only occasionally visible on Facebook's desktop interface. For example, in the following three screenshots of RT's October 2, 2020 Facebook Live broadcast, mobile application users do not see a state-affiliated media label. Rather, a label is visible only to desktop users. However, they must click to expand the broadcast, at which point a subtle label appears in gray text at the top-right of the screen. Labels are similarly absent from other Facebook and Instagram features, such as Facebook Watch, Instagram Reels, and IGTV.



Twitter maintains one additional functionality that Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube do not. Twitter allows users to view state-media labels within account search results. On Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, however, it is exceedingly difficult to surface state-media labels. Thus, the likelihood that users might follow, subscribe, or otherwise engage with state-controlled media from a “search results” page is an unmitigated loose end on three of the four major platforms we examined. Below are search results for “RT” on Twitter (labeled) and YouTube (unlabeled); Neither Facebook or Instagram uses this type of label.



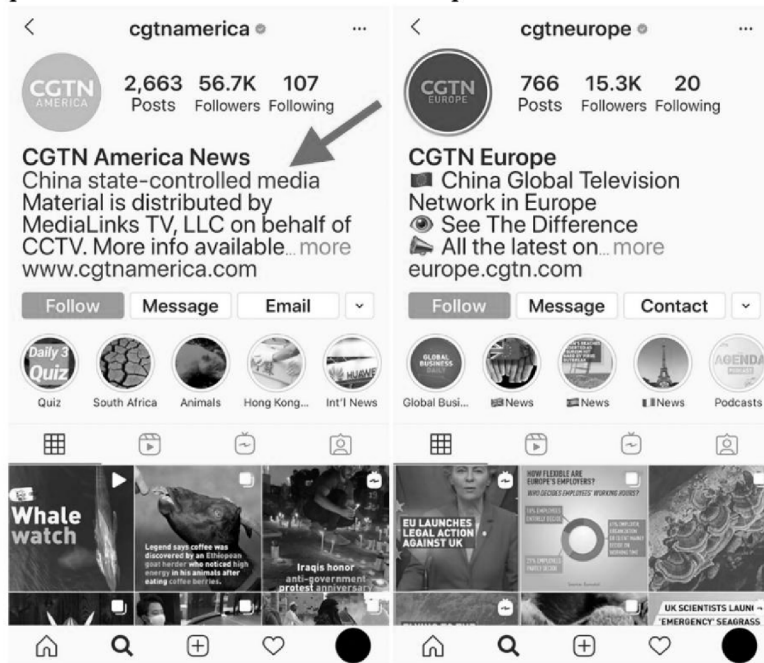
In sum, the differences in platforms’ policy implementation and non-consensus on best practices across impact ordinary users’ ability to identify influential state-controlled media outlets in advance of a major election.

Entity Coverage

Additionally troubling is platforms’ limited transparency about why labels are applied unevenly across state-media outlets’ pages and posts. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube are silent about what, if any, factors are used to determine when a “state-controlled media” label is appropriately applied. Generally, we observed that platforms’ broad policy language is implemented narrowly. Inconsistency between policy and practice leaves platform users uninformed as to what implicit factors might guide moderation teams’ choice to label or leave alone state influence operations.

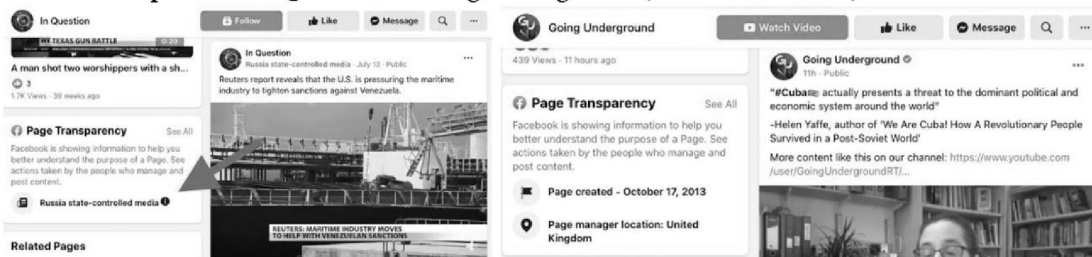
Beginning with Instagram, we found evidence of varying degrees of inconsistent policy implementation across all four platforms examined:

Instagram Comparison: CGTN America vs. CGTN Europe:



In October 2019, Facebook, Instagram’s parent company, announced it would apply labels to state-controlled media. In September 2020, Facebook made good on its promise; certain accounts, such as the above-pictured CGTN America Instagram page, received a label. CGTN Europe, however, also owned and operated by the Chinese government, notably lacks a tag. Instagram’s policy language suggests that both accounts should have a label; there is no context to suggest why one CGTN page is labeled and the other is left alone.

Facebook comparison: In Question vs. Going Underground (both shows on RT):



In 2017, Facebook promised to label state-controlled media. However, its labeling policy is not applied universally. For example, some RT accounts, like the one depicted above (left), are appended with labels consistent with the most recent iteration of Facebook’s state-controlled media policy. However, other RT accounts — also owned and operated by the Russian government — are unlabeled.

YouTube and Twitter

Inconsistent labeling appeared least commonly on Twitter and YouTube. On Twitter we observed, although limited to what we could find organically, that state-controlled accounts are consistently labeled. However, Twitter does not universally apply labels to accounts belonging to agents of state-controlled media outlets. That inconsistency is indicative of a unique gap between Twitter’s policy and practice. Nevertheless, Twitter exhibits the most consistent policy implementation among the four platforms we examined.

Until 2020, YouTube struggled to consistently implement its state-media policy. In 2019, ProPublica [reported](#) that 57 state-controlled accounts were without labels on YouTube’s platform. It has since made improvements. As of October 2020, it appears YouTube has resolved those lapses in label coverage. However, labels’ content varies between state-media outlets. For example, German outlet DW earns a notice with passive language (“DW is a German public broadcast service”) whereas Russian outlet Redfish receives a label with assertive language (“redfish is funded in whole or in part by the Russian government”); YouTube does not explain this discrepancy.

Conclusions

Platforms’ state-media labeling policies indicate a willingness to recognize and address foreign actors’ influence. Though the efficacy of platforms’ labeling practices has yet to be determined, their use is a template for future policies intended to combat state-media influence. On the whole, we recommend platforms take the following steps to ensure labels reach as wide an audience as possible:

- Each platform should detail the criteria used to differentiate between state and non-state-media affiliates;
- State-media specific icons should be included with labels to enhance clarity;
- New policies should be widely circulated well in advance of national elections;
- Labeling policies should be continued indefinitely, not selectively applied during election periods.
- A list, database, or other collection of labeled accounts should be made publicly available.

In addition to these broad recommendations, we also suggest that the following platforms either amend or introduce these site-specific policies:

Facebook: Increase label visibility, add labels to Facebook Stories and Facebook Live, increase consistency of application, add labels in search results.

Twitter: No account-specific recommendations beyond the general recommendations at this time.

Instagram: Increase label visibility, add labels to Instagram Stories, IGTV, and Instagram Reels, increase consistency of application, add labels in search results, add labels to desktop interface.

YouTube: Add labels in search results. Add labels to the home-pages of state-affiliated media accounts.

TikTok: Add a transparent and consistent state-media labeling policy.

Given previous attempts to influence U.S. elections by state-affiliated media actors, the importance of labeling these actors effectively and consistently has only grown. The policy inconsistencies and omissions detailed here emphasize a need for these platforms to increase the vigilance with which they approach and apply these labels.

Government pressure to streamline and expand label implementation may aid in facilitating some of our recommended changes. Introduced to the House on October 1, The Foreign Agent Disclaimer Enhancement (FADE) Act aims to add executive oversight to platforms' content-focused application of state-media labels. However, even if FADE becomes law, platforms' differing user interfaces and varied business models will likely require individualized change to their unique labeling practices.

Overall, increasing the consistency and transparency of platforms' labeling practices will enhance ongoing efforts to mitigate the consequences that flow from covert state-media influence operations.

End of post.

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Subject: RE: Election Integrity Partnership Disinfo/Misinfo Weekly Research Briefings
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Wonderful! Here's the link to the Zoom login from our colleagues at Stanford, who are hosting Tuesday morning's briefing:

<https://www.eipartnership.net/events/tuesday-briefing-20201013>

Thanks for your interest and let me know if you have questions.

-- Michael

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To: Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu>
Subject: Re: Election Integrity Partnership Disinfo/Misinfo Weekly Research Briefings
super interesting! would love to participate!
GMG

On Fri, Oct 9, 2020 at 7:58 PM Michael Grass <megrass@uw.edu> wrote:

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I think we are going with Election Integrity Partnership per the conversation in GDoc comments. It's generic, and a bit bigger than disinformation, but it avoids the possibility of being misinterpreted.

We can use 2020 Election Integrity Partnership in situations where it's important to highlight that this is short-term targeted. And with that, a bike shed has been placed.

Alex

From: Camille Francois <camille.francois@graphika.com>

Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 3:40 PM

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Subject: Re: SIO Elections Monitoring Coalition

2020 Partnership works for me. It will fit on a shirt :)

On Thu, Jul 23, 2020 at 3:27 PM Alex Stamos <stamos@stanford.edu> wrote:

The 2020 Partnership works for me. Makes it clear it is focused on one election, and can't be seen as spreading disinformation.

Snappier. Sounds a bit like an Olympics thing. :)

Any other thoughts?

From: Emerson Brooking <EBrooking@ATLANTICCOUNCIL.org>

Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 12:24:08 PM

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Subject: Re: SIO Elections Monitoring Coalition

Good afternoon everyone,

It was a great, well organized meeting today; excited to get going.

I didn't want to derail our discussion, but did think it worth mentioning one point about the title of this partnership.

The "Election Disinformation Partnership" can very easily be made to sound like we are *spreading* disinformation.

Obviously, bad actors will attack and decontextualize our work regardless of what we do, but we may want to avoid making the task easier for them.

I don't have a strong preference for an alternative. "Election Monitoring Coalition," the title of this event, was good. So might be the "2020 Counter-Disinformation Partnership," or even "2020 Partnership" per our likely Twitter handle.

(after all, media mentions of this group will almost always include mention of one or more partner organizations)

Food for thought!

Best,

Emerson

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Subject: Re: SIO Elections Monitoring Coalition

Good Morning All:

Looking forward to our meeting later today! We will be using the time to provide some updates, introduce collaboration surfaces, and next steps to solidify our ticketing system plan. Please find a [proposed agenda here](#) (this will be the overall notes document moving forward), as well as a [draft of the Partnership's public announcement here](#), which we will discuss briefly during the meeting.

Best,

Isabella Garcia-Camargo

From: ecryst@stanford.edu

When: 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM July 23, 2020

Subject: SIO Elections Monitoring Coalition

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Hello from Seattle,

The **University of Washington's Center for an Informed Public**, along with some of our other partners at the **Election Integrity Partnership**, is setting up an informal 30-minute on-the-record media availability (via Zoom) with some of our dis- and misinformation research colleagues on **Friday at 11:30 a.m. EST / 8:30 a.m. PST**. Apologies for the short notice. We've been getting quite a few interview requests in the past day related to what happened at the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, so we thought we'd set up some Q&A time for reporters.

Since we were not staffed or set up to do the type of dis-/misinfo monitoring that we were doing in the fall for the Election Integrity Partnership, we can't necessarily speak with too much specificity of what happened at the Capitol, but much of our EIP research from the fall is very much relevant to what happened this week.

Scheduled to join us for the Q&A:

- **Kate Starbird**, University of Washington Human Centered Design & Engineering associate professor; co-founder of the Center for an Informed Public
- **Alex Stamos**, director, Stanford Internet Observatory
- **Renee DiResta**, research director, Stanford Internet Observatory
- **Graham Brookie**, director and managing editor, Atlantic Council's DFR Lab

Since we don't have a formal presentation and this is mainly a Q&A opportunity, we're doing it in a normal Zoom room. (Info below my signature.) Feel free to share the link with newsroom colleagues who may find this useful for their reporting. (I'll record the Q&A for those who can't join but want to watch.)

Also, the EIP partners are continuing to work on a final report on our work from the fall. Although that had been anticipated for release in late January, we're looking to formally release that in early February.

I hope to see you tomorrow. Let me know if you have questions.

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From: Michael Grass
Sent: Fri 11/6/2020 6:57:34 PM
Subject: Election Integrity Partnership Research Briefing at 4:30 p.m. EST / 1:30 p.m. PST
Received: Fri 11/6/2020 6:57:00 PM

Hello from the Election Integrity Partnership. Our researchers are planning an on-the-record briefing for journalists later today at **4:30 p.m. EST / 1:30 p.m. PST**. Here's the Zoom [link](#).

Among the things we'll be discussing: [This new analysis](#) from the EIP's University of Washington team looking into how misinterpretations of numbers and data are becoming the basis of false theories of election fraud. Check out [Kate Starbird's Twitter thread](#) and/or [the EIP's thread](#) from this morning. As with our other briefings, there'll be time for Q&A following our presentation.

This will be the EIP's last planned research briefing. Next week, our consortium of researchers will shift toward writing up a comprehensive report with our findings, which will likely be finalized in January.

Let me know if you have questions.

-- Michael

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From: Michael Grass
Sent: Thur 1/7/2021 9:31:03 PM
Subject: Media Availability / Press Conference on Friday?
Received: Thur 1/7/2021 9:31:00 PM

Good day from Seattle. There's been some discussion among some folks at UW about setting up a media briefing for journalists for Friday. We've been getting some inquiries about our EIP work in the context of what happened yesterday at the U.S. Capitol. You all might be getting similar inquiries. Let us know if you'd be interested in participating and coordinating.

We're thinking something like 8:30/9 a.m. PST (11:30 a.m./12 noon EST), which would give East Coast news outlets enough time to meet deadlines later in the day or for the weekend.

Thoughts? Let me know and we can figure out details and I can get a round of emails out to journalists this afternoon.

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From: Matthew Masterson
Sent: Mon 10/17/2022 3:01:11 PM
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Invite to Speak: Panel at Misinformation Workshop - Dec. 15
Received: Mon 10/17/2022 3:01:19 PM

Nate,

Thanks for the email. Yes, I think we can find someone from Microsoft to support this meeting! So put us down as tentative until I get you a name but should work great!

As far as other participants from industry. Let me talk to some folks and get you good names and see what I can do.

Matt

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From: Nate Weigel <nate.weigel@pnwer.org>

Sent: Friday, October 14, 2022 4:47 PM

To: Matthew Masterson <mmasterson@microsoft.com>

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Invite to Speak: Panel at Misinformation Workshop - Dec. 15

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Looking forward to hearing back.

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Invite to Speak: Panel at Misinformation Workshop - Dec. 15
Received: Mon 10/17/2022 11:47:36 PM

Matt,

Great to hear! Thanks for the quick followup, and am looking forward to getting the best name from Microsoft to move forward on this with.

I appreciate your help as well on identifying other industry folks to have involved as we continue to fill out the panel. Any insight that can point me in the right direction at some of these companies would be a great help. This is shaping up to be a great and timely panel discussion.

I'll keep an eye out for an email from you, and I look forward to connecting more on this.

Best,
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Sent: Wed 10/12/2022 6:10:21 PM

Subject: REMINDER: Information Integrity Community Meeting -- NEW SERIES

Received: Wed 10/12/2022 6:10:34 PM

All,

This is just a reminder that we will have our October Information Integrity Community meeting tomorrow @ 12pm ET/9am PT. We are lucky to have guests from the University of Washington Center for an Informed Public including the Center's founder Kate Starbird. Kate is a leading expert on mis- and disinformation and is doing some really important work regarding the 2022 U.S. mid-term elections. Kate and team will discuss that work as well as a new [threat framework for virality \[eipartnership.net\]](https://eipartnership.net) that the team just shared.

We look forward to seeing many of you tomorrow.

Matt

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From: Matthew Masterson

Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 12:23 PM

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Subject: Information Integrity Community Meeting -- NEW SERIES

When: Thursday, October 13, 2022 12:00 PM-12:45 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

All,

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Thanks Matt! We're all hands on deck with our active monitoring... no time for slides!

Kate

On Oct 12, 2022, at 10:13 AM, Matthew Masterson <mmasterson@microsoft.com> wrote:

That sounds great. No need for a new deck. Just talking through is wonderful! Just appreciate your time.

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We're on for tomorrow! I don't have substantial capacity to build a new slide deck around that framework, but I'm happy to present the EIP and then present the framework (and open up conversation for discussion).

Kate

On Oct 12, 2022, at 9:45 AM, Matthew Masterson <mmasterson@microsoft.com> wrote:

UW Team,

Just checking in to make sure you are good to go for the community meeting tomorrow? Happy to answer any questions.

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- It would be great if Kate and team come prepared to discuss the work of UW/EIP and partnership with Microsoft. Specifically, it would be awesome if the team can discuss the recently released threat framework for virality. Our teams would greatly benefit from a discussion of that analysis.
- You all will have approx. 30 min to talk and then field questions. I will introduce the team at the beginning of that call.

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From: Julia Scanlan
Sent: Mon 3/14/2022 5:59:00 PM
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Received: Mon 3/14/2022 5:59:36 PM

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Subject: Social Amplification on MisInfo Day?

Hey Julia –

My name is Nicky and I'm the Senior Advisor for Public Affairs over at CISA. As our team may have mentioned, we're launch a graphics series tomorrow on our social channels to align with MisInfo Day. They'll be optical illusion in theme, and we'd love any amplification you all may be able to provide.

We'd be happy to amplify your content on our end as well, as appropriate.

Best,

Nicky

Nicky Vogt

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Importance: Normal
Subject: Election Integrity Partnership Platform Meeting
Start Date/Time: Thur 9/8/2022 6:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Thur 9/8/2022 7:30:00 PM

Hi there,

On behalf of the Stanford Internet Observatory and the University of Washington's Center for an Informed Public, you are invited to an off-the-record, roundtable discussion about the work of the Election Integrity Partnership (EIP) on September 8, 2022 from 11:00am to 12:30pm PT.

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://stanford.zoom.us/j/96726206432?pwd=amxTcFR3YVBXZ0wzekt2MERMbIYrQT09>
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From: Julia Scanlan
Sent: Mon 10/3/2022 5:17:39 PM
Subject: FW: Briefing on EIP and UW Election Work
Received: Mon 10/3/2022 5:17:55 PM

From: Matthew Masterson <mmasterson@microsoft.com>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 10:51 AM
To: Kate Starbird <kstarbi@uw.edu>; Julia Scanlan <jccarter@uw.edu>; Mike Caulfield <mica42@uw.edu>
Cc: Sue Glueck (CELA) <Sue.Glueck@microsoft.com>; Maeve Whelan-Wuest (Harvey Nash) <v-maevew@microsoft.com>
Subject: Re: Briefing on EIP and UW Election Work

Re-upping this email. Totally understand if you all don't have the bandwidth to support but wanted to try. Thanks!
Matt
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From: Matthew Masterson
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 12:00:11 PM
To: kstarbi <kstarbi@uw.edu>; Julia Carter <jccarter@uw.edu>; Mike Caulfield: <mica42@uw.edu> <mica42@uw.edu>
Cc: Sue Glueck (CELA) <Sue.Glueck@microsoft.com>; Maeve Whelan-Wuest (Harvey Nash) <v-maevew@microsoft.com>
Subject: Briefing on EIP and UW Election Work

Kate,

Reaching out to see if you and the team are willing and able to do a briefing to our Microsoft Information Integrity community regarding the work of EIP, the recently released threat framework and possible narratives heading into the 2022 mid-terms. For background the community is made up of Microsoft employees that work on issues of information integrity. This includes members of product teams, lawyers supporting teams, Clint Watts and team, etc. We try to bring in our trusted external partners to discuss the work they are doing in order to deepen the community's understanding of the current trends and challenges in the space. As far as timing we can work around your schedule. Our preference is to hold these meetings around 9:00am PT and we would like to have the meeting prior to the election. If you are able and interested to support just send over some possible dates and times and we'll get it scheduled. Also, if you want to add Stanford SIO to the briefers that is wonderful as well. Up to you.

Thank you in advance for your time.
Matt
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From: Michael Grass
Sent: Thur 3/4/2021 7:08:50 PM
Subject: Shira Ovide <<-->> Matthew Masterson
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Thank you!

-- Michael

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From: Mike Caulfield
Sent: Tue 12/14/2021 12:43:57 AM
Subject: Thank you, and emails
Received: Tue 12/14/2021 12:44:05 AM

Thanks to everyone who came today. As promised, here are emails of the participants.

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We hope to get some larger group meetings together soon, but at least in the meantime we can connect to one another in whatever small groups make sense.

Sincerely,
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UW/CIP

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From: Mike Caulfield
Sent: Wed 12/8/2021 10:10:47 PM
Subject: Upcoming EIP Postmortem Meeting (and one small bit of pre-meeting homework)
Received: Wed 12/8/2021 10:11:20 PM

To all EIP Postmortem meeting attendees:

We're excited to have you attend the two hour EIP postmortem meeting this coming Monday, December 13 (3 p.m. EST/Noon PST). We have an [agenda for the meeting here](#).

We do have a small bit of pre-meeting homework. To use the time most effectively and make sure we are getting perspective from all involved, we are asking that people from each team complete one slide in a collaborative slide deck (template provided) that lists:

- a few activities, processes, or systems that you felt were effective in EIP
- a few activities, processes, or systems that you felt could be improved or replaced
- at least one emerging opportunity or threat related to future work (can be more)

This only has to be at a bullet-point level of detail, and we are looking for variety of insights more than a prioritized list: if you have unique insights based on your role or background, please get them in there. If the different people in your group have different perspectives, you can present different slides. The idea is that the slides will help frame the subsequent discussion.

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday,

Mike, Kate, and Renee

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From: Emerson Brooking
Sent: Tue 11/30/2021 8:37:57 PM
Subject: Re: Scheduling an EIP "post-mortem" for mid-December
Received: Tue 11/30/2021 8:38:19 PM

This is a wonderful idea. I am adding Bella and Matt to this chain.
Best,
Emerson

On Tue, Nov 30, 2021 at 2:07 PM Julia Scanlan <jccarter@uw.edu> wrote:

All,

As we begin to engage with issues around electoral misinformation in the coming midterms, we thought it would make sense to bring together those who had played a management or leadership role in the 2020 EIP work to have an informal conversation on what we learned from the last effort. I'm working to schedule a two-hour "post-mortem" session; we're aiming to try to get folks together (virtually) around mid-December. **Please visit this poll in the next few days and indicate your availability.** We'll do our best to secure a time when as many as possible can attend. And if others should be included, please feel free to let me know. [I don't yet have emails for Matt Masterson or Isabella Garcia-Camargo; please forward or let me know those and I will send!]

More information to follow. We are aiming to design the agenda collaboratively, to make sure everyone gets what they need out of the session. We'll send around more detail shortly.

Thank you!

Julia

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Subject: Re: Shira Ovide <<-->> Matthew Masterson
Received: Thur 3/4/2021 7:25:20 PM

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Actually I am in Cincinnati, OH so can work ET or PT based on your preference. Anytime after 10am ET works for me until 3:30 ET.

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