

2020-09 CTI Disinformation team meetings

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Pre-meeting notes:

- This is a response team. We should respond, but mindful of our team's resources
- Disclosure talk as framing
- Lookback
 - Bigbook - we've got this to almost usable; needs testing with incidents
 - Incidents - need to test D3PO
 - Reporting - report formats for flash reports and longer reports
 - Data - large data inputs and storage

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Graphika team is looking at AMITT (research team - headed by [Name Redacted]... [Name Redacted] friend)

- They haven't seen e.g. the subtechniques work - add that to the AMITT repo
- Ask to look at BigBook? <https://app.gitbook.com/@cogseccollab-1/>
- Offer a team-to-team meeting? [Name Redacted], [Name Redacted], [Name Redacted] - [Name Redacted] setting this up.

New incidents process with D3PO

- Updated team readme to handle this
- Notes at [URL Redacted]
- Dashboard at <https://www.d3intel.tools/dashboard>
- D3 used for task tracking but we still need a place to store investigations
- D3 is for us to see what we're working on - look up the list.
- Verify users get notifications when assigned a task.

Knowledge base - potential candidates for this are:

- Wiki
- Knack
- Monday
- Asana

Need to decide where to manage the incidents:

- Hive, MISP - there's overlap...
- MISP lets us share with other orgs.

Once incident starts, then what?

- Deadlines: team meets,
- When close incident, what does that look like?

New incidents?

- Antivax for vaccines - Pfizer, vaccine ready end october...
 - <https://realityteam.org/cards/key-issues/will-herd-immunity-save-us/>
 - <https://realityteam.org/cards/key-issues/will-covid-vaccines-have-chips/>
 - [Name Redacted]: Create a MISP for this.
 - [Name Redacted]: Create a google folder with a googledoc.
- [Name Redacted] has a list...

Incidents: flag whether tickets are flash alerts vs long-range investigations

RealityTeam needs heads-up on new incidents

- RT as test team for MISP to email?
- Also D3 output to them too? [Name Redacted] pinging [Name Redacted] about shared channel.

Are International incidents in scope? Yes.

- Seen in Germany, UK, Russia, Israel - reopen-type reactions

[Name Redacted]: Roll call

- E.g. find out who's available for tech tasks, etc.
- Updated poster. [Name Redacted] contacted team members - haven't been in the slack channel - need to see who we've got; maybe do some recruiting and outreach. CTI has publicity, not everyone knows what the disinfo team does.
- Triage is easy to catch up in.

Signal to noise:

- Reduce chatter in #4 and triage

Responses

- Takedowns: platforms being more aggressive, not fully successful - we have some trust & safety people in the group; how do we manage this process?
 - And who do we have?
- Need a better way to report to platforms etc - [Name Redacted] thinking about this

Discord - [Name Redacted] reaching out to disinfo team there.

Wired article out end sept - need comms plan for this.

- cogseccollab has twitter account, no facebook
- Ctidisinfo doesn't have any accounts

2020-09-21 team meeting

General

- We need to put out announcements about the 9-10PST/12-1EST Monday team meetings
- Need to add to process: ping RealityTeam when we get new narratives (ping in slack, and use their request form <https://forms.gle/kwGsfcph17bS8ur3A>)

Incidents list triage

- /disinfoopenlist to see current incidents
- Closed 4 incidents:
 - 466 (antivax - need to reopen?),
 - 474 (fake research - UW covered this),
 - 465 (burnyourmasks - event was last week)
- 1 live incident - 480 (Covid regs illegal across canada). Need to tidy up and close this down.

Current status

- Team quiet because lots of US political disinformation out there? (elections, scotus, darknet etc. going on)
- Covid vaccinations - some RealityTeam cards in play for this.
 - <https://realityteam.org/cards/key-issues/what-does-a-safe-and-effective-vaccine-mean/>
 - (Realityteam general covid cards include <https://realityteam.org/cards/key-issues/did-covid-19-escape-lab/>)

This week - upcoming

- [Name Redacted] looking at country-specific disinfo - looking for UK disinfo, see if there are differences between US and UK disinfo approaches.
- US: expect narrative that Biden is anti-vaccine because he didn't accept Trump vaccine narrative
- US: might be some narratives around Azar taking control of CDC process for vaccines (<https://www.axios.com/hhs-secretary-fda-cdc-vaccine-rules-948e6c54-f1e8-4568-b549-85796fd07da6.html>)
- US: We've probably already seen all the Covid narratives, so expect them to be reused. Likely to hit 200 deaths today, get a new end-of-year projection, expect misinformation around that (e.g. 400,000, different reasons why e.g. "no, it's flu"); also expect democrats/ deep state being blamed for no vaccine.

What we're asking from the team this week:

- Keep a general watch on covid-related narratives coming in. Expect specific narratives on death numbers in USA, and reasons for no vaccine available yet.
- Do an exercise with the BigBook - start an incident, then look for the things you need to run it, using the BigBook and team ReadMe, so we can make them better.

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Two tickets open: 487, 480.

Covid-related activity down; leads all distracted with US election.

Finding things

- Create video on how to create tickets
- Keep telling people where the Readme is
- Keep telling people where the videos are

Priority for next 6 weeks