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Sticky

Tracking

- Black Lives Protests - <https://covid-19.iglocska.eu/events/view/1251>
- <https://hive.thlab.ninja/index.html#!/case/AXJmAb3uaNwnrcWpAnSu/details>
- /misp_twitter 1251
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Techniques

Expected techniques:

- So we're going to start with a list of things we'd expect the badguys to do, and go check for those. I'd expect fake protest invites. Calls to rally and break shit. Agents provocateur in the black lives groups. Maybe check traffic in the reopen facebook groups etc to see what the narratives forming in there are. If we make that list, we can show people what we're looking for, and get more suggestions.

Narratives

Expected Narratives:

- inevitable second wave of covid will likely be blamed on protester in close proximity, many of whom were not wearing masks. I think minority populations are already hardest hit in terms of deaths (health insurance?) in US so there's reason to think it could be brutal here.
- even though folks have been calling for re-open for weeks. when there's a second wave this will be a very convenient scape goat as other all other previous protests can claim they were 'responsible' or 'peaceful' or 'wore masks' regardless of if there is any truth in that

Log

2020-05-30

[Name Redacted].

Background

Background: Black American protest groups have been infiltrated and attempted to be subverted for decades now, so people like Black Lives Matters organisers are usually pretty on top of this stuff. The Internet Research Agency went hard on targeting Black communities back in the 2016 election (they also tried this in other places like France, but with less success) and some recent work (e.g. Double Deceit) with tenuous or more direct ties to them showed similar focus, so they might turn up too.

Actors: we have multiple players in play. IRA are already in play; far right will be using this as a target of opportunity for physical stuff; others are testing and spinning up narratives

Narrative: not locals

Artifact: <https://twitter.com/joanofargh/status/1266649402724225024?s=21>

- TL;DR MN governor says lots of out-of-towners in protests
- So - did the MN governor say that?
 - Yes: <https://twitter.com/CNN/status/1266776440852406275>
 - But was later fact checked: <https://www.fox9.com/news/jail-records-show-most-arrested-in-minneapolis-riots-have-minnesota-addresses>
 - Source of truth: <https://jailroster.hennepin.us/JailRosterOnline/jail-roster> , search for Received by jail, may 27/28, and view addresses

Tactic: fake protests

Non-BLM protests

- <https://twitter.com/freeyourmindkid/status/1266611645490630656?s=21>
- <https://twitter.com/freeyourmindkid/status/1266609827159126016?s=21> - #charlotteprotest
- Action: cheek hashtag #charlotteprotest
- Action: look for other new hashtags with protest in name
- Action: look for protest in names of facebook groups etc

@blminphilly - spoof group based on @blmphilly (which is legit)

- <https://pbs.twimg.com/media/EZPwnrRXQAEJICQ.jpg>
- Poster “Philly BLM Protest” “peaceful protest! Saturday, may 30th at noon at philadelphia city hall!” @blminphilly
- Countered by **@[Name Redacted]** and @blmphilly
- Action: search for blminphilly
- Action: search for other close-to-the-same-text groups

The travelersclub protest in sandiego

- Countered by blmsandiego
- “Justice for george floyd” “wear your masks and try your best to remain within six feet distance of other people present”

[@Freeyourmindkid](#) seems to be a good source for a lot of these

- Action: check freeyourmindkid for more examples, before heading out to others

Data check

Looking at <https://hoaxy.iuni.iu.edu/>

- Protest - nothing much happened, couple of insignificant maybe-bots
- Riot - influencers inc [Name Redacted], [Name Redacted] (don't even have to look that one up: it's MLK's son), [Name Redacted]
- Qanon - usual bunch (qanon76, realdonaldtrump), [Name Redacted] is doing Antifa = democrat paramilitaries propaganda;
- DONE: check soros image in
<https://twitter.com/ScottSteflein/status/1266774930063937536?s=20>

Soros images

Soros image from <https://twitter.com/ScottSteflein/status/1266774930063937536?s=20>

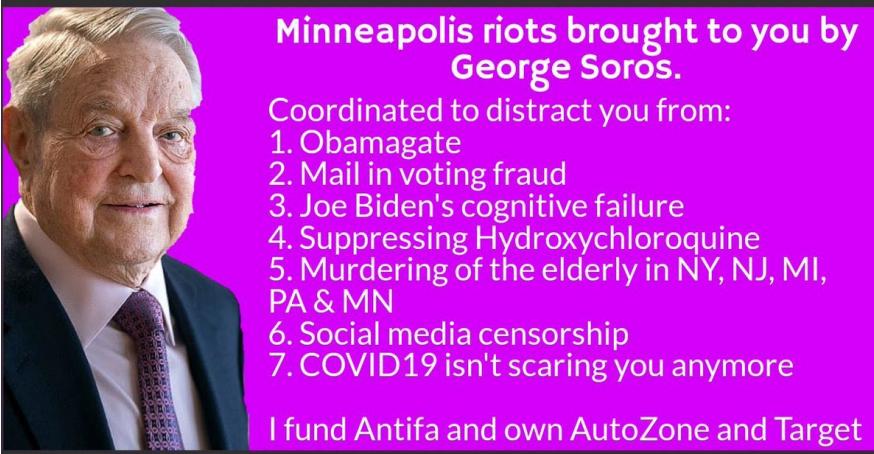
- Text ""I'm going to bring down the United States by funding Black Hate groups. We'll put them into a mental trap and make them blame white people. The Black community is the easiest to manipulate." -George Soros (Interview with Germany's BILD - Sept. 2014)"



- Stock image, used with several conspiracy texts.
- This quote in pinterest <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/322007442102621071/>
- Comes from a whole site full of them. <https://www.pinterest.com/ejb231/so-you-think-you-know/>
- I could be there all day reporting to Pinterest based on what I got from this one image, e.g. <https://www.pinterest.com/shuriah6582/esau-gen-2525-edomidumea-bible-prophecy/>
- Stopping this now. These are not the crazies we're looking for today.

DONE: check image:

- <https://twitter.com/TamboForce/status/1266806287645507593?s=20>



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- Nothing found on Bing image search
- Text:
 - “Minneapolis riots brought to you by George Soros. Coordinated to distract you from:
 - 1. Obamagate
 - 2. Mail in voting fraud
 - 3. Joe Biden's cognitive failure
 - 4. Suppressing Hydroxychloroquine
 - 5. Murdering of the elderly in NY, NJ, MI, PA & MN
 - 6. Social media censorship
 - 7. COVID19 isn't scaring you anymore
 - I fund Antifa and own AutoZone and Target”

Boogaloo insertions into protests

Looking at Boogaloo insertions into protests:

- <https://twitter.com/AlexWGoldenberg/status/1266760766469935113?s=20>
- ACTION: check for more “Boogaloo or Patriot and protest” tweets, messages etc

DONE: check image from

<https://twitter.com/AlexWGoldenberg/status/1266760766469935113?s=20>



- Reverse image search gets no hits on the image (Bing or Yandex).
- Text: "Ya boi is heading to a protest tomorrow, wish me luck -Legion. RISE AND FIGHT, MEN OF HONOR. PATRIOTWAVE"
- Account is <https://www.facebook.com/patriotwave2/> - no other posts or images like this.
- From there got to Thic Boog Line - surprisingly sane statement
<https://www.facebook.com/thiccboogline/posts/249658343133179>

ACTION: check online (probably Twitter) for images in this tweet

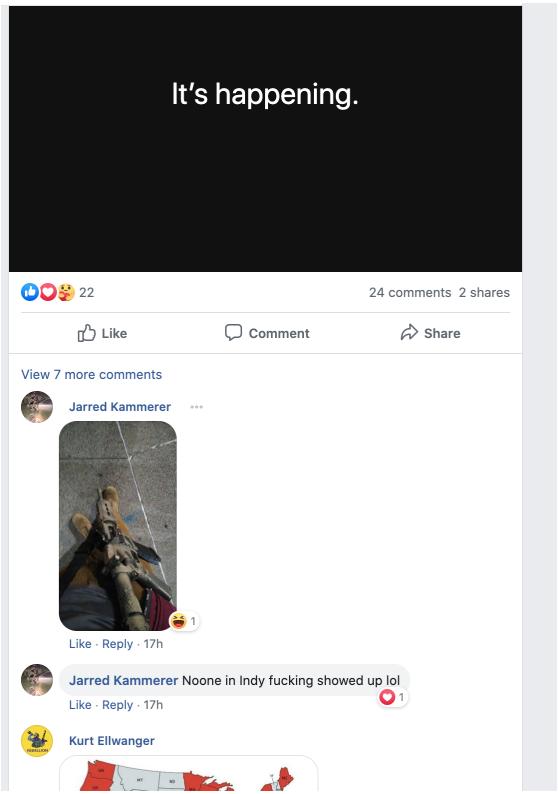
- <https://twitter.com/2Aauthor/status/1266799654257045505?s=20>





Facebook Boogaloos

- Looking for groups.
- Artifact: Big Igloo Bois <https://www.facebook.com/groups/720114798410760/> - private group, 963 members (hmm... small...)
- Group: The big igloo ™ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/403255113955622/> - private, just under 6000 members, from page <https://www.facebook.com/redactedmemes20/> admins are [Name Redacted], [Name Redacted]
- Checking out individuals in Boogaloo side quests group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/134272807853082/> - seeing notes from protests in there, e.g. comments on <https://www.facebook.com/mors.ares.54/posts/161904822014441>
- THicc Boogline is a good place to find other groups from <https://www.facebook.com/thiccboogline/photos/a.108225437276471/179758743456473/?type=1&theater>
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Saqawudiin tweet

[Name Redacted] brought this in: I recognise the account name from somewhere - Libya?

<https://twitter.com/saqawudiin> This is being reposted on many accounts - suspect bot amplification

 twitter.com

[@Axmed Ibrahim Al-Ghaazi \(@saqawudiin\) | Twitter](https://twitter.com/AxmedIbrahimAlGhaazi)

فَبِيتُ اللَّهِ نَفْصُدُهُ كَمْ اسْتَقْنَا لِرَوْيَاهُ وَرَبُّ "The latest Tweets from Axmed Ibrahim Al-Ghaazi (@saqawudiin): "فَبِيتُ اللَّهِ نَفْصُدُهُ كَمْ اسْتَقْنَا لِرَوْيَاهُ وَرَبُّ الْبَيْتِ نَعْبُدُهُ فَمَقْصُدُنَا هُوَ اللَّهُ فَبِيتُ اللَّهِ قَبْلَتْنَا اذَا قَمَنَا ذَكْرَنَاهُ يَسِّرِ القَلْبَ وَحَدَّتْنَا اذَا مَا نَحْنُ طَفَنَاهُ وَبِالْفَرَاحَ دَمَعْتَنَا تَسْبِيلَ اذَا دَخَلَنَا #Allahu_Akbar, umadena Musliminta Midnimadi llahey u jideeyey Allah ha usoo celiyo waa umad mid ah!! <https://t.co/WzuECO0eiq>"

Botometer:

- Account seems real on botometer
- Followers has lots of bot-likes
- Friends seem real

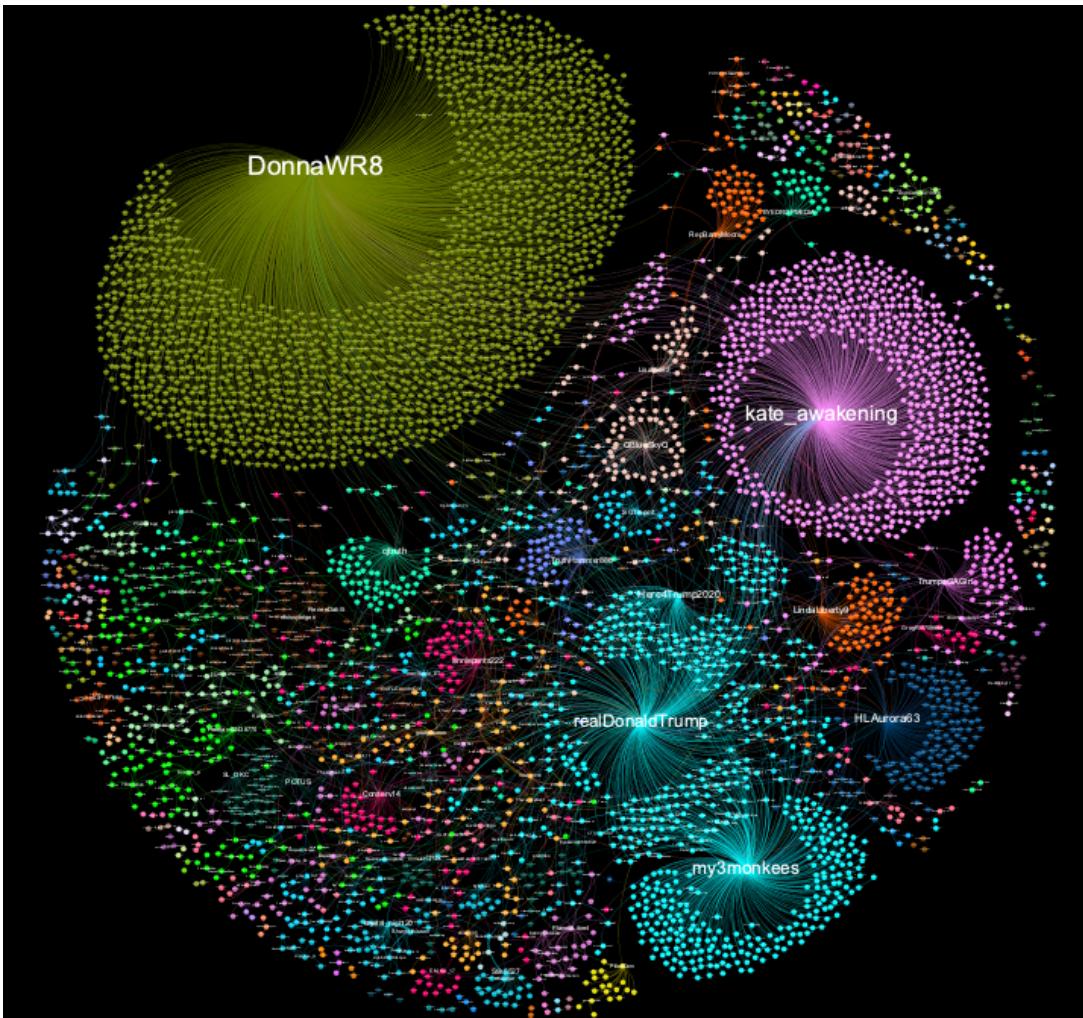
Hashtag checks

Action: #MAGAnight hashtag needs attention

- <https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1266724553620930561?s=20>

Action: check #SorosFundedRiots

- Top influencers
 - 2021 [Name Redacted]
 - 727 [Name Redacted]
 - 455 [Name Redacted]
 - 149 [Name Redacted]
 - 113 [Name Redacted]
 - 78 [Name Redacted]
- Top hashtags
 - 1233 SorosFundedRiots
 - 412 AntifaTerrorists
 - 171 SorosEnemyofthepeople
 - 144 Soros
 - 117 NashvilleProtest
 - 110 riots2020
 - 92 SOROSGATE
 - 86 TheGreatAwakening
 - 69 SorosPaidCops
 - 57 AntifaDomesticTerrorists
- User-user graph:



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2020-05-31

TikTok info on how to attack the National Guard. - asked [Name Redacted] to open a /lenew ticket.

Librarians tracking fake protest groups: added comments/ offer to help in
<https://discourse.libraryworkers.net/t/fact-checking-for-protests/188/9>

<https://apps.crowdtangle.com/argentinolab/boards/blmprotests>

2020-06-01

Groups at same time/place

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10223847663806507&set=a.2028420717139&type=3&theater>

**helping spread the word about this trap.
don't go, tell your friends.**

MON, JUN 8 · 10 AM

George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Duncan Lemp Protest. Harrisburg, PA

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Interested

24 Going · 61 Interested · 22 Shares

Public · Hosted by Scobo

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Details

Rally in Pennsylvania's capitol against police brutality and the killing of many innocent lives across the country.

Causes

MON, JUN 8 · 10 AM

HARRISBURG, PA GUN RALLY

10:00AM on June 8, 2020. Come on out armed and support our rights!

Interested

986 Going · 6.1K Interested · 5.5K Shares

Public · Hosted by Scobo

Harrisburg Capitol Building

Details

Come open carry and show your support for liberty in the state of Pennsylvania! Event begins 10:00AM on June 8, 2020!

Causes

Checking for calls to action

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1505947649587583/permalink/1544638189051862/>

Rhonda Hanten Andrew shared a post.
5 hrs
Take note agitators! 🇺🇸 🚛

Uncle Sam's Misguided Children is with Dorin OX Grozav and 45 others.
Yesterday at 17:08

A post from many other Truckers:
DEAR AMERICA, WE ARE SERIOUS...
THE AMERICAN TRUCKER will not be held hostage, threatened, robbed, or killed.
We will not be a victim. We will not be this generation's version of Reginald Denny.
Every driver knows that name. Do you?

Like Page

2020-06-02

Overnights

Link to Ushahidi - no data on it <https://usa2020.ushahidi.io/views/map>

Mission

This is what we're doing on protests:

- Mission: Help prevent harm
- Goals
 - escalations to law enforcement,
 - takedown notices to platforms,
 - alerts to organisers, local media etc

- Social media outputs via our influencers ([Name Redacted], [Name Redacted], [Name Redacted])
- Activities
 - Chase down disinformation tactics and counters
 - Monitor for public safety issues that we can report to e.g. LE, local media etc.
 - E.g. Monitor discord channels
 - Map harmful narratives as they emerge
- Resources
 - ([Name Redacted] to do) 1-pager on digital forensics
 - ([Name Redacted] to do) 1-pager on alt-right symbols & dress ([draft](#))
 - Tweetdecks
 - Hashtag threads
- Outputs
 - Slack channel
 - Googledocs
 - Lenew reports
- Please do
 - Put everything in threads
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Overview

- 3 narratives happening now:
 - US protests, narrative of “these aren’t peaceful protests, these are all thugs”
 - Covid19 misinformation - who’s responsible, where it came from, cures etc... will feed into Antivaxxer narrative on treatment
 - US presidential elections. Elections aren’t in our remit, but might affect the other two.
- Biggest concern in protests is public safety. E.g. see bricks, let local press or LE know - reporting bricks isn’t political.