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Sticky

Incident:

- <https://covid-19.iglocska.eu/events/view/481>

Artefacts

<summary of main artefacts>

Text and hashtags

- #OperationGridlock
- #MichiganOperationGridlock
- #TheGreatAwakening <- Qanon generaltag
- #MAGA <- general tag
- #openamericanow <- hashtags reused from incident #wewontstayhome

Twitter accounts

- RealBasedMAGA
- [Name Redacted]
- MI_Republicans
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Facebook groups and accounts - see [artifacts spreadsheet](#) for detailed list

- MI
 - Operation Gridlock Lansing MI
<https://www.facebook.com/events/680520009367268/>
 - Operation Gridlock <https://www.facebook.com/events/834266213741153/>
- IL
 - Operation Gridlock Springfield IL
<https://www.facebook.com/events/649941435563799/>
 - Operation Gridlock Springfield IL
<https://www.facebook.com/events/243708803674432/>
 - Operation Gridlock Illinois - Home <https://www.facebook.com/Operation-Gridlock-Illinois-112038483803425/>

- IN
 - Protest ! Operation gridlock
<https://www.facebook.com/events/843719812773787/>
- CO
 - Operation Gridlock Denver
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1322029761315034/>
- CA
 - Operation gridlock California
<https://www.facebook.com/events/213719416736883/>
- WI
 - Operation Gridlock Wisconsin
<https://www.facebook.com/events/516780035878782/>
- AZ
 - Operation Arizona <https://www.facebook.com/events/3040708059309111/>
 - Operation Gridlock Arizona - Home <https://www.facebook.com/Operation-Gridlock-Arizona-107545614257851/>
- LA
 - Operation Gridlock New Orleans
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2555862878011792/>
 - Operation Gridlock New Orleans
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1002176400177024/>
- FL
 - Free Florida-Operation Gridlock
<https://www.facebook.com/events/673601446737824/>
- KY
 - Operation Gridlock Kentucky
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/OperationGridlockKY/>
- TN
 - Operation Gridlock Tennessee
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/543075946591859/about/>

Other social media

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People/Groups

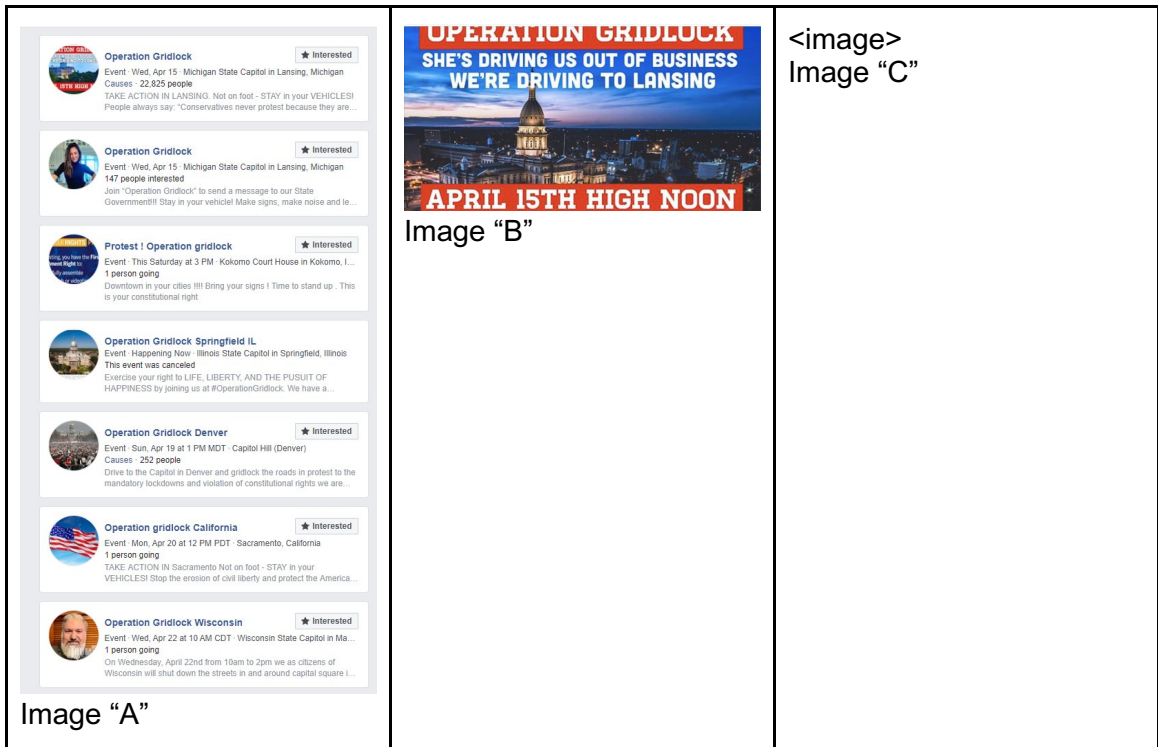
- [The Michigan Conservative Coalition](#)
- <individuals and groups very active in this>

URLs

- <urls>

Images

- See images directory.



Actions

Suggested actions

- <list of suggested actions>

Actions

- <list of actions taken>

After-action notes

Useful for next time:

- <anything we learned from this deployment that we don't want to forget>

Log


Things to do


- Action: Look for stateOperationGridlock hashtag for all US staets
- Action: see if this spread to other countries
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2020-04-15 Start


[Name Redacted] saw a [Name Redacted] (aka [Name Redacted]) tweet


https://twitter.com/josh_emerson/status/1250539109246001152?s=19


**Operation Gridlock** ★ Interested
Event · Wed, Apr 15 · Michigan State Capitol in Lansing, Michigan
Causes · 22,825 people
TAKE ACTION IN LANSING. Not on foot - STAY in your VEHICLES!
People always say: "Conservatives never protest because they are..."


**Operation Gridlock** ★ Interested
Event · Wed, Apr 15 · Michigan State Capitol in Lansing, Michigan
147 people interested
Join "Operation Gridlock" to send a message to our State Government!!! Stay in your vehicle! Make signs, make noise and le...

**Protest ! Operation gridlock** ★ Interested
Event · This Saturday at 3 PM · Kokomo Court House in Kokomo, I...
1 person going
Down in your cities!!!! Bring your signs! Time to stand up. This is your constitutional right!

**Operation Gridlock Springfield IL**
Event · Happening Now · Illinois State Capitol in Springfield, Illinois
This event was canceled
Exercise your right to LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PUSUIT OF HAPPINESS by joining us at #OperationGridlock. We have a...


**Operation Gridlock Denver** ★ Interested
Event · Sun, Apr 19 at 1 PM MDT · Capitol Hill (Denver)
Causes · 252 people
Drive to the Capitol in Denver and gridlock the roads in protest to the mandatory lockdowns and violation of constitutional rights we are...


**Operation gridlock California** ★ Interested
Event · Mon, Apr 20 at 12 PM PDT · Sacramento, California
1 person going
TAKE ACTION IN Sacramento Not on foot - STAY in your VEHICLES! Stop the erosion of civil liberty and protect the America...


**Operation Gridlock Wisconsin** ★ Interested
Event · Wed, Apr 22 at 10 AM CDT · Wisconsin State Capitol in Ma...
1 person going
On Wednesday, April 22nd from 10am to 2pm we as citizens of Wisconsin will shut down the streets in and around capital square i...


Also found

<https://pbs.twimg.com/media/EVrOn8kWAAjUvT.png>

**Operation Gridlock Arizona** ★ Interested
Event · Sun, Apr 19 at 12 PM MST · 1700 W Washington St, Phoeni...
Causes
TAKE ACTION IN PHOENIX! Not on foot - STAY in your VEHICLES!
You're not working... your rights and finances are being destroyed...

**Operation Gridlock Springfield IL** ★ Interested
Event · Sun, Apr 19 at 1 PM CDT · Illinois State Capitol in Springf...
1 person going
Exercise your right to LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PUSUIT OF HAPPINESS by joining us at #OperationGridlock. We have a...

**Operation Gridlock New Orleans** ★ Interested
Event · Mon, Apr 20 at 12 PM CDT · New Orleans City Hall in New ...
1 person going
Our mission is to put pressure on leadership to fully reopen New Orleans, the state of Louisiana, and our country by protesting. At a...

**Free Florida-Operation Gridlock** ★ Interested
Event · This Saturday at 2 PM · Tallahassee, Florida
1 person going
Our new #OperationGridlock: Free Florida Rally Walk (Essential Activity) & Drive in Tall. Saturday, April 18th, 2pm eastern. Bring a...

[Name Redacted] created a Googledoc with groups and accounts in [Link Redacted - see DATA/[Name Redacted]_OperationGridlock.pdf and Artefacts spreadsheet for list.

Action: let's go looking for "Operation Gridlock" across social media, see what we can find.

Twitter:

Is this an alternative form of Trump rally? Online post-protest discussion about lots of MAGA/KAGA stickers, but haven't confirmed that.



Sigh. Qanon with the hashtags

- [QAnon @QAnon Report](#) Michigan is officially TRUMP Country. Thousands fighting for Freedom is a beautiful sight to see. Soon Millions will follow. [#DeepStateExposed](#) America fights back against tyranny foreign & DOMESTIC [#OPENAMERICANOW](#) [#OperationGridlock](#) [#MAGA2020](#)

First-look at OperationGridlock on Twitter:

- Sigh. Qanon tags again
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|-----|---------------------------|
| 131 | OperationGridlock |
| 31 | TheGreatAwakening |
| 29 | MichiganOperationGridlock |
| 20 | MAGA |
- Top influencers so far
- | | |
|-----|-----------------|
| 204 | [Name Redacted] |
| 182 | [Name Redacted] |
| 136 | MI_Republicans |
| 86 | [Name Redacted] |
| 80 | [Name Redacted] |

Twitter use:

- <https://twitter.com/operationgridlock> - "this account doesn't exist" - closed down?
- [#operationgridlock](#)
- found 2016 and before use of [#operationgridlock](#) - looks wholesome enough
https://twitter.com/search?q=%23operationgridlock%20until%3A2020-04-01&src=typed_query

- First 2020 #operationgridlock tweets on 2020-04-11
https://twitter.com/search?q=%23operationgridlock%20since%3A2020-04-11%20until%3A2020-04-12&src=typed_query
- Two tweets with photos on 2020-04-11 [https://twitter.com/\[Name Redacted\]/status/1249106426900946944?s=20](https://twitter.com/[Name Redacted]/status/1249106426900946944?s=20) and [https://twitter.com/\[Name Redacted\]/status/1249077572203433989?s=20](https://twitter.com/[Name Redacted]/status/1249077572203433989?s=20) - accounts @[Name Redacted] and @[Name Redacted]
- #operationgridlock is a huge hashtag.

Facebook

- Looking through “operation gridlock” events and groups. Seeing the MI text being reused, e.g. CA is “TAKE ACTION IN Sacramento Not on foot - STAY in your VEHICLES! Stop the erosion of civil liberty and protect the American dream! People always say: “Conservatives never protest because they are too busy working.” Well, guess what. You’re not working-- so it’s time to PROTEST. Everyone, every citizen, every business owner needs to get out of their house, out of their chair and get in their car, or truck, or anything that is legal to drive on taxpayer funded roads. Then drive to The Capitol building in Sacramento [Address Redacted] Come prepared for a traffic jam in Sacramento! We WANT gridlock. High NOON drive around the Capitol- honk horns, paint cars or bring signs. SHOW UP. Do not park and walk - stay in your vehicles! April 20th! We must end this lock down! It’s Ruining peoples lives and small businesses! Many may not recover! Especially if this goes on much longer. We need to Unite. Conservatives across the country are getting together and doing the same thing as this in their capitals. Let’s stand up for America! Stop the erosion of civil liberty and protect the American dream!”

Looking for start point: April 10th article

- <https://www.wlns.com/news/michigan-conservative-coalition-will-protest-whitmiers-stay-home-executive-order/> “Lansing, Mich. (WLNS) — A conservative right-wing group plans to protest Gov. Gretchen Whitmer’s “Stay Home, Stay Safe” executive order next week by rallying in their cars near the state capitol building. [The Michigan Conservative Coalition](#) is associated with the Michigan Trump Republicans, Battle Cry and Women for Trump. The coalition has recruited more than 500 people for a drive-by “protest” on Wednesday April 15 in the surrounding area of the state capitol. The coalition is naming the drive-by protest, “Operation Gridlock: She’s driving us out of business, we’re driving to Lansing,” referring to the Governor’s order that non-essential businesses stay closed until the end of the executive order.”
- Can’t track it back further than Michigan Conservative Coalition

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Need to start putting things into the dirty MISP and seeing what we can find on individuals

