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Sticky

Mission: Tracking and countering disinformation around Covid5g

Artefacts of interest:












- <https://vaxxter.com/5g-coronavirus-deadly-trigger/>
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Logs

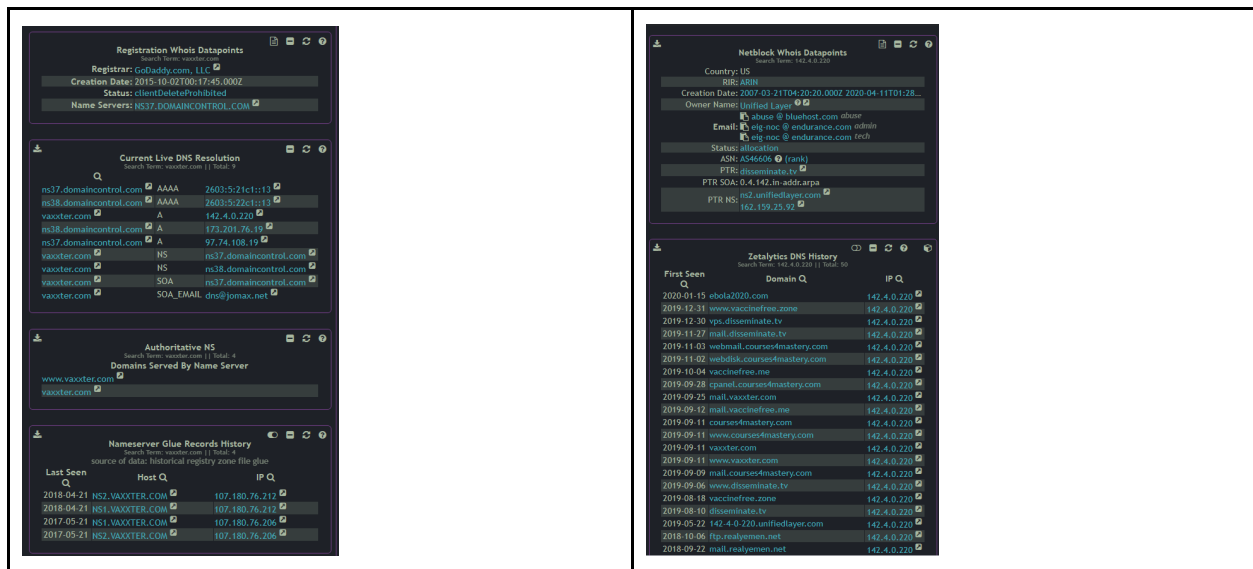
2020-04-10 Start

[Name Redacted] copying notes from slack channel into here

From [Name Redacted]: "This URL seems to be a heavily pushed <https://vaxxter.com/5g-coronavirus-deadly-trigger/>"

| Vertex | Subgraph | Name | Followed | Followers | Tweets | Favorites |
|------------------|---|----------------------|----------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| busydr |  | Dr Sherri Tenpenny | 88 | 19675 | 12318 | 2972 |
| vnotkind |  | Valeria KindQ | 282 | 4555 | 63194 | 43475 |
| granati_mauro |  | Mauro Granati | 1059 | 617 | 49733 | 41668 |
| dani_va_ |  | D@ni #LaReteSiamoNoi | 409 | 287 | 10906 | 7257 |
| gardasilnein |  | Louise Pereira | 1670 | 1783 | 7401 | 89910 |
| leigh2k20 |  | Leigh Jenkins 🇬🇧🇮🇪 | 931 | 431 | 10285 | 21109 |
| dr_xebat |  | Dr. Xebat | 295 | 334 | 603 | 1087 |
| quitkina01 |  | UnlearnKina🇰🇪 | 540 | 1987 | 31571 | 45976 |
| eire326 |  | Eire32 | 5 | 1 | 37 | 4 |
| danielktabelling |  | Dan | 4961 | 4341 | 80811 | 74708 |
| davidicke |  | David Icke | 272 | 259086 | 43604 | 74 |

These are largest pushers of the 5gCovid on Twitter



The PTR record for the host that the website is running on is disseminate[.]tv. You can also see they have some new domains like ebola2020[.]com

2020-04-11 get example data

[Name Redacted] startup:

- ACTION: check out vaxxter.com, look for known narratives on it
- ACTION: look for sites related to vaxxter.com
- ACTION find related hashtags, phrases, hashtag pairs, superspreaders etc
- ACTION: check [Name Redacted] (listed author on vaxxter article)

[Name Redacted] asked for example data: looking for examples on Twitter by hand.

- Pulled screenshot of <https://vaxxter.com/5g-coronavirus-deadly-trigger/>
 - ACTION: search social media sites for links to <https://vaxxter.com/5g-coronavirus-deadly-trigger/>
- Example tweet: <https://twitter.com/Cloudnician/status/1249024124304928771?s=20>
 - [Name Redacted] Replying to [Name Redacted] and [Name Redacted] "In my research and opinion, #5GTOWERS in #Wuhan absolutely has contributed to the #Covid_19 deaths with people dying, passing out due to brains starved of oxygen: <https://vaxxter.com/5g-coronavirus-deadly-trigger/>..." "High altitude sickness" and hypoxia, and now "fizzing" or buzzing are signs of EMF exposure"
 - Action: check [Name Redacted] for other narratives
 - Action: check hashtag #5gtowers
 - Action: check hashtag combination of #5gtowers #covid_19
- Next tweet: <https://twitter.com/Cloudnician/status/1247911747262058498?s=20>
 - Action: check hashtag #5gcoronavirus

- Action: check <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1EWQPgF6-UQ&feature=youtu.be> including comments etc
- Countermessages/ analysis: <https://twitter.com/telesurenglish/status/1248777787034370048?s=20>
- Another tweet, quoting [Name Redacted] <https://twitter.com/TellerYT/status/1249050998032777218?s=20>
 - [Name Redacted] "I'm Seeing The MSM Downplaying 5G And Saying The Conspiracy Is That 5G Causes COVID. FALSE, Were Not Saying It Causes It Were Saying 5G Has Insane Heath Risks Such As WEAKENIN #5GCoronavirusG OUR IMMUNE SYSTEMS! #5GMindControl" <https://twitter.com/davidicke/status/1249049743168323586/photo/1>
- I've seen quite a few Nigerian markers (flags, names etc) with #5gcoronavirus. New tweet, showing crossover: <https://twitter.com/ridbay/status/1246449012963717120?s=20>
 - [Name Redacted] "I uploaded this, last year.. Now, the future is here. 5G in Nigeria #CoronaVirusNigeria #5GinNigeriaBants #5GCoronavirus #5G #5GTOWERS"
 - Action: check Nigeria-focussed 5gcoronavirus tweets (is there a campaign there?) - search for "Nigeria + 5g + corona"?

Action: check facebook for links to <https://vaxxter.com/5g-coronavirus-deadly-trigger/>

2020-04-12 go back to hashtags

One thing about data science: it's all about asking the right questions. In this case, the question is something like: what are we trying to track, what or who are we trying to track it back to, and what do we think we can do when we get there?

The clue should be in the name. We started with two things: a website address and a hashtag, Covid5g / 5gcovid. Let's look at the hashtag.

Looking at a hashtag, e.g. 5gcovid:

- Manual check to see what type of material is on this hashtag, co-occurring hashtags etc, e.g. https://twitter.com/search?q=%235gcovid&src=typed_query
- Manual check by date to look for early instances etc - I went looking for a how-to guide for this. Found a nice Columbia jSchool article on searching all the other sites (https://www.cjr.org/tow_center_reports/guide-to-osint-and-hostile-communities.php); we might just have to write a note ourselves.
- Pull a tweet sample using some of our existing code, e.g. [Name Redacted]_get_data.py from the cogseccollab tracking repo, to look for superspreaders and themes. I've set this one running "python [Name Redacted]_get_data.py 5gcovid covid5g 5goutbreak 5gusaoutbreak 5gchinaoutbreak"

Covid5g had more traffic than the other hashtags. Let's go look at it

- Not that much data, prob because this one has slowed now.

- Top hashtags were a variety of capitalisations of covid5g, 5g, coronavirus and OperationOxygen.
- Top urls were
 - <https://www.flatearthdoctrine.com/operation-oxygen/>
 - <https://www.etesouverain.com/2020/04/12/telephones-mobiles-danger/>
 - ACTION: - maybe worth checking out “operation oxygen”, and see if flatearthdoctrine.com is on list of known disinfo sites (we might have to start our own list)

Checking <https://www.flatearthdoctrine.com/operation-oxygen/>

- looks like standard bs-conspiracy: god, covid, 5g etc.