The Internet Research Agency or IRA, known internally as Glavset is a Russian entity that runs social network based information operations for the Kremlin. The IRA is known for its systematic creation and operation of fake accounts on social media sites in order to promote the states interest abroad.

The Muller Report on interference in the 2016 US Presidential Election highlights the actions of the IRA took to sow “[political discord on divisive domestic issues](https://techcrunch.com/2019/04/18/mueller-report-ira-internet-research-agency/).” Twitter proved to be a successful platform for the IRA, with a [report from twitter](https://blog.twitter.com/official/en_us/topics/company/2018/2016-election-update.html) showing that 1.4 million people interacted with Russian trolls in the lead up to the election.

To promote research into disinformation, Twitter has released datasets containing the tweets of identified accounts created for state sponsored information operations. The data visualized below come from a dataset of 3,613 accounts, and 10 Million tweets affiliated with the IRA that have been discovered since 2016.

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The data visualized on this website is a random sample of 1% of the tweets that was further refined to English language content only. Our sample is roughly 30,000 tweets and 1,700 unique accounts.