Do Legends Need Narrative?

Re-thinking Legends through Conspiracy Theories

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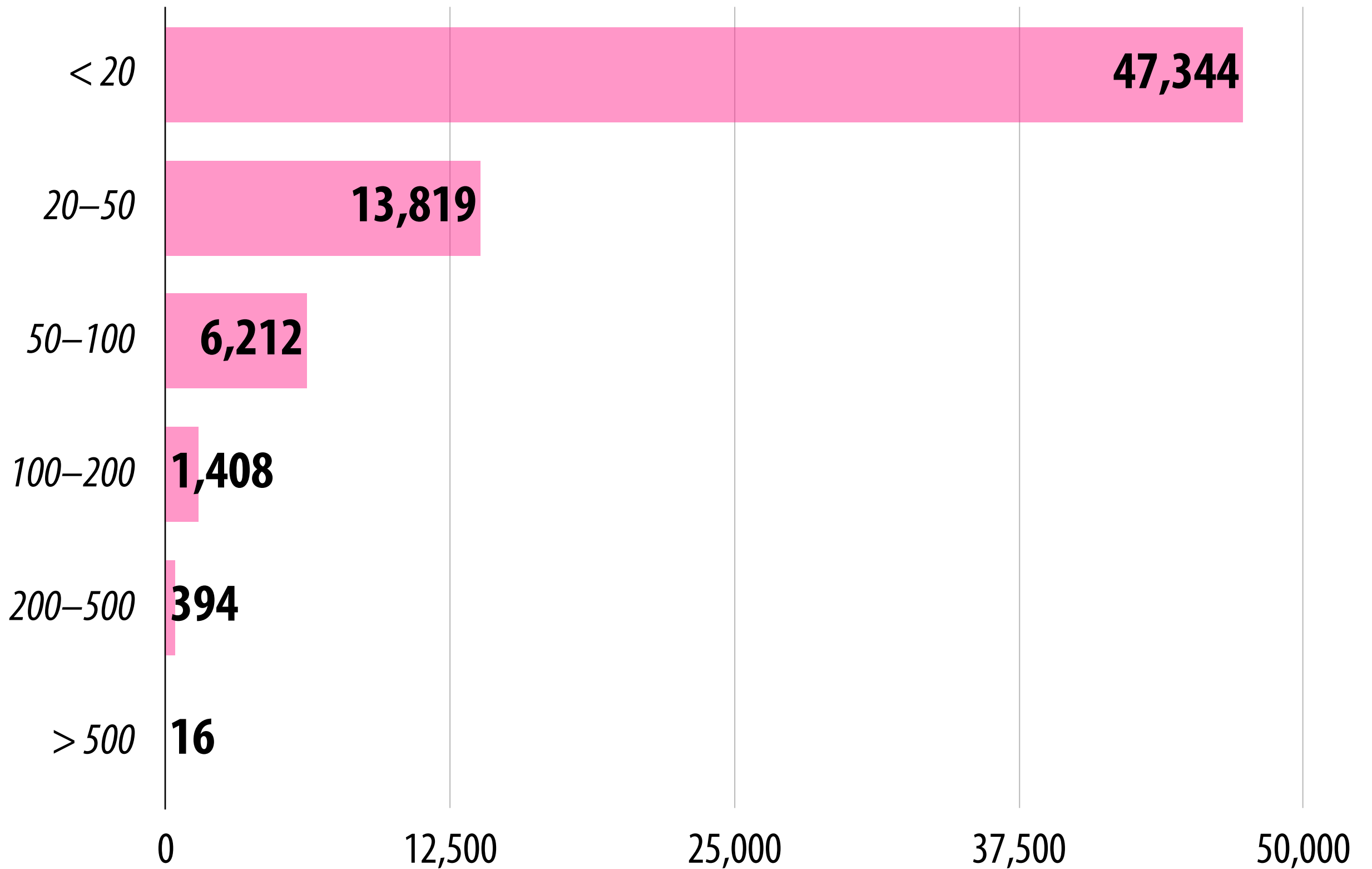# Today's Agenda

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The Gab Corpus

70,593 messages
19,683 chats
15,322 users

< 20	47,344
20–50	13,819
50–100	6,212
100–200	1,408
200–500	394
> 500	16

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47,344 texts of less than 20 words

that would have people shitting themselves

oooooo very smart for sure . i like that haha .

💗😊👍💞

twit nuked you right in the middle of our convo too ! how rude 😂

mr. ice wants to make sure you get your exercise ...... lol

hitlers big lie was oh so correct !

eriの事だけを考えるようになってから、僕はよくなった。これからもそうしたい。eriの事だけを考えて生きていたい。

13,819 texts of 20–50 words

my life is busy . i work too much & amp ; amp ; am tired . : (. how are things in your neck of the woods

you mean to me ? yeah , i had to approve the request , and only then did i see your message

i 've been feeling your surges too . i can handle all the jenergy you can throw at me lol ❤️❤️❤️❤️

yeah i 'm not sure if there is a notification feature on here at all or if it just expects you to go to the chat to see if you have any chats

if he had n't done that to me , i may never have gotten pilled so in a way he did me a great favor

6,212 texts of 50–100 words

my old bestie childhood friend (who had been as fooking elusive as the scarlet pimpernel this year ... bitch😜) decided to absolve herself of guilt and send me the old new year drunken "i love you" text just before midnight . pissed me right off that did 😒🤣 i hate it when people do that .... 😜 it ' s a good job i didn ' t drink her pressie that's been standing all lonesome under the tree since the 25th lol

cos if you say stuff like a girl is a girl and a boy is a boy and boys shouldn' t just say they are girls to watch us in a changing room you get called out or like the video of a white woman asking a black boy what he is doing messing about in a car being called racist even if she didn' t do anything wrong and he was super rude

hi ... i was wondering why you hardly ever talk about canada ? i most have forgotten or lost track of things lately , did you move to the united states ? we do hear about america too much sometimes ... if you 're in canada , we 'd love to hear more about that country ! do n't be afraid to talk about it !

1,408 texts of 100–200 words

are you crying telling me you know about q i've been since the beginning i am in and on and i am a digital soldier i know everything and i moderate most of the shows we are good people we love god we love each other and we are patriots and they lied about us and they put in tifa with t-shirts and cute and then one guy in congress try to say we were a terrorist or organization look what they have done but the truth will be revealed so are you watching the youtube channels to learn all that and which ones so you say i can not say a whole lot but i lost all my accounts every famous person followed me years of work everywhere they took me down i never did anything wrong except love my president and the people

hi! heard you today on the tin foil hat podcast. great info!! i fell down the rabbit hole this summer when i was quarantined and learned about hollywood and it's disgusting behaviors. some of it is crazytown like they're all dead or on house arrest but a lot of the info i have found from all sorts of sites/sources started becoming more and more credible the deeper i went. all these names and companies all have the same people in common. can't be a coincidence. it's evil and dark and i just wanted to thank you for doing everything you can to inform people. please have security protocols for yourself in place. these people don't mess around as i'm sure you're well aware of. just wanted to reach out and say thanks again and that i will pray for your safety and strength during these scary days .
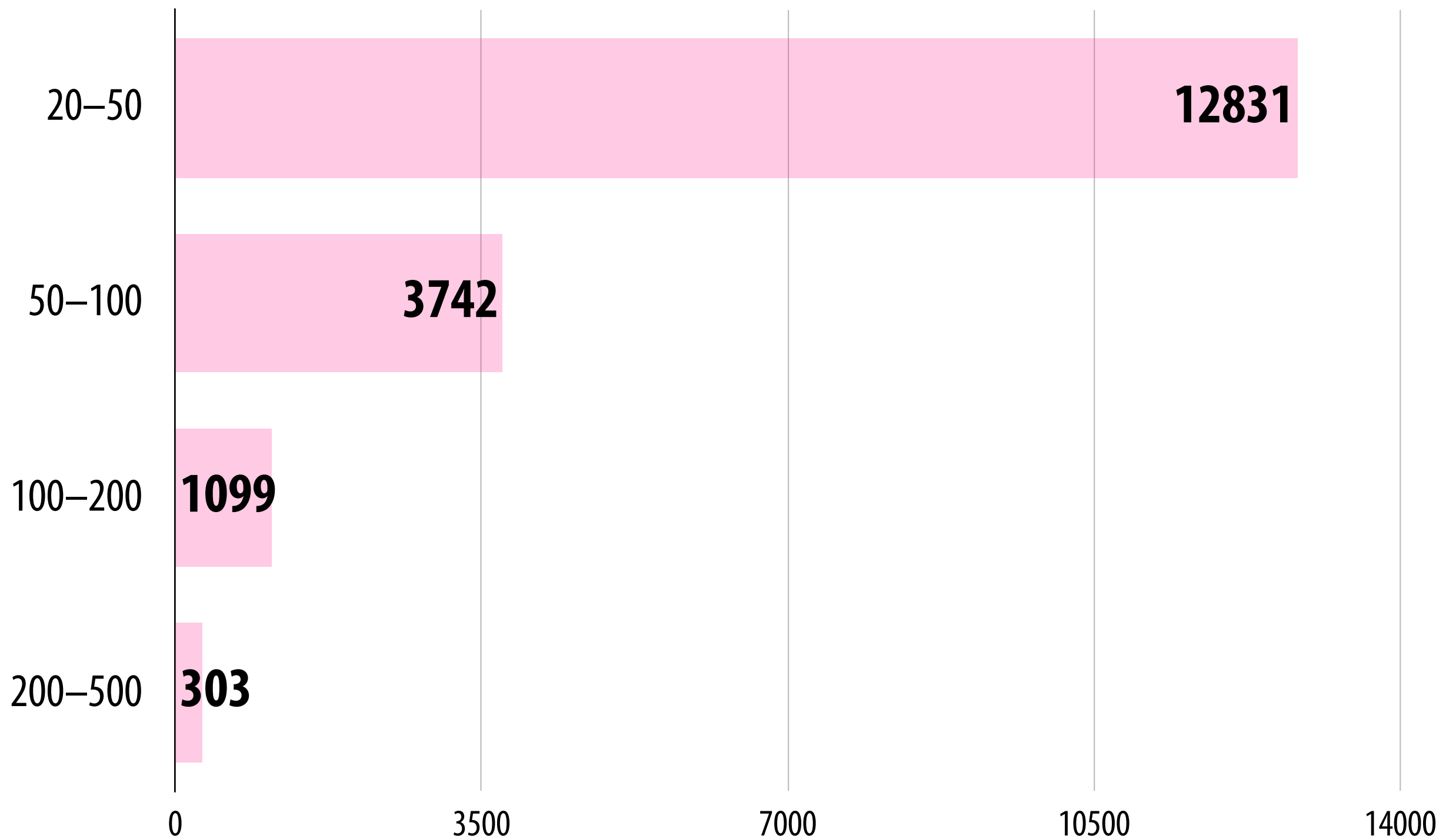
394 texts of 200–500 words

google has red flagged my blogsite for spreading viruses and stealing information .. a false charge , any idiot know this . < a href= '' https : //ajitvadakayil.blogspot.com/ 2020/12/jewish-commie-deep-state-agent-google.html '' rel= '' nofollow noopener noreferrer '' target= '' _blank '' > < span class= '' invisible '' > https : // < /span > ajitvadakayil.blogspot.com/2020/12/jewish-com < span class= '' invisible '' > mie-deep-state-agent-google.html < /span > < span class= '' ellipsis '' > < /span > < /a > there was a time when google deleted my blogposts for peddling porn . the whole world knows that google is the no 1 peddler of forbidden / deviant porn on this planet . we the people of india want sundar pichai to be arrested for peddling porn in india . donald trump reading in copy– use section 230 and arrest sundar pichai , for behaving like as a publisher not a information medium ... fine google , a percentage of what the company is worth , for censoring truths inconvenient to the jewish commie deep state .. we ask , modi to join hands with putin and start a company bigger than google .. offering similar but better services , whose is not a slave to the jewish deep state .. capt ajit vadakayil ..

> 500 words

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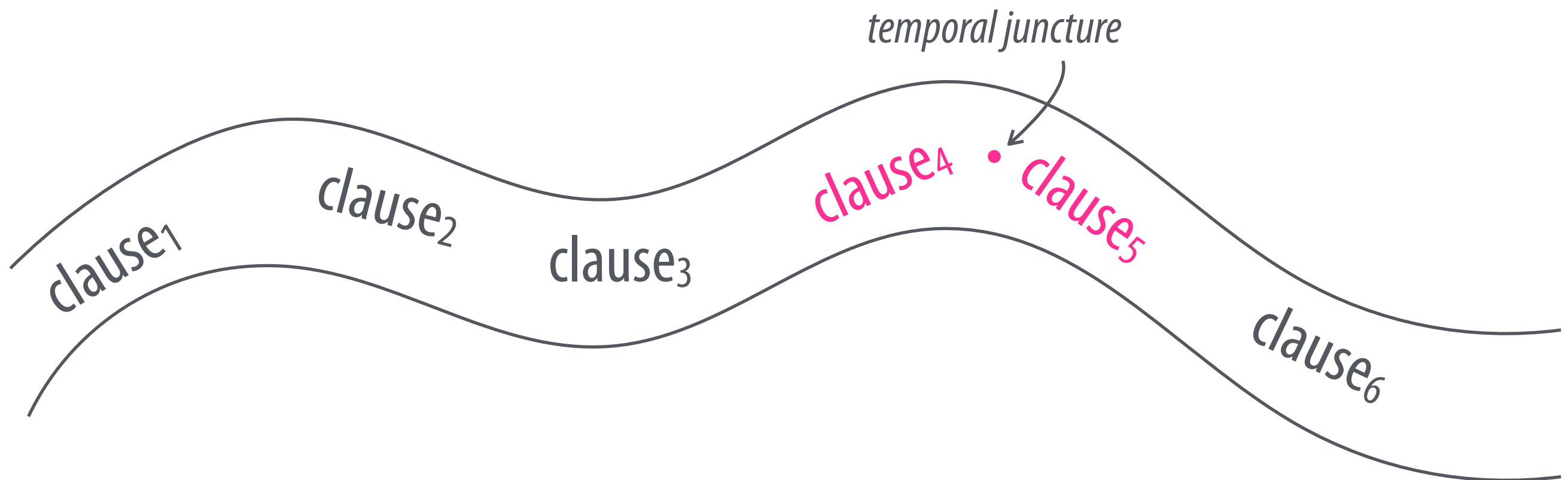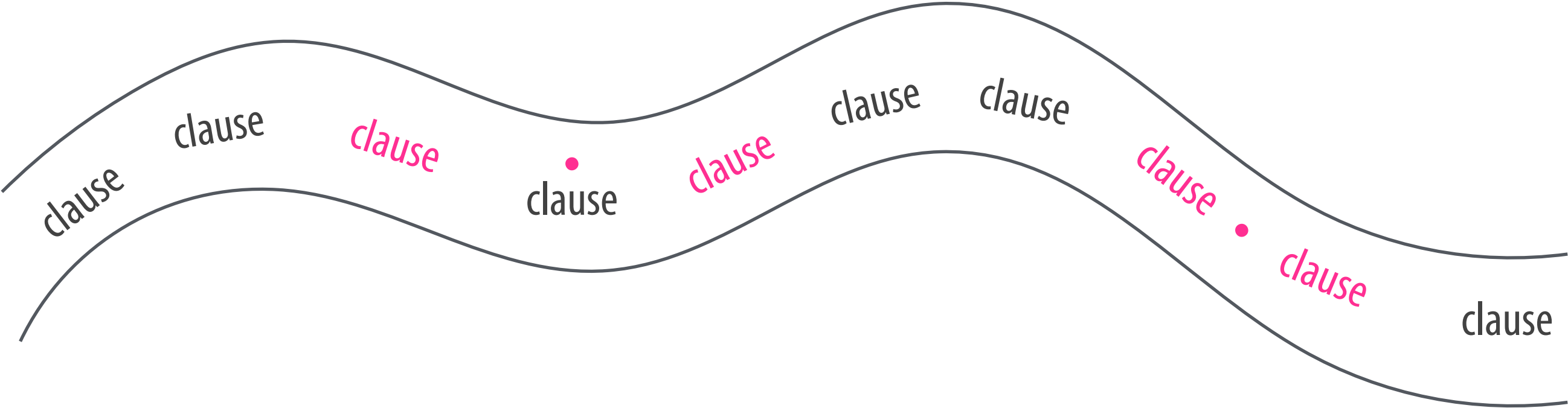
Modes

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but the fellows didn't believe me, you know.

They thought I was just trying to catch up, because I was going on or slowing down.

So all of them kept going.

They leave me.

And so I started going down.

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But he didn't pay me no attention either.

And for no reason at all there was another guy,

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temporal juncture

clause₁ clause₂ clause₃ clause₄ clause₅ clause₆

Orientation   Complication   Evaluation   Resolution   Coda

clause   clause   clause   clause   clause   clause   clause   clause   clause   clause   clause

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1	Along with his brother, they went looking for cypress moss for cushioning their pillows and blankets.	{1-3}
2	This was way back in the day.	{1-2}
3	As they were searching, they noticed a stone slab on the ground beneath a tree.	{1-3}
4	It was odd because the husband and his brother weren't able to move the slab of stone.	{4-5}
5	It seemed to be stuck in the ground.	{4-5}
6	Then, they got this weird feeling.	{6-7}
7	Something wasn't quite right with the stone.	{6-7}
8	The two men freaked out, and they climbed the tree in fear.	{8}
9	When they looked down, the slab of stone disappeared.	{9}
10	They jumped down from the tree and ran home.	{10}

1	Right there where the trees is they use to have a house in	{1-4}
2	Probably got the mark where the house is now.	{1-4}
3	We used to go in there.	{1-4}
4	We use to hear they had gold there.	{1-4}
5	We'd go try to dig it, couldn't dig, couldn't dig.	{5}
6	Me, Dexter, Kenneth, your daddy.	{3-7}
7	Just about all of us, I think Roland too.	{6-7}
8	We all tried.	{4-8}
9	Couldn't.	{8-12}
10	You couldn't even get the shovel in the ground.	{8-12}
11	It's a certain time you could've get it in.	{8-12}
12	But you wasn't finding nothing.	{8-12}
13	And you would hear noise in there.	{13-17}
14	You hear ... you hear strange noise.	{13-17}
15	There in the trees.	{13-17}
16	Yeah they had some stuff in there.	{13-17}
17	A spirit.	{13-17}

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What *Conspiring* Looks Like

It's so evident white hats are behind parler going down. I know you like it there, but this causes me great joy and gives me even more assurance (as if i needed more) that patriots are in control. I fully believe parler is compromised. I also think potus has been working with gab. Post about having a phone call with "someone special" today. Listen to @ post today about "they told us to build our own back in august of 2016." Who is "they?" (That one may be a stretch.) Anyway, parler going down is very exciting to me. :) So are the lights being out at the vatican. So is getting to comfort and encourage eleven people in my life today! I'm so grateful to God for using me and making me feel so helpful and alive . My life is amazing. I love it so much ! : -d

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2021-01-06T17:11:15 @DemsFearTruth: none of this will matter if Biden ends up in the WH
2021-01-07T09:09:58 @CrawfishFestival[P]: That's what former LEOs told me, too.
2021-01-07T09:11:29 @CrawfishFestival[P]: What about US Military - w everyone taking $ from our enemies = Communist China?
2021-01-07T13:24:39 @DemsFearTruth: It's over. Trump surrendered last night
2021-01-07T18:17:37 @CrawfishFestival[P]: He did not say "concede", just "orderly transition".
2021-01-07T18:19:13 @DemsFearTruth: yeah, his staff is quitting left and right...   it's over.
2021-01-07T18:21:06 @CrawfishFestival[P]: What about Ukraine having international arrest warrants for their Criminal investigation w Burisma Scandal, plus....
2021-01-07T19:31:14 @DemsFearTruth: Who here is going to prosecute it?
2021-01-07T19:31:22 @DemsFearTruth: Nobody
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@RedCoors9   Id ask for help but 100% of people where I am are Chinese, obv.

@dykstra89   brutal. get away from those chicom agents

wild

VICTORY OR DEATH KILL THEM ALL

pence on the run lmao

@RedCoors9   Capitol has been breached

@dykstra89   pentagon denying requests for national guard at the capital. LOLOL

dude im watching it all, is wild

theyre in pelosis office going through her email

@RedCoors9   You know way more than me. Updates. Just got back to car completely dead

@dykstra89   trump confirmed pence is a total cuck. senate and house evacuated through their underground pedophile tunnels

people funneling into the capital, just chaos. police seem to be standing down at this point

@RedCoors9   Where we just were but I was to

Dead. Walked min 50 miles on no food

Just went by a caravan of cia big boys

Trump's a faggot loser. Flynn or sidney 24

This is so goat. Torba floor level based. I still have a racing heart for 20 mins after we get back, driving for 10 and still yelling at these faggots about how cares how it looks.

PROPOSITION I have been hearing we are at war.

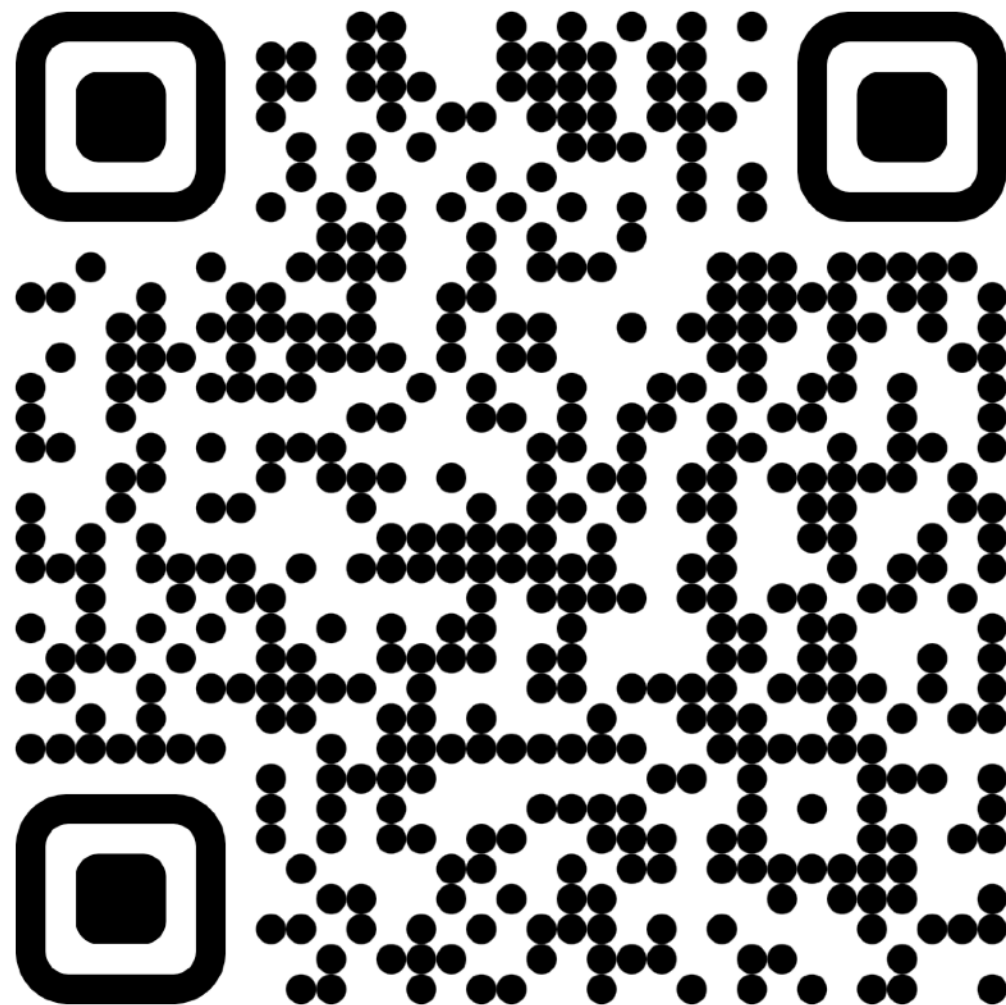**FACT** I have heard Chinese ships and submarines are on their way to us.

APPEAL TO AUTHORITY Attorney Lin Wood said we are at war with China and Iran.

PROPOSITION I have heard from multiple sources that the troops in DC are there because we are at war.

FACT That would make sense about all the generators being delivered.

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