

Memes, Radicalisation, and the Promotion of Violence on Chan Sites

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Chan sites are anonymous online forums which have been linked to a series of far-right extremist attacks. Memes and visual content are particularly important to chan users.

Our team developed a scraper to collect images from 17 far-right boards across 12 chan sites between March-June 2020.

We used perceptual hashing to create two datasets with the top 200 images shared between and within these chan sites.

Our paper shows how memes are used in online radicalization processes and how they help spread extremist ideology.

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Overall Most Popular Images		
1	2	3
Repetitions: 743 Chans: 2	Repetitions: 659 Chans: 3	Repetitions: 585 Chans: 1



Yes.



Most Popular Images Between Chan Sites		
1	2	3
Repetitions: 43 Chans: 6	Repetitions: 11 Chans: 6	Repetitions: 171 Chans: 5

