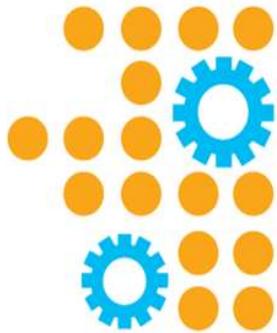


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**Xenophobia on Social Media in SA, 2011-2017**

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Conversation Categorisation

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Geo Location, Topics, Daily Analysis

Divergent Themes

Herman Mashaba



- We hope to convince the reader of the value of an ongoing, funded programme addressing xenophobia, racism, sexism and homophobia on social media. We stress that what we have done here is present some of the work we would like to do, and is by no means the complete package.
- This represents two weeks of work from a single analyst (with managerial support and guidance) on a limited package of 5 Crimson Hexagon monitors. We would like to have several analysts working full time on a bank of 20 fully functional monitors.
- We have provided the following:
  - An overview of conversation around xenophobia on social media in South Africa from 2011 to 2017
  - Anatomy of an Incident: a detailed look at xenophobic conversation in South Africa in January and especially February 2017 – culminating in the Pretoria march.
  - A view of how data can be presented on a yearly, monthly and daily basis.
  - ‘Data Snapshots’ of both sides of the conversation on South African social media during this period
  - The various factors that contribute to the conversation, politicians that have had an impact and a ‘name and shame’ list of the most prolific xenophobic authors for the latter part of February 2017

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We have throughout shown a detailed breakdown of the components of the conversation – please note that with time and funding this would be more accurate, more nuanced and more complete:

## **Provoking**

- Pro-Xenophobia/Violence
- Anti-Immigrant
- Anti-Crime/Drug/Prostitution

## **Pacifying**

- Anti-Xenophobic
- Anti-Violence
- Not All Foreigners...

## **Nuanced Opinion**

- Problem Finding / Finger Pointing
- Anti-Xeno/Violence, Anti-Crime/Drug/Prostitution, Pro Immigrant
- Anti - White / Colonial

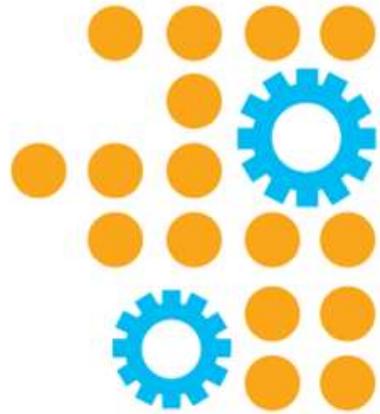
## **Other**

- News / Reporting
- International Xenophobia

## *What we would like to provide...*

**Our goal is a Live Environment, and given proper funding, we would like to provide the following:**

- **A comprehensive analysis** of the volume and nature of xenophobia on South African social media over the last 5 years
- **Detailed analysis of several xenophobic incidents**- notably 2015 – with a view to comparison as well as working towards the xenophobic component of a Public Violence Predictor.
- **A comprehensive public piece of reporting** – on xenophobia expressed on social media over the last five years.
- **Ongoing reporting** on the nature of xenophobia on social media in South Africa
- **A network of Digital Activists** - drawn from our work on social media. Train and upskill while facilitating conversations between these activists and those expressing xenophobic hatred on social media in South Africa
- Use this network of Digital Activists to provide **a comprehensive live intervention into xenophobia** on social media in South Africa going forward – providing engagement and dialogue.
- A detailed study of protest in general, culminating in a (social media based) **Public Violence Predictor** – that will assist in predicting outbreaks of public violence before they start
- An **Interference Detector** – that will detect and analyse organized interference in or disruption of social media conversations
- A **bank of social media panels** – to evaluate and monitor the effect of our programmes
- An **array of online dialogue and mediation tools** designed to facilitate dialogue and upskill digital activists.
- **Repeat the process for race-, gender- and sexual orientation - based hatred.**



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Xenophobia on SA Social Media, 2011-  
2017:  
**Categorisation of the Conversation**

# Categorising the Xenophobia Conversation

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For this study, we have taken the entire public social media conversation pertaining to Xenophobia. Looking only at content originating from South Africa, we are able to segment the data into conversation themes and specific categories. We are then able to identify and analyse each of these themes as far back as 2011.

The following themes were identified:

## **PROVOKING**

- Pro-Xenophobia/Violence - outright xenophobia or condoning/support of violence as the answer
- Anti-Immigrant - hateful anti-immigrant rhetoric
- Anti-Crime/Drug/Prostitution - violent, confrontational or accusatory rhetoric focused on crime

## **PACIFYING**

- Anti-Xenophobic - speaking out against xenophobia
- Anti-Violence - speaking out against physical violence, intimidation, looting etc.
- Not All Foreigners - anti-xenophobia posts postulating that the transgressors are a small minority

## **NUANCED OPINION**

- Problem Finding / Finger Pointing - posts concerned with either casting blame or solution finding
- Anti-Xeno/Violence, Anti-Crime/Drug/Prostitution, Pro Immigrant – linking crime to illegal immigrants, whilst condoning xenophobia and/or violence
- Anti - White / Colonial - xenophobic rhetoric focussed on or directed against the white population or colonialism

## **OTHER**

- News / Reporting - original news stories or retweets of captions
- International Xenophobia - conversation about xenophobia in countries other than South Africa

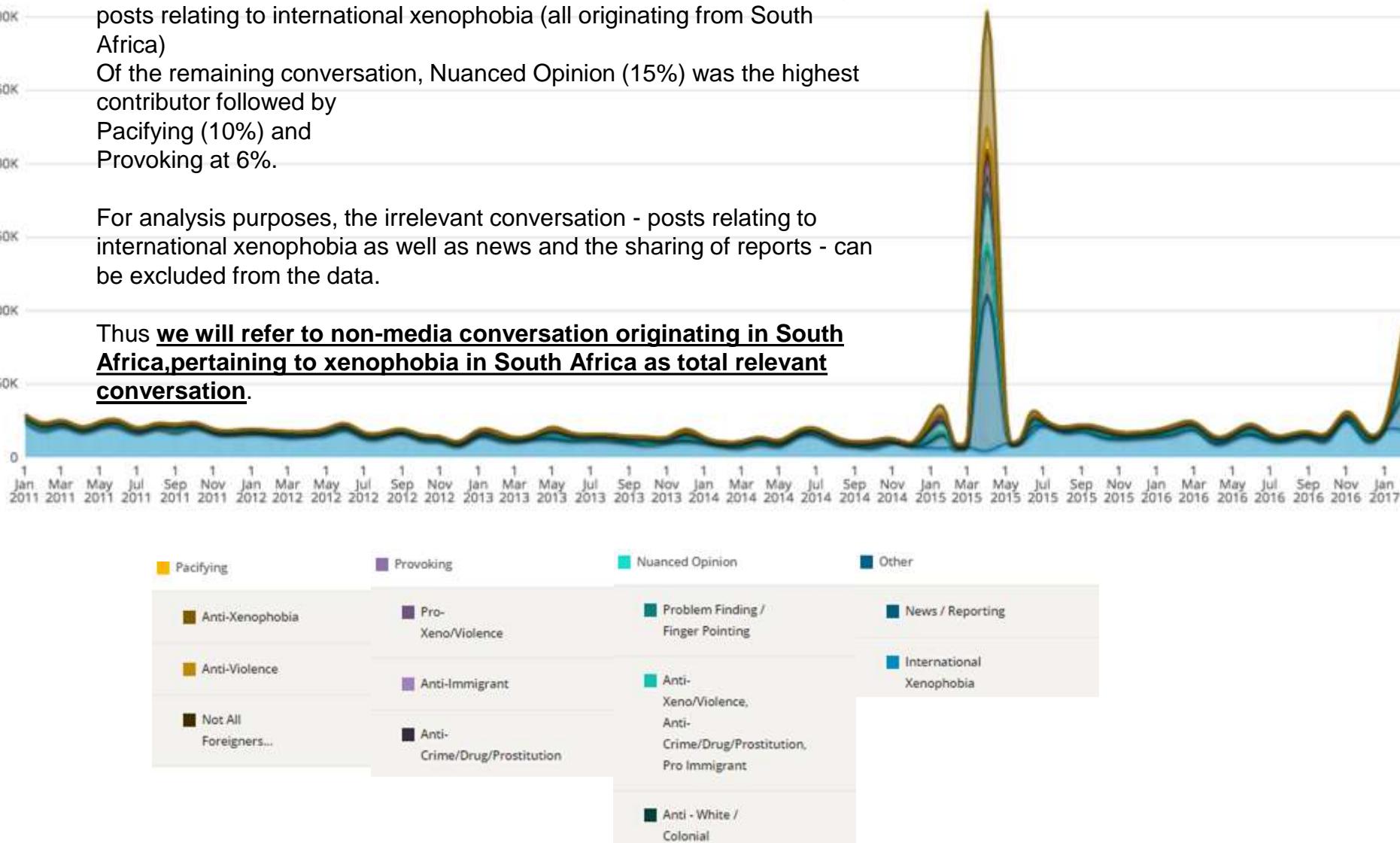
Looking back to 2011, we note that:

69% of the total conversation is represented by either news & reporting or posts relating to international xenophobia (all originating from South Africa)

Of the remaining conversation, Nuanced Opinion (15%) was the highest contributor followed by Pacifying (10%) and Provoking at 6%.

For analysis purposes, the irrelevant conversation - posts relating to international xenophobia as well as news and the sharing of reports - can be excluded from the data.

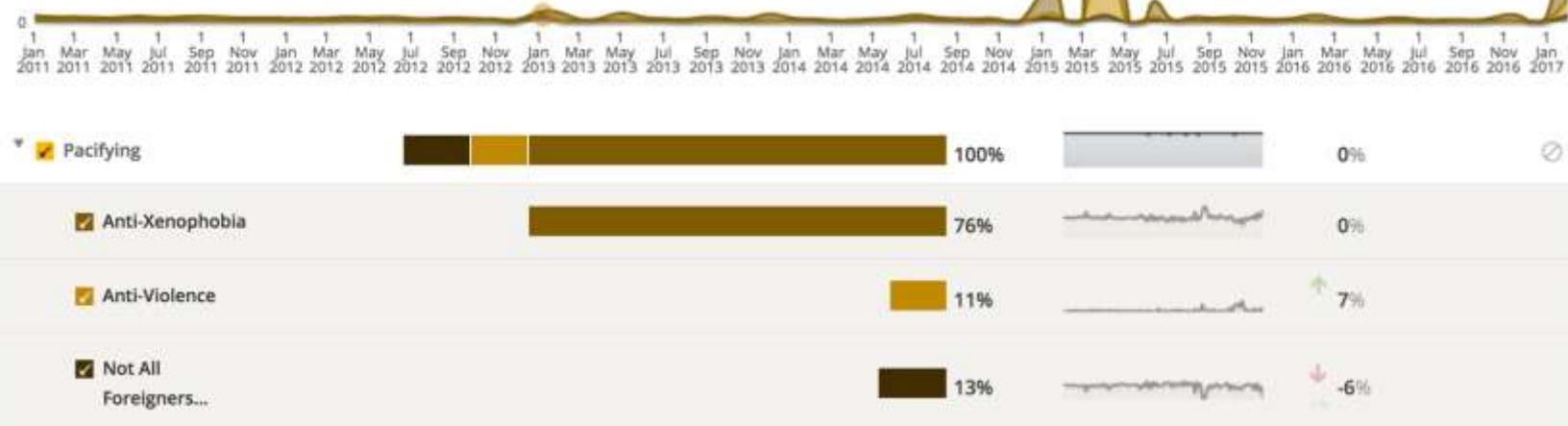
Thus **we will refer to non-media conversation originating in South Africa, pertaining to xenophobia in South Africa as total relevant conversation.**



Looking exclusively at the conversation aiming to pacify xenophobic tension, two points are important:

1. The “ambient volume” (i.e. amount of conversation outside of specific events) is low and doesn’t follow the same spikes and troughs that the other categories follow. As a result, it may be fair to say that xenophobic pacification predominantly takes place when the threat is high, but that little engagement otherwise occurs.
2. Pacification represented on Social Media was far lower in 2017 than in 2015 - despite higher social media usage numbers.

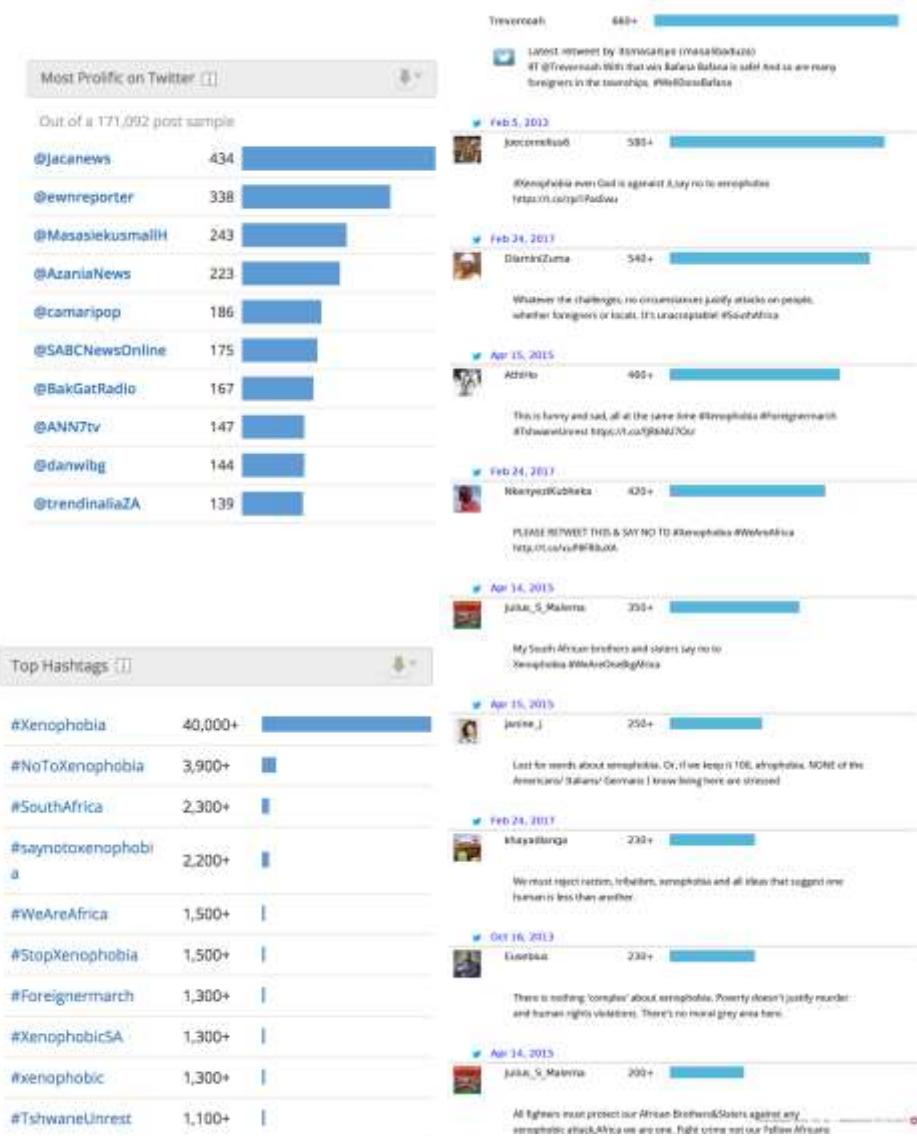
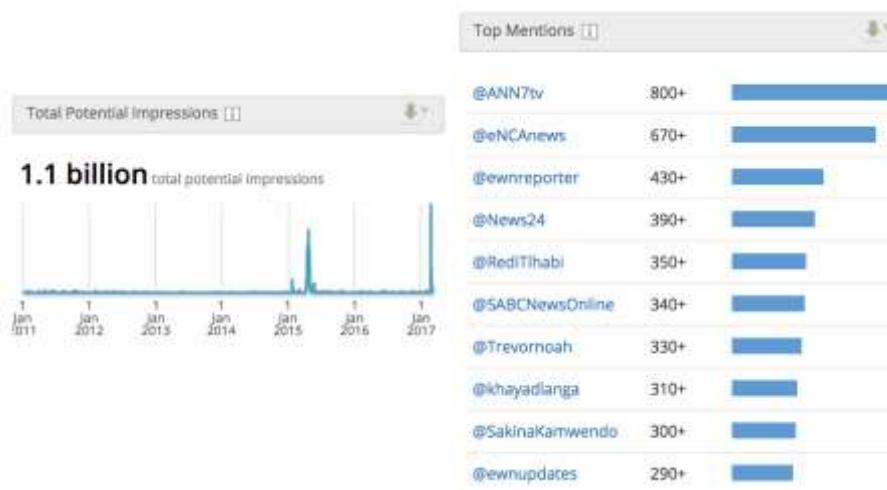
This is likely to be a function of the lower level nature of the 2017 ‘crisis’ as opposed to the more protracted and deadly violence of 2015.



Considering that the pacification conversation is largely activated by flash events, the conversation still reached a potential 1.1 billion individuals (largely focused in Southern Africa) meaning a strong counter-narrative is in place during crisis - but only during crisis.

Increasingly the trend, within the conversation, is that anti-foreigner sentiments are being replaced with “we are all African” (#WeAreAfrica, for example).

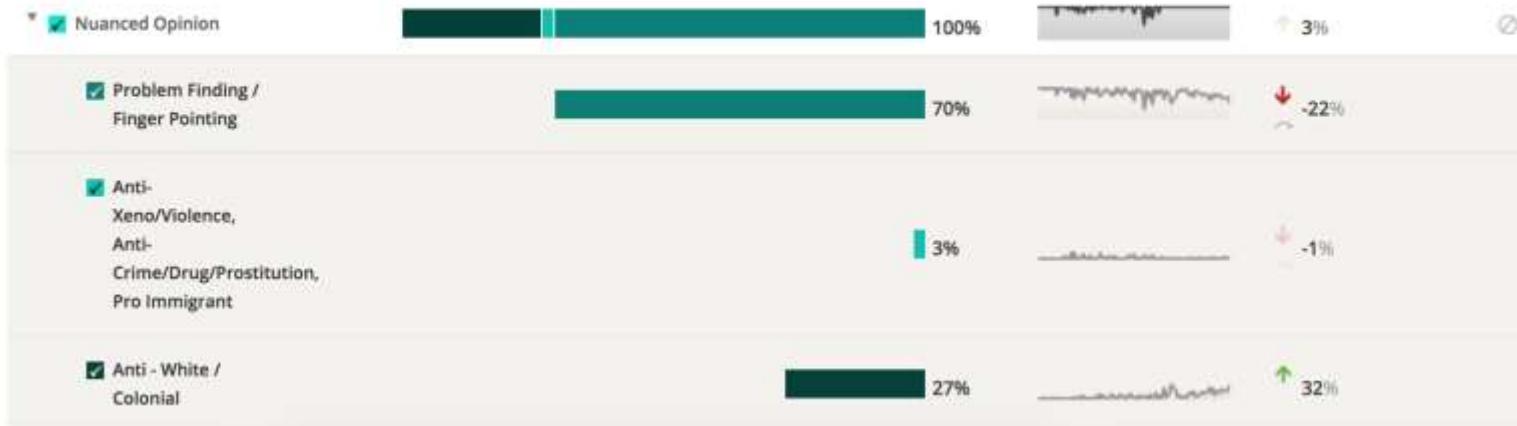
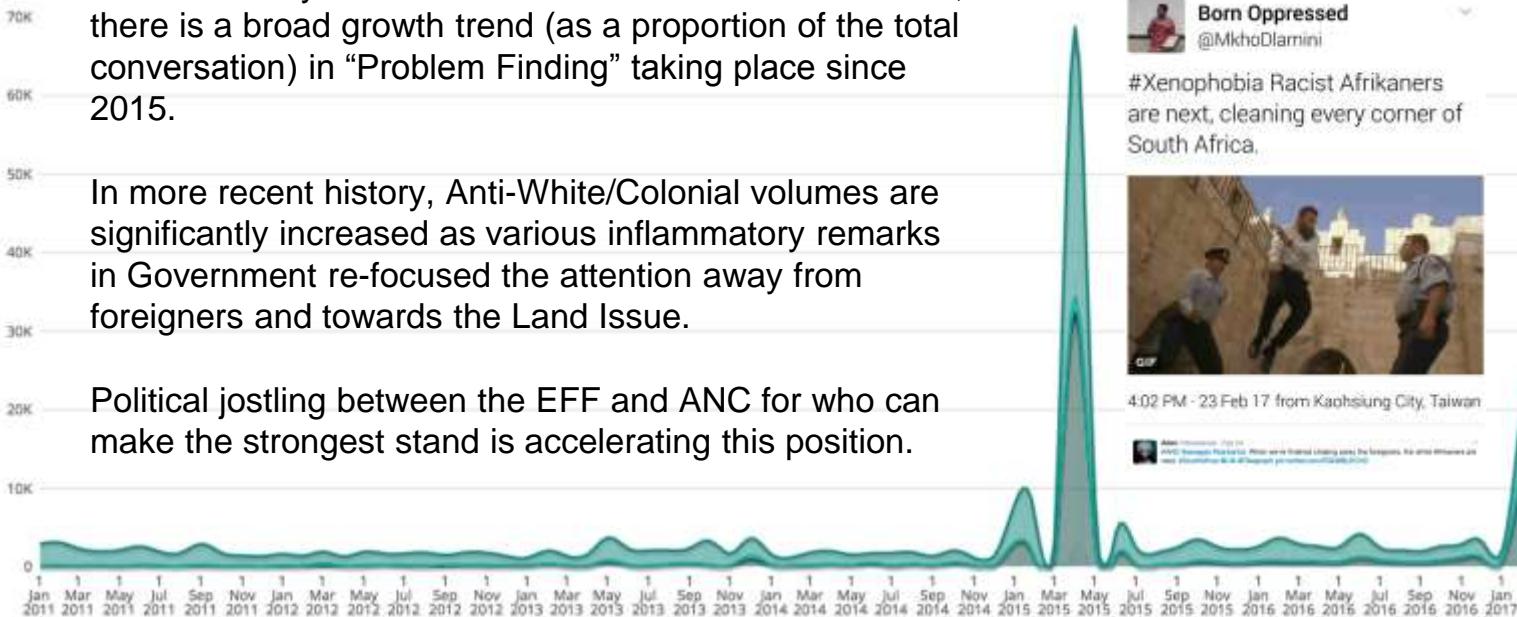
Advocacy wise, note that the most shared piece of content was from Trevor Noah in 2013.



Nuanced Opinion has a high ambient volume but also follows the key flash events of 2015 and 2017. That said, there is a broad growth trend (as a proportion of the total conversation) in “Problem Finding” taking place since 2015.

In more recent history, Anti-White/Colonial volumes are significantly increased as various inflammatory remarks in Government re-focused the attention away from foreigners and towards the Land Issue.

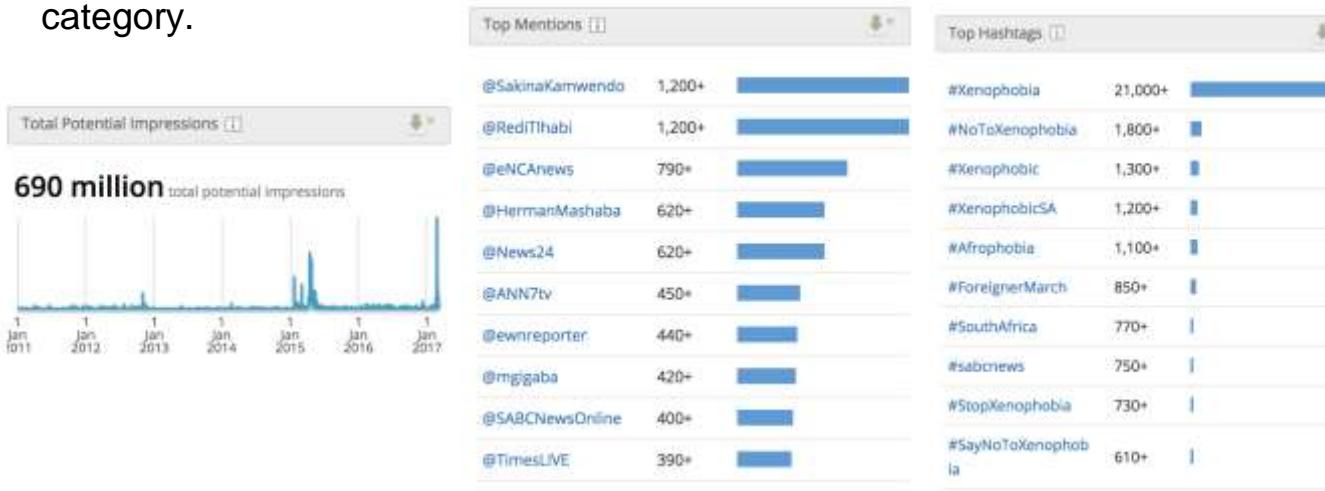
Political jostling between the EFF and ANC for who can make the strongest stand is accelerating this position.



Unlike some of the other categories, Nuanced Opinion is largely driven by low to medium influence individuals (vs media and high influence as we see in most other categories). This represents an opportunity to directly impact the discussion.

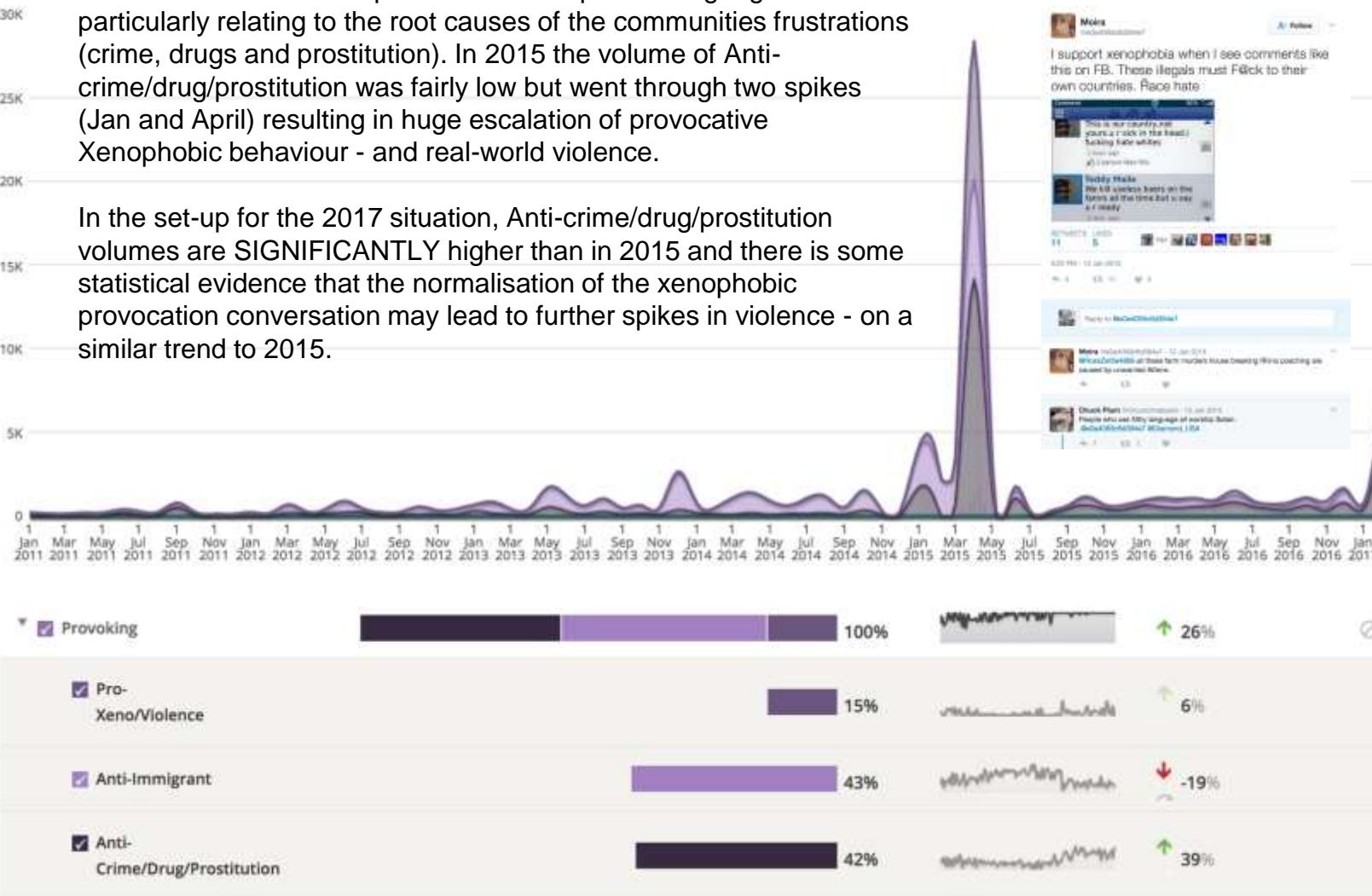
In particular, the lack of influencers means that engagement may result in behavioural change. The same is possible with anti-colonial where anger and frustration could be deflected back to government under-performance rather than historic divides.

690 million individuals were potentially exposed to the conversation with Herman Mashaba being the most discussed politician within this category.



Xenophobic Provocation presents a worrying and somewhat predictive trend. Leading up to major xenophobic event we tend to see an increase in overt provocative xenophobic language - particularly relating to the root causes of the communities frustrations (crime, drugs and prostitution). In 2015 the volume of Anti-crime/drug/prostitution was fairly low but went through two spikes (Jan and April) resulting in huge escalation of provocative Xenophobic behaviour - and real-world violence.

In the set-up for the 2017 situation, Anti-crime/drug/prostitution volumes are SIGNIFICANTLY higher than in 2015 and there is some statistical evidence that the normalisation of the xenophobic provocation conversation may lead to further spikes in violence - on a similar trend to 2015.



## Total Xenophobia Conversation

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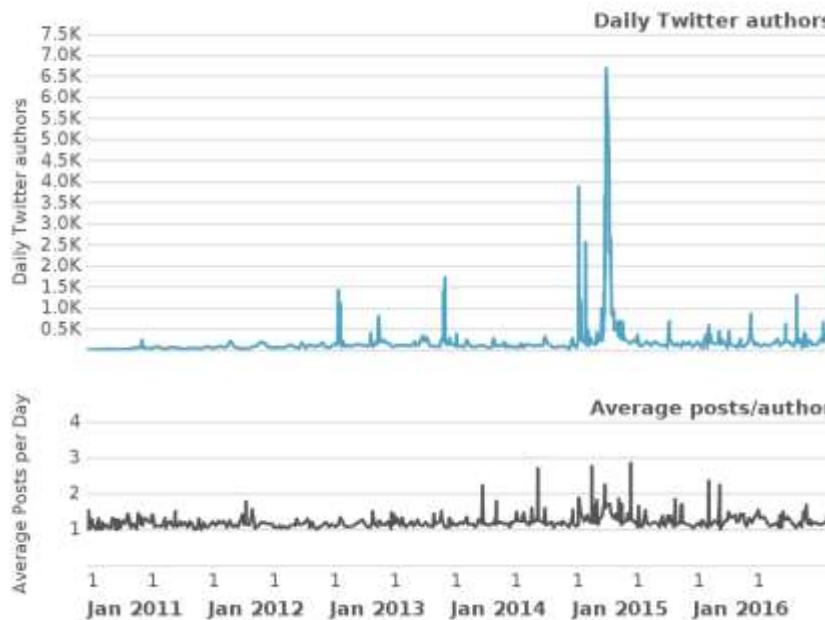
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>Anti-Xenophobia</b>	2%	2%	4%	3%	17%	2%
<b>Anti-Violence</b>	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	3%	<1%
<b>Not All Foreigners...</b>	2%	2%	2%	2%	<1%	<1%
<b>Pro-Xeno/Violence</b>	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	2%	<1%
<b>Anti-Immigrant</b>	<1%	<1%	4%	5%	3%	2%
<b>Anti-Crime/Drug/Prostitution</b>	<1%	<1%	1%	1%	4%	3%
<b>Problem Finding / Finger Pointing</b>	9%	8%	12%	10%	12%	10%
<b>Anti-Xenophobia/Violence, Anti-Crime/Drug/Prostitution, Pro Immigrant</b>	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
<b>Anti - White / Colonial</b>	<1%	<1%	1%	1%	8%	4%
<b>News / Reporting</b>	2%	2%	6%	6%	24%	5%
<b>International Xenophobia</b>	83%	84%	68%	71%	26%	27%

# Relevant Conversation Only: Excluding News & International Xeno

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	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>Relevant Volume</b>	275,412	209,079	194,827	157,002	541,400	234,098
<b>Change in Relevant Post Volume</b>	-28%	-33%	-13%	-8%	-83%	2%
<b>Anti-Xenophobia</b>	17%	15%	15%	12%	34%	10%
<b>Anti-Violence</b>	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	6%	1%
<b>Not All Foreigners...</b>	11%	10%	8%	9%	2%	4%
<b>Pro-Xeno/Violence</b>	1%	1%	1%	1%	4%	4%
<b>Anti-Immigrant</b>	3%	9%	16%	22%	5%	7%
<b>Anti-Crime/Drug/Prostitution</b>	4%	5%	5%	5%	8%	13%
<b>Problem Finding / Finger Pointing</b>	62%	53%	46%	45%	24%	45%
<b>Anti-Xenophobia/Violence, Anti-Crime/Drug/Prostitution, Pro Immigrant</b>	<1%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%
<b>Anti - White / Colonial</b>	1%	2%	6%	5%	16%	15%

# Relevant Conversation Only



Average Daily Posts:

**2011** - 734.43

**2012** - 571.25

**2013** - 533.77

**2014** - 430.14

**2015** - 1483.29

**2016** - 639.61

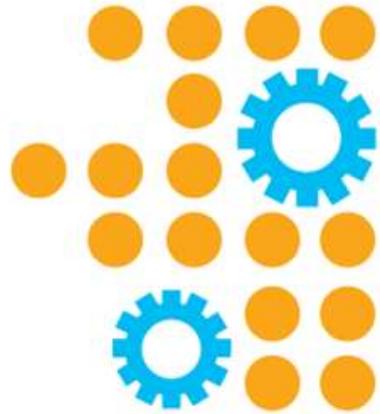
**2017** - 1958.78

The 2017 figure above is taken over a 59 day period from 01/01 - 27/02.

In comparison, over a 59 day period during the 2015 xenophobic flare up, the average number of posts per day was 5670.

Our **Organised Interference Monitoring** shows no organised interference – with no day averaging more than 2.8 contributions per individual.

That said, the highest contributions typically took place round flash events.

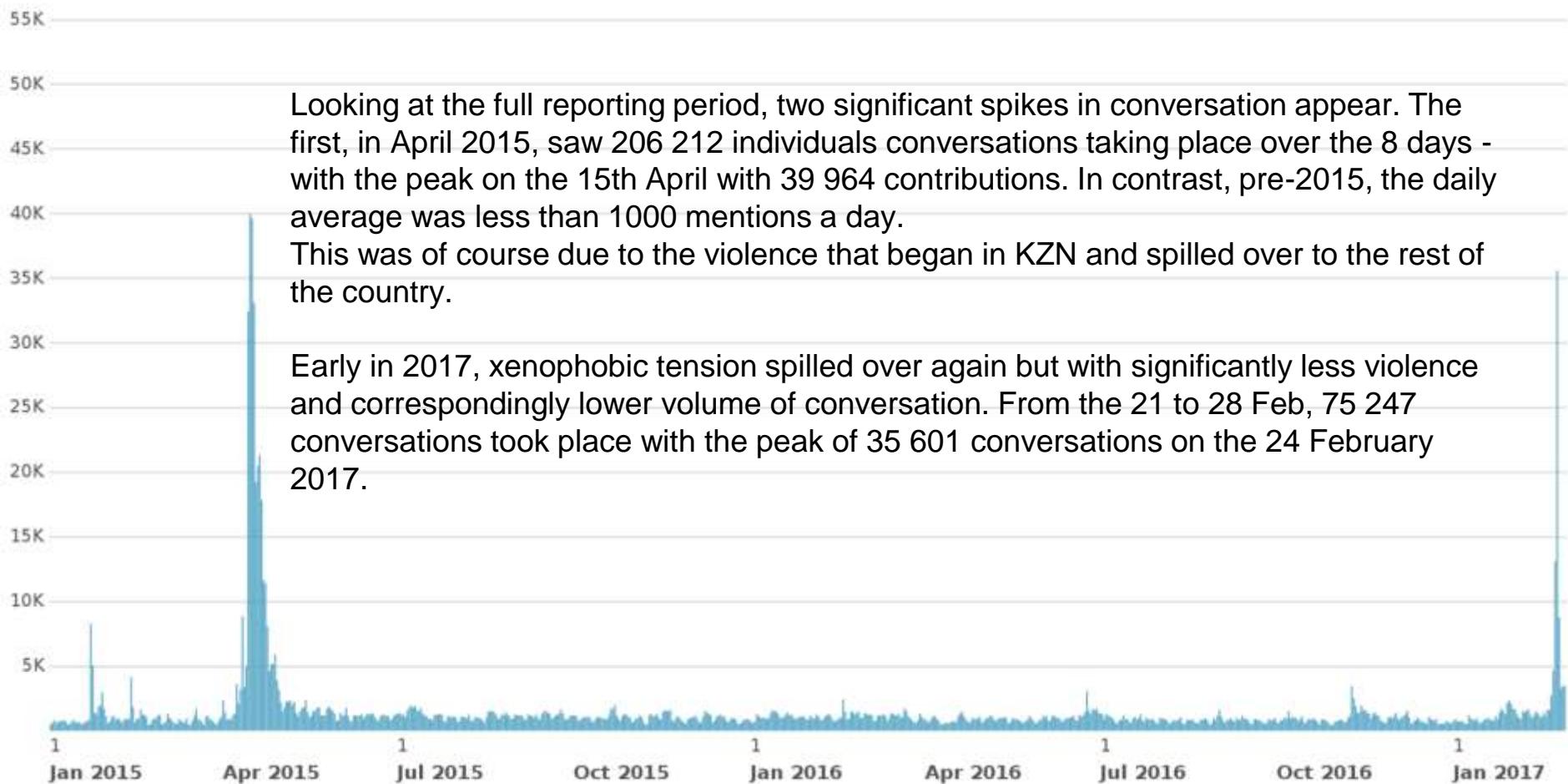


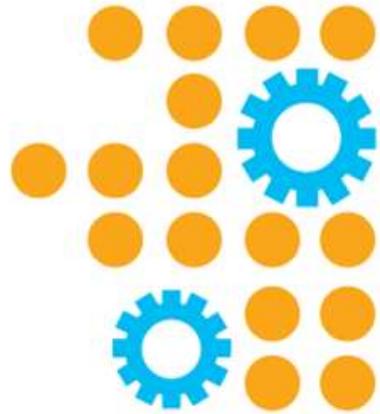
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Xenophobia on SA Social Media, **2015-2017**

## Total Volumes





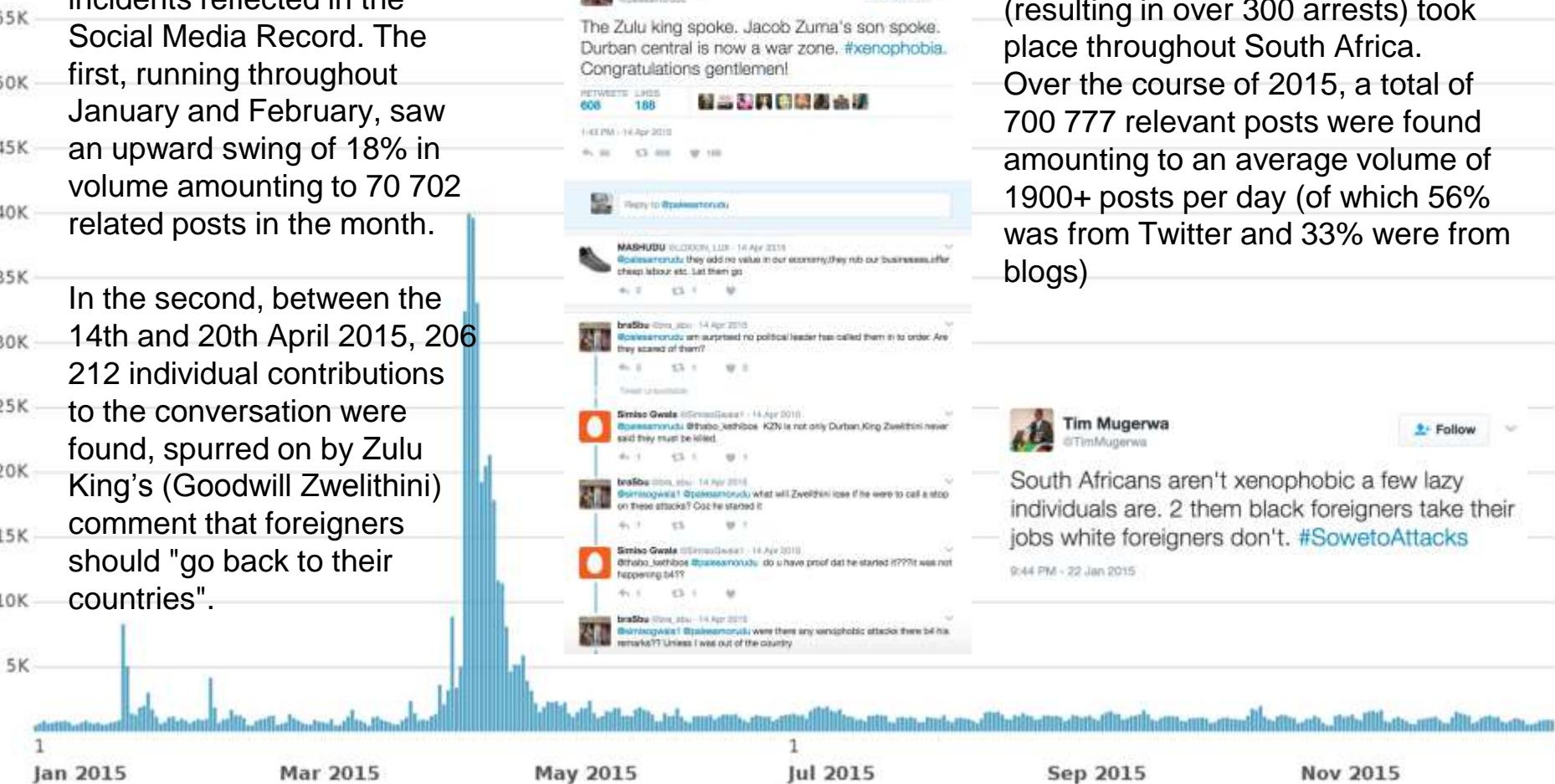
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Xenophobia on SA Social Media:  
**2015**

2015 saw two specific incidents reflected in the Social Media Record. The first, running throughout January and February, saw an upward swing of 18% in volume amounting to 70 702 related posts in the month.

In the second, between the 14th and 20th April 2015, 206 212 individual contributions to the conversation were found, spurred on by Zulu King's (Goodwill Zwelithini) comment that foreigners should "go back to their countries".



Widespread xenophobic violence (resulting in over 300 arrests) took place throughout South Africa. Over the course of 2015, a total of 700 777 relevant posts were found amounting to an average volume of 1900+ posts per day (of which 56% was from Twitter and 33% were from blogs)

**Palesa Morudu** @palesamorudu

The Zulu king spoke. Jacob Zuma's son spoke. Durban central is now a war zone. #xenophobia. Congratulations gentlemen!

RETWEETS LIKES 608 168

1:00 PM - 14 Apr 2015

**MASHUDU** @Mashudu\_LUB - 14 Apr 2015

@palesamorudu they add no value in our economy they rob our businesses, offer cheap labour etc. Let them go.

**braaBw\_@braa\_bbw** - 14 Apr 2015

@palesamorudu am surprised no political leader has called them in to order. Are they scared of them?

**Simiso Gwala** @SimisoGwala - 14 Apr 2015

@palesamorudu @thabo\_xethiboe KZN is not only Durban, King Zwelithini never said they must be killed.

**braaBw\_@braa\_bbw** - 14 Apr 2015

@SimisoGwala! @palesamorudu what will Zwelithini lose if he were to call a stop on these attacks? Cos he stated it.

**Simiso Gwala** @SimisoGwala - 14 Apr 2015

@thabo\_xethiboe @palesamorudu do u have proof dat he started it???? it was not happening b4??

**braaBw\_@braa\_bbw** - 14 Apr 2015

@SimisoGwala! @palesamorudu were there any xenophobic attacks there b4 his remarks?? Unless I was out of the country



South Africans aren't xenophobic a few lazy individuals are. 2 them black foreigners take their jobs white foreigners don't. #SowetoAttacks

9:44 PM - 22 Jan 2015

# 2015: Geography & Top Retweets

Gauteng	59.60%
Western Cape	18.29%
KwaZulu-Natal	11.41%
Eastern Cape	3.89%
Limpopo	1.85%
Orange Free State	1.72%
North West	1.48%
Mpumalanga	1.45%
Northern Cape	0.32%



-  CasperMyovest 560+ 

Actually I want to donate all my proceeds from my show in Zimbabwe next week to Xenophobia Survivors. I will come perform for free.

Apr 16, 2015
-  palesamorudu 330+ 

The Zulu king spoke. Jacob Zuma's son spoke. Durban central is now a war zone. #xenophobia. Congratulations gentlemen!

Apr 14, 2015
-  DlaminiZuma 460+ 

Whatever the challenges... no circumstances justify attacks on people, whether foreigners or locals. It's unacceptable! #SouthAfrica

Apr 15, 2015
-  ShirleyV 460+ 

Stalked, stabbed, killed in Alexandria for being from Muambique. RIP Emmanuel Sithole. Xenophobic South Africa I cry. <http://t.co/2XP8s0xelz>

Apr 19, 2015
-  DeepFriedMan 400+ 

That awkward moment when our country deploys more police for one night of jomp and ceremony than for 2 weeks of Xenophobic looting.

Feb 12, 2015
-  Nkanyezikubheka 390+ 

PLEASE RETWEET THIS & SAY NO TO xenophobia #WeAreAfrica <http://t.co/oLcokspFR0uA>

Apr 14, 2015
-  khayadlenga 290+ 

The good news is there are a lot more people against xenophobia <http://t.co/cht14jCh0s>

Apr 12, 2015
-  LucasRadebe 280+ 

I was once a foreigner at Leeds. <http://t.co/NGG26qlar3>

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**Modern Day Pantsula**

@Thabiso\_Dlamini

I am Zulu but I will not sit and be quiet when EFF calls our brothers and sisters foreigners in their land of birth. **#IamShangaan**

RETWEETS LIKES  
19 8



4:32 AM - 18 Mar 2015



**Sure Kamhunga**

@sure\_kamhunga

@lykmoor Violence has been a fabric of black SA. Add antipathy among local blacks and mix that with anti foreigner sentiment it's a disaster

12:01 PM - 26 Feb 2015



**Sure Kamhunga**

@sure\_kamhunga

Paradox of SA. Investor sentiment on JSE high despite Africa backlash over xenophobia. Shows you money comes from overseas not poor Africa

RETWEET  
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9:58 AM - 24 Apr 2015



**Shumba K. Sibaya**

@iam\_shangaan

Braamfischer phase 4 "Soweto" residents helped themselves in the shop of foreigners after the police left the scene.



9:08 AM - 21 Jun 2015



**Graeme Lipschitz**

@Wallfish

While xenophobic **#SowetoAttacks** happen, Zuma says SA is a great place for foreign investment. Delusion central.

RETWEETS LIKES  
9 3



10:53 PM - 22 Jan 2015



**President Vusani**

@Vusani

This is sad. **#Soweto #Xenophobia**



RETWEETS LIKES  
51 2



11:38 PM - 22 Jan 2015



**Maria Zakharova**

@Ma\_LoJ

A non South African couple has been shot in Alex again, I thought things were calming down **#xenophobia**.

4:43 AM - 21 Apr 2015

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11:38 PM - 22 Jan 2015

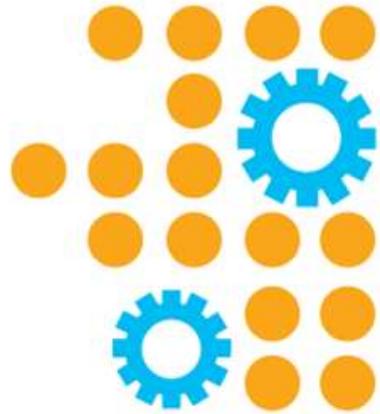


**Maria Zakharova**

@Ma\_LoJ

Now you burn people's houses for they've gone to work and not part of the strike? Someone said after xenophobia, we'll turn on each other.

12:53 AM - 7 May 2015



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Xenophobia on SA Social Media:  
**2016**

Third Force  
@thirdforcehost

So now our currency weakens because the Brits decided to make a ridiculous decision guided by xenophobia? Man, fuck #Brexit

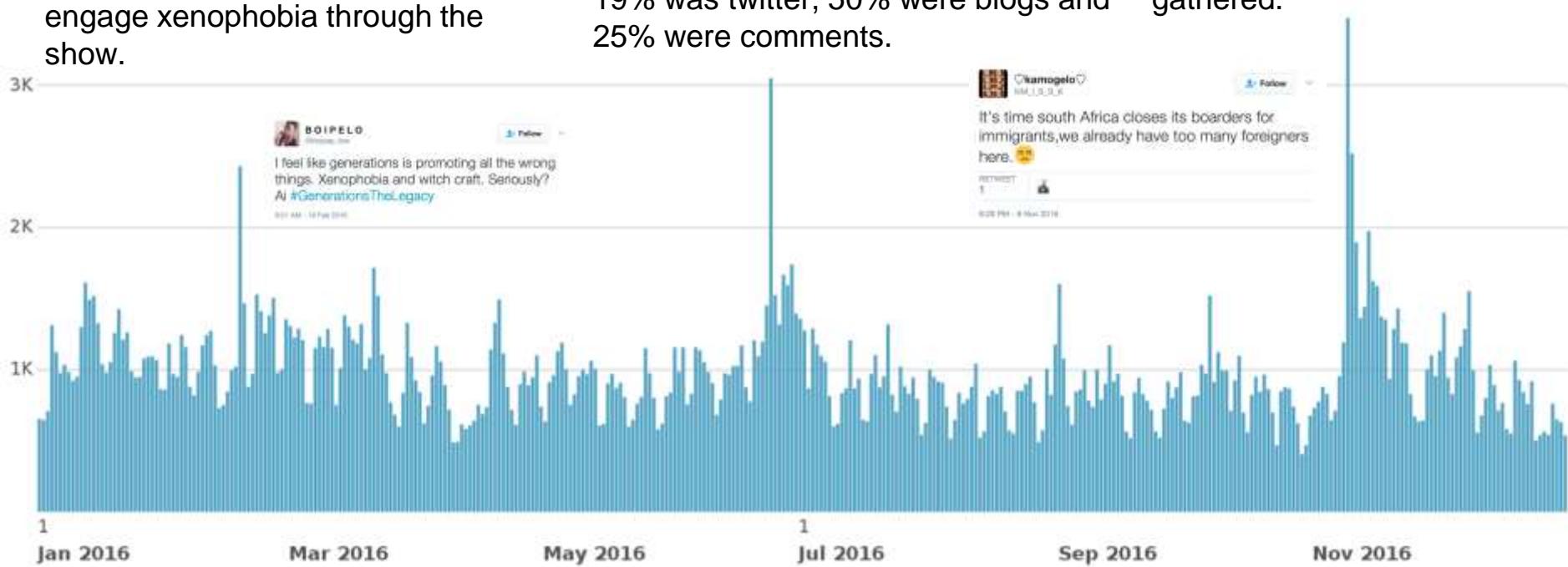
1:09 PM - 24 Jun 2016

2016

Throughout 2016, there were three major events reflected in the Social Media Record. The first of these was in February where the conversation spiked from the daily average of 970 posts to upward of 2400 posts. The large driver was media engagement on the topic - including Sitcom Generations attempting, poorly, to engage xenophobia through the show.

Then, by June, the “Tshwane Riots” take place where various foreign minority groups were targeted, looted and attacked. Interestingly, despite this going on, the largest spike in conversation was related to South Africans observing the xenophobia related to Brexit. Over the conversation throughout the year, 19% was twitter, 50% were blogs and 25% were comments.

The last event of 2016 garnered a total of 67,140 Relevant Posts. A large portion of this was in solidarity with the Anti-Trump (read: anti-xenophobic) movement. Over the course of the year 356 832 individuals posts were gathered.



# 2016: Geography & Most Influential Authours

Gauteng	55.37%
Western Cape	25.43%
KwaZulu-Natal	8.10%
Eastern Cape	4.67%
Orange Free State	1.69%
Mpumalanga	1.48%
Limpopo	1.46%
North West	1.26%
Northern Cape	0.53%



@camaripop	2,705
@gumede783	266
@TonySantanaZA	206
@MarcJ00	157
@Siyakhula	151
@3NovicesAfrican	141
@ZABulletin	137
@PlanetZuma	133
@PierreHefer	118
@SakinaKamwendo	114



**Regal Global**

@RegalGlobal

Truth hurts, we sell you corn for 10 Rand, who does that really? 😂😂😂. Shangaan or Tsonga, we win anyway. And you lose. 😂😂

RETWEET

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12:00 PM - 18 Feb 2016 from **Harrow**, South Africa



**Camaren Peter**  
@camariopop

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Thought Factory Guest Op: Xenophobic electioneering will cost the poor! **#migration #xenophobia #SouthAfrica \*09**  
[ow.ly/T06D301hfBJ](http://ow.ly/T06D301hfBJ)

12:20 AM - 16 Jun 2016



**gumede783**

@gumede783

@AbutlElmond Does King Goodwill Zwelithini know you are in our country, Kwerekwere @tebogo\_bello @melvict @Tony SantanaZA @Paul\_Kasner



**Nhlanhla Mashinini**  
@mabembesi

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@HermanMashaba @mgigaba Thank u very much gents 4 reaching common ground on crime n illegal immigrants in JHB. It's for SA not DA or ANC.

RETWEETS

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9:12 PM - 13 Dec 2016



**gumede783**  
@gumede783

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@maths00001 Sly illegal immigrants, like you hiding in SA causing trouble. Go home now  
@S02005283 @srampaul @Tony SantanaZA  
@MauritzPreller

RETWEETS

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4:00 AM - 24 Dec 2016



**Kim Carvela**  
@Khanye\_Maweni

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New levels of xenophobia have been reached!

10:33 AM - 24 Jun 2016



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Anatomy of an Incident  
**2017**



## Relevant Volume 115,568

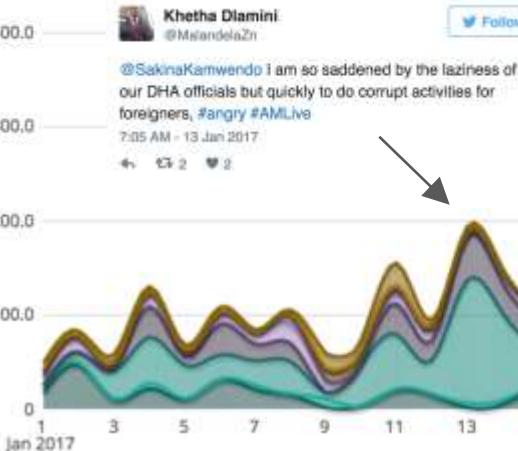
**Change in Relevant Post Volume (on 2016): 758%**

- |     |   |
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| 29% | Anti-Xenophobia   |
| 6%  | Anti-Violence   |
| 3%  | Not All Foreigners...   |
| 1%  | Pro-Xeno/Violence   |
| 4%  | Anti-Immigrant  |
| 10% | Anti-Crime/Drug/Prostitution  |
| 20% | Problem Finding / Finger Pointing                                     |
| 4%  | Anti-Xenophobia/Violence, Anti-Crime/Drug/Prostitution, Pro Immigrant |
| 24% | Anti - White / Colonial   |

# Build Up: 01 Jan to 20 February 2017

SABC's Morning Live covered a story regarding the South African Department of Home Affairs behaving corruptly on behalf of foreigners.

As the march becomes more publically known, an anti-xenophobia narrative begins to emerge. This grows in the coming week (yellow). Noteworthy is the sudden increase in anti-colonial rhetoric (black).

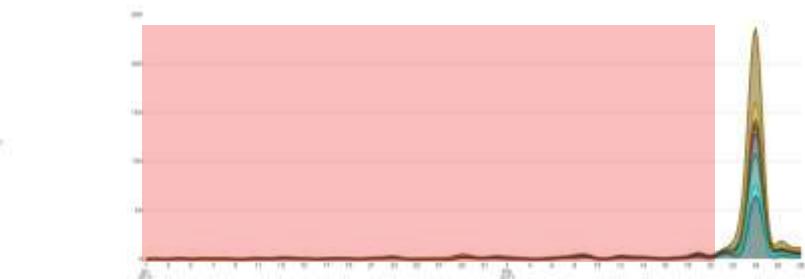


**KENYAA**  
@Stephanie\_Mzane

Also, closet xenophobes we see you. ••  
Those who attack racist bigots but are out here telling black African foreigners to go back home.  
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RETWEETS 31 LIKES 14

10:34 PM - 21 Jan 2017

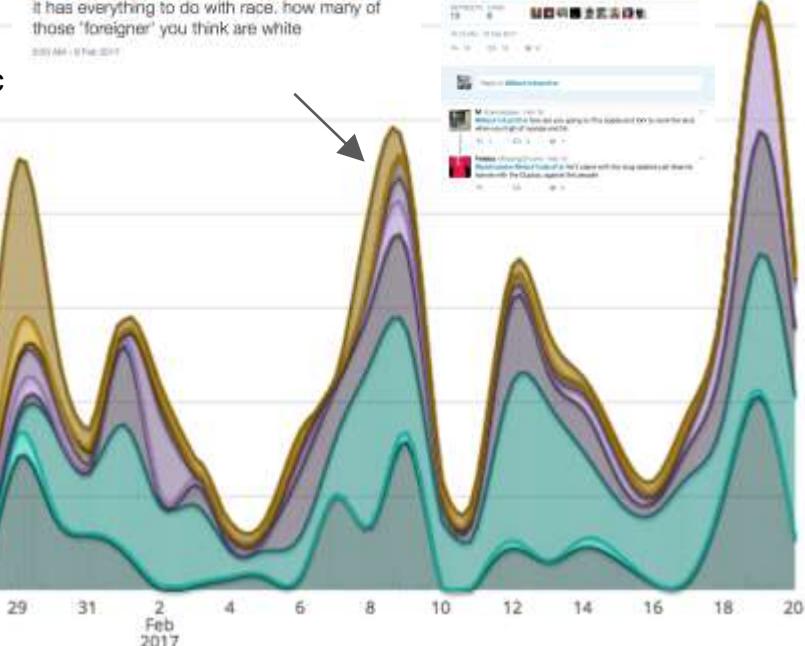


**Felix Mzane** @FelixMzane  
This is nothing to do with color or nationality. #HermanMasheba is doing an excellent job. @CityofJoburgZA @MashebaMasheba

**Hughm Viegond** @Hughm\_Leg  
#MashebaAction  
This is from the same guy that made black like me, so people from am, Congo, etc aren't black like you? #SAcolonial

**Hughm Viegond** @Hughm\_Leg  
@Rowza @HermanMasheba @CityofJoburgZA  
It has everything to do with race, how many of those 'foreigner' you think are white

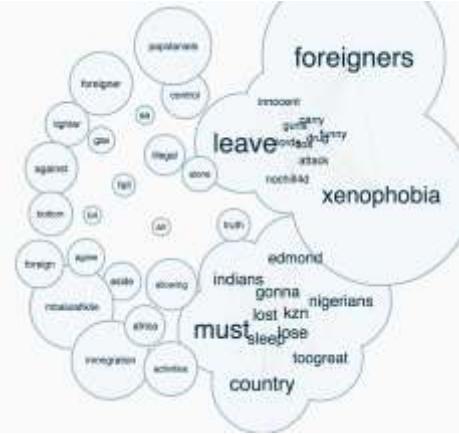
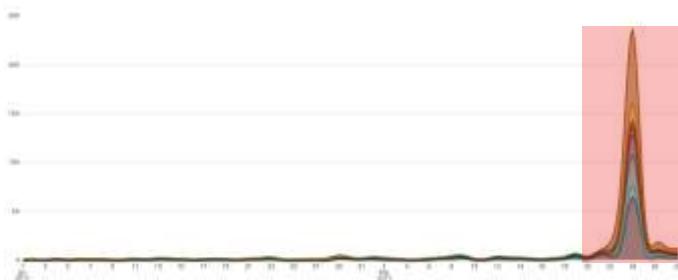
**Rowza** @HermanMasheba @CityofJoburgZA  
We declare war on drugs and Afrophobia by lighting Imperialism and taking back the land #HermanViegond #HazeAfrophobia #FuturaArrivesAtBlacks



## Anti-xenophobic themes



@eNCA South Africa is overcrowded. Foreigners must leave our country. Every corner you go is a foreigner. Ryanya go hlabu ke fresh-air.  
6:17 PM - 23 Feb 2017 · South Africa



 Katsow\_Nyathi ← @Takaitso\_Nyathi  
@Nyithi\_Antelope you don't know that

 Lethokuhle\_Otherwise  
©Ninth Andante

•@Takatsokatsow i hav friends that buy coke from these foreigners you're defending. How many more lives b4 you realise that they must leave  
2:11 PM - 23 Feb 2017

# Examples of Xenophobic Influencers - Provocateurs



**Congoese Traveller**  
@MaliyaMuhande

Where are the influencers? huh? The 24.02 is in 2 days, my passport number is the reason I might be burnt alive, say something!!  
**#Xenophobia**

RETWEETS 17 LIKES 21



1:00 PM - 22 Feb 2017

- Son of Azania @AzaniaResimathe · Feb 23  
@MaliyaMuhande go home
  - H. B. K. @\_Wammy · Feb 23  
@AzaniaResimathe @MaliyaMuhande this is a joke right!
  - Son of Azania @AzaniaResimathe · Feb 23  
@\_Wammy @MaliyaMuhande its Not Go home
  - H. B. K. @\_Wammy · Feb 23  
@AzaniaResimathe @MaliyaMuhande sure I finish work at 6.
  - Son of Azania @AzaniaResimathe · Feb 23  
 @\_Wammy @MaliyaMuhande Home kewerekwere
  - H. B. K. @\_Wammy · Feb 23  
@AzaniaResimathe @MaliyaMuhande hahaha that's my home though. A home is your place of residence right?
  - Son of Azania @AzaniaResimathe · Feb 23  
 @\_Wammy @MaliyaMuhande OK wait you be dealt with We tired



[@AzaniaResimathe](#)

▼ Student Journalist [@Official\\_TUT](#) Former TUT live@12 Technical producer,TUT live@12 Africa News Reader and a foot soldier [@EffsouthAfrica](#)  
Location: soshanguve



**QueenZion 101** @QueenZion101  
@MmusaMaimane What's the DA doing to stop xenophobia in Pretoria West? We are tired of living in fear? We've had enough...

**Son of Azania**  
@AzaniaResimathe

@QueenZion101 @MmusaMaimane Go home IG you tired kwerekwere  
10:43 AM - 20 Feb 2017

**Gotterdammerung™** @BS\_Intolerant  
@AzaniaResimathe why would Europe be of interest? My forefathers were here before yours

**Son of Azania**  
@AzaniaResimathe

@BS\_Intolerant you crazy your forefathers are foreigner's 2 Africa from cape to Cairo belongs to us  
10:39 PM - 30 Jan 2017

**QueenZion 101** @QueenZion101  
@AzaniaResimathe So ugly like what comes out your mouth..." Your father is a kwere kwere. Look at yourself.

**Son of Azania**  
@AzaniaResimathe

@QueenZion101 no ways I don't have blood of kwerekwere  
11:38 PM - 24 Feb 2017

# Examples of Xenophobic Influencers - Provocateurs

## Retweets by @AzaniaResimathe

 Alien  
@SAalienate

All African foreigners must be driven out of #SouthAfrica. Go back to Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Malawi,... #criminals timeslive.co.za/politics/2017/...

12:12 PM - 21 Feb 2017

4 1 9



 Thami Mthimkhulu  
@PremiumHeadwear



PretoriaWest if it's Xenophobic 2 rd our country of Nigerian scum who engage our kids in drugs I urge all SA's 2 be extremely xenophobic!

2:38 PM - 19 Feb 2017

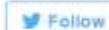
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 Sibongakonke  
@u\_Sbonga

This bloody foreigners are too comfortable in our country, thy sell drugs as thy please #Rosettenville

1:12 PM - 12 Feb 2017

4 4 16



 Khalixx\_76😊  
@Khalixx76

If you are a South African and defending these drug dealers you might as well pack your bags uhambe nabo #Xenophobia

3:01 PM - 23 Feb 2017

4 10 31



 I'll be honest  
@MOHALE94



It would be nice to have a wall between us and Zimbabwe #Xenophobia

3:00 PM - 23 Feb 2017

4 1 1



 James Sethoga  
@jamessethoga

Police protecting illegal immigrants with the aim of increasing bribery price thots @MYANC gvmt for you #Foreignermarch No #Xenophobia

12:02 PM - 24 Feb 2017

4 3 4

 Rachel  
@Xquisite\_Ray

Go to sunnyside at night and you will be scared to send your kid to Pretoria to study. It's not safe. Blame SAPS. #Xenophobia

8:37 AM - 24 Feb 2017

4 3 1



 TheBlackProtector  
 @\_BlackProtector



When are you gonna take action against the white people who have your land&your dignity? Cowards who are afraid of the white man #Xenophobia

8:43 AM - 24 Feb 2017

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#Ed #TooGreat #LFC @Edmond\_TooGreat · In we talking about illegal immigrants that commit crime aren't we? #xenophobia

Edmond King @ Edmond\_TooGreat · @Edmond\_TooGreat Base on your observation are u saying all Nigerians in SA r criminals?

#Ed #TooGreat #LFC @Edmond\_TooGreat · that's all we saying - and those are the ones committing these crimes

Masepa Motse @ MasepaMotse · #Xenophobia Legal immigrants must fall

#Ed #TooGreat #LFC Retweeted evans\_Orms @ evans\_Orms · We cannot allow our youth 2 be turned into junkies n pimpled by nigerians haava better we sent them back to Buhari #Xenophobia

#Ed #TooGreat #LFC Retweeted simply TheRealOne @Real\_Theo · Houses of SAns drug dealers were also burnt in eilds and other places. But I guess that's not important #Xenophobia

#Ed #TooGreat #LFC Retweeted infana ka kome @infanakome1980 · #Xenophobia if Nigerian government only knows that 800 000 of its citizens are in SA while Sunnyside alone contains 1m of then then idk

#Ed #TooGreat #LFC Retweeted SpaceMan sa Bra Biza @slamigates · Nigerians are the cause of drug problems and prostitution in SA sorry but give us a break.... #Xenophobia

#Ed #TooGreat #LFC Retweeted Don @donmuya · @Mahlare\_Les @Edmond\_TooGreat the issue here is crime committed by illegals. No one said SAns r innocent. Get the illegals out

#Ed #TooGreat #LFC  
@Edmond\_TooGreat



Johannesburg  
South Africa

Klout Score: 41.  
TWEETS 16.3K  
FOLLOWING 3,161  
FOLLOWERS 2,911

If u in my house u are obliged to respect me -- ever heard these Nigerian men talk about SA men ?? abas'boni #Xenophobia

#Ed #TooGreat #LFC Retweeted we already lost KZN to the Indians - if we sleep we gonna lose the country to Nigerians ... they must leave #Xenophobia

#Ed #TooGreat #LFC Retweeted I don't promote killing or violence against these people (Nigerians) - but they must go - they've done enough damage #Xenophobia

#Ed #TooGreat #LFC Retweeted Nigerians in SA kill south Africans everyday - they steal from south Africans everyday . fraud, drugs, prostitution #Xenophobia

#Ed #TooGreat #LFC Retweeted with your question, is that u assuming I don't contribute anything to SA ?? be careful

#X Attorney-at-Law @xattorneyatlaw @Edmond\_TooGreat Who is "ME" - what do you actually contribute to SA, stop gossiping and see what you actually live and contribute

#Ed #TooGreat #LFC Retweeted a judgment and an observation are two different things my brother

Edmond King @Edmond\_TooGreat @Edmond\_TooGreat as Gipso Game. Dont judge be the nation

#Ed #TooGreat #LFC Retweeted and we must keep such people in our house ? ngeke skhone - ringasikoni

Are Shes really? @Desiree0114 @Edmond\_TooGreat Yes. They say we they will box each other. Dm me

# Examples of Xenophobic Influencers - Provocateurs

**Alphology** @JabulaniNzilane 2h  
There's something wrong with Nigerians, even their neighbour Cameroon don't want them & they attacked MTN offices in retaliation #Xenophobia

**#Johustleburg** @ns\_bethule 1h  
@JabulaniNzilane How do you know Cameroons dont want them, are you from Cameroon?

**Alphology** @JabulaniNzilane

**@ns\_bethule** Voertsek jou laastig foreigner, you must watch and read the news b4 you want to let your stench smell over the place, you shit.

**Alphology** @JabulaniNzilane 8:42 AM - 23 Feb 2017  
**#Xenophobia** Common sense must apply here, Cameroon which is Nigeria's neighbour refuses to take Assylum seekers from the latter.

**salome madiba** @MadibaZ 2 Feb 12  
#Rosettenville we not safe in our own CBD's. They turn young SA's into prostitutes and treat their own like queens. I fear for my lil girl!!

**Alphology** @JabulaniNzilane

1/2 **@madibaz** Problem of foreigners wreaking havoc in our country is because companies such as MTN, Shoprite/Checkers etc. Are making money

RETWEETS 3 LIKES 1

Alphology  
@JabulaniNzilane



Africa

Klout Score: 50.  
TWEETS 13.4K  
FOLLOWING 2,224  
FOLLOWERS 2,398

**Alphology** @JabulaniNzilane

**#Xenophobia** became issue when foreigners disrespected our laws. South Africans in other African countries don't break those countries laws.

1:37 AM - 23 Feb 2017

**Alphology** @JabulaniNzilane

Pro-immigrants South Africans probably live in glasshouses suburbs. Just go in2 townships & prisons you'll understand why people are fed up.

2:02 AM - 23 Feb 2017

**esther** @adwest\_ 7h  
if SA wants foreigners out of their country, they better get ready to welcome back all South African foreigners too. #Xenophobia

**Alphology** @JabulaniNzilane 7h  
@ns\_bethule\_ Nobody asked them to go out of their country, they made that choice. So don't make it sound as if we care.

**esther** @adwest\_ 8h  
@JabulaniNzilane well if you're anti-immigrants you better be prepared for other countries to do the same. Whether you like it not. 😂😂

**Alphology** @JabulaniNzilane

**@adwest\_** To me you sound like an illegal foreigner who hates South Africans. Your tweet to me has a hidden hatred for South Africans.

1:44 AM - 23 Feb 2017

**esther** @adwest\_ 8h  
@JabulaniNzilane and you sound like a xenophobic fuck. I love Africans and would be for Africans to come instead of being anti-immigrants

**Alphology** @JabulaniNzilane

**@adwest\_** Do you think I care? South Africans in foreign countries respect those countries laws. Foreigner fill South African prisons. Why?

1:41 AM - 23 Feb 2017

**esther** @adwest\_ 8h  
@JabulaniNzilane id talk again. 😂😂 South Africans fill South African prisons. Get your facts straight before tweeting shit. 😂😂

**Alphology** @JabulaniNzilane 8h  
@adwest\_ I don't see a reason why you should insult me. You commented piece of shit that won't come out. You know nothing about prisons.

# Examples of Xenophobic Influencers - Provocateurs

Nhlanhla Mashego @THATnhlanhla · Feb 19  
**@GwenWildcherry** poverty plus our lazy government =xenophobia..it wont change unless south africans r working,happy,safe & a decrease in crime

Gwendolyn @GwenWildcherry · Feb 19  
**@THATnhlanhla** poverty is no excuse for xenophobia,so Africans in very poor regions can go about killing other Africans because of poverty?

Nhlanhla Mashego @THATnhlanhla · Feb 19  
**@GwenWildcherry** right im not seeing any xenophobia but burning of brothels and drug Dens.hope u get the picture.

Gwendolyn @GwenWildcherry · Feb 19  
**@THATnhlanhla** I see xenophobia,when Zambians and other nationals were being killed,what was the excuse then?

Nhlanhla Mashego @THATnhlanhla · Feb 19  
**@GwenWildcherry** company's exploiting foreigners for cheap labour over fair wages that SAans want..

Gwendolyn @GwenWildcherry · Feb 19  
**@THATnhlanhla** take your protest to your govt,xenophobia shouldn't be rationalized,doesn't look good on anyone.

Nhlanhla Mashego @THATnhlanhla · Feb 19  
**@GwenWildcherry** has our government actually listened to us b4?

**Nhlanhla Mashego  
@THATnhlanhla**



Johannesburg  
South Africa

Klout Score: 41.

TWEETS  
FOLLOWING  
FOLLOWERS

Yoooooohhhh...its a ticking time bomb #Xenophobia  
<https://t.co/3QSUJmvafw>

— Nhlanhla Mashego (@THATnhlanhla) Feb 23, 2017

RT @LeoGreeff1 @HermanMashaba Since when is anti crime attitude = xenophobic?

— Nhlanhla Mashego (@THATnhlanhla) Feb 22, 2017

RT @Thobile19548000 These scumbags must go we cant b condoning crime if crime is xenophobic then its fine let it b enough is enough Amandla SA #PretoriaWest

— Nhlanhla Mashego (@THATnhlanhla) Feb 19, 2017

@\_D\_EYE i dnt...our country is run by criminals. Im not xenophobic by the way..i just hate that our country is falling appart while we watch

— Nhlanhla Mashego (@THATnhlanhla) Feb 22, 2017

RT @crauki1 How can this be xenophobic, its against drugs and prostitution! Majority yes is Nigerian but lets clean all offenders! #PretoriaWest

— Nhlanhla Mashego (@THATnhlanhla) Feb 19, 2017

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[@imanrappetti](#) #Rosetenville, Wen Ike  
Condemns illegal Immigrants 4 their illegal  
activities in our cities,u condemn him n call hm  
Xenophobic!

11:35 PM - 5 Feb 2017

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Thulz  
@Thulzkhumz



Midrand  
South Africa  
Klout Score: 32.  
TWEETS 608  
FOLLOWING 92  
FOLLOWERS 31



[@ThabisoTema](#) TT Nothing Xenophobic bout  
Concerned Residents of PTA Marching against  
the Corrupt illegal Dealings conducted by  
Foreigners !

5:14 AM - 21 Feb 2017

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Thulz  
@Thulzkhumz

[@ThabisoTema](#) Great Interview with Makuka  
100% Support for Tswane Residents...TT Do ur  
Research before calling people Xenophobic !

5:27 AM - 21 Feb 2017

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[@imanrappetti](#) 100% Support for Mamelodi  
March...Our People are fedup with illegal  
Immigrants. Forget, Authorities are Captured  
by Criminals

11:40 PM - 21 Feb 2017

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 Alien @SAalienate · Feb 21  
All African foreigners must be driven out of #SouthAfrica. Go back to Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Malawi,... #criminals timeslive.co.za/politics/2017/...  
  
4 8 9

 Richard Larkins @richardl2103  
  
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@SAalienate I agree, I said all along it is the foreigners especially the Zimbos causing the race hatred. They forgot xenophobia too quick  
  
4:56 AM · 21 Feb 2017

 South Africa Today @SATodayNews · Feb 21  
Blacks in South Africa fed up with foreign blacks | South Africa Today via @SATodayNews  
  
  
Blacks in South Africa fed up with foreign blacks | South Africa Today  
Violence erupted in Pretoria West after residents stripped and set alight three houses belonging to foreigners. Nigerians and Zimbabwes are being accused of arson.  
  
4 11 11

 Richard Larkins @richardl2103  
  
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@SATodayNews @Franco\_Zini83 fantastic get them outta here they forgot xenophobia way too quickly the time has come. They cause racial hatred  
  
2 2 9

Richard Larkins  
@richardl2103



Johannesburg  
South Africa  
Klout Score: 33.  
TWEETS 2,946  
FOLLOWING 49  
FOLLOWERS 54

 Miesies Malema ;-( @Franco\_Zini83 · Feb 21  
@richardl2103 @SATodayNews If all the immigrants leave RSA our unemployment will be ZERO  
  
4 3 1

 Richard Larkins @richardl2103  
  
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@Franco\_Zini83 @SATodayNews yes and we will actually get along like before  
  
1 5:24 AM · 21 Feb 2017  
4 1 1

 Reply to @richardl2103 @Franco\_Zini83 @SATodayNews  
  
 Tony Robbertse @TonyRobbertse · Feb 21  
@richardl2103 @Franco\_Zini83 @SATodayNews it will take very long before that happens because the ANC lies to them too much happened  
  
4 1 1

 Richard Larkins Retweeted  
Justice4All @Unathi\_Kwaza · Feb 21  
@Julius\_S\_Malema @ShadrackSithole2 they must also respect laws of the land. Why should communities be held to ransom by thugs?  
  
6 10 43

 Richard Larkins Retweeted  
FairComment @Rabbitstuffing · Feb 21  
@Julius\_S\_Malema if they are illegal and criminal can we fight them  
  
1 5

 Richard Larkins Retweeted  
Alien @SAalienate · Feb 21  
All African foreigners must be driven out of #SouthAfrica. Go back to Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Malawi,... #criminals timeslive.co.za/politics/2017/...  
  
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# Examples of Xenophobic Influencers - Provocateurs

 **Nkosikhona** @nkosikhona950

**#Xenophobia** The public is fighting crime now it's been disguised as xenophobia Nigerians must behave they will not mess our country up never

LIKES 2

1:26 AM - 23 Feb 2017

 **Nkosikhona** @nkosikhona950

**#Xenophobia** They 1st came here as our African brothers with drugs & ideas 2 defame our sisters what type of a brother does that

RETWEET 1

1:34 AM - 23 Feb 2017

 **Nkosikhona** @nkosikhona950

**#Xenophobia** Hillbrow has become unsafe for south African citizens because Nigerians want 2 make us feel step children in our own country

RETWEETS 3 LIKES 5

1:37 AM - 23 Feb 2017

 **Nkosikhona** @nkosikhona950

Pretoria  
South Africa  
Klout Score: 41.  
TWEETS 63  
FOLLOWING 137  
FOLLOWERS 152

 **Nkosikhona** @nkosikhona950

**#Xenophobia** Thank you Malusi for highlighting that Nigerians are not victims here as they also have killed & destroyed many South Africans

REPOST 1

9:55 AM - 23 Feb 2017

 **Nkosikhona** @nkosikhona950

**#Xenophobia** he said "should we be counting how many South Africans were killed by Nigerians here in South Africa"

 **Nkosikhona** @nkosikhona950

**#Xenophobia** he also said Nigerian government should stop finger pointing

 **Nkosikhona** @nkosikhona950

**#Xenophobia** People are tired of foreign drug lords who do not respect our country & people These are not xenophobic attacks

RETWEET 1 LIKES 2

1:34 AM - 23 Feb 2017

 **Tendai Brian Kampai** @t\_b\_kampai

@nkosikhona950 does this mean that the people are happy with local drug lords then?

 **Christa** @christa\_mz

@nkosikhona950 so local drug lords are OK? Once there's the word 'foreign' though it's implied. Can't just be an anti-drug campaign?

 **Nkosikhona** @nkosikhona950

These instances where South Africans look to the effects in in a fight against their own in the townships

# Examples of Xenophobic Influencers - Provocateurs

Adam  
@AdamJustTrollin



Cape Town  
South Africa  
Klout Score: -. TWEETS 196  
FOLLOWING 115 FOLLOWERS 19

Tafadzwa@ndiTafadzwa · 5h  
Where are the influencers? 24.02 is 2moro, my passport number is the reason I might be burnt alive, say something!! #Xenophobia

Adam  
@AdamJustTrollin

@ndiTafadzwa TSEK!

3:01 AM - 23 Feb 2017

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Adam  
@AdamJustTrollin

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No, we are not all one! We already have too many foreigners here! Taking away the jobs from our people, these people must leave

Julius Sello Malema@Julius\_S\_Malema  
All fighters must protect our African Brothers&Sisters against any xenophobic attack,Africa we are one. Fight crime not our Fellow Africans

10:53 PM - 21 Feb 2017

Adam  
@AdamJustTrollin

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i support #Xenophobia, take back our country and our jobs! they must FUCK OFF

2:47 AM - 23 Feb 2017

RT @dambudzo80 Our memories are still fresh with the grisly murder of #Xenophobia victim Ernesto Nhamuave. #BlackLivesMatter <https://t.co/Gi4DI7xCJU>

— Adam (@AdamJustTrollin) Feb 23, 2017

# Examples of Influencers - Anti-White/Colonialism



[TheBlackProtector](#)  
 @\_BlackProtector

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Our enemy is& has always been white supremacy and we need to destroy it. Our African brothers&sisters are NOT our enemies, EVER! #Xenophobia

RETWEET 1 LIKES 3

10:44 PM - 23 Feb 2017



[TheBlackProtector](#)  
 @\_BlackProtector

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This is WHY they do not want a decolonised curriculum so that Black people can always be confused about WHO the enemy is.  
#Xenophobia

RETWEET 1 LIKES 1

11:09 PM - 23 Feb 2017



[TheBlackProtector](#)  
 @\_BlackProtector

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"Black people have common pain but lack common purpose for slavery,colonialism&apartheid eroded the bonds that bind us" #Xenophobia

RETWEETS 3 LIKES 1

4:19 AM - 23 Feb 2017



@\_BlackProtector  
Protecting black people and black interests in a country fully committed to serving white interests. [#blackpower](#) [#blacklove](#) [#AfricanRevolution](#)  
Azania



[TheBlackProtector](#)  
 @\_BlackProtector

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Peep hw when thr is somethin that makes us focus on whites(banks collusion, when we destroyed colonial statues) there will be #Xenophobia

8:45 AM - 24 Feb 2017



[TheBlackProtector](#)  
 @\_BlackProtector

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#YouAreNotBlackEnough if you regard our African brothers&sisters as ur enemies. Peace amongst blacks, war to the enemy. Umhlaba #xenophobia

LIKE 1

8:26 AM - 24 Feb 2017



[TheBlackProtector](#)  
 @\_BlackProtector

Follow

South Africans u cowards,Europeans hv been in ur land4 300+ years&have taken away everything that matters incl. ur dignity  
#Xenophobia

LIKE 1

10:42 PM - 23 Feb 2017

## Example Influencers - Anti-White/Colonialism



TheBlackProtector

@\_BlackProtector

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Black South Africans must stop being afraid of the real enemy, which is Europeans who stole their land. Stop scapegoating #Xenophobia

LIKES:  
2



4:16 AM - 23 Feb 2017



TheBlackProtector

@\_BlackProtector

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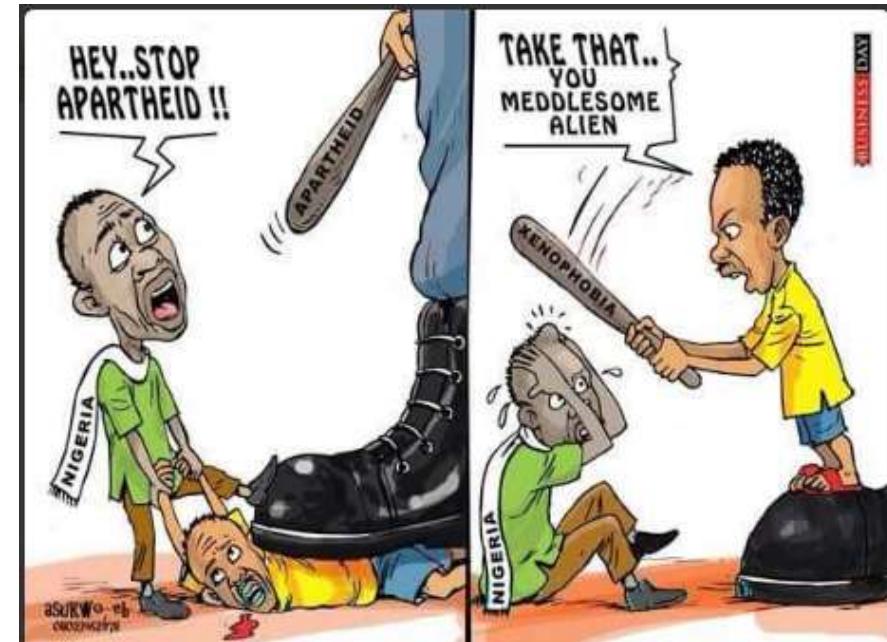
When are you gonna take action against the white people who have your land&your dignity? Cowards who are afraid of the white man #Xenophobia

RETWEETS:  
63

LIKES:  
76



10:43 PM - 23 Feb 2017



TheBlackProtector @\_BlackProtector · 14h

#Xenophobia pic.twitter.com/QaDAIBTP9e



TheBlackProtector

@\_BlackProtector

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The same people who control legal drugs also control illegal drugs. Don't be fooled #Xenophobia

9:04 AM - 24 Feb 2017



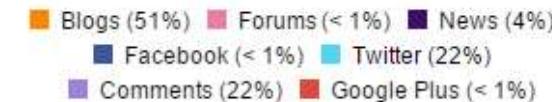
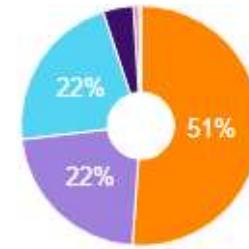


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Anatomy of an Incident  
January 2017

January 2017 sees a total of 32 403 Relevant Posts (a 245% increase on December).



# January 2017: Sample Data

@IrvinJimSA Kwaaaaa, I'm an ethical capitalist! Your biggest enemy coming for your throat is 9-11 million unemployed SAN's & makwerekwere

— OnlineBiz\_Siyakhula (@Siyakhula) Jan 7, 2017



@Siyakhula

Majority muslim illegal immigrants must be riddled in Sexually Transmitted Diseases, fornicating in brutal group sex <https://t.co/NDQRSpPeFV>

— OnlineBiz\_Siyakhula (@Siyakhula) Jan 23, 2017

@FortuneMagazine @franchisingSA Will District9 makwerekwere 'The Prawns' resort to using drones to deliver their drugs to debilitate SAN's

— OnlineBiz\_Siyakhula (@Siyakhula) Jan 10, 2017

@PamelaGeller in S/Africa SA'n citizens are suppressed for xenophobia & #WeAreANC give Rmills to jihadists to expand <https://t.co/TdcIifi1Xh>

— OnlineBiz\_Siyakhula (@Siyakhula) Jan 3, 2017

Last chance for Zulus to thrust forward raping & plundering southwards to S tip of Africa with jihadi makwerekwere <https://t.co/ePIKliqnes>

— OnlineBiz\_Siyakhula (@Siyakhula) Jan 9, 2017

@AMDWaters Do you think South Africans will necklace BDS @MuhammedDesai in the next outbreak of so called "xenophobia"? @Kenjohn50n @MetroUK

— OnlineBiz\_Siyakhula (@Siyakhula) Jan 13, 2017



TweetGuru  
@JustOne\_

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#ThingsWeDontNeedIn2017 Hating on foreigners who are trying to make a living in your country by creating jobs for other people

RETWEETS  
291

LIKES  
469



Bob Swagger  
@Lambo\_Th

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The same SACNs whiling about Trump's immigration ban are the same ones who say Foreigners must leave bcoz they bring crime.

Tag ur friends



RETWEETS  
193

LIKES  
65





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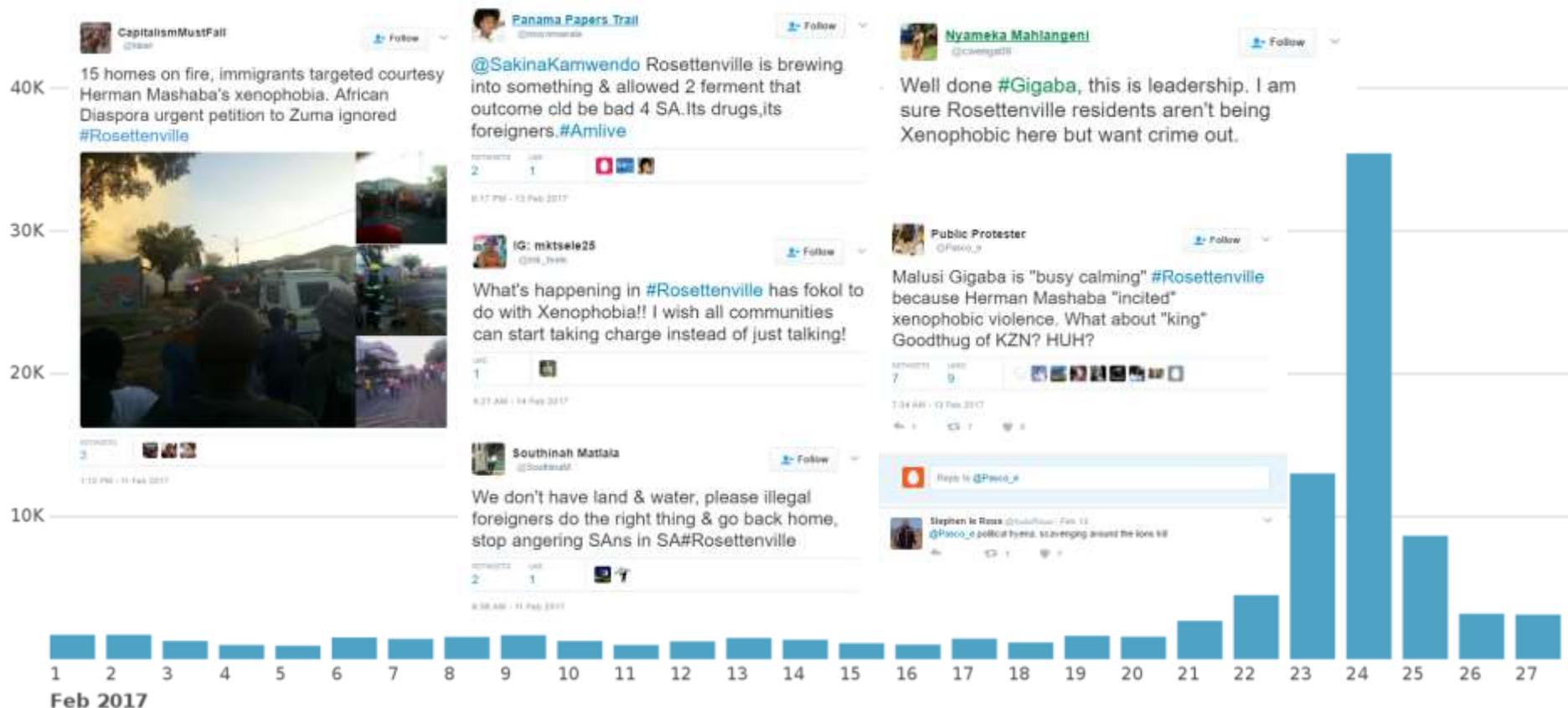
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Anatomy of an Incident  
February 2017



5 February - Rosettenville residents, along with Mamelodi Concerned Residents, marched to the Moffat View police station to submit a memorandum calling for action to be taken against Nigerians who they blamed for the proliferation of drugs and prostitution. Once back in Rosettenville, nearly five hundred people marched through the neighbourhood - escorted by the JMP - allegedly searching for drug dens, setting fire to three homes and one business.

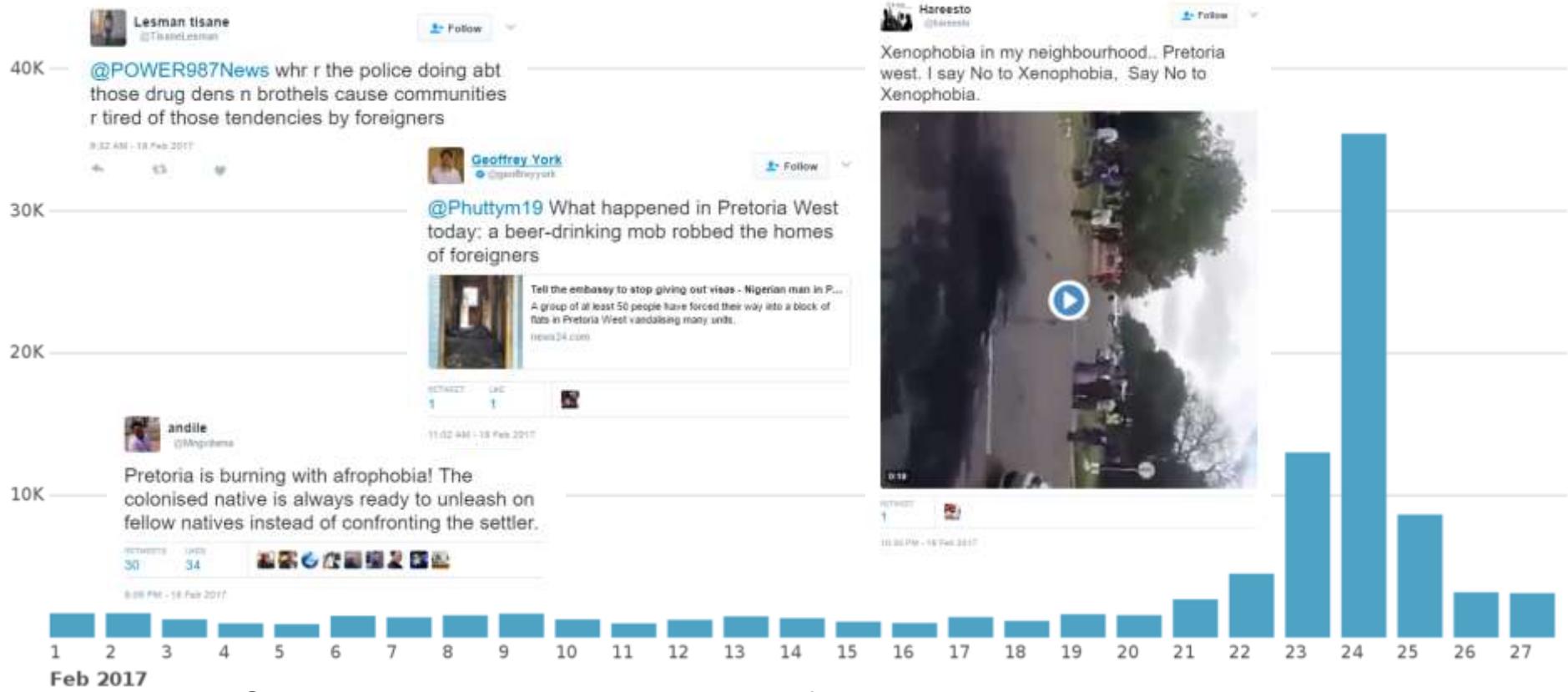
7 February - Mamelodi residents protested by blocking a road that leads to RDP houses in the Hatherley area, which they accuse foreign nationals of illegally occupying.



11 February - Rosettenville residents claimed Nigerians were behind criminal activity in the area and that police were taking bribes, were complicit in the crimes and were among the young sex workers' clients. Angry residents went on to set fire to 12 houses while searching for Nigerians in the area. During the violence, a mechanic from Malawi was beaten by a crowd accusing him of being a Nigerian drug-dealer. Next door, an Ethiopian-owned tuckshop was completely looted.

13 February - Malusi Gigaba and Sizakele Nkosi-Malobane visit Yeoville, Mayfair and Rosettenville to meet foreign nationals, inspect damaged buildings and hold a community meeting in Rosettenville.

# 18 to 19 February

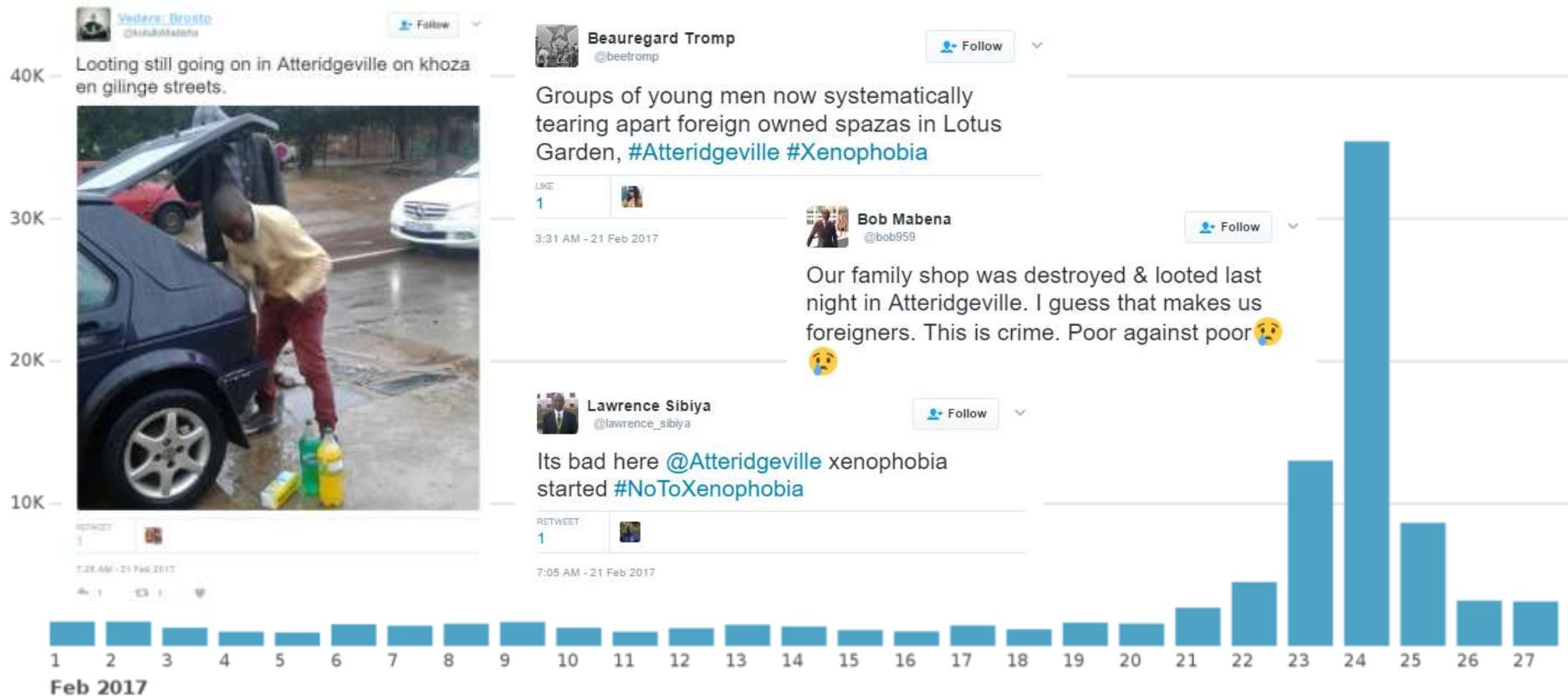


17 February - Gauteng police spokesperson Kay Makhubela reports that 18 Nigerians had been arrested since the 13th for crimes related to drug dealing and prostitution.

18 February - Residents of Pretoria West raided homes they alleged were being used as brothels and drug dens. At least two houses were set alight and several vehicles and homes were looted. In the afternoon, police fired rubber bullets at a group of about 300 South Africans.

19 February - the Reclaim Our Community movement states that many of the drug dens are being run by foreign nationals in Rosettenville.

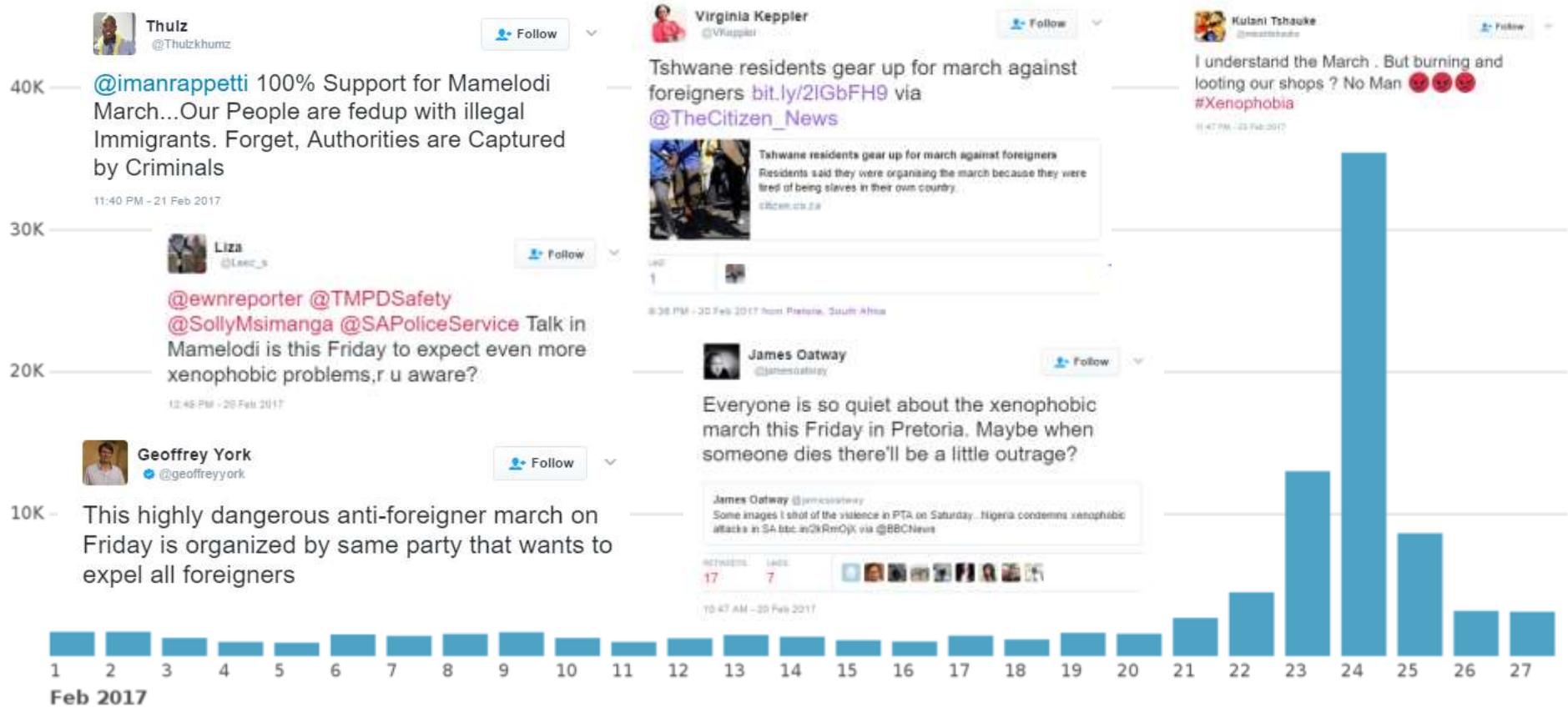
# 20 February



20 February - 30 shops were looted in Atteridgeville, Lotus Gardens and Mamelodi East. Occupants were assaulted by locals claiming the properties are being used as drug dens and brothels. The following day, authorities announced no arrests had been made

20 February - Atteridgeville Attacks escalated to Mamelodi East. It is not known how many homes and/or shops were looted or whether residents were assaulted during this incident. Foreigners who own spaza shops in Mamelodi locked up their businesses on 21 February.

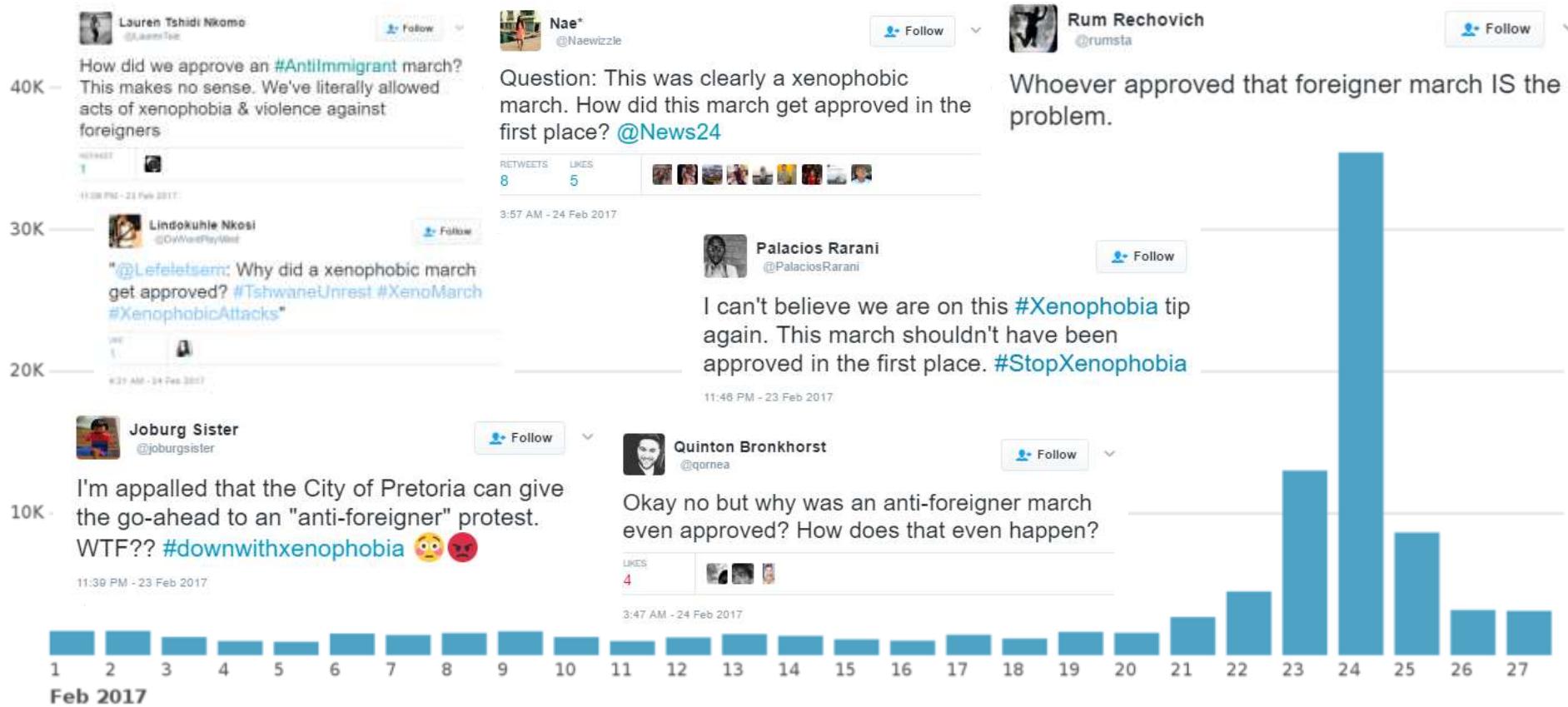
# 21 to 23 February



23 February - police announced they had arrested 42 people following the xenophobic attacks in Rosettenville. None of the arrests announced, however, were for violence or damage caused during the attacks. 14 people were arrested for possession of or dealing in drugs and 27 foreigners were arrested for lack of proper documentation



24 February - Atteridgeville residents blocked entrances to Atteridgeville with burning tyres. Protesters threw rocks, looted shops run by foreign nationals and were seen trying to enter flats where foreigners reside.



24 February - While events on the ground unfolded, South Africans were left in dismay as to what was “clearly a xenophobic march” acquired approval to demonstrate.

24 February - Residents raised concerns of poor police visibility in the area and described tense scenes on the ground, with protestors being ferried into the township by taxis and seen trying to enter a block of flats where foreigners reside



Nzinga of Ndongo  
@StellaWaAfrika

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I keep waiting for acceptance speeches condemning **#Xenophobia #ForeignerMarch** but nada. This is a perfect platform \*wipes forehead\* **#MMA16**

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11:28 AM - 25 Feb 2017 from Cape Town, South Africa

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@SPLAA\_

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**#MMA16** someone still talking bout xenophobia? that shit died yesterday

12:13 PM - 25 Feb 2017

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@Slu\_Q95

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No one has touched on the **#Xenophobic** attacks dt are taking place rn.this is d right platform.practice wt u preach on Twitter **#MMA16 #MMA17**



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@bohialeloloi

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By the way we have "forgotten" about illegal foreigners we r celebrating our greatness as country **#MMA16**

12:19 PM - 25 Feb 2017



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@zimkitha4

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It's not xenophobia South Africans are just tired of drug lords killing our kids **#MMA16**

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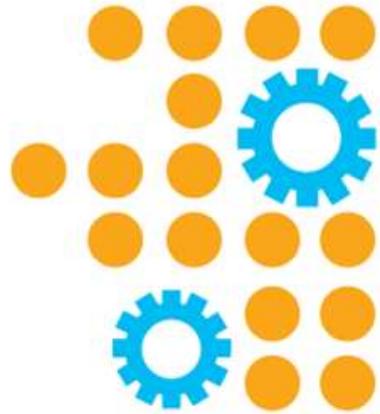


25 February - The Metro FM Music Awards (celebrating local artists) dominated social media and was woven into much of the xenophobia conversation. Opinions were varied on whether enough or too much was said regarding xenophobia. Themes from previous days - not xenophobic, just anti-drugs and prostitution - were still well represented, by volume, in the conversation.

26 to 27 February



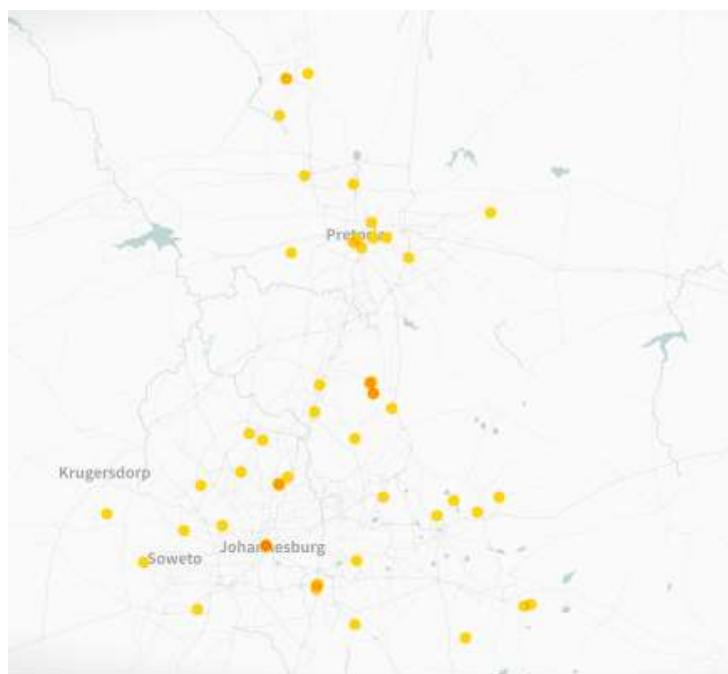
26 to 27 February - In the days following the march (allowing for a weekend) various politicians come forward stating their various positions (unanimously anti-xenophobic) for the record. The message from Mmusi Maimane (DA leader) received the most engagement followed by ANC minister Mbalula Fikile.



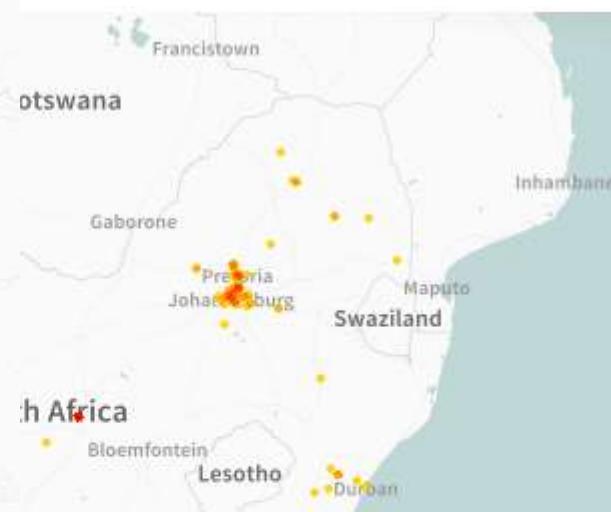
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Anatomy of an Incident  
**Geo Location, Topics, Daily Analysis**



Geolocation is possible at different depths - country level, cities and urban areas, or GPS location. To ensure high levels of accuracy, posts with unidentifiable locations are excluded at each step.



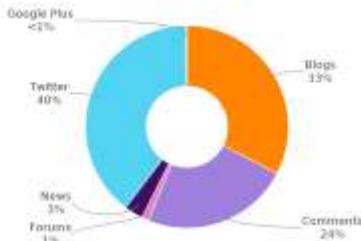
At the most fine grained level, we have been able to identify the exact GPS location of the authors of over 200 posts in February, at the time they were sent.

In comparison, we were able to identify the location of almost 25% of all posts down to city or urban area.

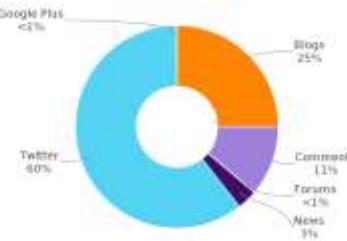


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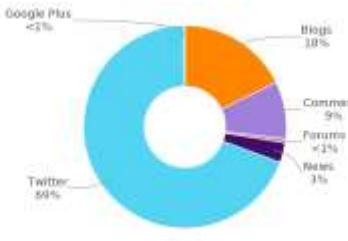
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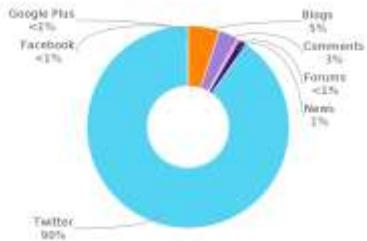
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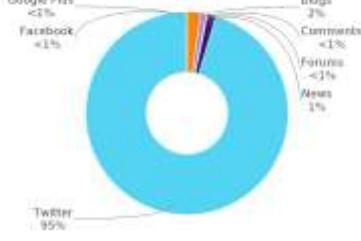
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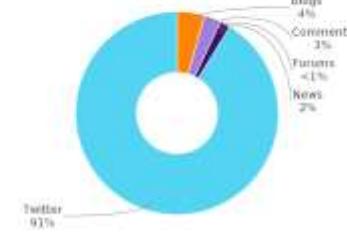
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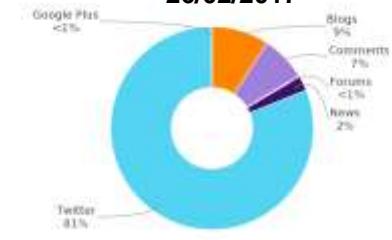
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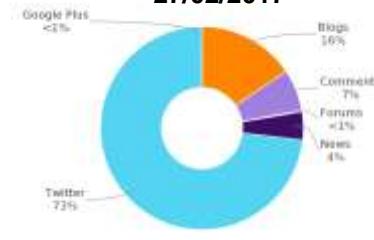
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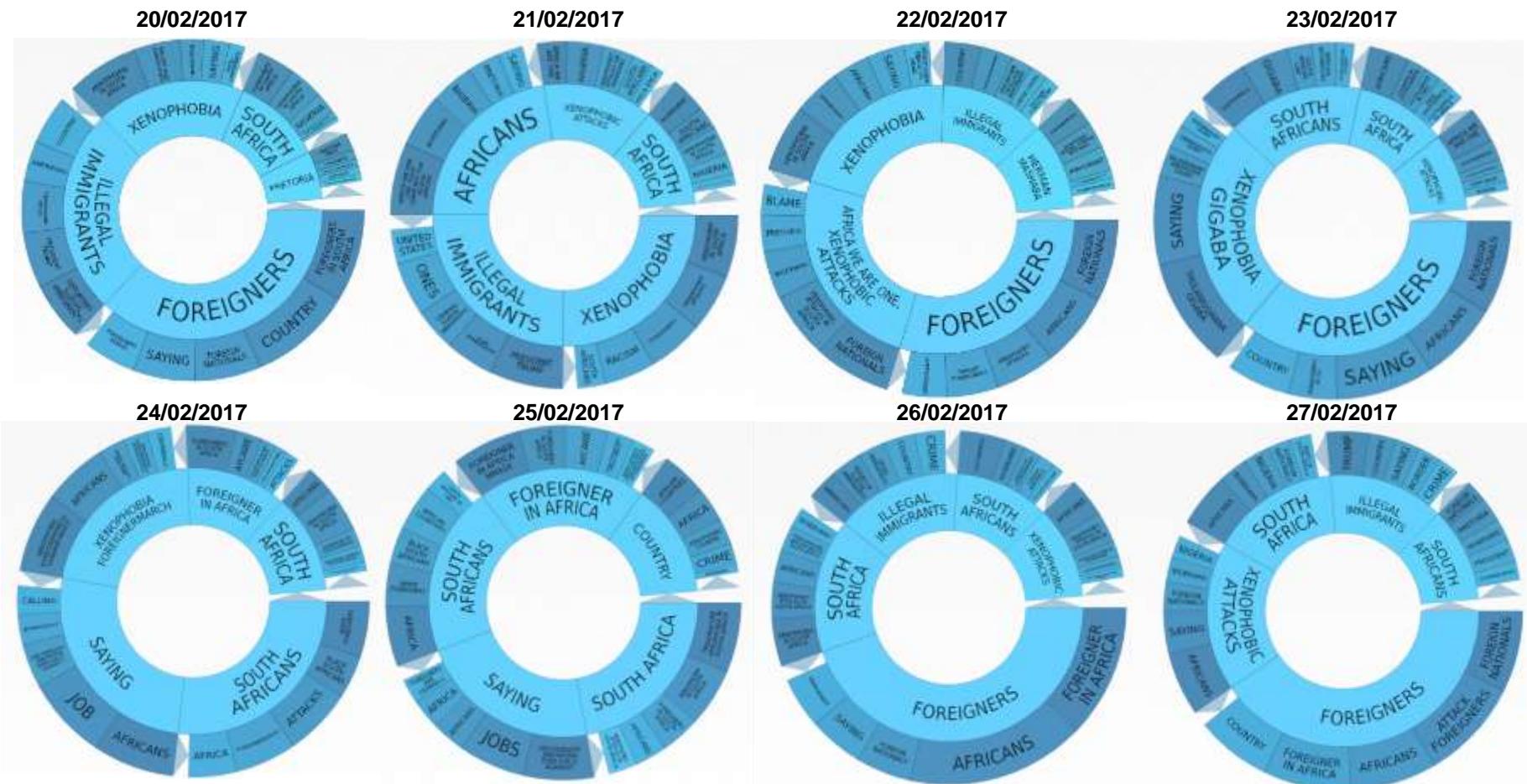
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Over the build up of the conversation it's interesting to note that the overall conversation taking place in forums, comments and news all started and ended fairly high - an indication of ongoing discussion on the topic.

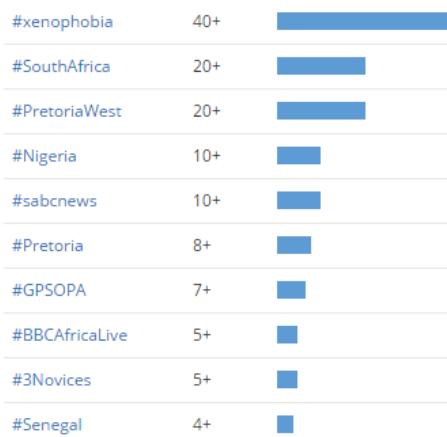
That said, during the high volume days, Twitter dwarfed all other sources occupying 95% of the online discussion on the 24th - as individuals mobilised for and against.

## Topics of Conversation - 20 to 27 February



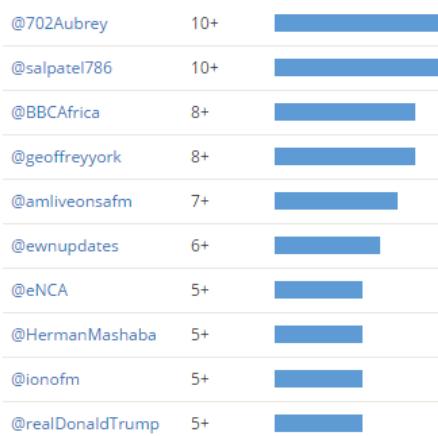
From the 20th, an interesting trend can be observed: initially the conversation was fairly balanced between ‘foreigners’ and ‘illegal immigrants’ but as the discussion progressed the conversation first focused on ‘illegal immigrants’ (21st) then moved to the dominant descriptor being ‘foreigners’ by the 22nd and 23rd. No longer was it about the illegal activity of the foreigners, but rather foreigners sans any distinction. On march day itself the conversation was a mix of those supporting the march, individuals witnessing violence, those standing against Xenophobia and those discussing the march itself (but not personally involved). Post march the ‘foreigner’ rhetoric resumed.

## Top Hashtags



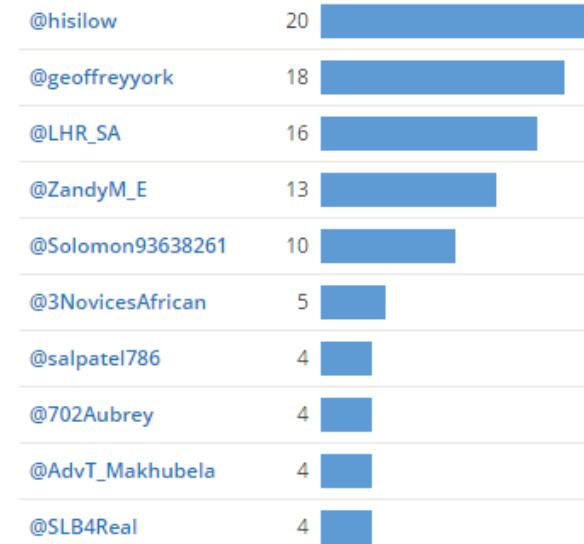
On the 20th February 2017, 1566 posts relating to xenophobia in South Africa were captured on Social Media. This volume amounts 5% more than the average daily conversation for February 2017 (of 1482 per day).

## Top Mentions

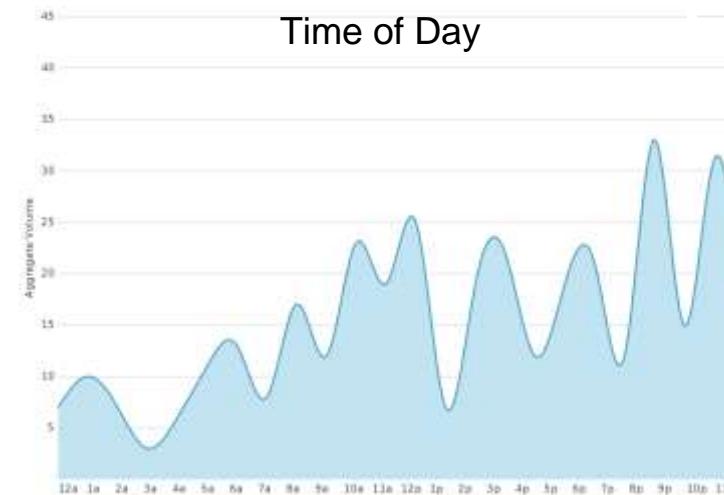


The largest portion of the conversation originated from Gauteng (70.62%) - 12% above typically percentage of South African online conversation originating from this region.

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# 20 February - Top Retweets



NomalangaSA

40+



Nothing I dislike more than the argument that we are all foreigners in South Africa. Black people are not foreigners anywhere in Africa.

Feb 19, 2017



Pontifex

10+



How often in the Bible the Lord asks us to welcome migrants and foreigners, reminding us that we too are foreigners!

Feb 18, 2017



Abramjee

10+



Unconfirmed reports of violence in Atteridgeville Pretoria. Foreigners apparently being targeted.

Feb 20, 2017



aliafrica

9+



Nigeria Demands AU Action Over Renewed South Africa Xenophobia: <https://t.co/d2OGOqNTly> #Nigeria <https://t.co/K46vY40mkr>

Feb 20, 2017



jamesoatway

9+



Everyone is so quiet about the xenophobic march this Friday in Pretoria. Maybe when someone dies there'll be a little outrage?

Feb 20, 2017



geoffreyyork

9+



With reports of more attacks on foreigners planned this week, Nigeria asks AU to intervene in South Africa <https://t.co/TAOHrjNoeA>

Feb 20, 2017



Pol\_Sec\_Analyst

9+



Anti-foreigner march planned in Pretoria for 24 Feb <https://t.co/4YqtJQlVe> <https://t.co/AxusiBwEod>

Feb 20, 2017



SenSanders

8+



We cannot allow ourselves to be divided by the anti-immigrant and xenophobic hysteria the Republican party has concocted.

Feb 19, 2017



ijeomaumebinyuo

7+



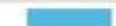
The mistake some make is waiting for foreigners to be interested in their culture before they show interest. Your culture isn't an aesthetic

Feb 20, 2017



Newsbreak\_Lotus

7+



Foreign nationals accuse South African government of failing to protect them Original post: OH | Retweets from 2017/02/20 09:01:00  
<https://t.co/salpatel786> #sabcnews <https://t.co/SX3Mavdb3a>

### Top Hashtags

#TshwaneLooting	90+	
#Xenophobia	90+	
#SouthAfrica	30+	
#sabcnews	10+	
#LHR	10+	
#xenophobic	10+	
#Pretoria	10+	
#PretoriaWest	10+	
#Nigeria	10+	
#Amlive	8+	

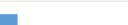
With an increase in conversation, day-to-day, of 71%, the 21st February saw 2678 xenophobia related conversations.

The top hashtags related to looting that took place in Tshwane.

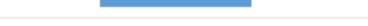
Notably, the conversation (unlike the 20th Feb) starts quickly in the morning but drops off quickly as no further attacks are noted.

The percentage of conversation from Gauteng (70.14%) was largely unchanged from the day before

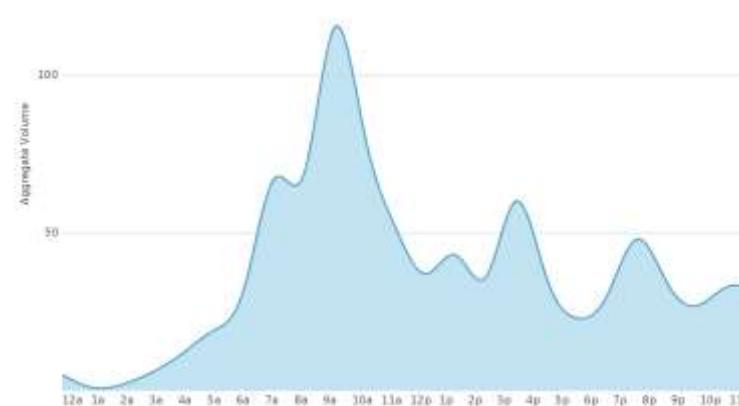
### Top Mentions

@702Aubrey	30+	
@enca	30+	
@HermanMashaba	10+	
@Radio702	10+	
@TimesLIVE	10+	
@Lulu_Gaboo	10+	
@SakinaKamwendo	10+	
@ThabisoTema	10+	
@The_New_Age	10+	
@_ijr_	10+	

### Most Prolific Authors

@702Aubrey	19	
@geoffreyork	18	
@tmurithi12	15	
@LHR_SA	13	
@hisilow	13	
@SAHRCCommission	12	
@IJR_	11	
@zwaphelé	11	
@WFlipa	11	
ondvest	10	

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# 21 February - Top Retweets

KatiehoMK 210+ A South African definition of "foreigners" is black people from other African countries

Feb 21, 2017 Julius\_S\_Malema 50+ All fighters must protect our African Brothers&Sisters against any xenophobic attack,Africa we are one, Fight crime not our Fellow Africans

Feb 21, 2017 Yung\_TheoLogySA 30+ Which is fucked up mentality, USA,UK,China etc people settling in our shores aren't foreigners? Ignorance at it's best.

Feb 21, 2017 eNCA 20+ eNCA | Nigeria calls on the AU to intervene in SA xenophobic attacks <https://t.co/h27GkMhSDI> <https://t.co/x4cy841WC9>

Feb 21, 2017 AJEnglish 20+ Nigerian community in South Africa calls for protection after reports of renewed 'xenophobic' violence <https://t.co/kKxmhdjEp1>

Feb 21, 2017

ThaboMaru 10+ Until we address the deep causes of these attacks n stop screaming xenophobia! then move on, things like #TshwaneLooting will happen again.

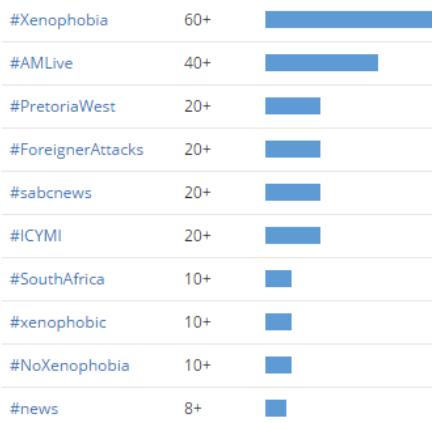
 Feb 21, 2017 City\_Press 10+ Xenophobia: A war of the poor against the poor <https://t.co/LKCtj4C8La> <https://t.co/1aQqUcyPPq>

 Feb 21, 2017 ejaz\_k 10+ BREAKING [IN] NEWS #TshwaneLooting This thing of getting jealous of foreigners who work very hard & then stealing their stock must end.

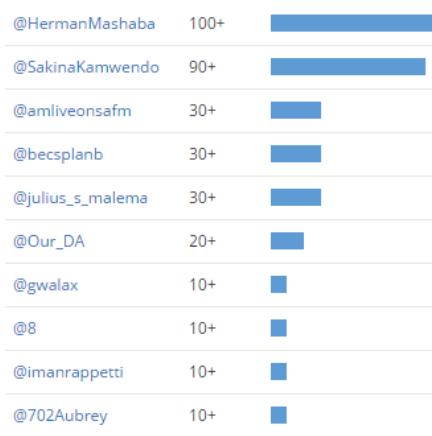
 Feb 21, 2017 MyPule\_ 10+ We call black foreigners Amakwerekwere but we call white foreigners investors or tourists ☺, <https://t.co/IGgWZgD8HK>

 Feb 21, 2017 geoffreyyork 10+ Based on actual data, the new "SA First" political party is exaggerating the number of foreigners by factor of 10<https://t.co/aWjqHZFuI6>

## Top Hashtags



## Top Mentions



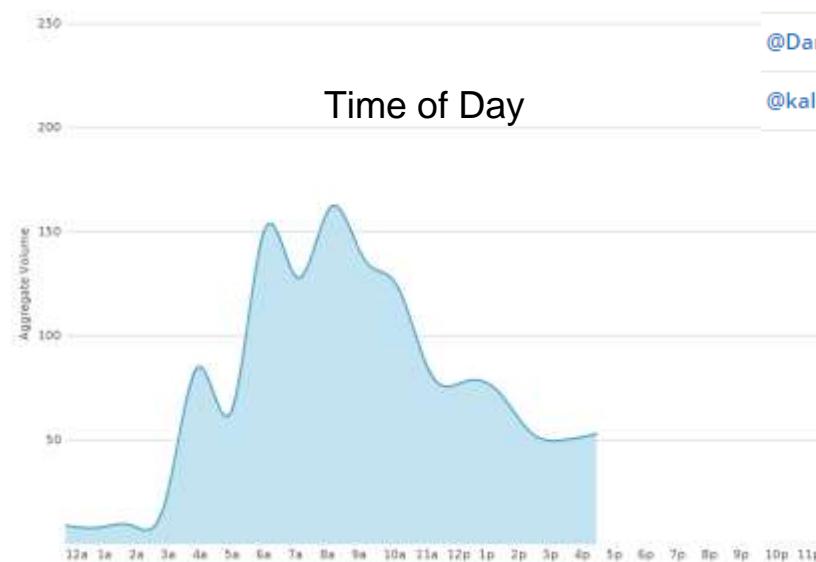
On the 22nd February, conversation volumes further increase to 4 480 as broad concerns are reported on traditional media - sparking conversation.

That said, the conversation largely remains based in Gauteng with 70.02% originating there (a negligible decrease from the previous days).

## Most Prolific Authors



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# 22 February - Top Retweets



Julius\_S\_Malema

570+

All fighters must protect our African Brothers&Sisters against any xenophobic attack,Africa we are one. Fight crime not our Fellow Africans

Feb 21, 2017



marmite1over

50+

"xenophobia returns to South Africa" mara that time it never left?  
<https://t.co/yJ1i2ucGPY>

Feb 22, 2017



HermanMashaba

40+

I'm deeply concerned to hear reports of xenophobic attacks & planned protests aimed to target foreign nationals residing within Gauteng.

Feb 22, 2017



Pol\_Sec\_Analyst

30+

Except when we are campaigning for elections and know that we can derive political capital by villainising foreigners

Feb 22, 2017



KatilehoMK

30+

A South African definition of "foreigners" is black people from other African countries

Feb 21, 2017



HermanMashaba

30+

There is no place for xenophobia in the City of Johannesburg.

Feb 22, 2017



HermanMashaba

20+

I'd like to state outright that I condemn xenophobia & my administration will do all in its power to prevent outbursts of violence in CoJ.

Feb 22, 2017



MaSibanda

20+

There will be xenophobic violence & the mayor who stoked it will call for calm & act like the consequences were unintended. ☐

Feb 22, 2017



MyPule\_

20+

We call black foreigners Amakwerekwere but we call white foreigners investors or tourists ☺. <https://t.co/lGgWZgD8HK>

Feb 21, 2017



Pearlysias

20+

Herman Mashaba: "Illegal immigrants must leave Johannesburg." Also Herman Mashaba: "There is no place for xenophobia in Johannesburg."

## Top Hashtags

#Xenophobia	3,000+	
#SouthAfrica	70+	
#MTN	60+	
#GroundReport	60+	
#Gigaba	50+	
#Foreigners	40+	
#SayNoToXenophobia	40+	
#Nigeria	40+	
#sabcnews	30+	
#xenophobicattack	30+	

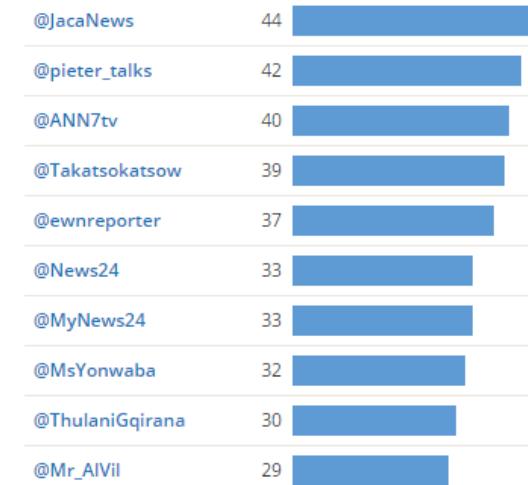
## Top Mentions

@ANN7tv	160+	
@mgigaba	130+	
@ThaRealMrTman	40+	
@thedailyvox	40+	
@carienduplessis	30+	
@eNCA	30+	
@HermanMashaba	20+	
@The_New_Age	20+	
@HomeAffairsSA	10+	
@marius_oost	10+	

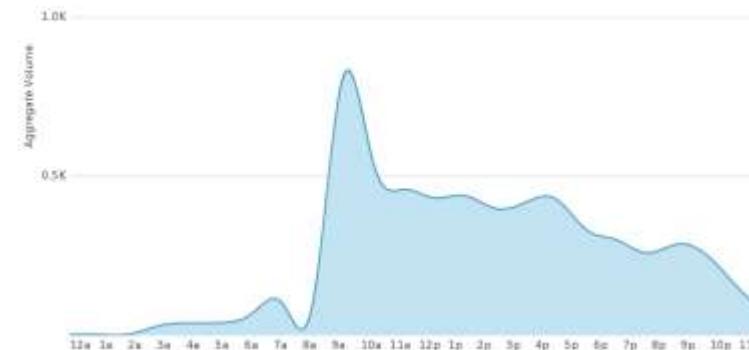
By the end of the 23rd, the conversation far exceeding that of the previous day at 13 010 individual online engagement on the topic. In particular, the #Xenophobia hashtag grew substantially and anti-Xenophobia hashtags began to surface.

Despite the broader South Africa community now being aware of the march, the Gauteng portion of the conversation increased by 1.44% (over a volume growth of almost 300%).

## Most Prolific Authors



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# 23 February - Top Retweets



Julius\_S\_Malema

80+

All fighters must protect our African Brothers&Sisters against any xenophobic attack,Africa we are one. Fight crime not our Fellow Africans

Feb 21, 2017



Takatsokatsow

60+

#Xenophobia You're a taxi driver saying foreigners are taking your job?????That foreigner is an accountant. <https://t.co/jjoRD8hZpk>

Feb 23, 2017



Barry\_Roux

60+

Julius Malema said it all in 6 words, "fight crime and not fellow Africans." #Xenophobia

Feb 23, 2017



ownreporter

40+

JUST IN: #MTN Eyewitness News has learnt anti-xenophobia protesters have attacked MTN's offices in Abuja, Nigeria. Details to follow--- BB

Feb 23, 2017



ThulaniGqirana

40+

Gigaba; when people say there are too many foreigners in SA, they mean there are too many Africans and that's a problem #Xenophobia

Feb 23, 2017



ThinkAheadComix

40+

This cartoon wa done back in 2015 by @ThaRealMrTman for @thedailyvox #SayNoToXenophobia #Xenophobia <https://t.co/SPfOHNZftK>

Feb 23, 2017



NickolausBauer

30+

#Xenophobia @mgigaba: We are not against foreign nationals. We are against immigrants committing crime. As we are against ALL criminals.

Feb 23, 2017



myngqaza

30+

Some thugs are jus using the word to complete their moves to rob spazza shop and killing innocent people #Xenophobia

Feb 23, 2017



luckymagudulela

30+

This is South Africa in two photos, we're stoning our brothers and sisters while the serpent looks on. #Xenophobia <https://t.co/T7mHbAwCT4>

Feb 21, 2017



1People1Heart

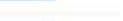
20+

Dear #southafrica once we cried for the pain caused on you.....but now we are crying for the pain you cause.Stop #Xenophobia

## Top Hashtags

#Xenophobia	17,000+	
#Foreignermarch	4,400+	
#TshwaneUnrest	2,800+	
#Atteridgeville	1,200+	
#NoToXenophobia	680+	
#JOB	280+	
#sabcnews	250+	
#SouthAfrica	240+	
#Xenophobicattacks	200+	
#NoXenophobia	170+	

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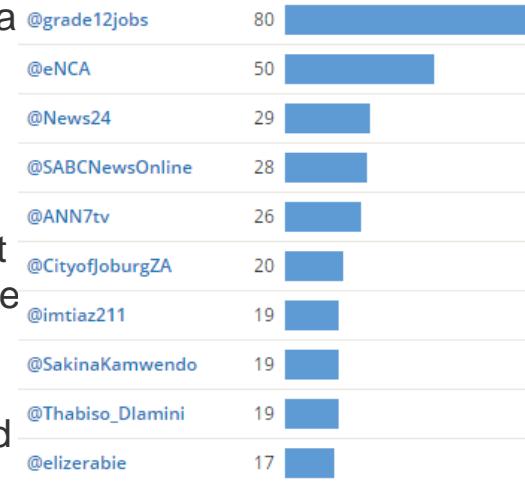
@hermannmashaba	470+	
@ANN7tv	330+	
@SakinaKamwendo	300+	
@RediTshwane	290+	
@News24	250+	
@mgigaba	200+	
@gwalox	180+	
@Eusebius	140+	
@Qoqo_DA	120+	
@eNCA	120+	

On march day itself, the volume of conversation was 35 438 with a further increase in the volume of Gauteng driven conversation (now 72.09%).

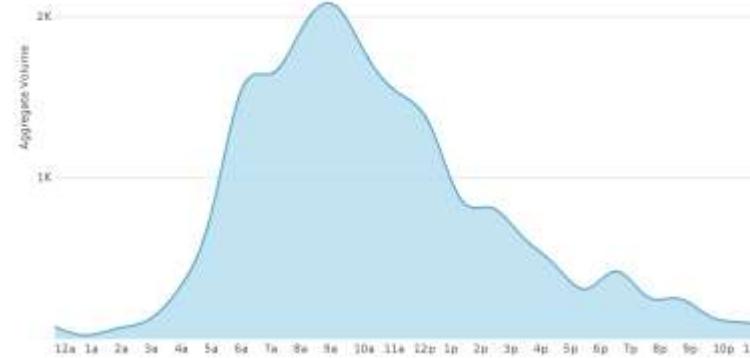
The largest hashtag on the day was #xenophobia (largely against) with #Foreignermarch and #TswaneUnrest following.

Early in February, Herman Mashaba (DA Mayor of Johannesburg) put out a statement noting that illegal immigrants were criminals - a statement he immediately retracted. As a result of this, he is treated as an instigator (if not the instigator) of the xenophobic violence - a point that is reflected in the Top Mentions for the day.

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# 24 February - Top Retweets



Takatsokatsow

520+



#Xenophobia You're a taxi driver saying foreigners are taking your job????? That foreigner is an accountant. <https://t.co/ljoRD8hZpk>

Feb 23, 2017



Its\_Master\_Q

460+



Foreign whites are seen as tourists and foreign blacks are seen as a threat and criminals. Come on african child #Xenophobia

Feb 24, 2017



aycawe

430+



No African is a 'foreigner' in Africa.

Feb 23, 2017



Karabo\_Mokgoko

410+



□ "Fight crime, not fellow Africans." □□□□□ #Xenophobia  
#Foreignermarch #TshwaneUnrest <https://t.co/OrezlhZ8hh>

Feb 24, 2017



joecornelius6

400+



#Xenophobia even God is aganaist it,say no to xenophobia  
<https://t.co/zpi1PasEwu>

Feb 24, 2017



MbuyiseniNdlozi

360+



Xenophobia march is reactionary & a platform for black on black violence. We must unite against the criminalization of our African folks!

Feb 24, 2017



Barry\_Roux

360+



Julius Malema said it all in 6 words, "fight crime and not fellow Africans."  
#Xenophobia

Feb 23, 2017



AthiHo

310+



This is funny and sad, all at the same time #Xenophobia #Foreignermarch  
#TshwaneUnrest <https://t.co/fJR6NU7Ocr>

Feb 24, 2017



Pol\_Sec\_Analyst

300+



If DA is sincere about accountability which it accuses ANC of lacking, it surely needs to discipline Mashaba for his role in the #Xenophobia

Feb 24, 2017



janine\_j

270+

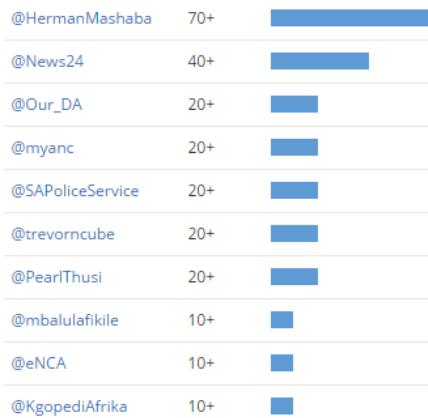


Lost for words about xenophobia. Or, if we keep it 100, afrophobia. NONE of the Americans/ Italians/ Germans I know living here are stressed

## Top Hashtags



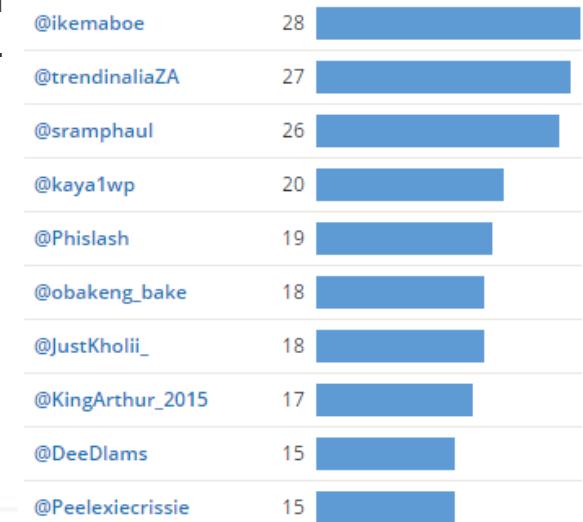
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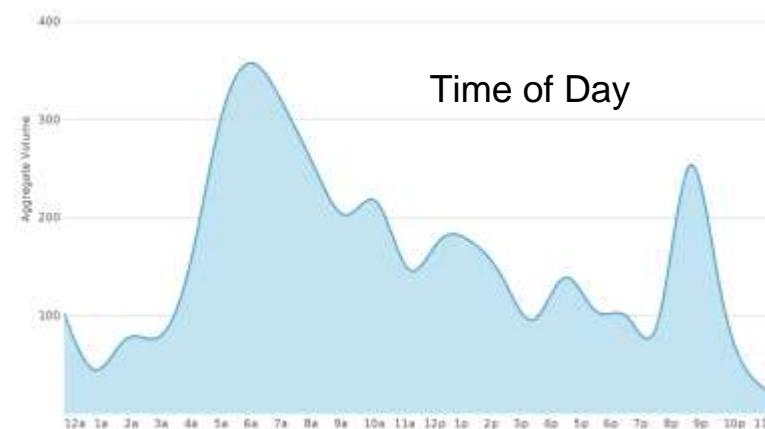
On Friday night volume drops off and by Saturday morning the volume of conversation is significantly reduced (in this case to 8 643). Interestingly, the volume of conversation coming out of Gauteng is significantly down (almost 9% to 63.46%).

When looking at what times the volume of conversation on this Saturday took place, it's interesting to note spikes as individuals are waking up and re-engaging with follow up stories in the media and in the evening - again, as news digestion takes place.

## Most Prolific Authors



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# 25 February - Top Retweets



TrevorNcube

310+

#Afrophobia in South Africa is never spontaneous. It is planned in air conditioned offices to use poor people to benefit the privileged

Feb 25, 2017



JoeCornellius6

160+

#Xenophobia even God is aganaist it,say no to xenophobia  
<https://t.co/zpi1PasEwu>

Feb 24, 2017



aycawe

160+

No African is a 'foreigner' in Africa,

Feb 23, 2017



tito\_mbowneni

120+

Do not allow one African to call another a foreigner in Africa.We are Africans.Tomorrow,I am going to Rwanda.Feels good being African there.

Feb 24, 2017



AthiHo

120+

This is funny and sad, all at the same time #Xenophobia #Foreignermarch  
#TshwaneUnrest <https://t.co/fJR6NU7Ocr>

Feb 24, 2017



Karabo\_Mokgoko

110+

□ "Fight crime, not fellow Africans." □ □ □ □ □ #Xenophobia  
#Foreignermarch #TshwaneUnrest <https://t.co/OrezlhZ8hh>

Feb 24, 2017

ThickLeeyonce

100+

"No African child should be called a foreigner in Africa!" AMEN SIS!  
#SayNoToXenophobia #MMA16

Feb 25, 2017



Barry\_Roux

80+

&then the dogs decided to set up & tell everyone to "Make Love & Not War" @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ #Xenophobia #TshwaneUnrest  
#Fore

Feb 25, 2017



MbalulaFikile

80+

"AFRICANS WILL NEVER BE FOREIGNERS IN AFRICA " #Awaywithxenophobia

Feb 25, 2017



TrevorNcube

70+

If all those arguing #Afrophobia protests are bout economic realities why have we not seen protests against Europeans Indians Chinese Etc

## Top Hashtags

#Xenophobia	3,000+	
#SouthAfrica	70+	
#MTN	60+	
#GroundReport	60+	
#Gigaba	50+	
#Foreigners	40+	
#SayNoToXenophobia	40+	
#Nigeria	40+	
#sabcnews	30+	
#xenophobicattack	30+	

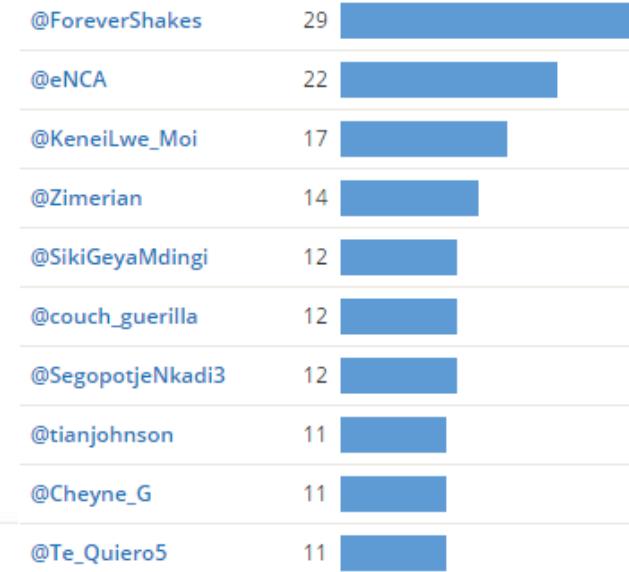
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#Xenophobia	850+	
#Afrophobia	100+	
#MMAT6	60+	
#powerperspective	50+	
#Foreignermarch	50+	
#Gigaba	50+	
#Notaxenophobia	40+	
#TshwaneInvest	40+	
#SACP	40+	
#AvengingXenophobia	30+	

By Sunday the weekend of forgetting continues and the volumes drop even further to 3,175 - a little less than the 22nd. Of this conversation the rest of South Africa is participating at a more representative rate and are driving 35% of the conversation (approximately to be expected of the natural population).

By this stage the conversation has centralised exclusively on #xenophobia with little additional flavour being added by the general conversation.

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MmusiMaimane

90+



As Africans we gather today. Let's pray for our continent and that peace will prevail. We condemn all acts of Xenophobia & pursue unity

tito\_mbowneni

20+



Do not allow one African to call another a foreigner in Africa. We are Africans. Tomorrow, I am going to Rwanda. Feels good being African there.

Feb 26, 2017



TrevorNcube

50+



#Afrophobia in South Africa is never spontaneous. It is planned in air conditioned offices to use poor people to benefit the privileged

Feb 25, 2017



SikiGeyaMdungi

40+



Gigaba: Just because a drug dealer happens to be Nigerian, it does not mean all Nigerians are drug dealers #Xenophobia

Feb 26, 2017



MbalulaFikile

30+



"AFRICANS WILL NEVER BE FOREIGNERS IN AFRICA " #Awaywithxenophobia

Feb 25, 2017



SikiGeyaMdungi

20+



Gigaba: Our fellow Africans are important trading partners, but most importantly they are our brothers and sisters #Xenophobia

Feb 26, 2017

Feb 26 February - Top Retweets

tito\_mbowneni

20+



Do not allow one African to call another a foreigner in Africa. We are Africans. Tomorrow, I am going to Rwanda. Feels good being African there.

Feb 24, 2017



Julius\_S\_Malema

20+



All fighters must protect our African Brothers&Sisters against any xenophobic attack, Africa we are one. Fight crime not our Fellow Africans

Feb 25, 2017



Barry\_Roux

10+



Julius Malema said it all in 6 words, "fight crime and not fellow Africans." #Xenophobia

Feb 26, 2017



MbuyiseniNdlozi

10+



Xenophobia march is reactionary & a platform for black on black violence. We must unite against the criminalization of our African folks!

Feb 23, 2017



toshpolela

10+

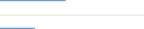


As despicable as it is, the xenophobic violence is a desperate plea to be listened to, writes Mondli Makhanya <https://t.co/2ak4xtRdYk>

## Top Hashtags

#Xenophobia	630+	
#ThaboMbeki	160+	
#SouthAfrica	40+	
#Xenophobicattacks	40+	
#stopxenophobia	30+	
#NoToXenophobia	30+	
#MashabaForChange	30+	
#TSAon3	30+	
#sabcnews	20+	
#Africa	20+	

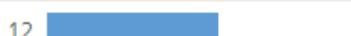
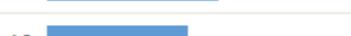
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@HermanMashaba	60+	
@enca	30+	
@Radio702	20+	
@kdirole	20+	
@SakinaKamwendo	20+	
@capetalk	20+	
@crimeairnetwork	20+	
@news24	10+	
@mgigaba	10+	
@africasacountry	10+	

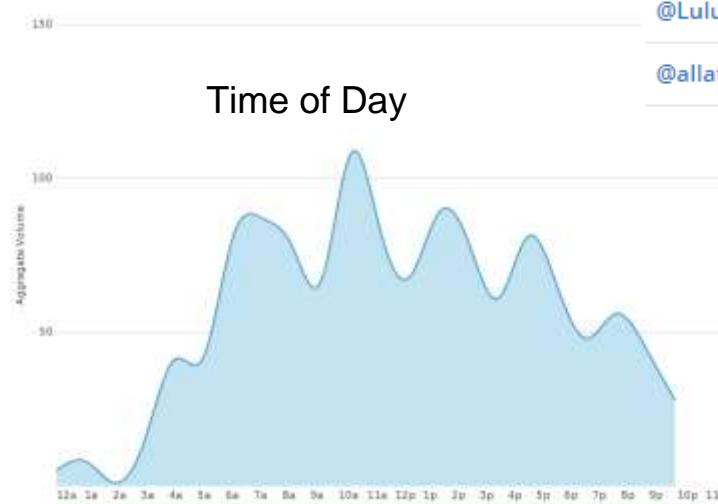
By Monday (27th) non-Gauteng conversation has stabilised at 32.92% with total volumes being 3,071 (roughly twice the typical xenophobic mention per day in South Africa of 1482/day).

As with the 26th, the conversation remained largely focused around #xenophobia. Herman Mashaba also stepped in to reassure the residence that he and the ministers were working to resolve the issues.

## Most Prolific Authors

@Von_WR	21	
@Ilmothlaa	17	
@MiaLindeque	14	
@ewnreporter	13	
@danwibg	12	
@3NovicesAfrican	12	
@Mapeko_Johanna	10	
@SABCNewsOnline	9	
@Lulu_Graezinski	9	
@allafrica	9	

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# 27 February - Top Retweets



#ThaboMbeki on the #Xenophobia violence <https://t.co/jxsqLc38wi>

Feb 27, 2017



Mbeki says attacking foreign nationals will not fix our various challenges. Says there is nothing revolutionary or patriotic abt xenophobia

Feb 27, 2017



As Africans we gather today. Let's pray for our continent and that peace will prevail. We condemn all acts of Xenophobia & pursue unity

Feb 26, 2017



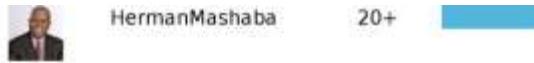
Xenophobic people tweeting "black excellence" because Americans won Oscars 😂😂

Feb 27, 2017



President #ThaboMbeki condemns idiotic South Africans who have resorted to xenophobia <https://t.co/od0v0kDhxj>

Feb 27, 2017



Minister Gigaba must honestly face-up to the xenophobia challenge: <https://t.co/VjAPjAVptR> #MashabaForChange



Well, have a look at this lady...in the very region where xenophobic violence flared up last week @CapeTalk @Radio702 @crimeairnetwork



I see Mashaba is not done bleeding xenophobia for political capital. After stoking violence with populism, he is now weaponising outcomes



"Why does the violence against African migrants always amount to looting?" - #Mbeki exposing the faux reasons for the #Xenophobia attacks.



Acts of xenophobia are long standing & deep rooted problem which national government only pays lip service rather than addressing its cause



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Anatomy of an Incident  
Divergent Themes

## Divergent Conversation Themes

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Within the broader conversation a number of key themes came forward. In particular, the following four required special mention. The slides that follow provide specific examples of each class of conversation. The topics are:

**Drugs and Prostitution:** Foreign nationals are being blamed for bringing drugs and prostitution to the communities that they've moved into.

**Police:** Mentions of communities needing to take matters into their own hands as a result of poor quality policing and corruption.

**Political:** Observers noted that the timing was convenient for the ANC and that it was likely serving some political interest. Others blamed the DA or the newly established South Africa First party.

**Anti-white / Anti-colonial:** Pro-African sentiment often spilled over into anti-white or anti-colonial rhetoric.

# Drugs and Prostitution: Sample Data



**BasJan**  
@JCos01

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People like this are misinformed. Not xenophobia but pharmaphobia. Actually we start to HATE drug sellers. Pretoria West



**Semugoma** @semugomanaP  
Pretoria West: I had to hide my baby under my bed'  
#Xenophobia back. news24.com/SouthAfrica/Ne...

RETWEET  
**1**



7:44 AM - 18 Feb 2017

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Reply to @JCos01



**Semugoma** @semugomanaP · Feb 18  
@JCos01 Zuma last time called it Afriphobia. Pharmaphobia? Lol. Yes, it's real name frightens and shames. But it is what it is. Xenophobia.

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**Queen In The North**  
@BossLadyMsibi

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Don't turn this into something its not. They attacking druglords not foreigners. Its not their fault most are foreigners #Rosettenville

RETWEETS LIKES  
**3** 9



1:47 AM - 18 Feb 2017



**Sibongakonke**  
@u\_Sbonga

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Ths bloody foreigners are too comfortable in our country, thy sell drugs as thy please  
#Rosettenville

RETWEETS LIKES  
**4** 16



3:12 AM - 12 Feb 2017



**#TheMediaGuy**  
@kgotsopedi

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What's happening in Rosettenville has nothing to do with Xenophobia. People are just tired of rubbish. Drugs and Prostitution are trouble.

RETWEETS LIKES  
**16** 20



12:00 PM - 5 Feb 2017

1 16 20



Reply to @kgotsopedi



**lebogang** @lebuzzz1 · Feb 6  
@kgotsopedi dats pure truth and those who can't see that, r jst blind

2 16

**M O S E B J A D I** ❤  
@KgauMatabane\_

There were no xenophobic attacks yesterday in Pretoria West. Only brothels and those selling drugs were targeted.

9:06 PM - 18 Feb 2017

2 16

# Drugs and Prostitution: Sample Data



Anathi Maqungo  
@NattyJaeM

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People are fighting drugs in their community there in Pretoria West, its not Xenophobia. Stop spreading lies here. Smh

RETWEETS 29 LIKES 40



7:50 AM - 18 Feb 2017

11 29 40



Reply to @NattyJaeM



IDE NNEWI @nnamndini · Feb 19

@nattyjaem when you decide to fight drugs and prostitution and u only target foreigners then it's xenophobia #SayNoToXenophobia

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Anathi Maqungo @NattyJaeM · Feb 19

@nnamndini No, it's fighting crime. Stop making this about Xenophobia. Don't twist things here to suit your agenda

1 1 1



IDE NNEWI @nnamndini · Feb 19

@NattyJaeM There is no agenda here. If they should fight crime they should also fight their fellow citizens who are into drugs and prostitution

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Anathi Maqungo @NattyJaeM · Feb 20

@nnamndini Agreed. Just so you know, I have no problem whatsoever with our African brothers and sisters who came in SA for an honest living.

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UvaloNgo2019  
@LuvDirector

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If fighting against Nigerian drug lords turning underage girls into drug addicts & sex slaves is xenophobic then I'm happy to be #xenophobic

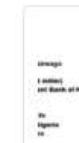
11:32 PM - 23 Feb 2017



#RememberMarikana  
@LiberalsAreNaiv

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@Henrikachi Idiots in affluent suburbs puking bile, how getting rid of drug dealers & brothel owners #xenophobic 😞?



Henrikachi @Henrikachi

List of some South African companies doing business in Nigeria. Just for ignorant South Africans attacking Nigerian out of #Xenophobia

1:05 AM - 22 Feb 2017 from Tembisa, South Africa



The Mami 💯  
@Kim\_Kardashisa

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So disgusted by these foreigners selling drugs to our people and trafficking/using them as sex slaves. But I don't condone the attacks.

RETWEETS 4 LIKES 2



3:05 AM - 23 Feb 2017

# Drugs and Prostitution: Sample Data

 Radical Stand  
@56be53c0d13d463

#Xenophobia we as South Africans are not going to allow drugs and prostitution. It don't matter whether you call it xenophobia.....

RETWEETS 2 LIKES 3 

4:34 AM - 23 Feb 2017



  
BasJan  
@JCos01



Why do S-Africans complain about foreigners drugs. You are the users, else why will they come here and sell it. #TshwaneUnrest

RETWEETS 8 LIKES 21 

6:51 AM - 24 Feb 2017

 IG: NokuzolaNdwandwe  
@ZolaNdwandwe



I personally condemn #Xenophobia however I am pro fighting crime, drugs & illegal immigration. #NoToXenophobia

RETWEETS 6 LIKES 5 

11:40 PM - 23 Feb 2017

 Solly Maake   
@iamsolman



Illegal immigrants responsible for drugs and brothels in SA need to give us better reasons than "We helped you during apartheid".

RETWEETS 2 LIKES 1 

9:22 AM - 24 Feb 2017

 Only the brave  
@NhlakzaG



I am very concerned about crime, drugs, human trafficking leading to forced prostitution by the illegal immigrants. #SONA2017

RETWEET 1 LIKES 2 

10:12 PM - 6 Feb 2017

 Igziabeher 1938  
@mangaung73

 Reply to @ZolaNdwandwe

 Arnaud Kim Chulu @kimardamina - Feb 23  
@ZolaNdwandwe and smash and grabs, theft, Nyaope people that commit rapes and robbery... They all crimes crippling a society.

RETWEETS 1 LIKES 1

@geoffreyyork so its fine for the SA youth 2 b turned into prostitutes and drug addicts by some of the foreigners especially from Nigeria?

7:52 AM - 20 Feb 2017

# Police: Sample Data



**Freigeist**  
@Raees\_Noorhai

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It's noteworthy that the same Tshwane Metro that stifled Amnesty's march against war crimes in Syria approved a pro-Xenophobia march today.

RETWEETS LIKES  
17 4



12:22 PM - 24 Feb 2017

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Reply to @Raees\_Noorhai



**Freigeist** @Raees\_Noorhai · Feb 24

When we marched, the niqab was deemed an intolerable security threat. Yet mobs were allowed to gather and openly stoke xenophobic hatred.

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**Freigeist** @Raees\_Noorhai · Feb 24

This against a backdrop of escalating xenophobic violence, incited by those like Mashaba who entrench otherhood to bolster colonial borders.

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**PIOS**  
@pioslubisi01

Follow

@Cde\_Xolani @SAPoliceService ...the police who take blowjobs in Sunnyside not arresting the prostitutes?...

12:55 AM - 24 Feb 2017



**Thamsanqa Mpondo**  
@ROACH\_INC

Follow

I support communities taking it upon themselves to rid of criminal elements if police don't seem to do it. "Xenophobia" deez nuts!

10:28 PM - 19 Feb 2017



**Katherine Johnson** ❤  
@Nubian\_Queen07

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It's because they also share the same mentality. You remember the cops who dragged and killed a Mozambican national?  
**#Xenophobia**

**Thulo Mohlabane** @LegAcy22

SAPS were quick with the trigger fingers during #FeesMustFall. Now they can't even deploy squads to protect innocent people? #Xenophobia

RETWEET LIKES  
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**Michael Appel**  
@TheMikeAppel

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One has to wonder when SAPS give permission for anti-immigrant march to go to @HomeAffairsSA where 100s of foreigners queue. Could end badly.

RETWEETS LIKES  
19 15



10:11 PM - 23 Feb 2017



**Deplorable Eric West**  
@EricJWest

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It's not xenophobia when people take the law into their own hands because the police are too corrupt to arrest criminal illegal aliens!



**City Press Online** @City\_Press  
Xenophobic attacks strike Pretoria West [ow.ly/hzal30998Zs](http://ow.ly/hzal30998Zs)

RETWEET 1    LIKE 1



8:03 AM - 19 Feb 2017



**Kwame Nkrumah Jr.** @Cde\_Xolani · Feb 24

It is then the duty of the police working together with the communities to report and arrest those who deal engage in such activities.

PIOS @pioslubisi01

@Cde\_Xolani @DIRCO\_ZA @mgigaba ...but a drug dealer and a cult runner are just drug dealers not Africans....so get rid of them

1    1   



**PIOS**  
@pioslubisi01

Follow

**@Cde\_Xolani** ...if you think the communities are not reporting this things....ask around

Police are not doing their job..people are tired

12:50 AM - 24 Feb 2017

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**CoachingPowerhouse**  
@Time2Coach

Follow

**@Dclantis** apart from home affairs monitoring illegal immigrants and police watching out for drug dealers there is nothing we can do.

12:12 AM - 21 Feb 2017



**Akindele Olunloyo**  
@olunloyo

Follow

Failure of **@SAPoliceService** as Khoze & Gilinge Streets in Atteridgeville, PTA West witness more looting. This is purely evil & #Xenophobic



**Vedere: Brosto** @kutulloMadisha  
Looting still going on in Atteridgeville on khoza en gilinge streets.

RETWEETS 5    LIKE 1



9:47 AM - 21 Feb 2017 from Kempton Park, South Africa

**Geoffrey York**  
@geoffreyyork

No matter how many foreigners are looted or killed, South Africa's police have a consistent policy: deny xenophobia  
[af.reuters.com/article/topNew](http://af.reuters.com/article/topNew) ...

RETWEETS 17    LIKES 14



10:10 AM - 21 Feb 2017



**Joel Chiwasa**  
@jchiwasa

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Am a foreigner but don't support drugs, police must do their duties not just get bribes.  
**#Xenophobia**

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5:47 AM - 23 Feb 2017



**Noko**  
@austinskhu

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@Sentletse @Mmeshi\_Kgaphola its bcoz police are getting bribes from this foreigners

RETWEET 1    LIKE 1



11:03 AM - 23 Feb 2017 from Germiston, South Africa



**KhathuTha**  
@TheLoneVenda

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Still there are no Police on site #Atteridgeville  
**#Xenophobia**

RETWEET 1



8:54 PM - 23 Feb 2017 from Atteridgeville, South Africa



**ARRESTED BY ZPF**  
@Solomon93638261

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@safmpmlive cahoots with XENOPHOBIA the POLICE you heard him saying we've heard their grievances yet they looted foreigners belongings



9:43 AM - 27 Feb 2017



**#105**  
@Nhiaka\_mkhize

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@G\_XCON my take is we must occupy these police stations as most of them are involved in this drug business with both SAs & foreigners.

RETWEET 1    LIKE 1



10:12 PM - 23 Feb 2017



Gao Phalaetsile  
@Gao\_Phala

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#EFF: Locals should protest against the ANC and not foreigners [bit.ly/2kTxDqv](http://bit.ly/2kTxDqv)



12:33 AM - 24 Feb 2017



Gaiafrique  
@Gaiafrique

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Oh look! Another wave of extreme #xenophobia rears its desperately ugly head just when #Zuma & #ANC are under most pressure. How convenient?

7:23 PM - 22 Feb 2017



Mokgadi  
@ad4dff5c3da2460

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Anti immigration march is just like treating a symptom while ignoring the cause of the symptom..the actual disease ( ANC) .  
**#Xenophobia**

LIKES  
3



9:40 PM - 23 Feb 2017



knoioteio-matsaung  
@JUST\_KAYM

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**#Xenophobia**

Dear Anc my African brothers n sisters are being killed n treated lyk animals n I can say with all the might in me,ur at fault

RETWEETS  
2

LIKES  
2



1:08 AM - 24 Feb 2017 from Germiston, South Africa



Solomon Harudzibwi  
@SlowVybz

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@Zimerian So your anger should be directed at your government for corruption, otherwise they are a lot of foreigners are shaping SA economy

LIKE  
1



9:31 AM - 26 Feb 2017



Nolwazi Dhlamini  
@NolwaziDhlamini

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#Foreigners used as a 'scapegoat' for govt's failures, say experts [goo.gl/uQTK5Z](http://goo.gl/uQTK5Z)  
#TshwaneUnrest #Atteridgeville #Xenophobia



RETWEETS LIKES

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10:00 AM - 24 Feb 2017



Godfrey Tshisamphiri  
@ggt\_godfrey

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#Xenophobia South Africans 1st n i feel politisizing this wont help bcoz fr Anc and Malema is all abt power dey dnt care at all. Go bck hme

3:11 PM - 24 Feb 2017



Alien  
@SAlienate

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#Zuma hitting a immigrant at his residence in #SouthAfrica. If he can do it, so can the rest of the #ANC. #Xenophobia @Telegraph @FoxNews



RETWEETS LIKES

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8:05 AM - 26 Feb 2017



Bo Mbindwane  
@mbindwane

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But you sponsor the DA's Mashaba who had instigated this xenophobic violence against Africans in particular. Any condemnation?

Julius Sello Malema @Julius\_S\_Malema

All fighters must protect our African Brothers&Sisters against any xenophobic attack,Africa we are one. Fight crime not our Fellow Africans

RETWEETS LIKES

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6:19 AM - 22 Feb 2017



The Instigator  
@AmBlujay

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DA won Gauteng and it's already a mess with Hermain Trump Mashaba igniting xenophobia imagine if they run the country

RETWEETS LIKES

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11:02 PM - 23 Feb 2017



Nolwazi Dhlamini  
@NolwaziDhlamini

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#Foreigners used as a 'scapegoat' for govt's failures, say experts [goo.gl/uQTk5Z](http://goo.gl/uQTk5Z)  
#TshwaneUnrest #Atteridgeville #Xenophobia



RETWEETS 3 LIKES 4



10:00 AM - 24 Feb 2017



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#Xenophobia must stop, government is not doing anything like always mxm

1:32 AM - 24 Feb 2017



Mabasaa Mabasa  
@Mabasaa

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@SakinaKamwendo SA gov is to blame 4 the porous borders,locals fighting 4 resources that's legally theirs with foreigners, what do U expect?

10:54 PM - 23 Feb 2017



Moaner Lisa  
@MoanerLeesa

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The anger/violence targeting foreigners il/legal,should be directed at #ANC for dismal failure in discharging obligations to #SA #Xenophobia

Moaner Lisa @MoanerLeesa

100%!!!

#ANC deprives the #Poor of #Education to retain support via promises they'll never deliver on.  
The #Poor are hurt the most by #ANC [twitter.com/enochme/status...](http://twitter.com/enochme/status...)

RETWEETS 8 LIKES 6



4:21 AM - 26 Feb 2017

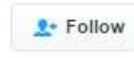


TAJIX  
@\_madiga

@elle083 illegal immigrants are main reason for high crime in SA  
. My vote is officially going to DA this around.

1:41 PM - 8 Feb 2017

# Anti-White / Anti-Colonial: Sample Data

 **TheBlackProtector**  
 @\_BlackProtector 

When are you gonna take action against the white people who have your land&your dignity?  
Cowards who are afraid of the white man  
**#Xenophobia**

RETWEETS LIKES  
61 73 

10:43 PM - 23 Feb 2017

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 **alhassan umaru**  
 @rassnino 

apartheid still exists in they're minds, they afraid of the white so they using foreigners to vent their anger! #Xenophobia #TshwaneUnrest

8:11 AM - 24 Feb 2017

 Reply to @\_BlackProtector

 **Sibusiso Mnisi** @\_DeSBU1 · Feb 24  
 @\_BlackProtector @\_LifewithMrNkosi Salute

 **TheBlackProtector** @\_BlackProtector · Feb 24  
 @\_DeSBU1 @\_LifewithMrNkosi Red Salute

 **Original Raymond Cic**  
 @chiefmringo 

After march for the illegal immigrants,,let's all march to those who illegally stole our land,,hope you are not going to be afraid.

RETWEETS LIKES  
11 6 

11:58 PM - 23 Feb 2017

# Anti-White / Anti-Colonial: Sample Data

 Miss G  
@TheeTigress

"@sensei\_munei: Wow, there's a lot of truth in this post  
**#TshwaneUnrest**  
**#Xenophobia #Atteridgeville**"

 Malaika Mahlatsi  
23 Feb at 21:25 • 

It is very easy for us as Black South Afrikans to take action against Black immigrants, but we cannot even tell our White colleagues to switch off the air-conditioner in the office. We would rather freeze and end up spending lots of money at pharmacies getting flu medicines than make them uncomfortable. But when it comes to immigrants, we are very energetic. We are very busy. Imagine if we were so energetic in demanding our land and transforming our economy...

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8:50 AM - 25 Feb 2017

 Loyiso Ngcongo  
@ItsLoyiso

Can we march for our land and natural resources taken from us **#Xenophobia**  
**#TshwaneUnrest**

RETWEETS  
2

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2:42 AM - 24 Feb 2017

 Tumelo Mapaa  
@DjNewSouthAfric

It's amazing how white media blamed King Zwelithini for inciting xenophobia back in 2015 but no one is blaming Herman Mashaba  
**#TshwaneUnrest**

RETWEETS  
38

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17

5:10 AM - 24 Feb 2017

 Trevor Ncube  
@TrevorNcube

**#Afrophobia** in South Africa is never spontaneous. It is planned in air conditioned offices to use poor people to benefit the privileged

RETWEETS  
675

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703

7:39 AM - 25 Feb 2017

 IG: ConceptSixty5  
@Concept

Our angry African brother wants to know from you xenophobic South Africans 'what about white foreigners who own businesses in SA'?



RETWEETS  
560

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418

 Theo Moyo  
@theomojo

Black South Africans marching against foreigners, when they're too afraid to march against their foreign bosses from Europe who mistreat them

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Tebogo Ditshego  
@TebogoDitshego

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So when was the last time you saw a white South African protest against white foreigners or any other white people since you were born?

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19 168 94



Reply to @TebogoDitshego



Tebogo Ditshego @TebogoDitshego · Feb 24

Never underestimate the power & strength of a united people, or the ability of a divided & fragmented ppl without leadership to self-destruct

23 14



Sugar Zaddy  
@ChrisMpulu

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Forgetting that the real foreigners here are white people. Not that I'm racist but how can a black person be a foreigner in Africa?

Katleho MK 🇿🇦 @KatlehoMK

A South African definition of "foreigners" is black people from other African countries

RETWEETS 12 LIKES 6



11:41 PM - 20 Feb 2017 from Sandton, South Africa



#016Gawd  
@Tumi\_016Gawd

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Africans must unite not fight each other guys I'm sure those racist white men are laughing at us now #Xenophobia

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Mugisha  
@NegusMugisha

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White boys put your brother in a coffin, you do nothing. Davido's cousin opens a spaza-shop, you burn him alive 😢? #Xenophobia

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Daddy's Princess!  
@MyPule\_

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We call black foreigners Amakwerekwere but we call white foreigners investors or tourists 😭

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**BLACK 1ST LAND 1ST**

@Black1stLand1st

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#PretoriaWest The ills of white supremacy that are brought to bear upon our people manifest as drug dealing, Afrophobia, tribalism etc.

RETWEETS: 9 LIKES: 8



12:16 AM - 19 Feb 2017



**Amanda!**

@AmandlaMobi

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"South Africa belongs to all who live in it" is non-applicable to African nationals but applicable to white foreigners? Sidakiwe la eMzansi.

RETWEETS: 61 LIKES: 38



2:34 AM - 24 Feb 2017



**Kwame Nkrumah Jr.**

@Cde\_Xolani

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And that doesn't mean we must attack every foreign national and its funny that we attack black foreigners, we have white drug dealers also

RETWEET  
1



11:19 PM - 23 Feb 2017



**Nicolas-P. Basabose**

@MrBasabose

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Apparently #Xenophobia in SA is a product of white supremacy. Whatever folks smoke is pretty strong. They'll blame whites for everything smh

RETWEETS: 6 LIKES: 4



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**I am Black**

@SanelleNgobster

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#Xenophobia I hate how NO One is going to a white owned establishments and looting. GO TO THOSE 😐😐

- This is Just Stupid of US

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**Qhawekazi**

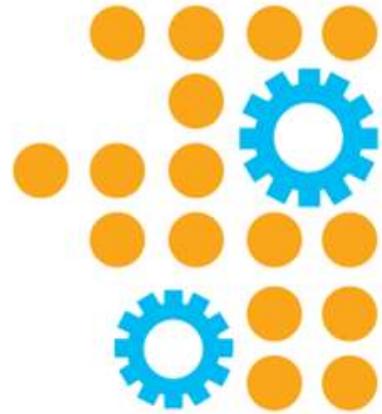
@zoethendele

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#Xenophobia white people at work are talking smack about how stupid black people are. They will always be better than us.

RETWEET  
1





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Anatomy of an Incident  
**Herman Mashaba**

Herman Mashaba's role has been well documented, and is reflected in some of the data below.

Social media amplifies the mistakes that politicians make – and safe to say they would do well to carefully consider what they say in public.

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**Farouk**  
@Ari\_Gold99

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But **@HermanMashaba** this started with your reckless and ill-convinced rhetoric of blaming foreigners for crime in Joburg!



Times LIVE @TimesLIVE

IN FULL: 'No place for xenophobia in the City of Johannesburg,' says Herman Mashaba [bit.ly/2luihFU](http://bit.ly/2luihFU)

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**Purple Hibiscus**  
@jean\_n\_tonic

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Mashaba is an afrophobic asshole. I can't say xenophobic because all this hostility is targeting black folks.

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**Brian Bakker**  
@incautius

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You, **@HermanMashaba**, started this. Perhaps you need to be more careful with the xenophobic vitriol you sprout at public meetings in future.

**Herman Mashaba** @HermanMashaba

I'm deeply concerned to hear reports of xenophobic attacks & planned protests aimed to target foreign nationals residing within Gauteng.

12:15 AM - 22 Feb 2017



Reply to @incautius @HermanMashaba



**picosecond** @EveryPicoSecond · 3h  
@incautius @HermanMashaba Of course these xenophobic attacks NEVER happened before Mashaba was elected... oh goodness no..



**Brian Bakker** @incautius · 3h  
@EveryPicoSecond I never said that. **@HermanMashaba**'s irresponsible comments increased the likelihood of a return of xenophobic attacks.



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**ka lorato**  
@kalorato

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Kodwa Herman Mashaba says he has nothing to do with xenophobic attacks. We've got the wrong guy, guys.

Mail & Guardian @mailandguardian

Herman Mashaba drew criticism from his party, when he said illegal immigrants are "holding our country to ransom". owl.li/ys1c3098ID3

RETWEETS  
2



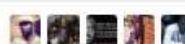
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**@TimesLIVE** What's wrong with this guy? He starts xenophobic attacks then he claims it has no place? Where does DA gets these people?

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3 LIKES  
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Reply to @DevineHadebe @TimesLIVE



Gael Mutombo @GaelMutombo 3h

@DevineHadebe @TimesLIVE you could sense a sentiment of hypocrisy in his words

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**Bob Mabena**  
@bob959

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Not local business Exec Mayor. My family will struggle to get the living basics after the xenophobic attacks unleashed in your city

Solly Msimanga @SollyMsimanga

#MsimangaSummit will go a long way to announcing to the world that the Capital is open for business @CityTshwane

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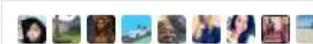
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"foreigners deserve the label criminals" YOUR WORDS. So spare us this bullshit here when you incited whats happening now mxm

Herman Mashaba @HermanMasheba

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RETWEETS  
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3:26 AM - 22 Feb 2017

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Sarita (@SaysSarita)  
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Mashaba's language echoes Trumpism.  
 "Illegal" "Foreign" "Get them out" "Criminal elements". Stop fueling Xenophobia, Mayor Mashaba!



SABC News Online (@SABCNewsOnline)  
 Illegal foreign nationals will be dealt with: Mashaba | Read More: [goo.gl/MmZpO2](http://goo.gl/MmZpO2) #SABCNews

RETWEETS  
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2:01 AM - 7 Feb 2017



Pinky Khoabane (@pinkykhoabane)  
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Mashaba sounds so much like Trump.  
 Xenophobic. He personifies hypocrisy of neo-liberals. He says what they really think. DA got right black



IOL News (@IOL)  
 Foreigners crippling SA's economy: Mashaba [dlvr.it/MtR2qT](http://dlvr.it/MtR2qT)

RETWEETS  
10 LIKES  
5

7:30 AM - 14 Dec 2016



Black is Corrupt! (@SirLehlohonolo)  
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EFF leader, Herman Mashaba taking from Her boss and calling our people in Joburg illegal immigrants

**"People who are in our city illegally, whether you are South African or someone from outside, please respect our laws. Our law enforcement agencies deal with cases on a daily basis of students being robbed and when they find people, they find them with no papers whatsoever."**

— Herman Mashaba, Johannesburg mayor



RETWEETS  
10 LIKES  
1



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[Southinah Matlala](#)

@SouthinaM

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Viva Herman Mashaba Viva Donald Trump  
 Phanzi ka Illegal Immigrants, Drug lords  
 Phanzi. Transport from Zim to SA. We  
 need a wall

RETWEETS: 5 LIKES: 9



4:21 AM - 22 Feb 2017



Thami

@DavidMills

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There's nothing xenophobic about what  
 Mashaba said. Herman Mashaba stated facts  
 or you also prefer lawless

Voguing Vixen @shazzycorreia

So irresponsible to reignite xenophobia. Does Herman Mashaba know the struggles and  
 contributions of those illegal immigrants?

RETWEETS: 4 LIKES: 9



12:40 AM - 3 Dec 2016



Al Jazeera English @AJEnglish · 19h

Nigerian community in South Africa calls for protection after reports of renewed  
 'xenophobic' violence [aje.io/ucmc](http://aje.io/ucmc)



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Dave

@DaveMashamaite

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@AJEnglish when they supply nyaope in SA  
 and ruining lives that's crime & SA mayors start  
 deporting them back they cry xenophobic  
 violence

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@DavidMills

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Herman Mashaba will deal decisively with illegal foreigners ANC has failed with parks tau at the helm. We need leaders like Mr Mashaba

ANN7  @ANN7tv

Joburg Mayor Herman Mashaba stokes a storm hitting out at illegal immigrants & says the ANC gov. has allowed criminals into the country.

RETWEETS  
11



12:01 AM - 3 Dec 2016



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RETWEETS  
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12:40 AM - 3 Dec 2016



[Sarah Mhlanga](#)

@sarah\_mhlanga

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Man kills 2 children and 3 women Hillbrow is a den of crime. Mayor Herman Mashaba is right, most of the criminals are illegal immigrants.

10:38 AM - 21 Feb 2017



[thabo](#)

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@Herman mashaba don't apologize for protecting our country from illegal immigrants, if you illegal it's simple pls go back home simple

3:20 AM - 2 Dec 2016 from [Meekeng, South Africa](#)



[Ditiro Mohlamatji](#)

@Diriro1

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@SowetanLIVE SA support Mashaba on undocumented foreigners, home affairs and porous ANC borders left them with eggs on their faces

9:39 AM - 17 Dec 2016

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