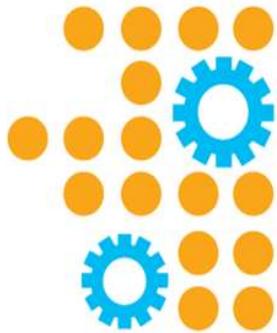


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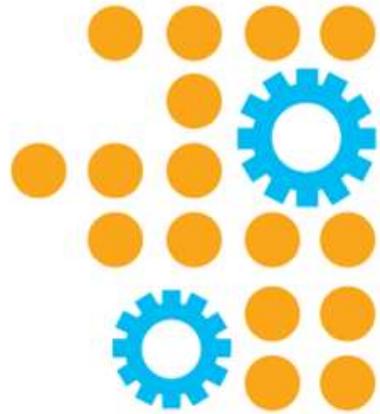
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**Categorisation of the Conversation**

# 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

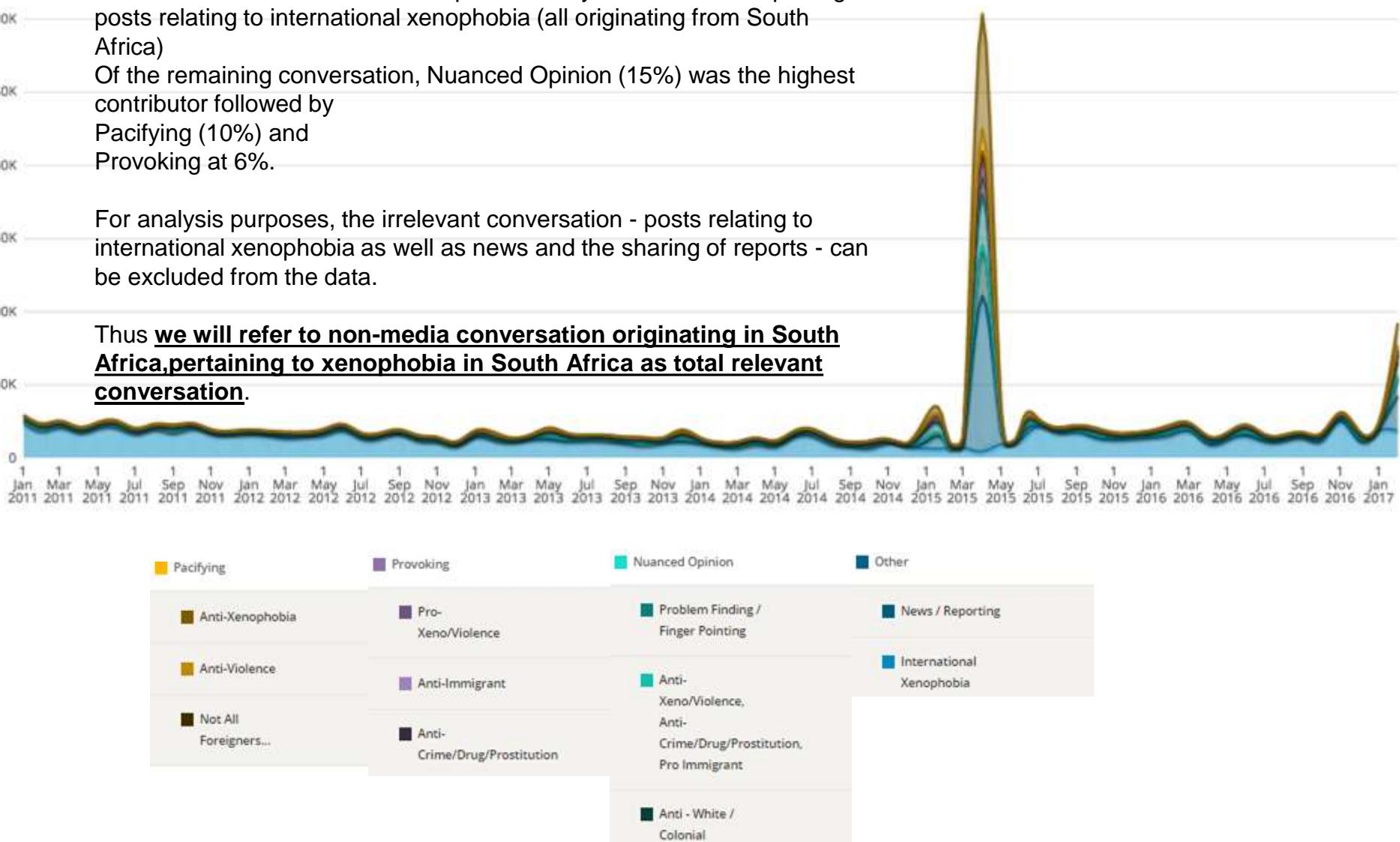
Looking back to 2011, we note that:

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.

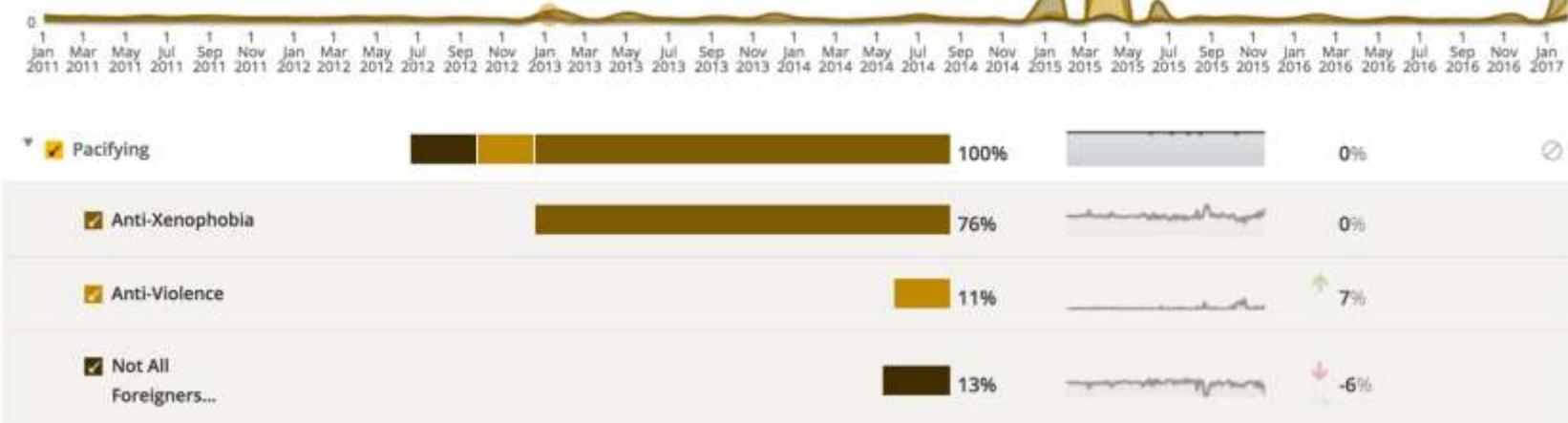
Thus **we will refer to non-media conversation originating in South Africa, pertaining to xenophobia in South Africa as total relevant conversation.**



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.

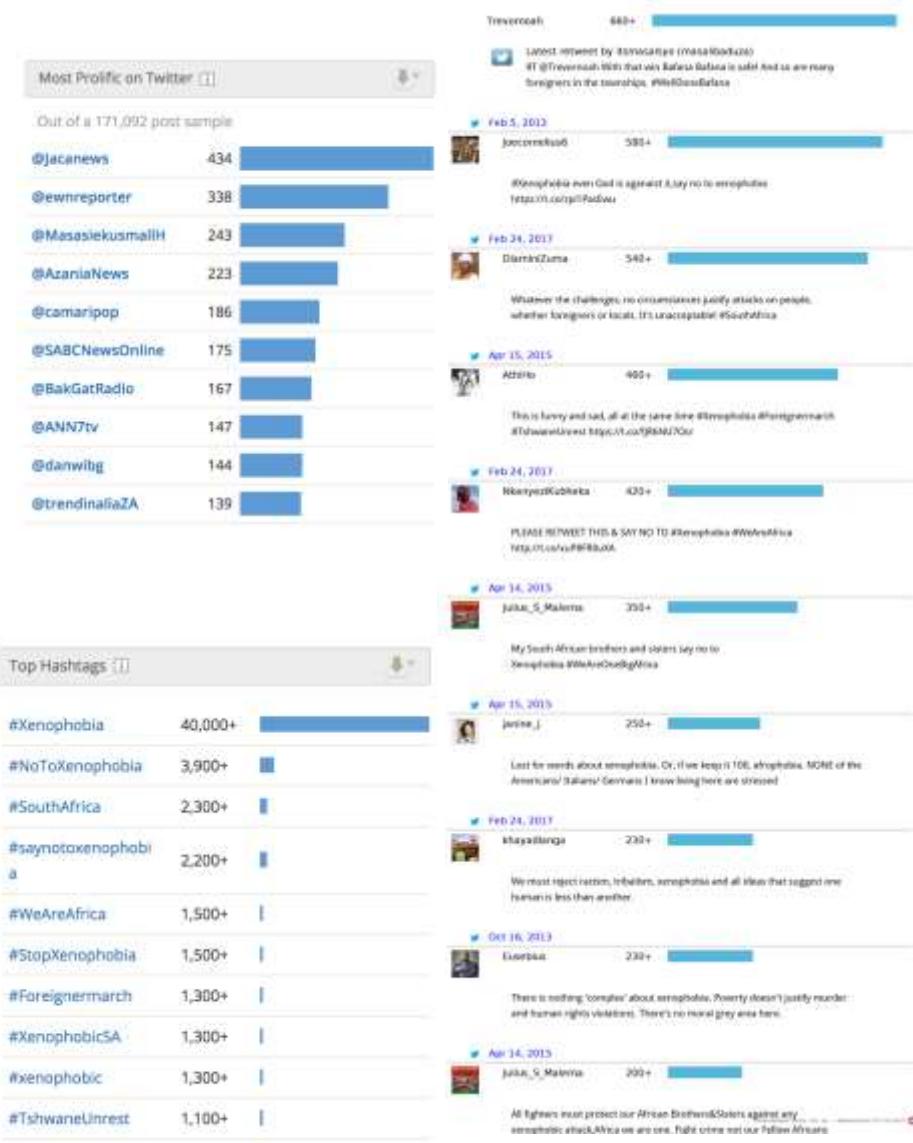
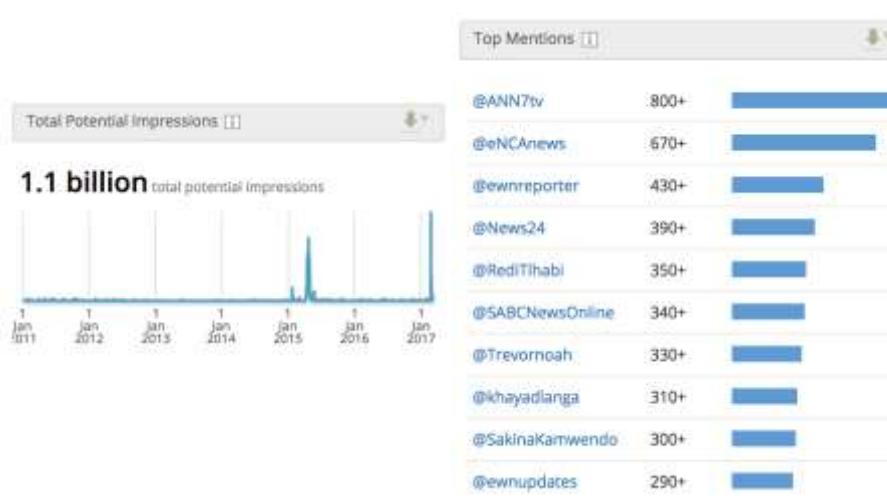


# Xenophobia Pacification

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).

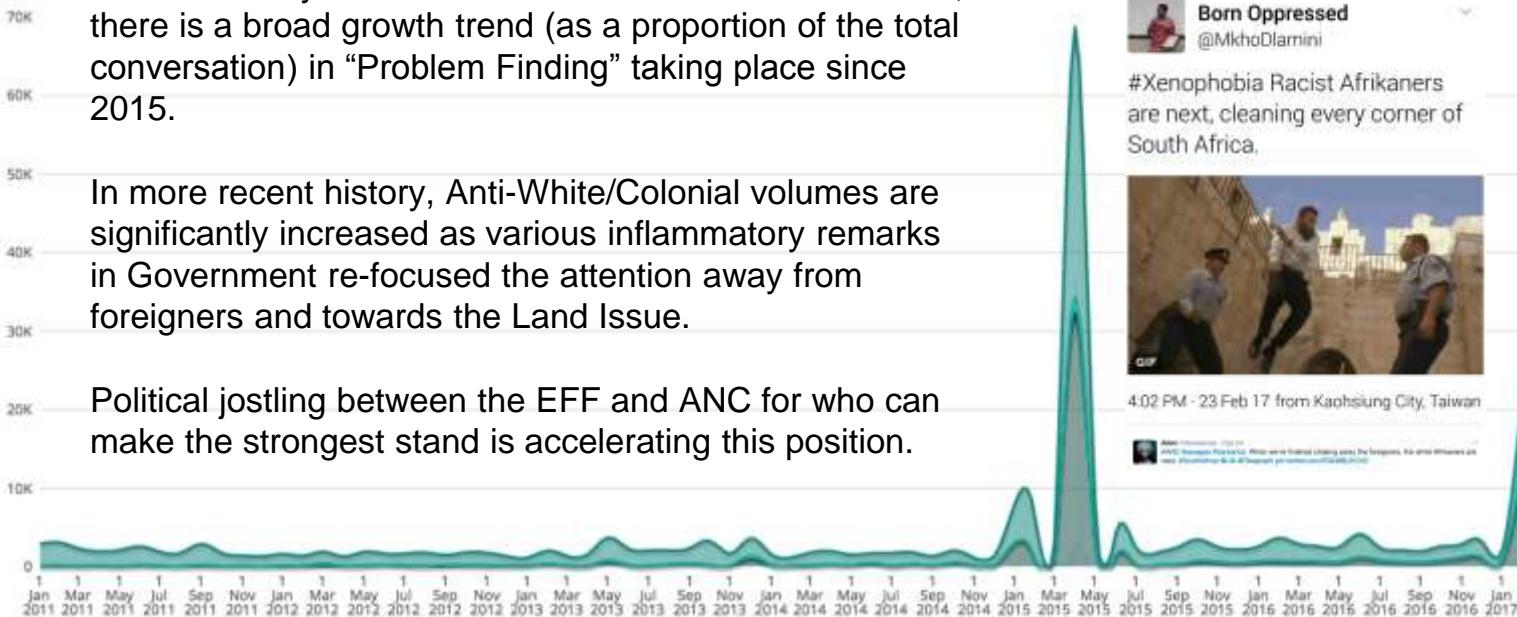
Advocacy wise, note that the most shared piece of content was from Trevor Noah in 2013.



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.

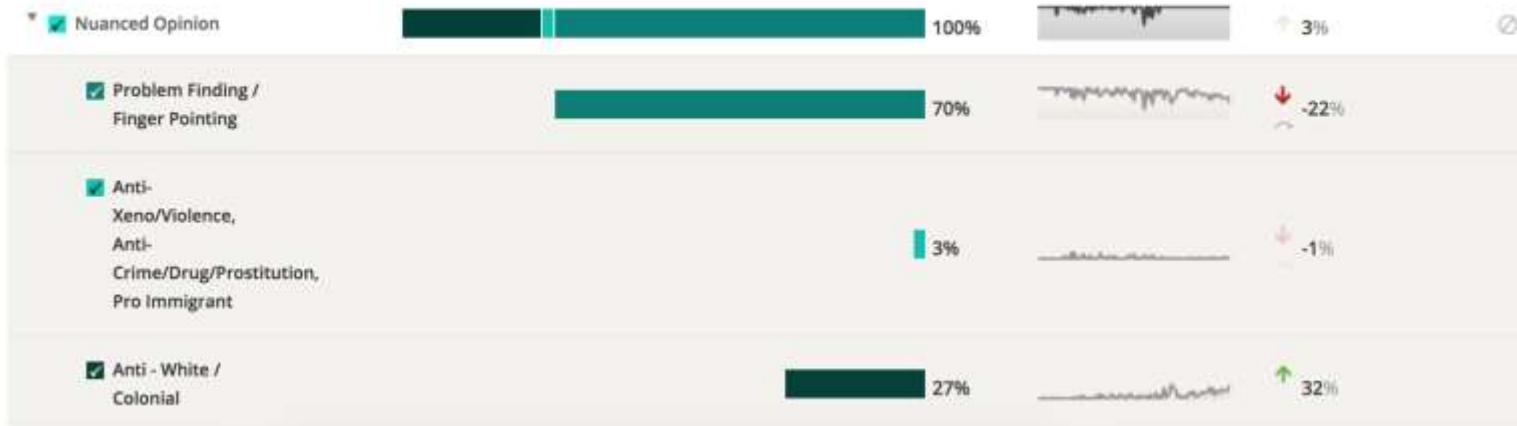
In more recent history, Anti-White/Colonial volumes are significantly increased as various inflammatory remarks in Government re-focused the attention away from foreigners and towards the Land Issue.

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



4:02 PM - 23 Feb 17 from Kaohsiung City, Taiwan

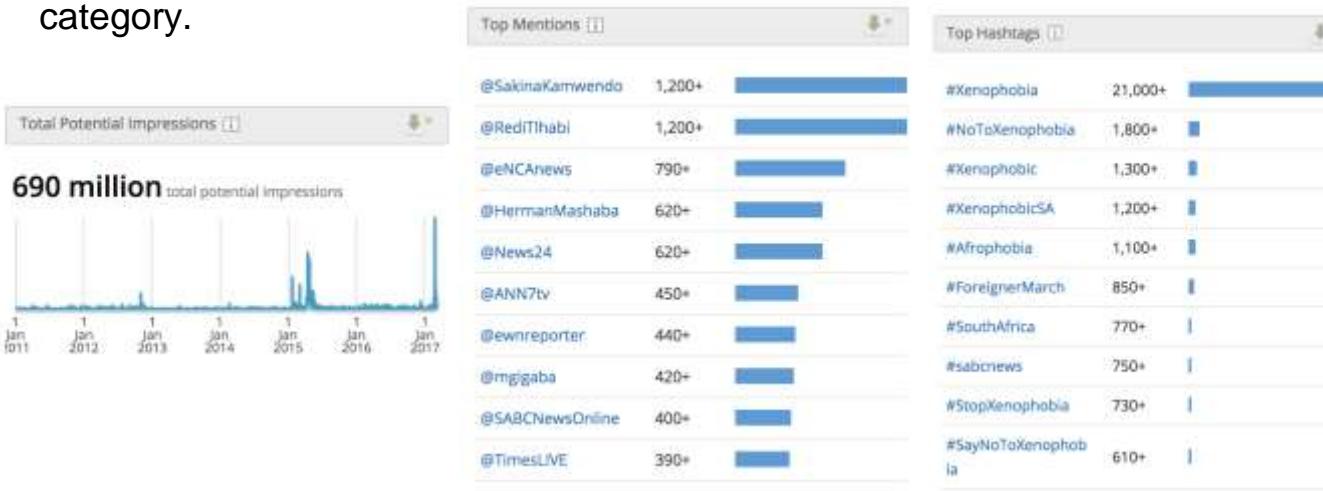
Adan Imanullah - 123 14  
Anti Xenophobia Racist. Please we're United cleaning zones the foreigners. We still believe and need #Xenophobia Racist of Afrikaners pro immigrants #SA #SA #SA



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.

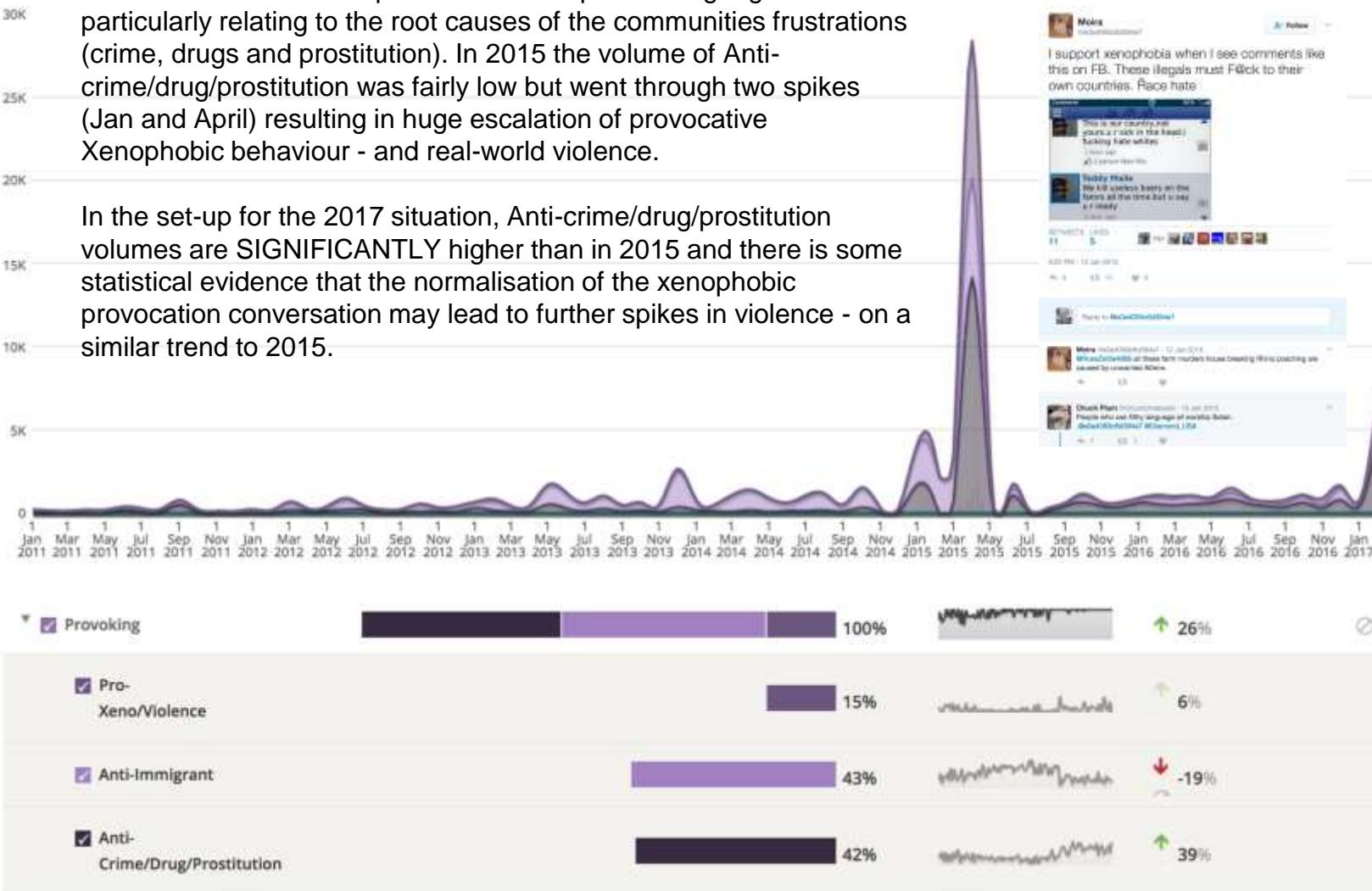
In particular, the lack of influencers means that engagement may result in behavioural change. The same is possible with anti-colonial where anger and frustration could be deflected back to government under-performance rather than historic divides.

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

	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 AND Anti-Crime/Drugs</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%

## Main Findings: 2011-2017

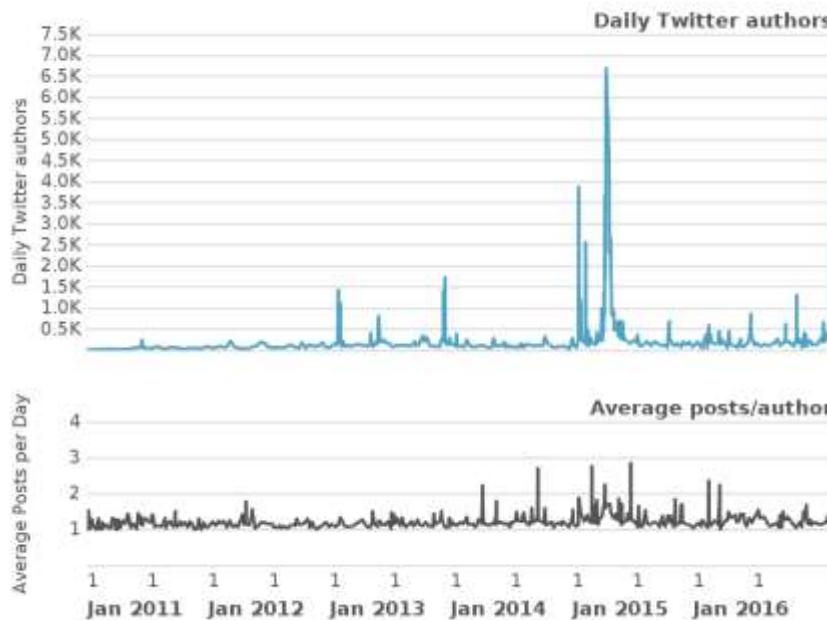
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- The vast majority of the conversation on xenophobia in South Africa comprises shared news stories and international xenophobia – ranging from refugee crises to Brexit to Trump.
- When we exclude all that data, we are still left with a sizable conversation – driven by individuals rather than media outlets and focusing on xenophobia in South Africa.
- Volumes range from 195 000 social media posts on the topic in 2014 to 542 000 in 2015. 2015 represented the highest volume by far – due to the comments made by Goodwill Zwelethini, subsequent violence in KZN and then the rest of the country. The average over the year was 1483 per day, but during the period in question averaged 5670.
- The whole of 2016 saw 234 000 posts on xenophobia at an average of 640 per day. In the first 2 months of 2017, we have already seen over 115 000 posts, at an average of 1958 per day.
- We run an **Organized Interference Monitor** – this looks for interference from individuals or organizations, and showed that on average there were no more than 3 contributions to the conversation made by any individual. We're able to conclude from this that there was not organized interference in the conversation – we stress that on a retrospective basis this tool looks at averages per author, so isn't a perfect instrument. In a live environment it's easier to look for spikes from individuals.
- It is in looking at the nature of the conversation that certain trends merge. We looked at 9 themes within the conversation, and how they change over time.

# Relevant Conversation Only: Excluding News & International Xeno

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Jan & Feb 2017
<b>Relevant Volume</b>	275,412	209,079	194,827	157,002	541,400	234,098	115 568
<b>Anti-Xenophobia</b>	17%	15%	15%	12%	34%	10%	29%
<b>Anti-Violence</b>	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	6%	1%	6%
<b>Not All Foreigners...</b>	11%	10%	8%	9%	2%	4%	3%
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# 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.

# Main Findings: Pacifying Voices, 2011-2017

## Pacifying: Anti-Xenophobia

- This is defined as posts directly speaking out against xenophobia

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Jan & Feb 2017
Anti-Xenophobia	17%	15%	15%	12%	34%	10%	29%

- Anti-xenophobia ranged from a low of 10% in 2016 to a high of 34% in 2015. In January and February this year people speaking out against xenophobia comprised 29% of the conversation.
- The pattern we see here is that as a component of the total conversation anti-xenophobia remains low until a crisis emerges or an incident occurs, at which point it climbs substantially.
- Typically, politicians get involved once a crisis has evolved, and their voices are amplified in the anti-xenophobic conversation. Notable here was Julius Malema's tweet (below), along with Fikile Mbalula, Thabo Mbeki and Mmusi Maimane. Politicians voices are undoubtedly of great importance in the conversation, and should be heard as early, as clearly, as unanimously and as unambiguously as possible.



# Sample Data: Anti-Xenophobia; February 2017



Julius Sello Malema 

 Follow

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

RETWEETS 1,856 LIKES 2,631



2:12 PM - 21 Feb 2017



Jay cornelius  


 Follow

#Xenophobia even God is aganaist it,say no to xenophobia

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yourselves or cut gashes in your  
mourn for the dead. I am the LORD.  
29 "Do not disgrace your daughters by  
making them temple prostitutes;<sup>k</sup> if you  
do, you will turn to other gods and the  
land will be full of immorality.<sup>30</sup> Keep  
the Sabbath, and honour the place where I  
am worshipped. I am the LORD.  
31 "Do not go for advice to people who  
consult the spirits of the dead. If you do,  
you will be ritually unclean. I am the LORD  
your God.  
32 "Show respect for old people and  
honour them. Reverently obey me; I am  
the LORD.  
33 "Do not ill-treat foreigners who are  
living in your land. <sup>34</sup>Treat them as you  
would a fellow-Israelite, and love them  
as you love yourselves. Remember that  
you were once foreigners in the land of  
Egypt. I am the LORD your God.  
35 "Do not cheat anyone by using false  
witness against him.  
I do but they will not be.

RETWEETS 1,641 LIKES 1,344



10:44 PM - 23 Feb 2017



Mmusi Maimane 

 Follow

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

RETWEETS 240 LIKES 703



2:30 AM - 26 Feb 2017

## Main Findings: Pacifying Voices, 2011-2017

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### Pacifying: Anti -Violence

- This is defined as directly speaking out against violence within the context of xenophobia.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Jan & Feb 2017
Anti-Violence	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	6%	1%	6%

- Speaking out against violence forms a fairly low component of the conversation.
- In years in which there are no demonstrable xenophobic crises – at least that become widely known – it emerges as less than 1% of the conversation - in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2016.
- In years in which high profile incidents occur, it rises to 6% - this in 2015 and Jan and Feb 2017.

# Sample Data: Anti-Violence; February 2017



Nero Badare  
@Sashanero

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Stop the violence , stop the hate, we are all 1...  
to top it up same soil.... #africa is weeping, smh  
**#Xenophobia**

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10:37 AM - 24 Feb 2017 from Milnerton, South Africa



RuralBoy  
@Zeeicode1

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Be wise, we are all Africans. We must not kill  
each other, we are all foreigners somewhere.  
Stop killing our brothers. Stop **#Xenophobia**

RETWEET  
1

LIKES  
2



9:10 PM - 24 Feb 2017 from Durban, South Africa



Please wait...loadin  
@Dayungone

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It is very odd to hear a few South AFRICANS  
attack other AFRICANS in this beautiful 🌈  
Nation. Stop the Violence!#Xenophobia

11:40 PM - 24 Feb 2017



Freedom Fighter  
@MableKayiya

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NO NO NO to #Xenophobia #ShameOnYou if  
you are inflicting pain on your brothers &  
sisters. Savages! This is not who we are.  
STOP IT



4:00 AM - 23 Feb 2017

## Main Findings: Pacifying Voices, 2011-2017

### Pacifying: 'Not all Foreigners':

- These are defined as anti xenophobia posts stressing that foreign/immigrant 'transgressors' are a small minority of immigrants/foreigners.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Jan & Feb 2017
<b>Not All Foreigners...</b>	11%	10%	8%	9%	2%	4%	3%

- A hardening of attitudes over time is evident here. This category comprised 11% of all conversation at its height in 2011, and has steadily dropped to 3% of all conversation on the topic in 2017.
- This narrative does decline in years of crisis though – 2015 and 2017 – which suggests that in these years it may be being replaced by more overt anti-xenophobic contributions.

# Sample Data: Not all Foreigners ; February 2017



**BeyHive**   
@Portuguese\_Maya

#Xenophobia #Foreignermarch

Not all foreigners are criminals.  
Not all South Africans are xenophobic.

RETWEETS  
307

LIKES  
366



12:10 AM - 24 Feb 2017





**Katsow\_Nyathi**   
@Takatso\_Nyathi

#Xenophobia

1. Not all Nigerians sell drugs.
2. Foreigners are not taking anyone's job, they get hired because they are qualified, period.



RETWEETS  
73

LIKES  
84



3:08 AM - 23 Feb 2017





**Tatenda**   
@tiripano7

Not all foreigners are criminals and not all  
criminals are foreigners #Foreignermarch  
#noxenophobia #NoToXenophobia

RETWEETS  
41

LIKES  
32



12:19 AM - 24 Feb 2017



**Thulani Gqirana**  
@ThulaniGqirana



Gigaba: it's not true that all immigrants in SA  
are undocumented. It's not true that all  
immigrants in SA are criminals #Xenophobia

RETWEETS  
111

LIKES  
100



2:13 AM - 23 Feb 2017



**#WeDreaming**   
@DJPLATINUMORE

Yes there are foreigners that deals with Drugs  
& turn young girls into prostitution BUT IS NOT  
ALL OF FOREIGNERS #Xenophobia  
**#STOPXENOPHOBIA**

3:23 AM - 24 Feb 2017



# Main Findings: Provoking Voices, 2011-2017

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## Provoking: Pro Xenophobia/Violence

- Defined as outright xenophobia or condoning/support of violence as the answer

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Jan & Feb 2017
Pro-Xenophobia/ Violence	1%	1%	1%	1%	4%	4%	1%

- This is the most disturbing of all our categories, as **these are social media posts that are at best hate speech and at worst a direct incitement to violence.**
- This category It generally comprises only 1% of conversation, but rose to 4% in 2015 and 2016. In 2017 the pro-xenophobic conversation was focused on crime rather than violence against foreigners because they are foreign, explaining why the proportion of this conversation remained low at 1%.
- In absolute numbers, though, this represents large numbers of posts, and in evaluating the scale of the issue, looking at raw numbers is informative. In 2015 this category comprised **21 660 posts**, in 2016 **9 363 posts** and in just 2 months in 2017 incitement to xenophobic violence comprised **1 156 posts**.

## Sample Data: Pro Xenophobia/Violence

 Free Palestine  
@I\_motaia

@eNCAnews Burn more foreigners nd loot their business ull bring country forward nd make economy strong #NoToXenophobia

12:44 PM - 20 Apr 2015

 Umhlauba.  
@ThandoAfrika

Yeah! Now they are distributing pamphlets in Durbs@stiga\_junior: I swear there's someone up there telling people to attack foreigners in SA

RETWEET  
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4:16 AM - 4 Jun 2015 from Ibhayi, South Africa



 Thamsanqa Mpondo  
@ROACH\_INC

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



 Lady Amanda  
@berlybabes

@Zwelinzima1 we will do that Cde. Zweli. We will chase loitering foreigners. Mandela is dead. To hell with foreigners!!

10:57 PM - 1 May 2015



 Lulama Maswanganyi  
@Lulama\_XVI

Well done @SAPresident #JacobZuma for telling these #Afrikan leaders to clean-up their own backyards and VOETSEK!! #migrants #xenophobia

2:50 PM - 28 Apr 2015



...economic refugees, get rid of illegal foreigners BUT we MUST SUPPORT VIOLENCE AGAINST FELLOW AFRICANS, our Sovereign is @ stake.

— Kelebogile mashile (@kele\_3) Apr 22, 2015

 Ivy Blue's Godmother  
@Ivy\_blue47

@sashapumkin 😢 then just wait for your houses to get torched. Bullshit will not be tolerated. The war is yet to begin.

RETWEET  
1

LIKES  
12



 Hayy - Dee  
@Lindallipper

@mdakecC @NcoboRaymond and for th record I do support Xenophobia! Let them eff of 2 their own! Not my fault Ape Mugabe messed up!

4:25 AM - 22 Apr 2015

RT @voodoosoliloquy Can someone shut this fucking immigrant cunt up, if you dont fucking like it in SA fuck off back to swaziland you fucking xenophobic injas ! https://t.co/Es...

— Eli West (@EliWest01) Nov 9, 2016

# Main Findings: Provoking Voices, 2011-2017

## Provoking: Anti- Immigrant

- Defined as hateful anti-immigrant rhetoric

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Jan & Feb 2017
Anti-Immigrant	3%	9%	16%	22%	5%	7%	4%

- Hateful Anti-Immigrant rhetoric built in 2013 (at 16% of conversation), and reached a peak in 2014 at 22% of the conversation.
- This tends to decline as a proportion of total conversation when crises occur – suggesting that it is of more concern in building up to events than during the events themselves.
- This emphasises the point that ant-immigrant rhetoric needs to be monitored and addressed on an ongoing basis – it is part of the buildup phase, and can be a pre cursor to violent incidents.

## Sample Data: Anti- Immigrant; February 2017



**Sipho Magoro**  
@siphomagoro

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@SABCNewsroom i support it cause this illegal immigrants are destroying our country

11:30 PM - 22 Feb 2017



**Lady Lilly**  
@MariaEsau2

Follow

The King was right illegal foreigners must leave it is about time

1:44 PM - 22 Feb 2017 · Embalenhle, South Africa



**Legasa Butler Mollo**  
@legasamollo71

Follow

@QUESTIONTIME24 M 100% supporting the idea of Mr Lekganyane of removing Foreigners from South Africa, That's all

7:35 AM - 27 Feb 2017



**Sibongakonke**  
@u\_Sbonga

Follow

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

1:12 PM - 12 Feb 2017

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**Franzis Macerillo**  
@FransMasilo

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@SowetanLIVE call me xenophobic but I hate Nigerians whole heartedly...I saw worse in sunnyside

LIKE  
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3:54 AM - 28 Feb 2017



**#Ben10WanaBe**  
@01Moshimanyana

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#Rosettenville #PretoriaWest #Yeoville this foreigners afitcan of nie must leave our country.... fullstop  
twitter.com/DONMathule/sta...

12:44 AM - 20 Feb 2017

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# Main Findings: Provoking Voices, 2011-2017

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## Provoking: Anti- Crime/Drugs/Prostitution

- Defined as violent, confrontational or accusatory rhetoric focused on crime, and a purported link to foreigners/immigrants.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Jan & Feb 2017
Anti-Crime/Drug/Prostitution	4%	5%	5%	5%	8%	13%	10%

- This theme has grown over time, and also finds some expression in the 'finger pointing' category.
- Bear in mind that this category unashamedly uses crime as an excuse for aggression, violence and hatred towards all foreigners/immigrants - as such, its growth to comprising 13% of the 2016 conversation and 10% of the 2017 conversation is troubling.
- This has not been helped by politicians, who have clumsily attempted to link crime to foreigners/immigrants without clearly stating their position, and without providing any clear evidence of this. At best this position encourages closet xenophobes to make their positions more overt, and at worst incites violence.
- Also, even if crime stats were to show a preponderance of criminality amongst foreigners, we must remember that these stats can tend to be self-selective. The police may target foreigners because they are foreigners - not because they are criminals - and they thus provide easy pickings. Also, the argument that 'many foreigners are criminal' is a circular one if you consider undocumented foreigners to be criminal by definition.

# Sample Data: Anti- Crime/Drugs/Prostitution; February 2017



@ThabisoTema go stand in front of a moving train, SAfricans must show no mercy to drug dealers & brothel owners, #xenophobic/not 😲  
#PowerDrive

RETWEET  
1



5:13 AM - 21 Feb 2017 from Kempton Park, South Africa



#Xenophobia

So just because you are an African you are allowed to do drugs here and traffic our own sisters? Nonsense!!

RETWEETS  
76



5:28 AM - 23 Feb 2017



UvaloNgo2019  
@LuvDirector

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



We just want drugs and prostitution to exit our communities. There's nothing xenophobic about combating crime in our own land.  
#PretoriaWest

RETWEETS  
53



1:14 AM - 19 Feb 2017



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

RETWEETS  
29



7:50 AM - 18 Feb 2017



@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

# Main Findings: Nuanced Opinion, 2011-2017

## Nuanced Opinion: Problem Finding/ Finger Pointing

- Defined as posts concerned with either casting blame or solution finding

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Jan & Feb 2017
Problem Finding / Finger Pointing	62%	53%	46%	45%	24%	45%	20%

- Problem finding and finger pointing is consistently one of the largest categories of conversation.
- It notably falls away during crisis years as more anti-xenophobic voices join the conversation. It has, though, been as high as 62% of the conversation in 2011.
- It is currently at its lowest point in 6 years and 2 months, comprising 'only' 20% of the conversation in 2017.
- This is largely due to the phenomenal recent growth of Anti-White/Anti-Colonial sentiment in the conversation.

## Sample Data: Problem Finding/ Finger Pointing; February 2017



LEON Dé LEON  
@thenextbarack

Follow

Childhood issues - dark holes in our souls - foreigners don't make you take drugs - your issues do [@makmabunda](#)

LIKE  
1

10:14 AM - 23 Feb 2017



gabriel  
@kamzate

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#Xenophobia even if this violence died down it will emerge again in a year or two..until the government listen to the people

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Zwelinzima Vavi  
@Zwelinzima1

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Employers side stepping their obligations to labour law by sidelining local nationals in order to exploit foreigners must share the blame

RETWEETS 30 LIKES 72



12:07 AM - 24 Feb 2017



Noko  
@austinsku

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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



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

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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

# Main Findings: Nuanced Opinion, 2011-2017

## Nuanced Opinion: Anti-Xeno/Violence AND Anti-Crime/Drug/Prostitution

- Defined as linking crime to illegal immigrants, whilst rejecting xenophobia and/or violence

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Jan & Feb 2017
<b>Anti-Xenophobia/Violence AND Anti-Crime/Drugs/ Prostitution</b>	<1%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	4%

- This theme has reached its height in the current 2017 conversation – albeit only at 4% of the conversation.
- This is conversation that accuses foreigners of being criminals while rejecting xenophobia and/or violence.

## Sample Data: Anti-Xeno/Violence AND Anti-Crime/Drug/Prostitution; February 2017

 **Kholo\_Boshielo**  
@BoshieloKholo

@godfreymalumane problem is crime&unemployment not migrants (legal/illegal) gvt mst deal decisively with all criminals domestic&foreign.

12:30 AM - 25 Feb 2017



 **Petunia Pesh**  
@Petunia\_TheOnly

I don't condone Xenophobia- is very wrong but Nigerians must change their ways, some marry South Africans just to get ID's, some bring drugs

2:03 AM - 25 Feb 2017



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 **Mark Gamanya**  
@markgamanya

@SouthinaM drugs and crime it's wrong but nothing justifies Xenophobia.

1:38 AM - 25 Feb 2017



 **The Mami 100**  
@Kim\_Kardashisa

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 LIKES  
4 2



3:05 AM - 23 Feb 2017

 **Kgaugelo S Moremi**  
@MoremisKgaugelo

@EFFSouthAfrica neither support Xenophobia nor anti-africanism, but similarly to me, it's against drug dealers, human trafficking & brothels.

Justine Limpitlaw @JusticeLimLaw  
Not so. Xenophobia and anti-Africanism is WRONG and if you think @EFFSouthAfrica supports it? You're nuts. Bye twitter.com/moremisKgaugel...

RETWEETS LIKES  
3 6



11:38 AM - 23 Feb 2017 from Johannesburg, South Africa

 **Rethabile Kobe**  
@Rethabile\_Kobe

#Xenophobia There's nothing wrong with visitors, the problem is when they bring illegal drugs into South Africa.

RETWEETS LIKES  
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4:17 AM - 23 Feb 2017

# Main Findings: Nuanced Opinion, 2011-2017

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## Nuanced Opinion: Anti-White/ Anti-Colonial

- Defined as xenophobic conversation focused on or directed against white South Africans or colonialism.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Jan & Feb 2017
Anti - White / Colonial	1%	2%	6%	5%	16%	15%	24%

- The anti-white and/ or anti-colonial narrative has grown substantially in 2017.
- From a low of 1% in 2011, it now comprises fully 24% of the total conversation on xenophobia. This is a trend that we see in other hot button issues (like land and #feesmustfall).
- The growth of this political view has meant that its politics are attached to multiple issues – it is a ‘world view’ rather than a specific political stance.
- The growth of this viewpoint in the conversation represents a major shift in the political discourse in South Africa.

## Sample Data: Anti-Xeno/Violence AND Anti-Crime/Drug/Prostitution; February 2017



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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8:59 AM - 25 Feb 2017

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#016Gawd  
@Tumi\_016Gawd

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

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

RETWEETS  
233

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182



4:49 AM - 23 Feb 2017

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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  
61



10:43 PM - 23 Feb 2017

LIKES  
73

12:04 AM - 24 Feb 2017

- This is Just Stupid of US

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I am Black  
 @SanelleNgobster

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

## Main Findings: *The Role of Politicians*

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- Politicians play a key role in the tone of the conversation – they provide justification for certain views, both positive and negative. Their opinions are shared and discussed, and they can provide the necessary momentum in the counter narrative against xenophobia.
- It is critical that they have a clear position on topics, otherwise their words can be taken out of context, and used to justify xenophobia. Herman Mashaba's remarks, linking 'illegal immigrants' to crime played a clear role in exacerbating existing xenophobic feelings. It had the effect of justifying xenophobic sentiment, and as such was unhelpful. Subsequent attempts to justify his remarks only made the matter worse.
- Julius Malema stands in contrast. Early on in the conversation, a 'fake tweet', purportedly from the EFF and justifying xenophobia made its way into the media. Interestingly, we could find no evidence of this tweet on our platform, so it could only have had limited effect – but once its existence was placed offline in the media, the response was swift and decisive. Malema stated the EFFs position clearly and unequivocally, and the clarity of the position meant there was no doubt that EFF members expressing xenophobic content were not acting on behalf of their organization.
- Fikile Mbalula also had a positive impact on the conversation, as did, to a lesser extent, Mmusi Maimane.
- It is worth reiterating that **politicians voices should be heard as early, as clearly, as consistently, as unanimously and as unambiguously as possible.**

# Sample Data: The Role of Politicians; February 2017

 **Mmusi Maimane**  @MmusiMaimane · Feb 25  
As Africans we gather today. Let's pray for our continent and that peace will prevail. We condemn all acts of Xenophobia & pursue unity  
  
81 240 703

 **Yamza**  @ngqengqay12  
  
@MmusiMaimane please tell your Mayor's to stop instigating violence against our fellow brothers and sisters. **#NoToXenophobia**  
  
RETWEETS 3 LIKES 6  
  
2:41 AM - 26 Feb 2017

 **Matt**  @skeletmag  
  
ANC condemns xenophobic violence, blames Mashaba [ewn.co.za/2017/02/24/anc...](http://ewn.co.za/2017/02/24/anc...) BUCK PASSER CUNTS!!!!  
  
Translate from French  
12:13 PM - 25 Feb 2017

 **braZeee**  @sirtlet  
  
The **@Our\_DA**, **@helenzille**, Her spineless puppets **@maimane\_mmusi** **@HermanMashaba** **@SollyMsimanga** are responsible for these xenophobic attacks  
  
1:54 AM - 21 Feb 2017

 **The Instigator**  @AmBlujay  
  
DA won Gauteng and it's already a mess with Herman Trump Mashaba igniting xenophobia imagine if they run the country  
  
RETWEETS 5 LIKES 4  
  
11:02 PM - 23 Feb 2017

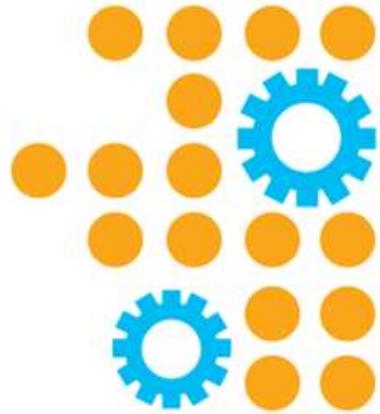
 **Nak-Morph**  @NakampeBK  
  
If we remove ANC completely we will no longer have Xenophobia, I guarantee you  
  
9:42 PM - 27 Feb 2017

 **Laurent Mubenga**  @lauperfection  
  
@hallaboutafrica Malema and the DA EFF are behind all the attacks on foreigners. They know what is going on and why.  
  
RETWEET 1  
  
8:37 AM - 18 Feb 2017

 **RSA Min of Sport**  @MbalulaFikile  
  
"AFRICANS WILL NEVER BE FOREIGNERS IN AFRICA" **#Awaywithxenophobia**  
  
RETWEETS 180 LIKES 291  
  
12:49 PM - 25 Feb 2017

 **Alien**  @SAalienate  
  
#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 26 LIKES 9  
  
8:05 AM - 26 Feb 2017

 **Relish Musix**  @relishmusix  
  
"Herman Mashaba" is right I support him illegal immigrants must bounce, if **#xenophobia** will clean out nigerians let it be **#Atteridgeville**  
  
RETWEETS 3 LIKES 2  
  
12:47 AM - 24 Feb 2017

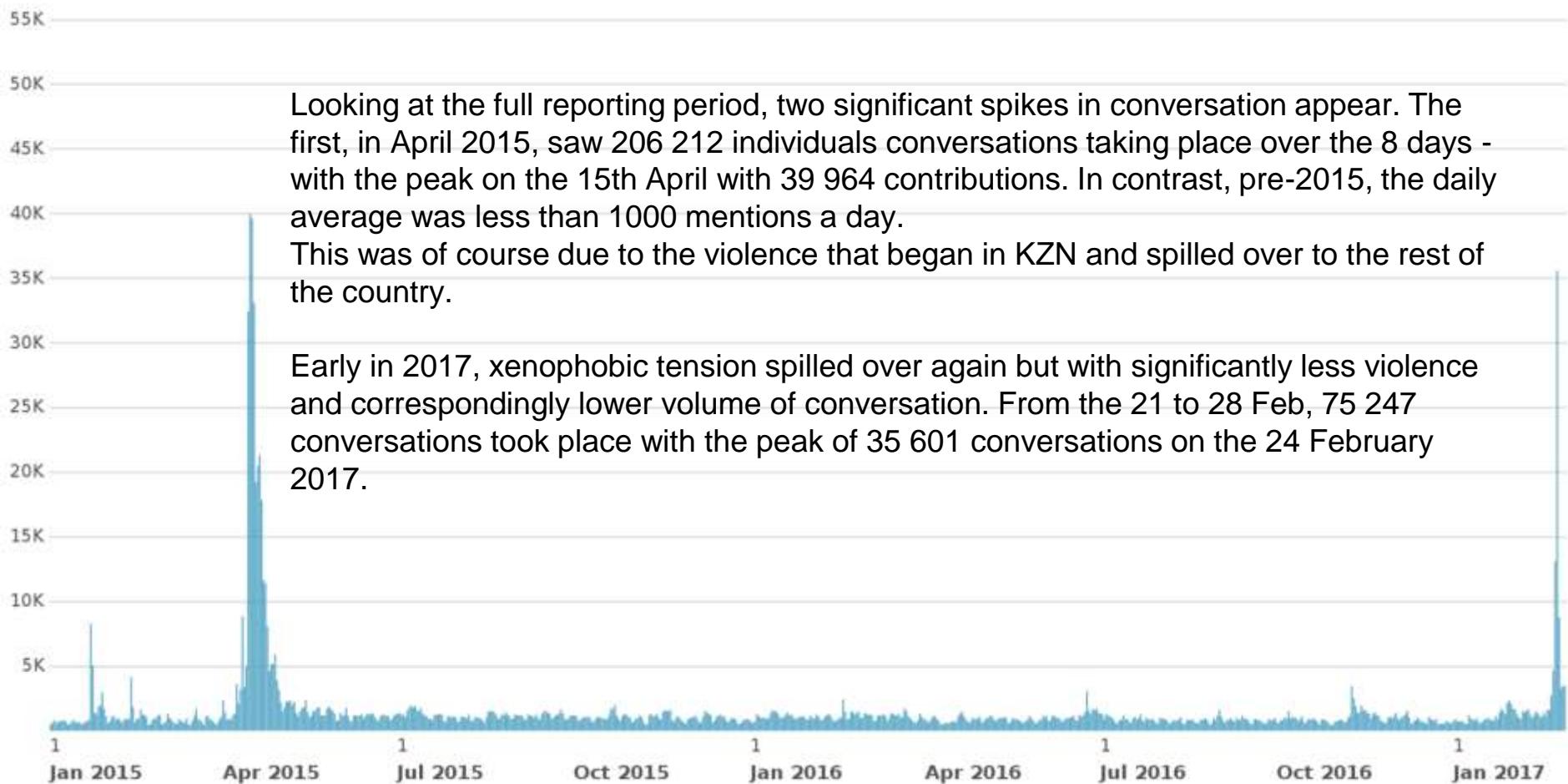


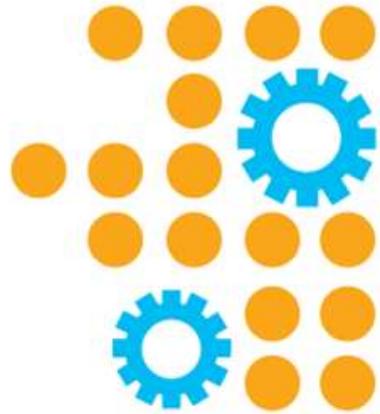
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Xenophobia on SA Social Media, **2015-2017**

## Total Volumes





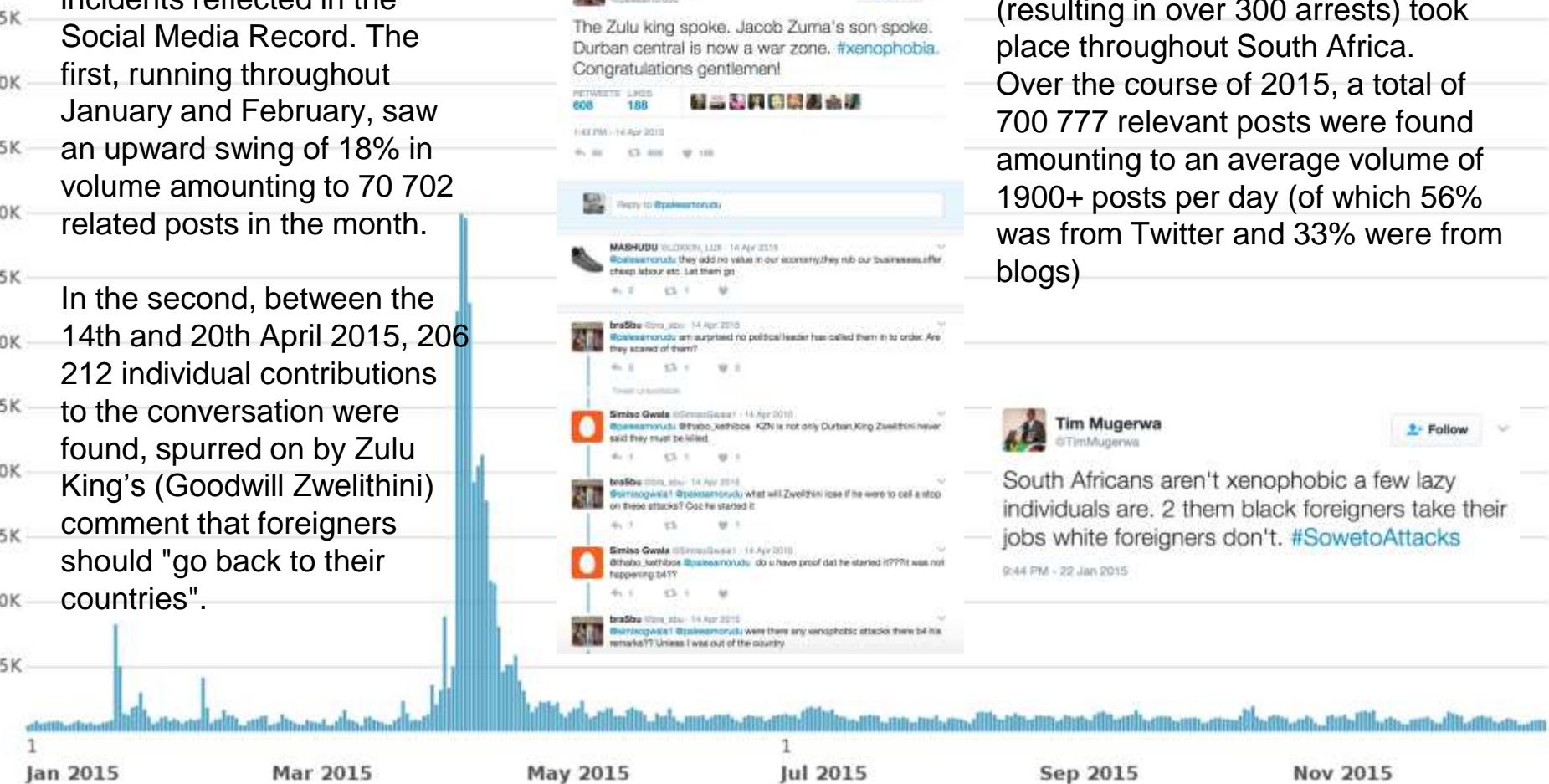
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Xenophobia on SA Social Media:  
**2015**

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)

**Tim Mugerwa (@TimMugerwa)**

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

# 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
-  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/2XP8xOxfel>

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/oPFR0uA>

Apr 14, 2015
-  paleasamorudu 330+ 

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

Apr 14, 2015
-  RanjeniM 320+ 

South Africans are xenophobic. Do you think we would host the World Cup knowing thousands of foreigners would come here? #DenyEverything

Jun 4, 2015
-  MapsMaponyane 310+ 

So you're ok with multinational corporations making millions in your country, but you'll attack 'foreigners' barely making 1000s to survive?

Apr 12, 2015
-  khayadlanga 290+ 

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

Apr 16, 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 Jan 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  
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11:38 PM - 22 Jan 2015

 **Maria Zakharova**  
@Ma\_LoJ

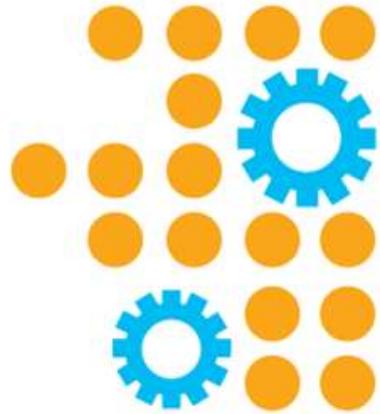
A non South African couple has been shot in Alex again, I thought things were calming down **#xenophobia**.

4:43 AM - 21 Apr 2015

 **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**

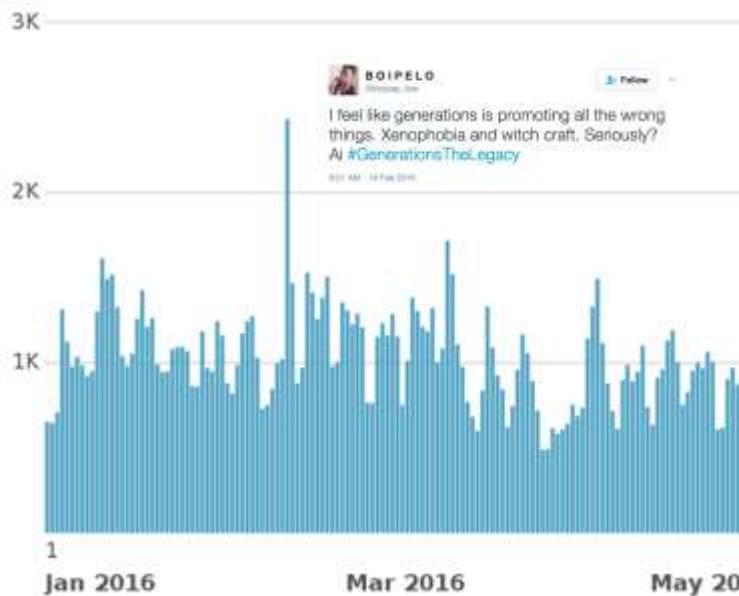
 Third Force @thirdforcehost 1:09 PM - 24 Jun 2016

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

1,098 PM - 24 Jun 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.

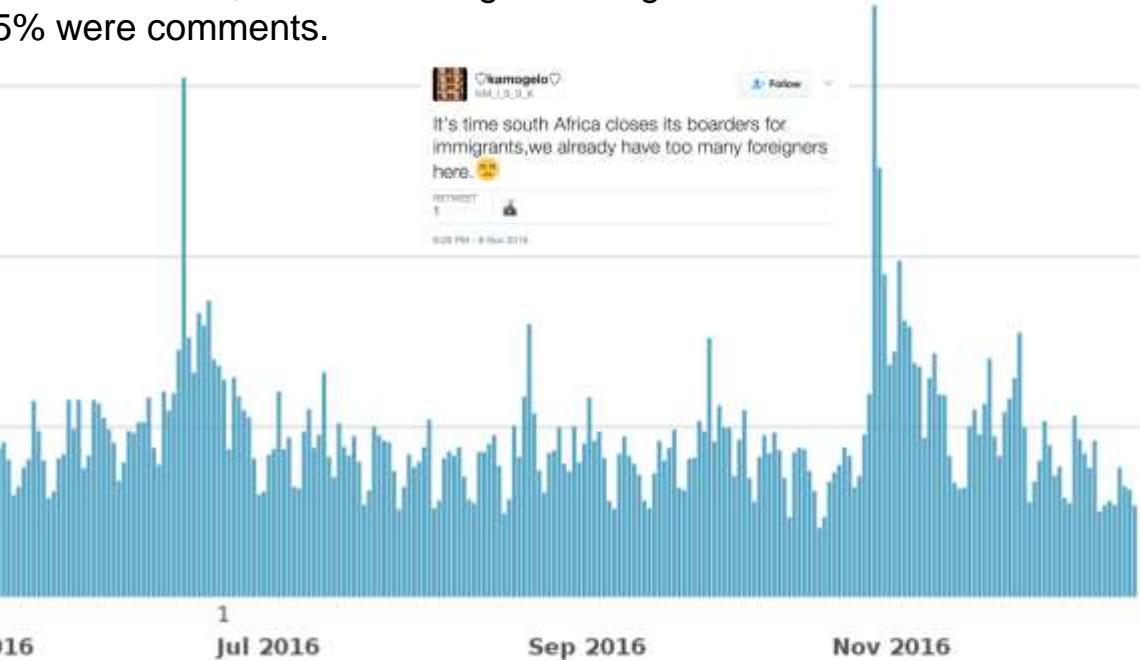
 Kamogelo @M\_1\_0\_3\_6 1:09 PM - 8 Nov 2016

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It's time south Africa closes its borders for immigrants,we already have too many foreigners here. 😢

RETWEET 1

1,098 PM - 24 Jun 2016



# 2016: Geography & Most Influential Authours

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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**  
@camariipop

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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

@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  
12



9:12 PM - 13 Dec 2016



**gumede783**  
@gumede783

@maths0001 Sly illegal immigrants, like you hiding in SA causing trouble. Go home now  
@S02005283 @srampaul @Tony SantanaZA @MauritzPreller

RETWEETS  
2



4:00 AM - 24 Dec 2016



**Kim Carvello**  
@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%**

- |     |   |
|-----|---|
| 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.



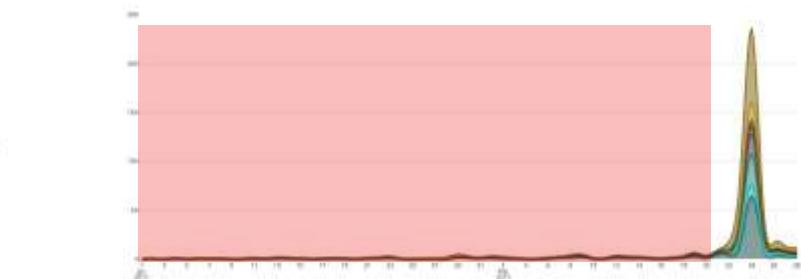
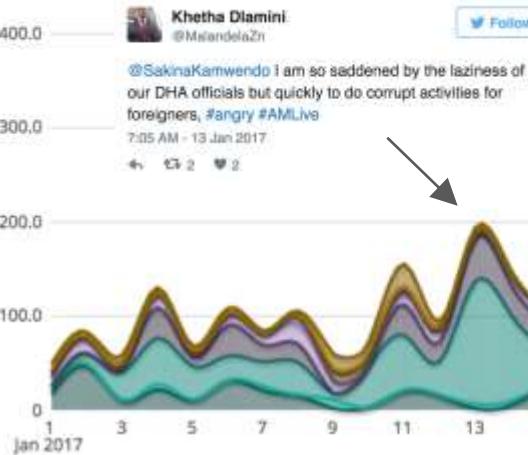
Also, closet xenophobes we see you. ••  
Those who attack racist bigots but are out here telling black African foreigners to go back home.  
Tsek

RETWEETS 31 LIKES 14

10:34 PM - 31 Jan 2017

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).

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This has nothing to do with color or nationality. #hermanmashiba doing an excellent job. @CityofJoburgZA @MashibaRowaza

Hughm Viegond @Hugh\_Lock  
#MashibaRowzaAction  
This is from the same guy that made black like me.  
so people from am, cong, etc aren't black like you?  
#SAcolonial

Hughm Viegond @Hugh\_Lock  
#Rowaza @HermanMashiba @CityofJoburgZA  
It has everything to do with race. how many of those 'foreigner' you think are white

7:03 AM - 01 Feb 2017



We declare war on drugs and Afrophobia by lighting Imperialism and taking back the land  
#HereroVed #RazzAKyapnoba  
#FuturaArrangements

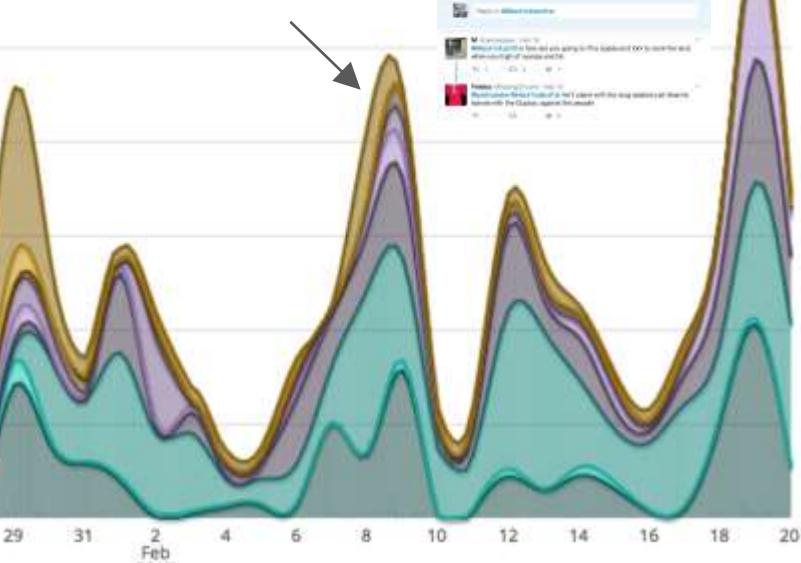




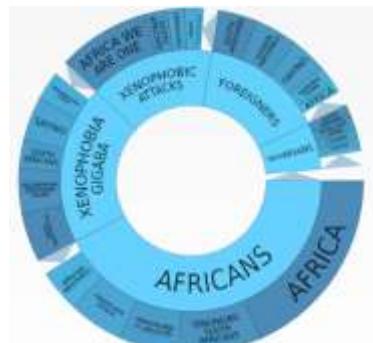
Retweet from @HermanMashiba  
#hermanmashiba i am so saddened by the laziness of our DHA officials but quickly to do corrupt activities for foreigners, #angry #AMILive

7:05 AM - 01 Feb 2017

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## Anti-xenophobic themes



25K

Brother Spice

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

20K

Reply to Bro\_Spice 2

Mr. Wilson Tshozi: You fighting someone to leave or land like me "Take your job" but you won't care what he does. Come on africain white #Xenophobia

15K

Daliso Mhondoro

2016, Masela, 12 #Xenophobia Kafu! #Xenophobia

10K

Daliso Mhondoro

2016, Masela, 12 and they ask the same with the whole job spot!

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2016, Masela, 12 #Xenophobia Africas that time they want to be pol back

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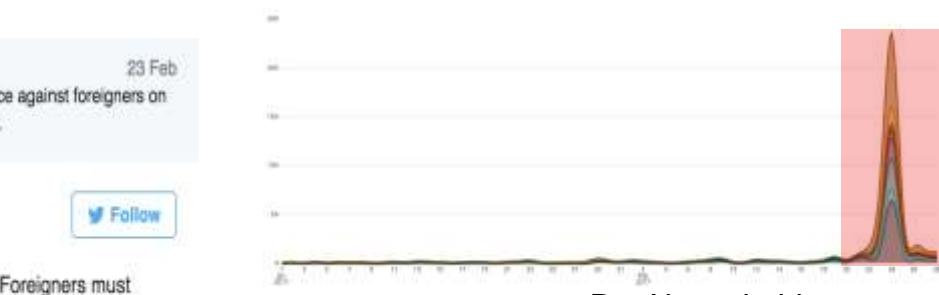
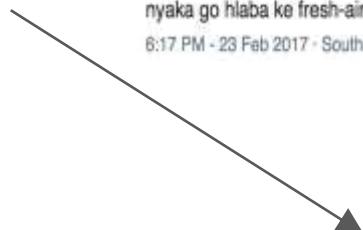
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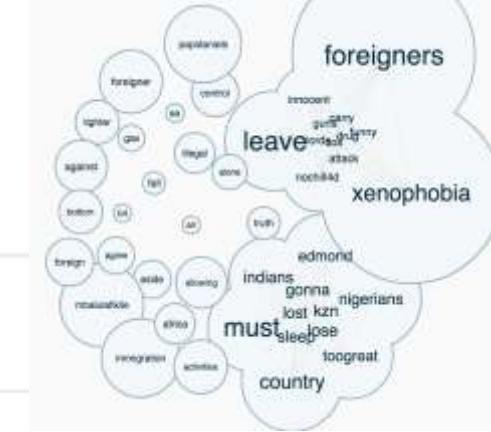
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Pro-Xenophobia



Katsow\_Nyathi

@Nipho\_Andlerthy

23 Feb



Lethokuhle\_Otherwise

@Nipho\_Andlerthy

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@Takatsokatcows 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[Follow](#)

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

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 **Thami Mthimkhulu**  
@PremiumHeadwear[Follow](#)

#PretoriaWest if it's Xenophobic 2 nd 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[Follow](#)

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

1:12 PM - 12 Feb 2017

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 **Khalixx\_76**[Follow](#)

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[Follow](#)

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

3:00 PM - 23 Feb 2017

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 **James Sethoga**  
@jamessethoga[Follow](#)

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

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 **Rachel**  
@Xquisite\_Ray[Follow](#)

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

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 **TheBlackProtector**  
 @\_BlackProtector[Follow](#)

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 1h we talking about illegal immigrants that commit crime aren't we? #xenophobia

Edmond King @Edmond\_TooGreat 1h @Edmond\_TooGreat Base on your observation are u saying all Nigerians in SA r criminals?

#Ed #TooGreat #LFC @Edmond\_TooGreat 1h that's all we saying - and those are the ones committing these crimes

Masepa Motso @MasepaMotso 1h #Xenophobia  
Illegal immigrants must fall

#Ed #TooGreat #LFC Retweeted evans\_0101 1h \*\* @akanigates We cannot allow our youth 2 be turned into junkies n pimpled by nigerians haava better we sent them back to Buhari #Xenophobia

**Simply Threadz** @Real\_Threadz 1h Houses of SAns drug dealers were also burnt in eildos and other places. But I guess that's not important #Xenophobia

**mifana ka kome** @masepamotso 1h #Xenophobia if Nigerian government only knows that 800 000 of its citizens are in SA while Sunnyside alone contains 1m of then then idk

**SpaceMan sa Bra Biza** @slengtates 1h Nigerians are the cause of drug problems and prostitution in SA sorry but give us a break... #Xenophobia

**Don** @donmuya 1h @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 Edmond King 1h 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 Edmond King 1h 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 Edmond King 1h Nigerians in SA kill south Africans everyday - they steal from south Africans everyday . fraud, drugs, prostitution #Xenophobia

#Ed #TooGreat #LFC Retweeted Edmond King 1h with your question, is that u assuming I don't contribute anything to SA ?? be careful

RED Attorney-at-Law @redattlaw @Edmond\_TooGreat 1h RR. Attorney-at-Law @redattlaw @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 Edmond King 1h a judgment and an observation are two different things my brother

Edmond King @Edmond\_TooGreat @Edmond\_TooGreat 1h Edmond King @Edmond\_TooGreat As Gipco Game. Don't judge be the nation

#Ed #TooGreat #LFC Retweeted Edmond King 1h and we must keep such people in our house ? ngeke skhone - ringasikoni

Are there really? @Denzel0111 @Edmond\_TooGreat Yes. They say we they will box each other. come Denzel.

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**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 Bethule 1h  
@JabulaniNzilane How do you know Cameroons don't want them, are you from Cameroon?

**Alphology** @JabulaniNzilane Follow  
**@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.

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

7:08 AM - 23 Feb 2017  
**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 Follow  
1/2 **@madibaz** Problem of foreigners wreaking havoc in our country is because companies such as MTN, Shoprite/Checkers etc. Are making money

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Alphology  
@JabulaniNzilane



Africa

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

8:37 AM - 23 Feb 2017  
**Alphology** @JabulaniNzilane Follow  
**#Xenophobia** became issue when foreigners disrespected our laws. South Africans in other African countries don't break those countries laws.

2:02 AM - 23 Feb 2017  
**Alphology** @JabulaniNzilane Follow  
Pro-immigrants South Africans probably live in glasshouses suburbs. Just go in2 townships & prisons you'll understand why people are fed up.

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

**Alphology** @JabulaniNzilane 7h  
@Adwest\_ 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\_ 7h  
@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 Follow  
**@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\_ 7h  
@JabulaniNzilane and you sound like a xenophobic fuck. I love Africans and would be for Africans to unite instead of being anti-immigrants

1:47 AM - 23 Feb 2017  
**Alphology** @JabulaniNzilane Follow  
**@adwest\_** Do you think I care? South Africans in foreign countries respect those countries laws. Foreigner fill South African prisons. Why?

1:47 AM - 23 Feb 2017  
**esther** @Adwest\_ 7h  
@JabulaniNzilane lol again. 😂😂 South Africans fill South African prisons. Get your facts straight before tweeting shit. 😂😂

**Alphology** @JabulaniNzilane 7h  
@adwest\_ I don't see a reason why you should insult me. You conjugated piece of shit that won't come out. You know nothing about prisons.

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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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Thulz  
@Thulzkhumz

[@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/...](http://timeslive.co.za/politics/2017/...)

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 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 looting.

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 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

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8:13 AM · 21 Feb 2017

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 11 9

 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

 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 11 9

 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?

4 10 43

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

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 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/...](http://timeslive.co.za/politics/2017/...)

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 **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

RETWEET 1   
1:35 AM - 23 Feb 2017

 Reply to @nkosikhona950

 **Nkosikhona** @nkosikhona950  @nkosikhona950 he said "should we be counting how many South Africans were killed by Nigerians here in South Africa"

 **Nkosikhona** @nkosikhona950  @nkosikhona950 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   
1:35 AM - 23 Feb 2017

 Reply to @nkosikhona950

 **Tendai Brian Kampai** @t\_b\_kampai\_  @nkosikhona950 does this mean that the people are happy with local drug lords then?

 **Christa** @christa\_mz  @nkosikhona950 no 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  @christa\_mz 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



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

1 2 3

Adam  
@AdamJustTrollin

Follow

@ndiTafadzwa TSEK!

3:01 AM - 23 Feb 2017

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

Adam  
@AdamJustTrollin

Follow

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

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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

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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

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

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10:42 PM - 23 Feb 2017

# Example of 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:

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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:

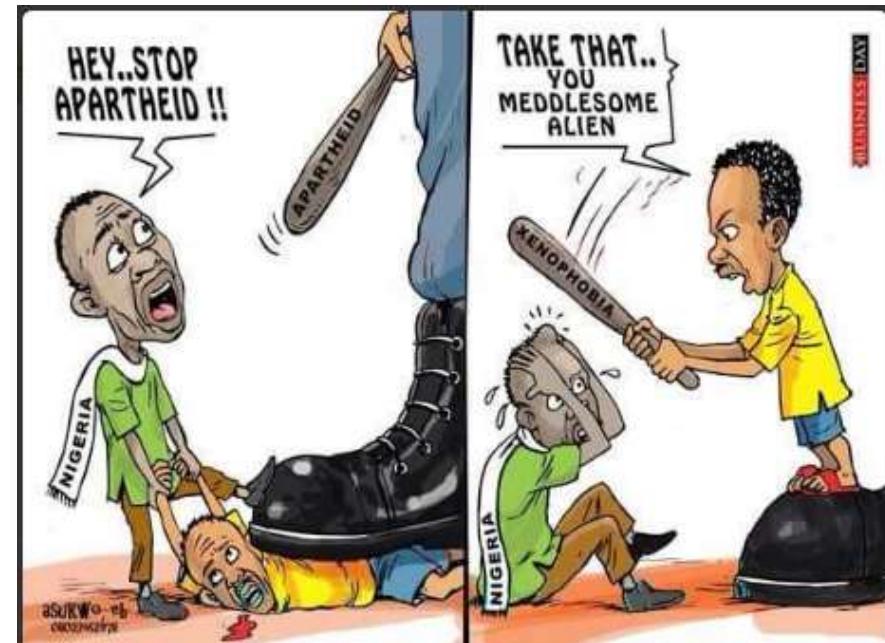
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76



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**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



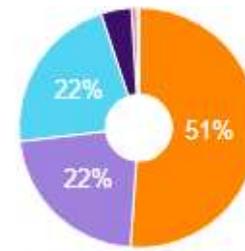


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Anatomy of an Incident  
January 2017

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/NDQR5vPeFV>

— 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/TdcIjfi1Xh>

— 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



8:01 AM - 13 Jan 2017



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  
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Anatomy of an Incident  
February 2017

# 5 to 7 February



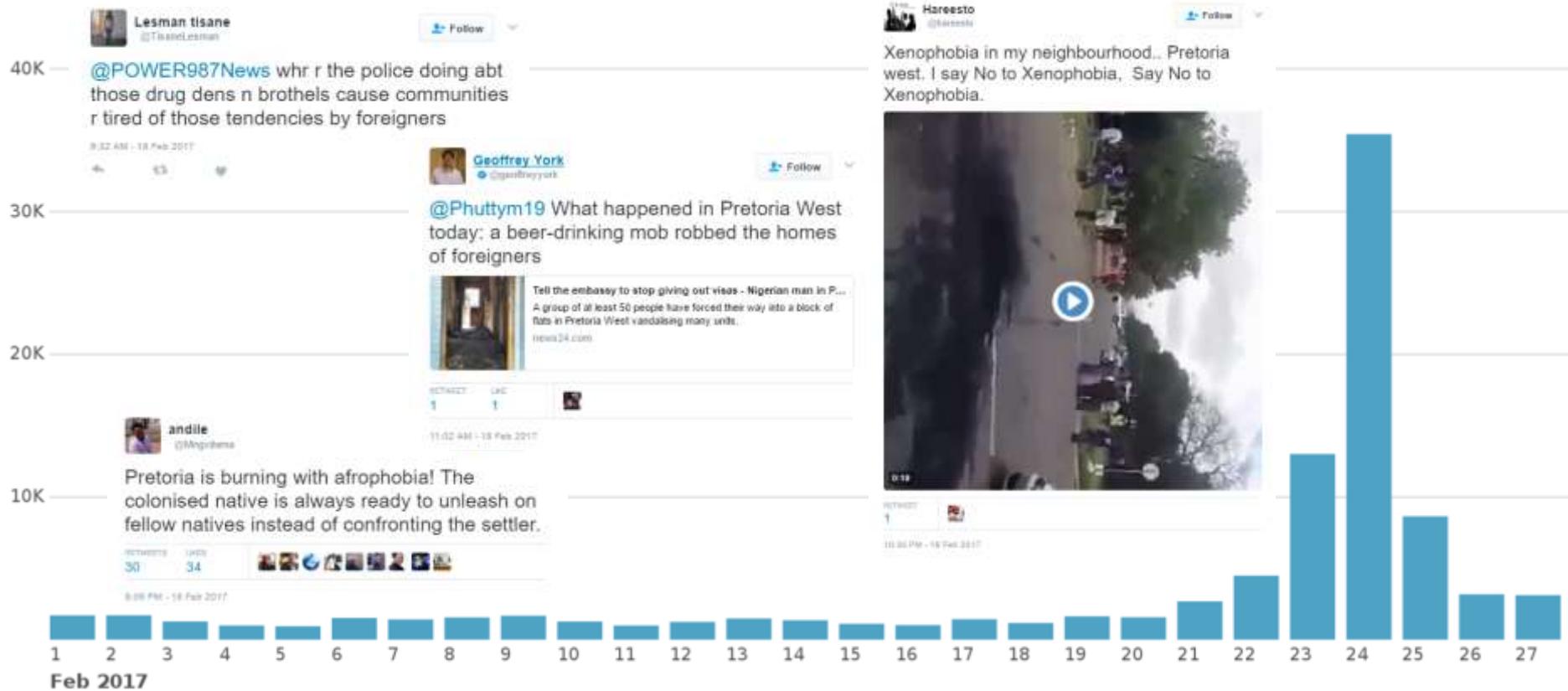
5 February - Rosettenville residents, along with Mamelodi Concerned Residents, marched to the Moffat View police station to submit a memorandum calling for action to be taken against Nigerians who they blamed for the proliferation of drugs and prostitution. Once back in Rosettenville, nearly five hundred 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.

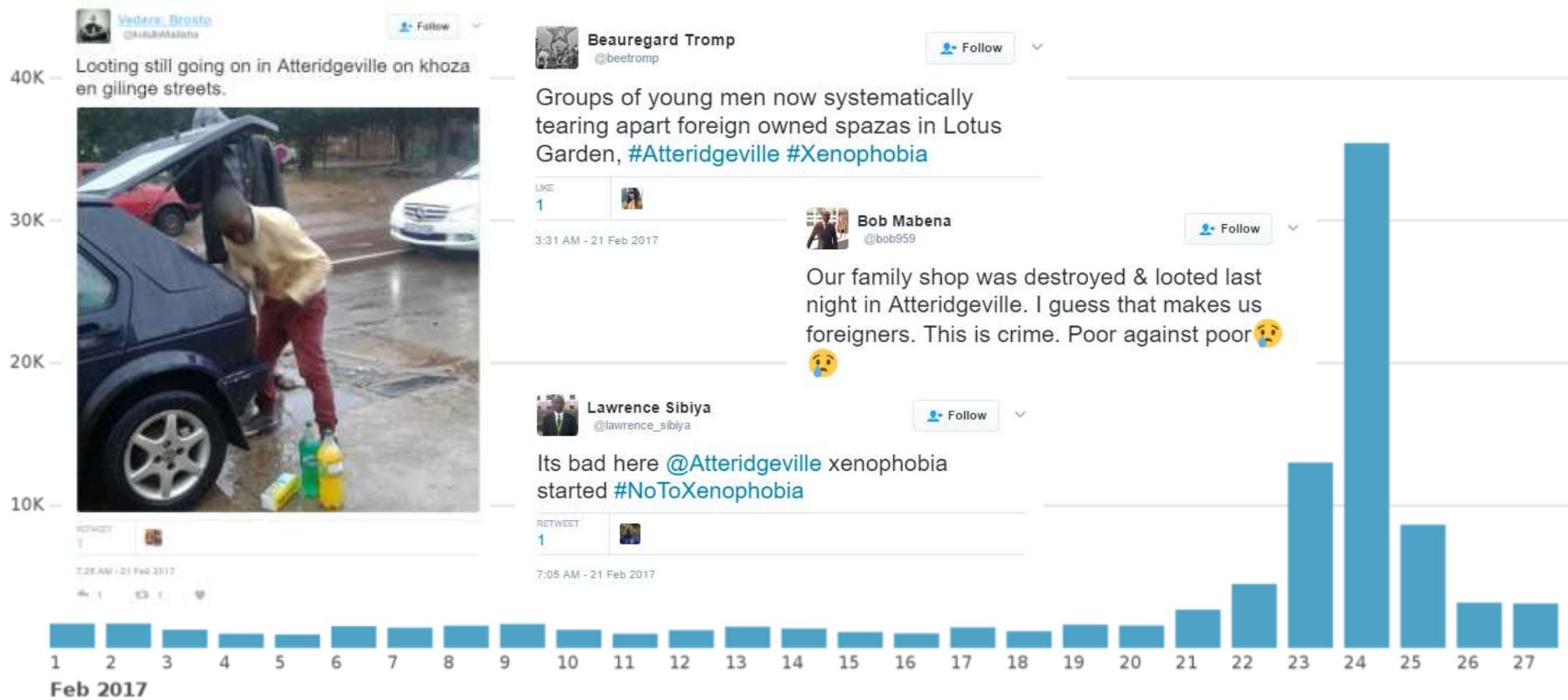
13 February - Malusi Gigaba and Sizakele Nkosi-Malobane visit Yeoville, Mayfair and Rosettenville to meet foreign nationals, inspect damaged buildings and hold a community meeting in Rosettenville.



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.

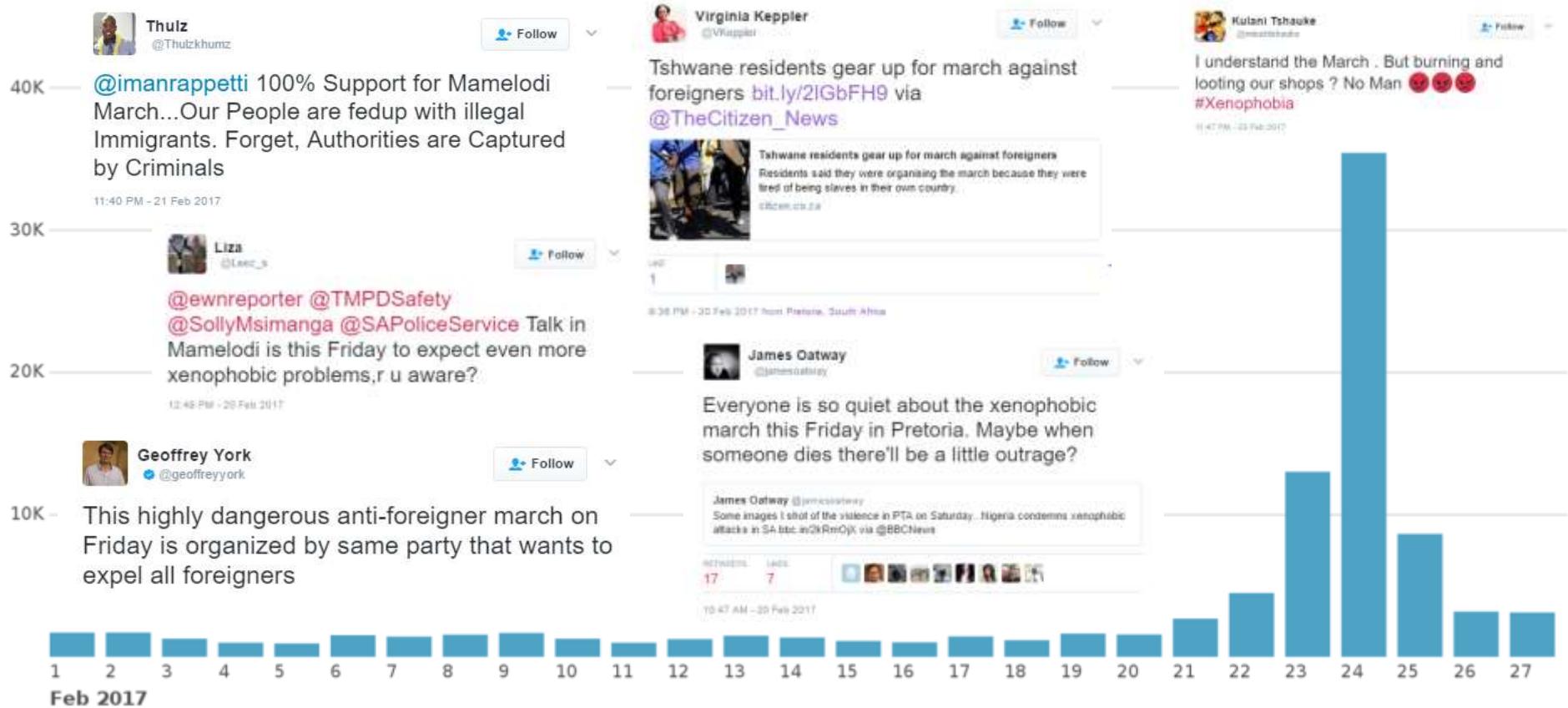
19 February - the Reclaim Our Community movement states that many of the drug dens are being run by foreign nationals in Rosettenville.



20 February - 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

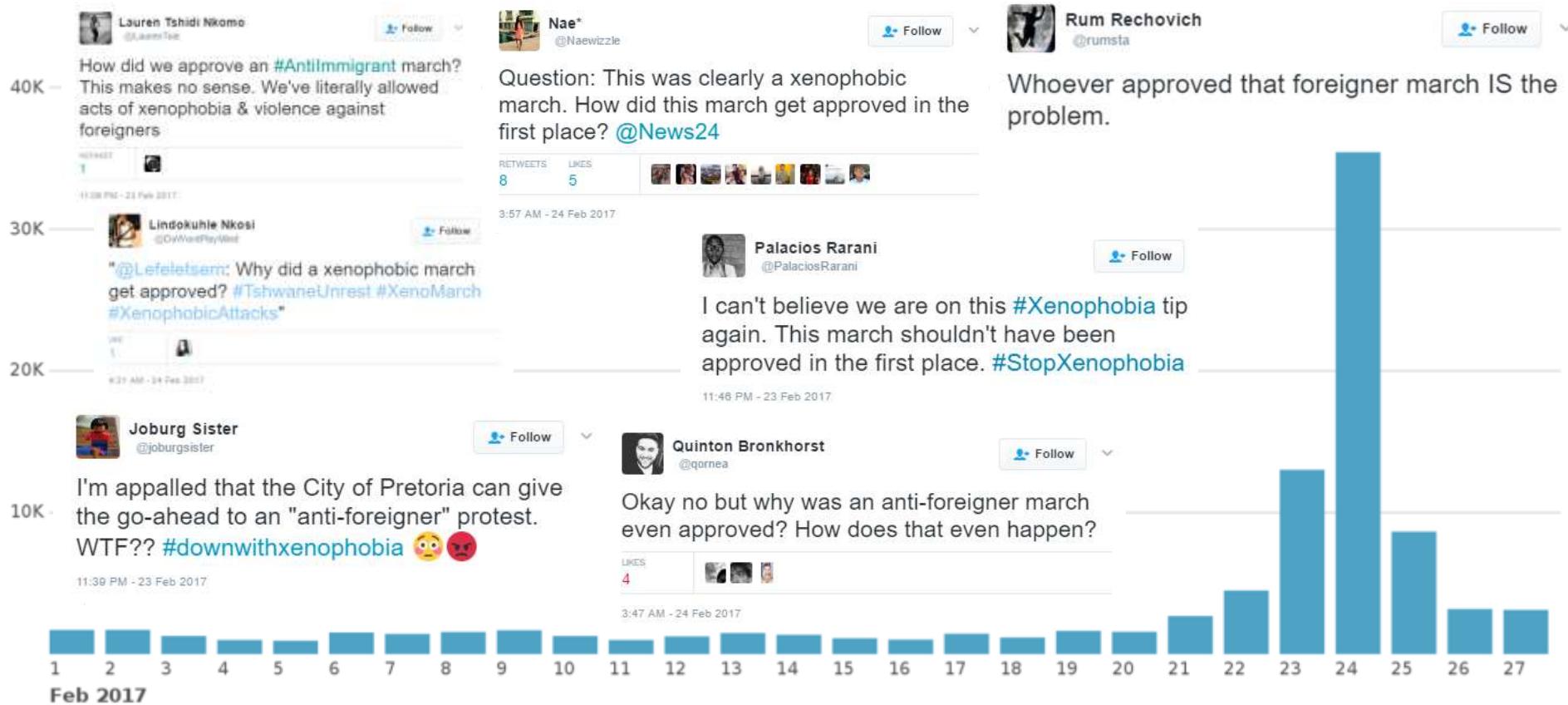


23 February - police announced they had arrested 42 people following the xenophobic attacks in Rosettenville. None of the arrests announced, however, were for violence or damage caused during the attacks. 14 people were arrested for possession of or dealing in drugs and 27 foreigners were arrested for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

# 24 February

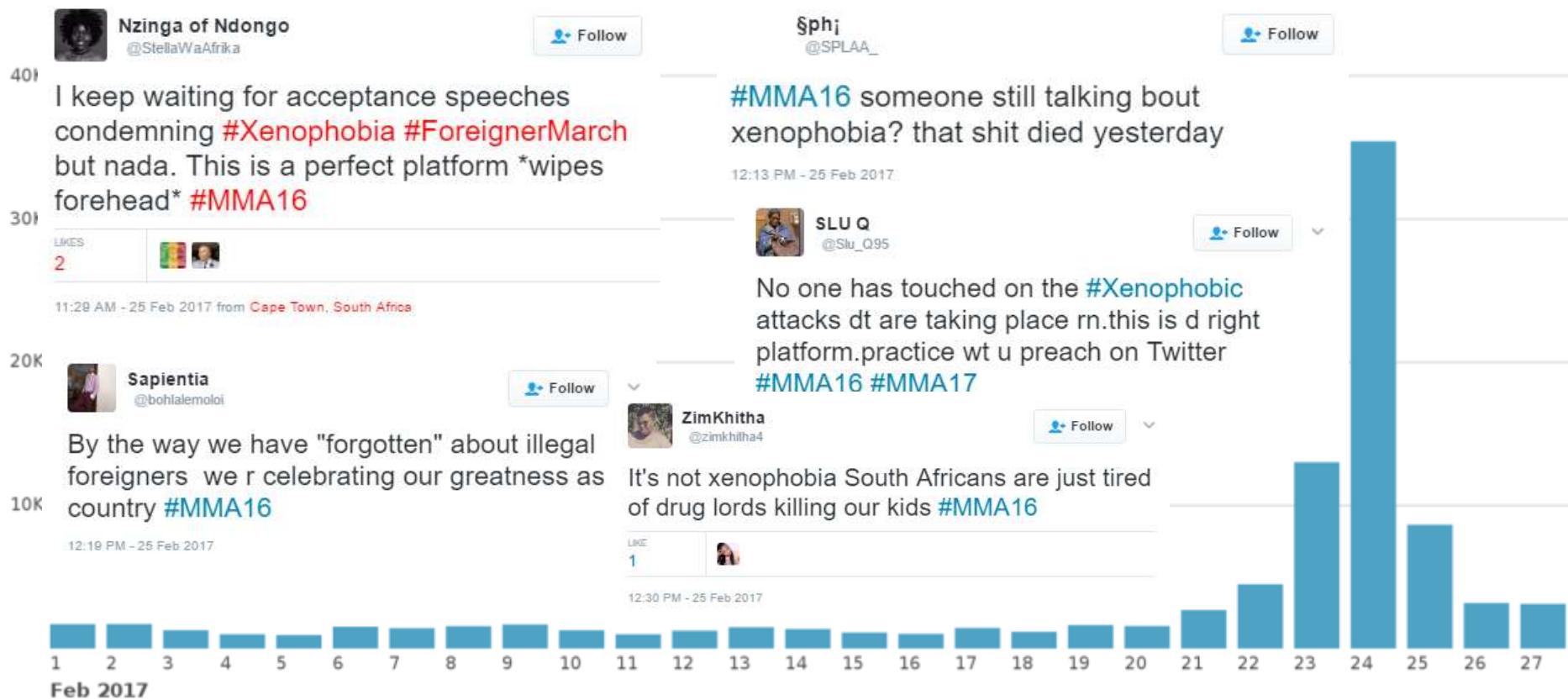


24 February - Atteridgeville residents blocked entrances to Atteridgeville with burning tyres. Protesters threw rocks, looted shops run by foreign nationals and were seen trying to enter flats where foreigners reside.



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

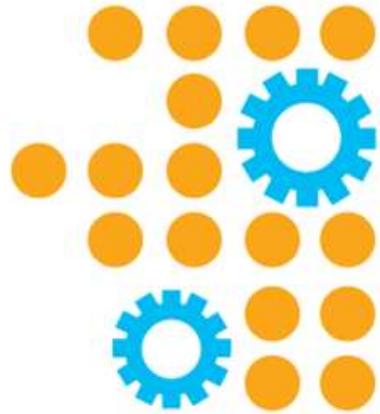


25 February - The Metro FM Music Awards (celebrating local artists) dominated social media and was woven into much of the xenophobia conversation. Opinions were varied on whether enough or too much was said regarding xenophobia. Themes from previous days - not xenophobic, just anti-drugs and prostitution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

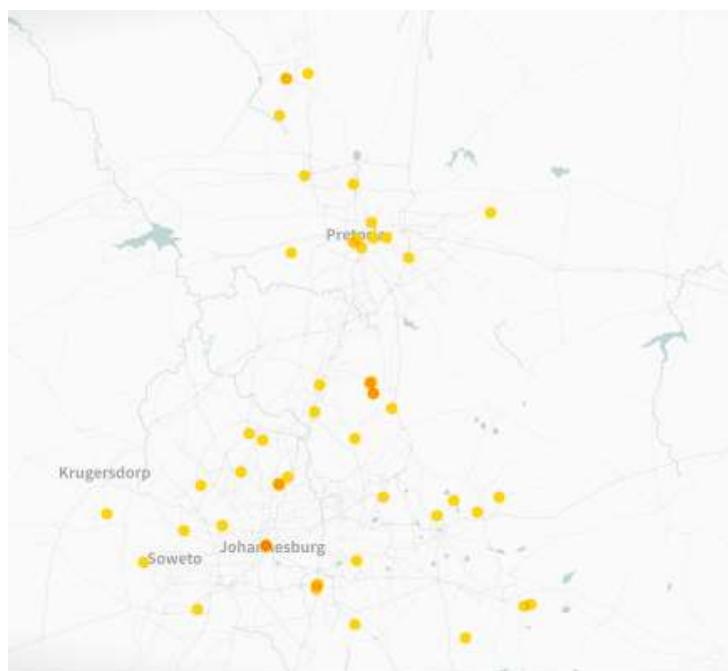


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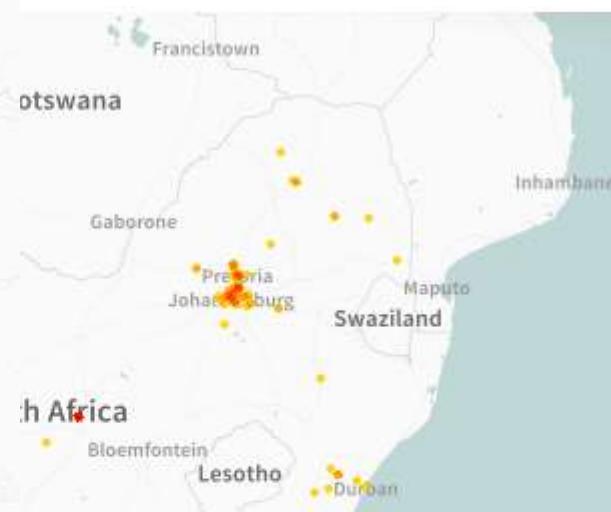
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Anatomy of an Incident  
**Geo Location, Topics, Daily Analysis**

# Snapshots: Geo Location



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.

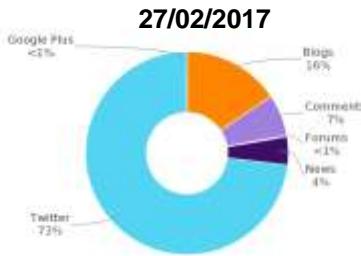
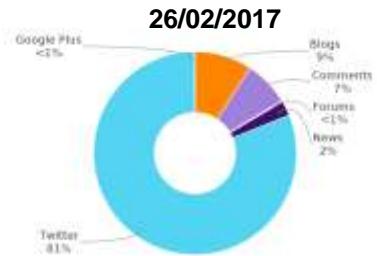
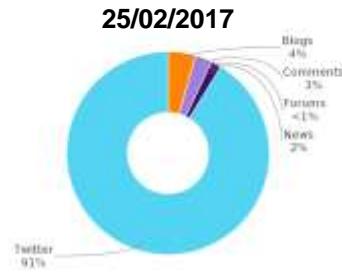
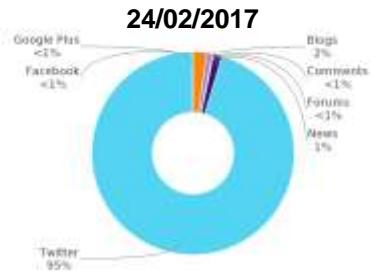
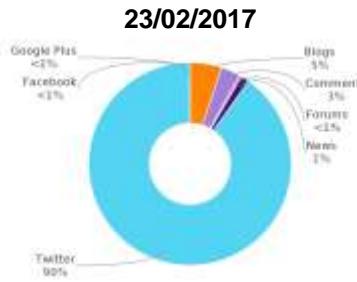
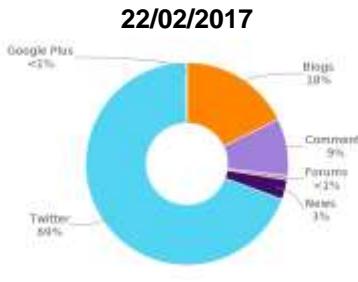
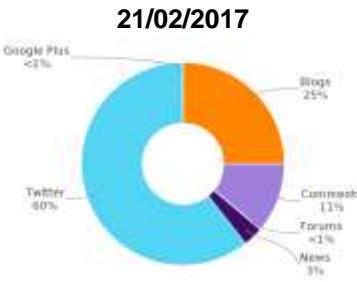
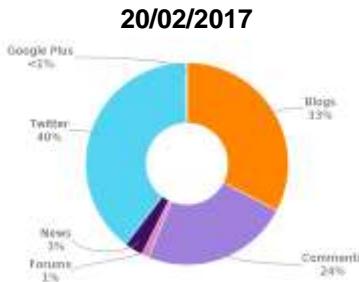


At the most fine grained level, we have been able to identify the exact GPS location of the authors of over 200 posts in February, at the time they were sent.

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



# Snapshots: Content Sources - 20 to 27 February



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.

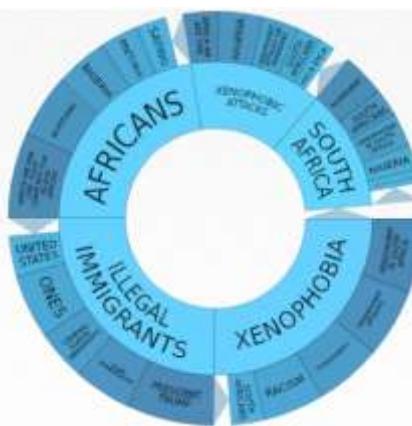
That said, during the high volume days, Twitter dwarfed all other sources occupying 95% of the online discussion on the 24th - as individuals mobilised for and against.

# Snapshots: Topics of Conversation - 20 to 27 February

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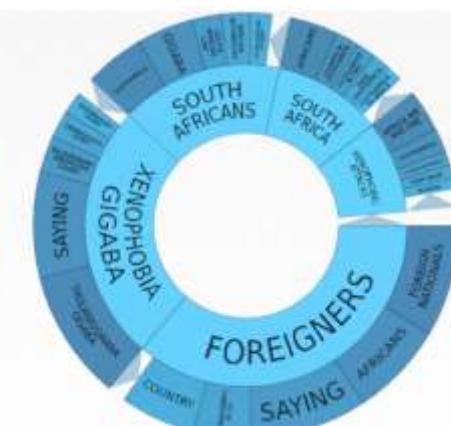
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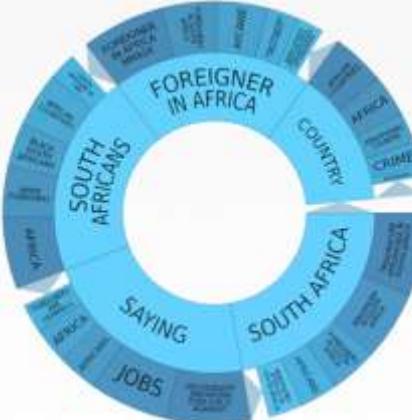
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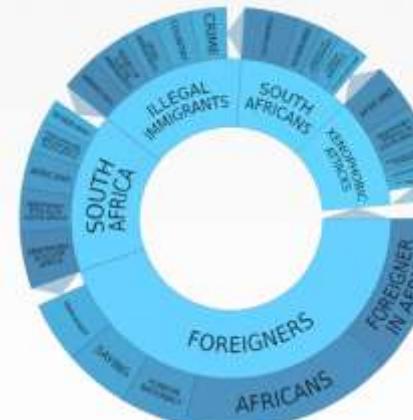
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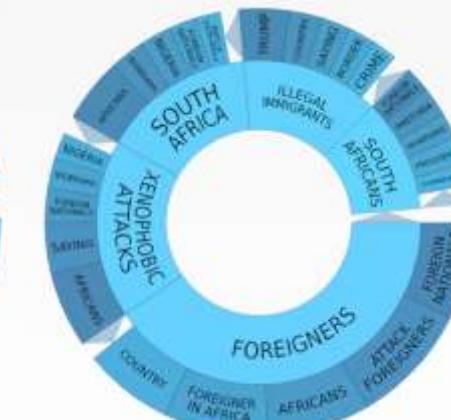
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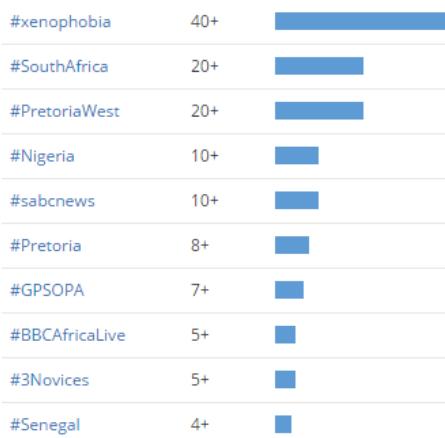


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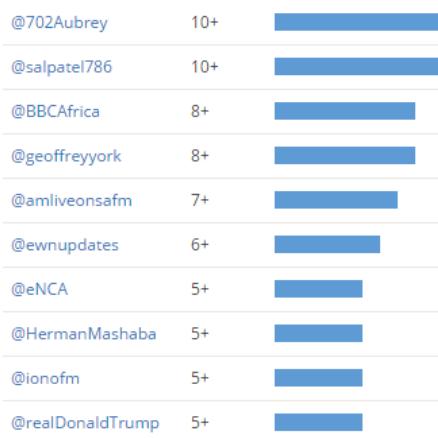
From the 20th, an interesting trend can be observed: initially the conversation was fairly balanced between 'foreigners' and 'illegal immigrants' but as the discussion progressed the conversation first focused on 'illegal immigrants' (21st) then moved to the dominant descriptor being 'foreigners' by 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



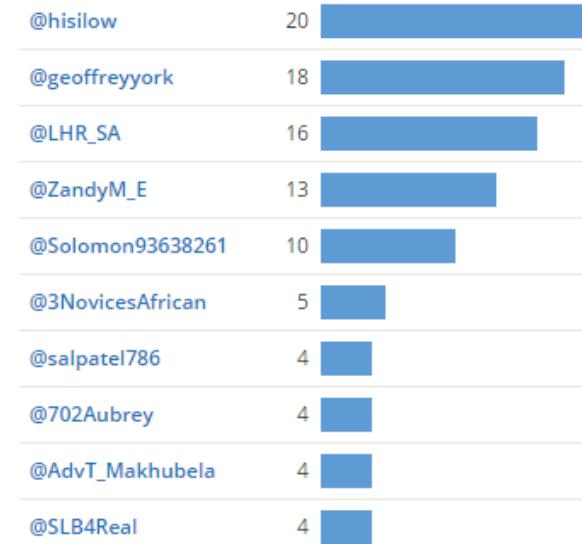
On the 20th February 2017, 1566 posts relating to xenophobia in South Africa were captured on Social Media. This volume amounts 5% more than the average daily conversation for February 2017 (of 1482 per day).

## Top Mentions

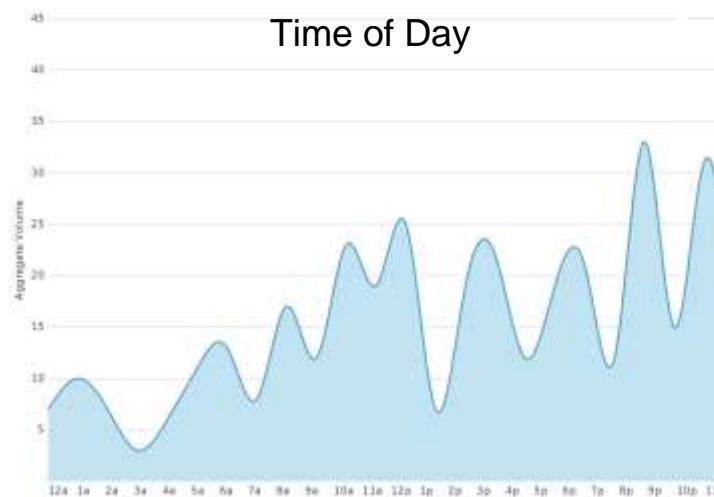


The largest portion of the conversation originated from Gauteng (70.62%) - 12% above typically percentage of South African online conversation originating from this region.

## Most Prolific Authors



## Time of Day



# Daily Analysis: 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.



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 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/d2OG0qNTly> #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

Feb 20, 2017



Pol\_Sec\_Analyst

9+



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



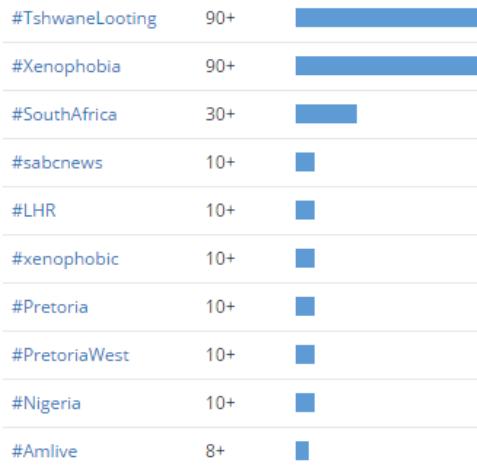
Newsbreak\_Lotus

7+



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

## Top Hashtags



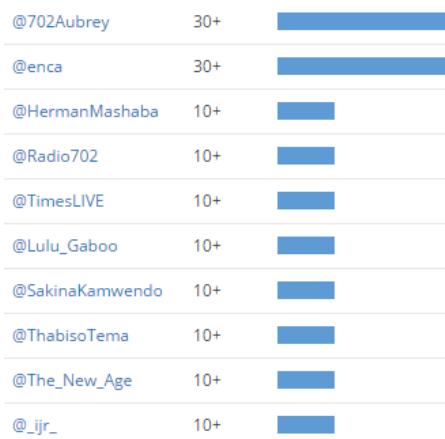
With an increase in conversation, day-to-day, of 71%, the 21st February saw 2678 xenophobia related conversations.

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



## Most Prolific Authors



## Time of Day



# Daily Analysis: 21 February - Top Retweets

KatlehoMK

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/lGgWZgD8HK>

Feb 21, 2017



geoffreyyork

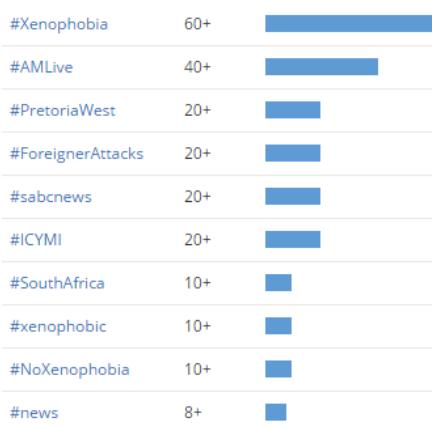
10+



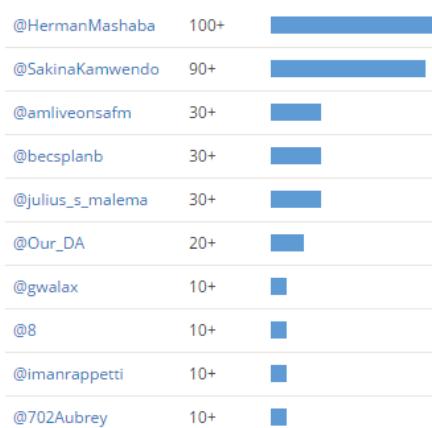
Based on actual data, the new "SA First" political party is exaggerating the number of foreigners by factor of 10<https://t.co/aWjqHZFu6>

Search terms: #SAFirst, #TshwaneLooting, #Xenophobia. — Retrieved from Twitter via Twitter API

## Top Hashtags



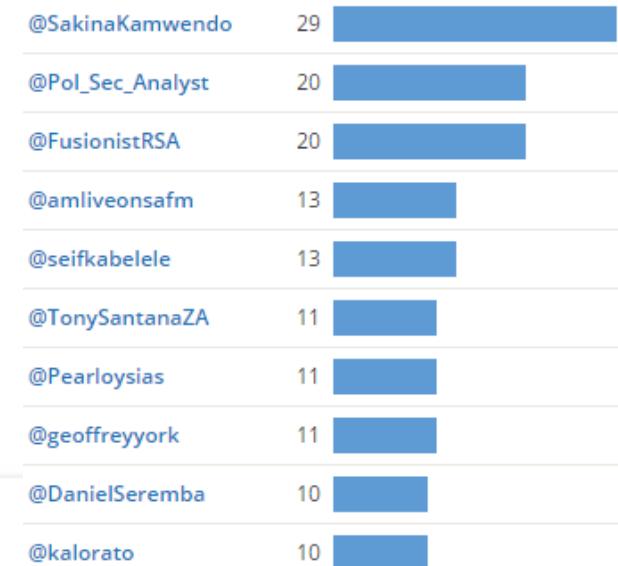
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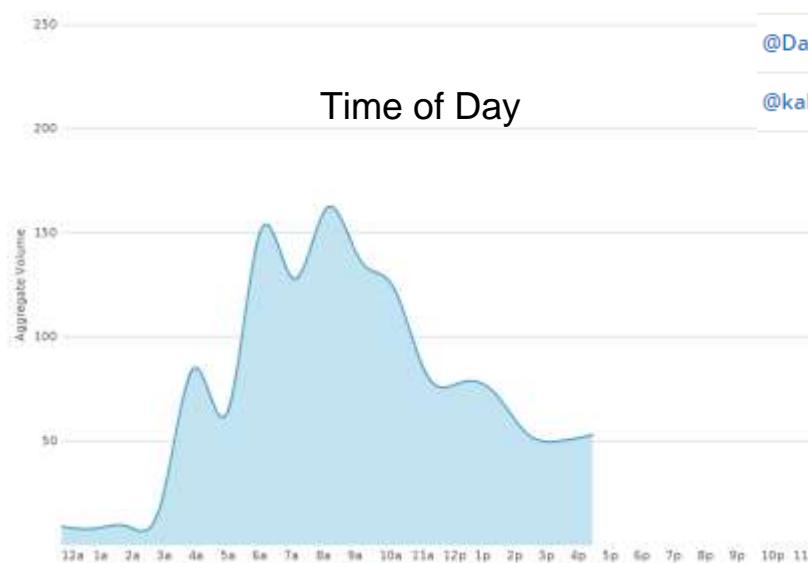
On the 22nd February, conversation volumes further increase to 4 480 as broad concerns are reported on traditional media - sparking conversation.

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

## Most Prolific Authors



## Time of Day



# Daily Analysis: 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

KatlehoMK

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

Pearloysias

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+	

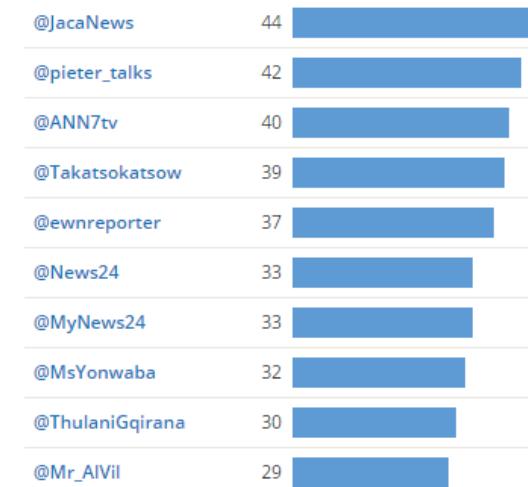
## Top Mentions

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

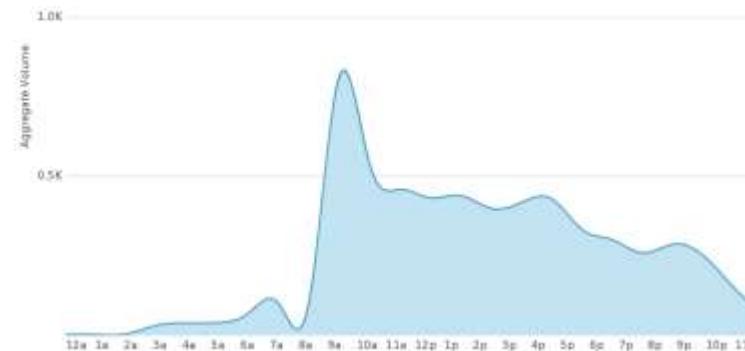
By the end of the 23rd, the conversation far exceeding that of the previous day at 13 010 individual online engagement on the topic. In particular, the #Xenophobia hashtag grew substantially and anti-Xenophobia hashtags began to surface.

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



## Time of Day



# Daily Analysis: 23 February - Top Retweets



Julius\_S\_Malema

80+



ThinkAheadComix

40+

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

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

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/ljoRD8hZpk>

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

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

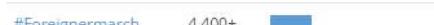


1People1Heart

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+	

## Top Mentions

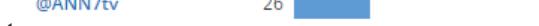
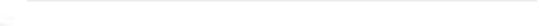
@hermanmashaba	470+	
@ANN7tv	330+	
@SakinaKamwendo	300+	
@RediTshabi	290+	
@News24	250+	
@mgigaba	200+	
@gwalox	180+	
@Eusebius	140+	
@Oscar_DA	120+	
@eNCA	120+	

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%).

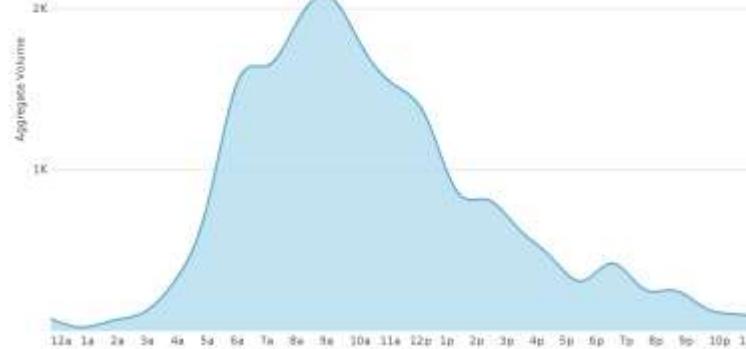
The largest hashtag on the day was #xenophobia (largely against) with #Foreignermarch and #TshwaneUnrest following.

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.

## Most Prolific Authors

@grade12jobs	80	
@eNCA	50	
@News24	29	
@SABCNewsOnline	28	
@ANN7tv	26	
@CityofJoburgZA	20	
@imtiaz211	19	
@SakinaKamwendo	19	
@Thabiso_Dlamini	19	
@elizerabie	17	

## Time of Day



# Daily Analysis: 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



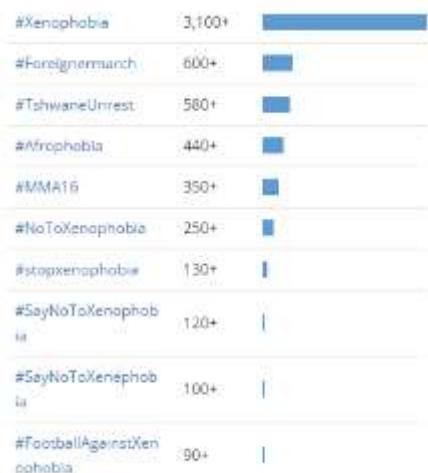
janine\_j

270+

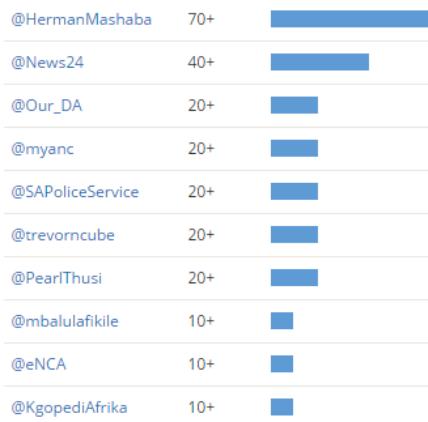
Lost for words about xenophobia. Or, if we keep it 100, afrophobia. NONE of the Americans/ Italians/ Germans I know living here are stressed

# Daily Analysis: 25 February

## Top Hashtags



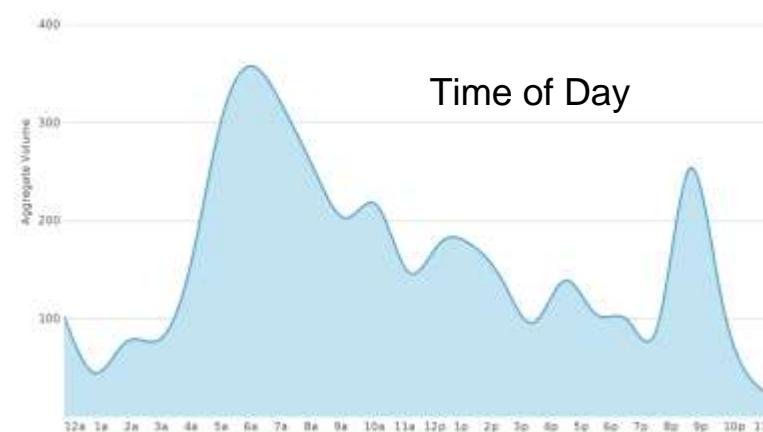
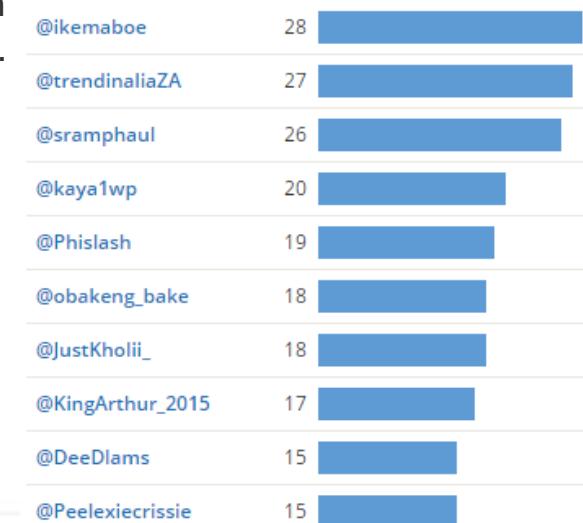
## Top Mentions



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



# Daily Analysis: 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+	

## Top Mentions

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

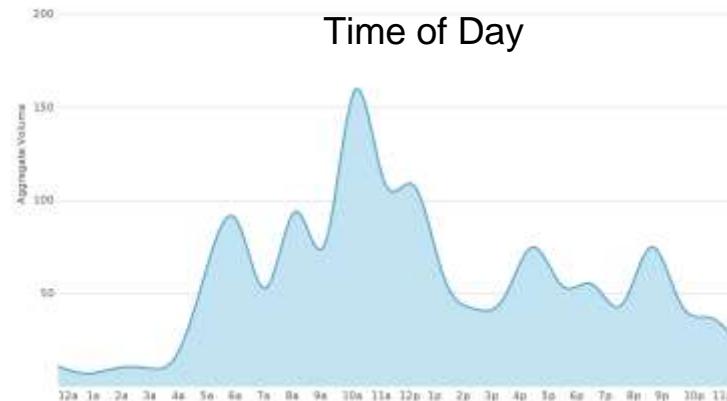
By Sunday the weekend of forgetting continues and the volumes drop even further to 3,175 - a little less than the 22nd. Of this conversation the rest of South Africa is participating at a more representative rate and are driving 35% of the conversation (approximately to be expected of the natural population).

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

## Most Prolific Authors



## Time of Day



# Daily Analysis: 26 February - Top Retweets



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

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 21, 2017



Barry\_Roux

10+



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

Feb 23, 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 24, 2017



toshpolela

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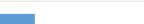


As despicable as it is, the xenophobic violence is a desperate plea to be listened to, writes Mondli Makhanya <https://t.co/2ak4xtRdYk>

## Top Hashtags

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

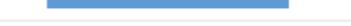
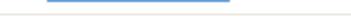
## Top Mentions

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

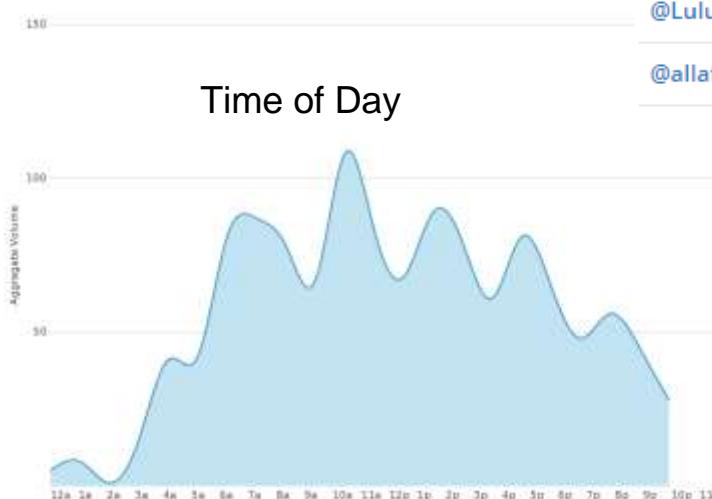
By Monday (27th) non-Gauteng conversation has stabilised at 32.92% with total volumes being 3,071 (roughly twice the typical xenophobic mention per day in South Africa of 1482/day).

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	

## Time of Day



# Daily Analysis: 27 February - Top Retweets



#ThaboMbeki on the #Xenophobia violence <https://t.co/jxsqlC38wi>

Feb 27, 2017



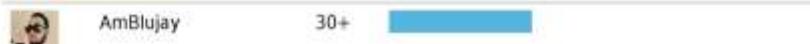
Mbeki says attacking foreign nationals will not fix our various challenges. Says there is nothing revolutionary or patriotic abt xenophobia

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



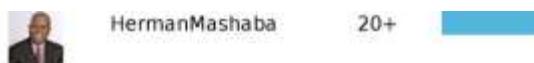
Xenophobic people people tweeting "black excellence" because Americans won Oscars 😂😂

Feb 27, 2017



President #ThaboMbeki condemns idiotic South Africans who have resorted to xenophobia <https://t.co/od0v0kDhpx>

Feb 27, 2017



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



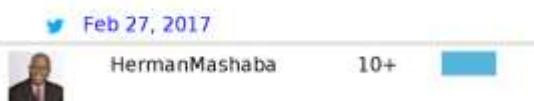
Well, have a look at this lady...in the very region where xenophobic violence flared up last week @CapeTalk @Radio702 @crimeairnetwork



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

2 1



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.

2 1



**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

2 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 20

**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 20

# 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

4 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

4 1 29 1



**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

4 1 29 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

4 1 29 1



**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.

4 1 29 1



**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** 100  
@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 

 Igziabeher 1938  
@mangaung73

@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

 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 

# Police: Sample Data

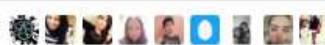


**Freigeist**  
@Raees\_Noorhai

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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

4 17 4



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.

1 1 1



**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.

1 1 3



**PIOS**  
@pioslubisi01

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

12:55 AM - 24 Feb 2017



**Thamsanqa Mpondo**  
@ROACH\_INC

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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

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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



**PIOS**  
@pioslubisi01

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**@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



**CoachingPowerhouse**  
@Time2Coach

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**@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

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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

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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  
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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  
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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  
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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

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9:31 AM - 26 Feb 2017

# Political: Sample Data



Nolwazi Dhlamini  
@NolwaziDhlamini

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



RETWEETS LIKES

3

4



10:00 AM - 24 Feb 2017



Godfrey Tshisamphiri  
@ggt\_godfrey

#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



#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

26

9

8:05 AM - 26 Feb 2017



Bo Mbindwane  
@mbindwane



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

5

8



6:19 AM - 22 Feb 2017



The Instigator  
@AmBlujay



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

# Political: Sample Data



Nolwazi Dhlamini  
@NolwaziDhlamini

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#TshwaneUnrest #Atteridgeville #Xenophobia



RETWEETS 3 LIKES 4



10:00 AM - 24 Feb 2017



@\_xCiva

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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  
 10  51  73

 **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

 **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

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


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


# 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...

LIKES  
3

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

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 LIKES  
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

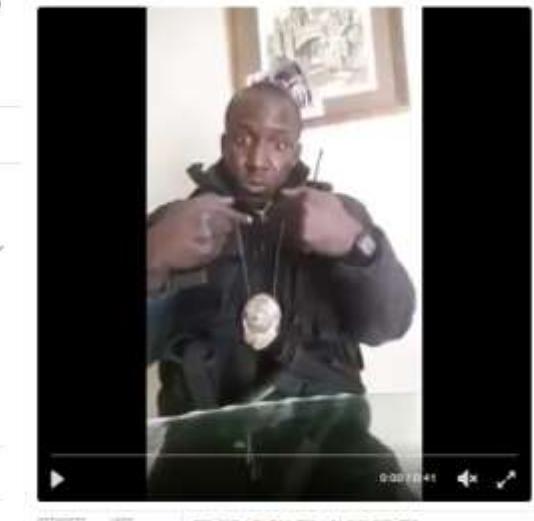
RETWEETS  
675 LIKES  
703

7:39 AM - 25 Feb 2017



IG: ConceptSixty5  
@ConceptSixty5

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



RETWEETS  
560 LIKES  
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

RETWEETS  
21 LIKES  
12

4:04 AM - 24 Feb 2017

# Anti-White / Anti-Colonial: Sample Data



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?

RETWEETS 168 LIKES 94



7:03 AM - 24 Feb 2017

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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9:21 PM - 23 Feb 2017



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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4:49 AM - 23 Feb 2017



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

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2:20 AM - 21 Feb 2017

# Anti-White / Anti-Colonial: Sample Data



**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

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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



2:23 AM - 25 Feb 2017



**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

12:04 AM - 24 Feb 2017



**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.

# Herman Mashaba: Sample Data



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@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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2:24 AM - 22 Feb 2017



**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.

RETWEET

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1:23 AM - 22 Feb 2017



**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.



# Herman Mashaba: Sample Data



**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/y1c3098ID3

RETWEETS  
2

2:35 AM - 22 Feb 2017



**Let my people go**  
@DevineHadebe

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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?

RETWEETS  
3 LIKES  
4

2:29 AM - 22 Feb 2017

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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

RETWEET  
1

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12:13 AM - 22 Feb 2017



**Samantha N.**  
@dzinosam

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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  
16

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3:26 AM - 22 Feb 2017

# Herman Mashaba: Sample Data



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  
2



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

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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  
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# Herman Mashaba: Sample Data



[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

4:22 AM - 22 Feb 2017 from [South Africa](#)

# Herman Mashaba: Sample Data



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@DavidMills

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[Sarah Mhlanga](#)

@sarah\_mhlanga

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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

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



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RETWEETS  
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12:40 AM - 3 Dec 2016



[thabo](#)

@thabobinghi

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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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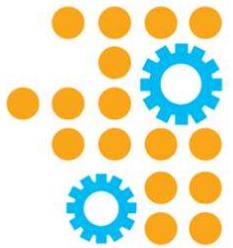
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