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The U.S. Is Losing the Social Media War

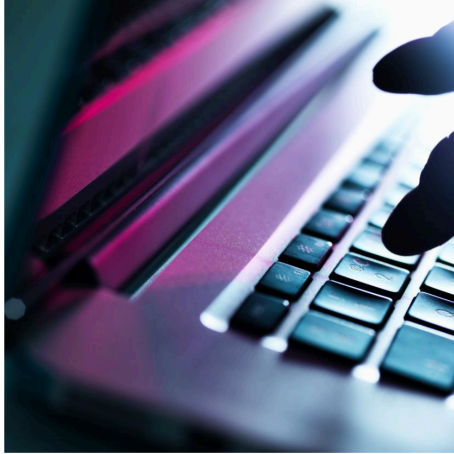
Rand Waltzman | Oct. 12, 2015

IDEAS *Rand Waltzman is a former Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency program manager.*

Our adversaries are using our own technology against us—while we're not allowed to use it to defend ourselves

Cyber or information-environment security is often in the news, yet most of our focus has been on theft of intellectual property, denial of service attacks, and assaults on personal privacy. Far less attention has been paid to the ways social media have facilitated a level of propaganda and falsehoods, which is far more pernicious than anything previously experienced.

The continuous assault on objective, truthful information threatens to undermine democratic institutions, including a free press.

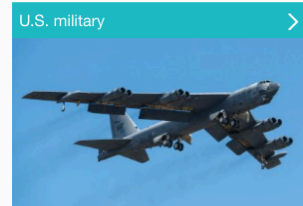


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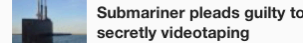
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Air Force intel uses ISIS 'moron' post to track fighters

By Walbert Castillo, CNN Updated 5:15 PM ET, Fri June 5, 2015 | Video Source: CNN

Complete coverage of the U.S. Military



U.S. bombs ISIS using social media intel - CNNPolitics.com

Washington (CNN) Although ISIS is known for using social media for recruitment purposes, U.S. Air Force intelligence has been using it to track down Islamic State militants, according to Gen. Hawk Carlisle, commander of Air Combat Command.

"These guys that are working down at Hurlburt (Florida), they're combing

FLETC Cybercrime Conference

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Connie Patrick
Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center

In the 21st century, technology is ingrained into the fabric of our lives, the more opportunities technology plays in our lives, the more opportunities unscrupulous actors acting in bad faith have to commit cyber-related crimes.

Given this threat, our law enforcement professionals are faced with a world where technology is constantly changing. Consequently, they must become quickly perishable.



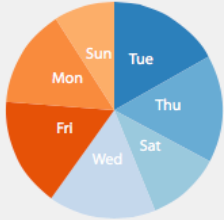
CI Lab Research Streams

1. Social-Media-based Cyber-Situational Understanding
2. Modeling the Human in Cybersecurity
3. Cyber-Intelligence Informatics, Modeling, and Simulation
4. CPS Vulnerability Assessment and Threat Mitigation
5. Educational developments for cybersecurity

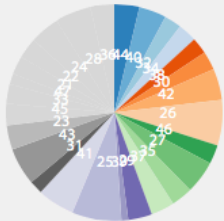
Tweet Summary: May - now, 2013

User	305,029
Link	867,181
Message	928,527

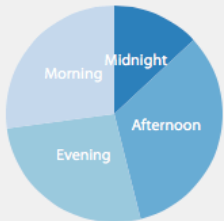
Tweet Count By Weekday



Tweet Count By Week



Tweet Count By Time of Day



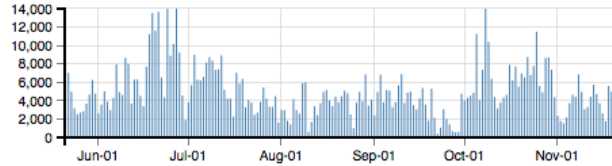
Most Targeted Users

Most Targeted Users	Targeted Tweet
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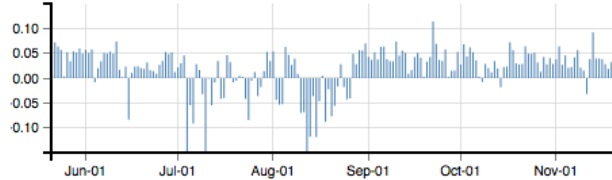
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Discovering U.S. Immigration Reform Sentiment

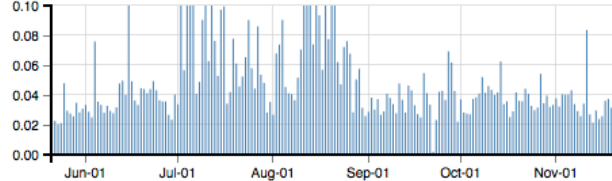
Daily Tweet Count



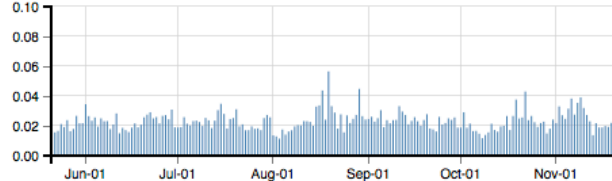
Sentiment Polarity



Anger



Anticipation



Most Influential Users

Top Tweet Leader	Influence Score
Justin Sink	59,203,695.28
The Hill	59,108,373.75
Nat Assoc of Mfg	56,685,502.99
U.S. Chamber	56,515,685.97
Juan Torres	56,340,275.42
Geneva Sands	39,685,689.45
JORGE RAMOS	22,474,450.31
Ted Hesson	16,914,719.43
Mark Krikorian	14,674,176.60
Roy Beck	11,504,908.30

Most Retweeted Users

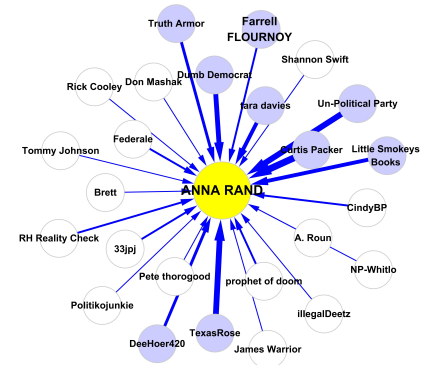
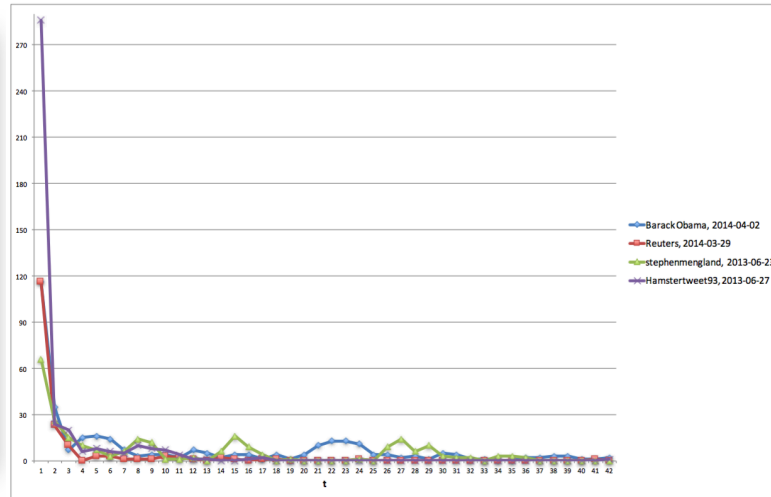
Most Retweeted User	Retweet Count
Barack Obama	31,558
Charles Garcia	16,965
Speaker John Boehner	9,943
FWD.us	7,151
Michelle Malkin	4,955
The New York Times	4,537
americasvoice	4,256
Senator Ted Cruz	4,049
GOP	3,682

Influence Prediction and Network Visualization

Table 1. Selected Tweets Used in Analyzing Message Propagation

User	Date/time	Content
BarackObama	4/2/14 17:38	The #CostOfInaction on immigration is having a real affect on local communities. Read these letters to the editor: http://t.co/TWjz2c6H2M
Reuters	3/29/14 18:06	Mexico finds 370 abandoned immigrant children http://t.co/IA4bqgyVMo
stephenmengland	6/23/13 4:19	We must stop #Go8 and instead secure the border, stop illegal immigration & improve legal immigration: http://t.co/R6AJJypvGC #NoAmnesty
Hamstertweet93	6/27/13 13:26	Immigration reform bill that includes first steps towards citizenship for illegal immigrants is passed by US Senate

Marchers urge Congress to pass immigration reform; several congressmen arrested



Collaborative Opportunities

- Social-media-based Cybersecurity
- Cybercrime network analyses
- Big data analytics and visualization
- Cybersecurity and intelligence informatics
- Educational developments: Curriculum, training, materials, systems, case studies, etc.



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