

**Technical Supplementary Material:
Anatomy of Politically Homogeneous Spaces**

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1 Topic Inference

To get a comprehensive overview of platform topics without the bias of manual curation, we used a fully data-driven approach that lets natural thematic patterns emerge. Because applying high-dimensional embedding, dimensionality reduction, and clustering at scale is computationally heavy and complex to tune, we developed a streamlined workflow to balance efficiency and accuracy. This pipeline leverages state-of-the-art embedding models while remaining lightweight and fully reproducible, with all hyperparameters explicitly reported.

1.1 Methods

Embedding Model To embed the texts into numerical representations suitable for downstream analysis, we employed a state-of-the-art embedding model. In particular, we used *Qwen/Qwen3-Embedding-8B*, which ranks among the top-performing models on the MTEB benchmark [1] as of October 20, 2025. This model produces embeddings in a 4096-dimensional space. Note that you can apply any text-embedding model you want here. A key advantage of this specific model is its usage of *Matryoshka Representation Learning* (MRL) [2]. MRL enables embeddings to be truncated in a meaning-preserving way. This property makes large-scale exploration not only computationally feasible but also faster, without compromising representational quality.

Dimensionality Reduction, Clustering, and Interpretation The 4096-dimensional text embeddings are first truncated to 248 dimensions and then projected onto a 15-dimensional manifold via UMAP to isolate dense, topic-specific regions using HDBSCAN. To interpret these clusters, we pair lexical cues from TF-IDF keyword extraction with concise semantic syntheses from LLM-generated summaries, mapping the high-dimensional vector space into distinct, semantically coherent discussion topics.

Hyperparameter Optimization To maximize clustering quality, we evaluated 200 randomly sampled configurations spanning truncated embedding dimensions ($\{124, 248\}$), UMAP projection variables (`n_components` 10–20, `n_neighbors` 10–50, `min_dist` 0.05–0.1), and HDBSCAN parameters (`min_cluster_size` 150–350, `min_samples` 20–100, `cluster_selection_epsilon` 0–0.15). Among the top three performing configurations, which uniformly achieved a silhouette score of ≈ 0.48 , the architecture that yielded the largest number of distinct topic clusters was selected. These optimized parameters are cataloged in Table 1.

Table 1: Optimal Pipeline Hyperparameters for UMAP and HDBSCAN

Pipeline Phase	Parameter Variable	Value	Description
UMAP	<code>n_components</code>	15	Number of dimensions to reduce to.
	<code>n_neighbors</code>	10	Number of neighbors to consider.
	<code>min_dist</code>	0.05	Minimum distance between points.
	<code>metric</code>	cosine	Distance metric.
HDBSCAN	<code>min_cluster_size</code>	350	Minimum size of clusters.
	<code>min_samples</code>	100	Minimum samples in neighborhood.
	<code>metric</code>	euclidean	Distance metric.
	<code>cluster_selection_epsilon</code>	0.15	Distance threshold for merging.
	<code>cluster_selection_method</code>	eom	Cluster extraction method.

Summarization To interpret the generated clusters lexically, we extracted 10 key terms per cluster (`n_keywords` = 10) using a TF-IDF vectorizer configured with a maximum vocabulary size of 100 (`max_features` = 100) and English stop-word filtering (`stop_words` = english). For

semantic synthesis, we sampled 100 representative posts from each cluster as input to the *Qwen/Qwen3-30B-A3B-Instruct-2507* model. The model was deployed via vLLM [3] version 0.10.1.1 with the generation temperature set to 0.3, a maximum output limit of 128 tokens, and default values for all other baseline parameters. The execution was directed using the following structured system prompt below. Following this, all generated titles and thematic summaries underwent manual validation checks to ensure they accurately reflected the underlying post distributions within the sampled corpus.

LLM Summarization Prompt Template

You are given a set of short social media posts that belong to the same cluster. Your task is to produce:

1. A short, descriptive title (maximum 10 words) that captures the main theme of the cluster.
2. A short description (maximum 2 sentences) summarizing what the posts are about.

If the posts touch on many topics, focus on the most prevalent theme. Keep the wording neutral and concise.

Posts:

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1.2 Results

1.2.1 Microtopics

Table 2: Raw Microtopics with Titles and Descriptions

ID / Size	Title & Keywords	Description
0 <i>N</i> = 2,985	Compilation of Viral and Disturbing Online Videos youtu, watch, com, youtube, video, www, bsky, social	This cluster features a series of YouTube links shared in quick succession, including disturbing content, documentaries, music videos, and random clips. The posts suggest a mix of curiosity, shock, and engagement with internet culture, often marked by emotional reactions like “a pretty disturbing video” and “Must watch”.
1 <i>N</i> = 2,023	BB27: Chaos, Alliances, and Vorgan Hours bb27, rachel, vince, morgan, keanu, ashley, mickey, ava	The posts revolve around intense strategic gameplay, shifting alliances, and dramatic moments in Big Brother Season 27, particularly focusing on Morgan’s emotional journey, the volatile dynamics between Rachel, Vince, and Keanu, and the comedic yet tense interactions among the houseguests. Fans are captivated by the high-stakes nominations, unexpected veto moves, and the growing chaos in the house.
2 <i>N</i> = 429	TikTok Culture & Viral Moments www, tiktok, com, vm, video, watch, vt, hey	This cluster features a mix of viral TikTok content, including humorous commentary, trending challenges, social observations, and reactions to internet culture. Posts reflect a blend of personal expression, online activism, and shared digital experiences across platforms.

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ID / Size	Title & Keywords	Description
3 N = 402	The Urgent Need for Alt Text on Bluesky text, alt, use, image, people, post, images, accessibility	A cluster of posts emphasizing the importance of adding alt text to images on Bluesky to ensure accessibility for visually impaired users. The conversation highlights community pressure, technical tips, and the ethical responsibility to include descriptive text for inclusivity and better content reach.
4 N = 1,092	Pope Francis: Legacy and the New Papacy pope, francis, new, leo, vatican, com, trump, vance	A collection of reactions to the death of Pope Francis, celebrating his advocacy for the poor, climate justice, and social equality, while also highlighting political tensions, satire, and the election of his successor, Pope Leo XIV. The posts reflect global mourning, ideological divides, and anticipation for the new papal leadership.
5 N = 556	Celebrating Black and Women's Histories black, women, history, month, happy, day, international, blackhistorymonth	This cluster highlights social media posts celebrating Black History Month and International Women's Day, emphasizing Black joy, resilience, and the contributions of Black and women trailblazers across culture, history, and activism. The posts reflect both celebration and resistance against erasure.
6 N = 1,425	Aviation Safety Crisis Amid Corporate Chaos plane, crash, air, com, spacex, trump, faa, www	A surge in aviation incidents, including mid-air collisions and plane crashes, is linked to recent political decisions such as the firing of FAA leadership, hiring freezes, and the influence of private space ventures like SpaceX. Critics highlight growing concerns over public safety, government accountability, and the privatization of critical infrastructure.
7 N = 357	Drama and Family Feuds in \#BeyondTheGates beyondthegates, btg, gh, eva, leslie, dani, drew, just	This cluster captures the intense interpersonal conflicts, secret alliances, and emotional turmoil driving the soap opera #BeyondTheGates, centered on family betrayals, romantic entanglements, and power struggles within the Dupree and Leslie families. Fans passionately debate character motivations, suspect hidden connections, and express strong reactions to plot twists involving love, revenge, and long-buried secrets.
8 N = 712	Project 2025: The Blueprint for Authoritarianism project, 2025, trump, project2025, www, heritage, foundation, people	These posts warn that the Trump administration is systematically implementing the Heritage Foundation's Project 2025 plan—a detailed roadmap to dismantle democratic institutions, replace federal agencies with loyalists, and establish a Christian nationalist, authoritarian regime. The authors argue that the administration's actions, from executive orders to personnel changes, align precisely with the manifesto, despite public denials.
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$N = 2,735$	AEW Dynamite & Collision Highlights aew, aewdynamite, wrestling, wwe, wrestlesky, match, aewcollision, com	A vibrant mix of fan reactions, match recaps, and creative commentary from recent AEW programming, highlighting major storylines, standout performances, and the excitement surrounding upcoming events like All In and Forbidden Door.
10 $N = 479$	Happy New Year 2025 Wishes year, new, happy, 2025, years, hope, eve, best	A collection of heartfelt and festive messages celebrating the arrival of 2025 across various communities, especially on Bluesky. The posts express gratitude, hope, and well-wishes for peace, joy, and connection in the new year.
11 $N = 687$	Reproductive Rights Under Siege abortion, people, women, com, disabled, care, life, birth	These posts highlight the escalating attacks on abortion access and reproductive autonomy across the U.S., exposing how anti-abortion laws endanger women's lives, target marginalized communities, and reflect a broader war on bodily autonomy, disability rights, and healthcare justice.
12 $N = 735$	Substack Highlights & Newsletter Roundup substack, com, pub, open, profile, medium, note, www	A collection of Substack posts and newsletters covering current events, personal reflections, political commentary, and recommendations from diverse voices across the web. The cluster highlights trusted writers, emerging voices, and timely insights on global issues, culture, and self-expression.
13 $N = 462$	Meme Culture & Community Sharing meme, memes, just, post, bsky, day, social, like	A vibrant cluster of social media posts centered around creating, sharing, and celebrating memes across various platforms. Users express joy in meme-making, nostalgia for classic memes, and the communal joy of relatable humor, highlighting how memes serve as both entertainment and cultural connection.
14 $N = 400$	DEI Backlash: Civil Rights Under Attack dei, white, people, hire, diversity, equity, like, com	These posts critique the widespread dismantling of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives in the U.S., framing it as a political attack on civil rights, racial integration, and workplace fairness. The authors argue that opposition to DEI is rooted in racism, white supremacy, and a desire to preserve privilege, not meritocracy.
15 $N = 517$	Valentine's Day Celebrations & Self-Love valentine, day, happy, valentines, love, social, bsky, valentinesday	A diverse collection of social media posts celebrating Valentine's Day, ranging from romantic gestures and partner acknowledgments to self-love affirmations and humorous takes on being single. The posts highlight both personal connections and lighthearted, inclusive expressions of affection.
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$N = 850$	BTS Reunion Hype & Global K-Pop Momentum bts, jimin, instagram, com, ateez, jin, kpop, update	The posts center on the excitement surrounding BTS's upcoming reunion, with countdowns to Jungkook's return and anticipation for the group's next chapter. They also highlight the global reach of K-pop, including tours, fan events, and the continued influence of Hallyu across music, fashion, and film.
17 $N = 383$	Trump's Tariffs and the Farmer Bailout Crisis farmers, trump, voted, com, farm, tariffs, farms, www	A cluster of posts highlights the economic fallout from Trump's trade policies on American farmers, including soaring costs, lost markets, and the looming threat of bankruptcy. Many express outrage that farmers who voted for Trump are now demanding bailouts, with critics accusing both the administration and voters of self-inflicted harm.
18 $N = 1,993$	NYT Gift Articles & News Highlights com, www, 2025, nytimes, news, cnn, article, 03	A collection of curated links to prominent news stories and gift articles from The New York Times, along with mentions of coverage from CNN, The Guardian, NPR, and other outlets. The posts highlight in-depth reporting, notable features, and public reactions to current events, with a recurring emphasis on free access to premium content.
19 $N = 681$	Pride Beyond June: Resistance and Joy pride, happy, month, gay, pridemonth, love, day, lgbtq	A vibrant collection of posts celebrating Pride month with messages of resilience, self-expression, and community. The posts emphasize that Pride is not just a monthly event but a year-round act of defiance and joy, rooted in history and ongoing activism.
20 $N = 517$	Trump's Greenland Obsession Sparks Outrage greenland, trump, denmark, com, www, vance, like, wants	A wave of international criticism targets Donald Trump and his allies for threatening to annex Greenland, with Denmark, NATO, and Greenlanders firmly rejecting the idea. The posts highlight diplomatic tensions, sovereignty concerns, and fears of destabilizing global security.
21 $N = 1,267$	Birthday Celebrations & Wishes birthday, happy, social, bsky, today, day, love, hope	A collection of heartfelt birthday messages, celebrations, and well-wishes for friends, family, public figures, and fictional characters across various social media platforms. The posts reflect joy, nostalgia, and community spirit, with a mix of personal milestones and pop culture references.
22 $N = 544$	Mass Consumer Boycotts Against Corporate Power boycott, amazon, bezos, don, com, boycotting, buy, target	A coordinated movement urging people to boycott major corporations like Amazon, Walmart, and Nestle, citing political alignment with authoritarian figures, unethical practices, and systemic exploitation. The posts emphasize using economic power as a tool for protest and systemic change.
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$N = 398$	Fine Art Nude Photography & Modeling nude, artnude, fineartnude, model, nudeart, photography, art, bsky	A collection of artistic nude photography featuring models in natural, studio, and outdoor settings. The posts highlight fine art, boudoir, and sensual imagery focused on beauty, form, and expression, with an emphasis on authenticity, natural bodies, and high-quality visual storytelling.
24 $N = 411$	Car Culture & Classic Rides car, ride, com, cars, like, ford, just, porsche	A vibrant collection of posts celebrating classic cars, automotive nostalgia, and personal driving stories. From vintage models and JDM icons to dream vehicles and roadside adventures, the thread captures a deep appreciation for automotive design, history, and the joy of the open road.
25 $N = 1,661$	Echoes of Longing and Nature poetry, haiku, poem, vss365, dailyhaikuprompt, writing, social, bsky	This cluster weaves together themes of melancholy, memory, and the natural world, blending introspective poetry with haiku and micro-poems that explore loss, love, and the quiet beauty found in decay, seasons, and fleeting moments.
26 $N = 520$	Autism, Neurodiversity, and Recognition autism, autistic, adhd, people, just, like, don, com	This cluster centers on personal experiences, advocacy, and challenges faced by autistic and neurodivergent individuals. It highlights struggles with misdiagnosis, societal stigma, sensory overload, and the importance of self-acceptance, while emphasizing that autism is not a flaw but a valid way of being. The posts also critique ableist narratives, celebrate neurodivergent identities, and call for greater empathy and systemic change.
27 $N = 675$	ABDL Lifestyle & Diaper Culture diaper, abdl, diapers, diaperboy, just, big, diaperlover, diaperfur	A collection of personal and playful posts centered around the ABDL (Adult Baby/Diaper Lover) lifestyle, highlighting themes of comfort, regression, diaper wear, and community belonging. Posts often feature humor, vulnerability, and celebration of softness, dependency, and identity within the subculture.
28 $N = 972$	AI and Machine Learning Highlights https, org, arxiv, 2505, 2509, abs, 2507, 2504	This cluster features a diverse set of recent research papers spanning AI, machine learning, computer vision, quantum computing, and data science. Key themes include foundation models, reinforcement learning, generative modeling, and privacy-preserving AI, reflecting cutting-edge advancements across multiple domains.
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$N = 675$	Deltarune Fan Art & Ship Culture deltarune, tenna, art, spamton, undertale, deltarunefanart, ralsei, chapter	This cluster showcases a vibrant community of Deltarune fans creating and sharing fan art, shipping content, and expressive commentary centered around characters like Spamton, Tenna, and the core trio of Kris, Susie, and Ralsei. Themes include emotional storytelling, creative reinterpretations, and celebration of the game's evolving narrative.
30 $N = 663$	Marvel & DC Comics Culture batman, men, man, marvel, spider, social, bsky, com	A vibrant mix of comic book reviews, character spotlights, artistic tributes, and fan discussions centered on Marvel and DC universes, highlighting iconic series, creators, and ongoing debates within the comics community.
31 $N = 3,414$	Nationwide ‘No Kings’ Protests Against Tyranny protest, nokings, handsoff, kings, protests, www, today, com	A coordinated wave of grassroots protests across the U.S. under the #NoKings and #HandsOff movements, demanding resistance to authoritarianism, defending democracy, and opposing billionaire influence. Events span small towns to major cities, emphasizing unity, civic engagement, and nonviolent action.
32 $N = 1,057$	Trump’s Attack on Public Education education, trump, universities, schools, com, university, www, department	A coordinated effort by the Trump administration to dismantle the Department of Education, defund public schools, and redirect resources to private and religious institutions, sparking widespread resistance from universities, educators, and advocates. The posts highlight threats to special education, academic freedom, and equity in education, framing the attacks as part of a broader assault on public institutions and democratic values.
33 $N = 1,395$	Pete Hegseth Scandal: Security at Pentagon hegseth, pete, com, trump, www, military, defense, secretary	A wave of criticism and investigations surrounds Pete Hegseth, the U.S. Secretary of Defense, over serious security breaches, unsecured communications, and allegations of alcohol misuse. Multiple insiders, lawmakers, and veterans are demanding his resignation due to his unqualified leadership and reckless handling of classified military operations.
34 $N = 828$	Charlie Kirk’s Murder and Right-Wing Backlash kirk, charlie, people, com, trump, www, shooter, right	The posts center on the aftermath of conservative figure Charlie Kirk’s assassination, highlighting widespread condemnation of his history of hate speech and incitement, while criticizing right-wing attempts to frame the killing as political persecution. Many emphasize that his rhetoric fueled extremism, and his death has sparked debates over political violence, martyrdom, and the far-right’s response.
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$N = 384$	Art Commissions Open – Limited Slots slots, ko, fi, com, open, left, available, slot	Artists are offering limited commission slots across various platforms, with frequent updates on availability, pricing, and deadlines. Many encourage support via Ko-fi, Discord, or direct DMs, often highlighting urgency due to high demand or personal financial needs.
36 $N = 1,647$	Critique of Christian Nationalism and Hypocrisy christian, jesus, god, christians, religion, christianity, people, like	The posts collectively express strong criticism of Christian nationalism, religious hypocrisy, and the misuse of Christianity to justify bigotry, political extremism, and systemic harm. Many contributors, including atheists and former believers, condemn the distortion of Christian teachings in favor of power, exclusion, and hate, while calling for a return to authentic moral values.
37 $N = 3,795$	Media Complicity in the Erosion of Truth media, news, com, fox, journalism, just, like, people	The posts collectively condemn mainstream and conservative media for enabling misinformation, prioritizing ratings over truth, and serving political agendas. They highlight widespread distrust in journalism, accuse outlets of cowardice and bias, and call for systemic change or abandonment of the current media landscape.
38 $N = 934$	Cities, Pride, and Wanderlust chicago, city, new, love, york, boston, seattle, nyc	The posts express personal connections to various U.S. cities, blending pride in hometowns with travel excitement and cultural commentary. Themes include urban identity, regional pride, and the emotional resonance of place across the country.
39 $N = 1,450$	Crisis of American Identity and National Shame america, country, american, americans, world, like, just, usa	These posts reflect widespread disillusionment with the United States, expressing deep frustration over perceived moral decline, political dysfunction, and loss of democratic values. Many contributors—both American and international—voice shame, fear, and a sense of betrayal by the country’s current direction.
40 $N = 561$	Hazbin Hotel Fan Creations & Season 2 Hype hazbinhotel, alastor, lucifer, radioapple, hazbinhotelfanart, hazbin, hotel	A vibrant collection of fan art, fanfiction, cosplay, and theories centered around <i>Hazbin Hotel</i> , with strong focus on characters like Alastor, Lucifer, Angel Dust, and Husk. The posts reflect excitement for Season 2, AU interpretations, and deep engagement with the show’s lore and relationships.
41 $N = 1,242$	The Eternal Battle with Sleep sleep, bed, work, time, day, morning, nap, just	These posts revolve around the struggle to fall or stay asleep, the joy of sleeping in, and the cycle of exhaustion and rest. Themes include insomnia, oversleeping, sleep schedules, and the comforting embrace of bed as a refuge from the world.
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43 $N = 3,761$	Hump Day Vibes & Daily Greetings morning, good, happy, day, friday, monday, hope, sunday	A mix of playful, flirtatious, and lighthearted social media posts centered around daily greetings, particularly focusing on ‘Hump Day’ with suggestive humor, alongside general morning and evening well-wishes.
44 $N = 651$	Live Music & Concert Announcements com, tickets, bsky, social, www, tour, 2025, music	A collection of posts promoting upcoming live performances, tours, and music events across the globe, featuring diverse genres and artists from indie rock to classical and electronic music. Many highlight ticket availability, special guest appearances, and community-driven shows.
45 $N = 485$	Transformers & Anime Nostalgia transformers, anime, gundam, maccadam, like, toyphotography, megatron, love	A vibrant mix of Transformers fandom, anime appreciation, and nostalgic toy culture, highlighting deep dives into G1 lore, modern anime like <i>City: The Animation</i> , and classic mecha series such as Gundam and Mazinger Z.
46 $N = 4,804$	AI Anxiety and the Crisis of Authenticity ai, com, people, just, like, use, www, don	These posts reflect widespread concern about AI’s impact on creativity, labor, and human agency. Many express fear that AI undermines genuine artistry, erodes critical thinking, and enables corporate control—while also highlighting the irony and absurdity of AI hype in everyday life.
47 $N = 817$	Open Source, Linux, and Dev Tools Trends com, linux, github, new, just, windows, blog, use	This cluster highlights a vibrant mix of open source development, Linux ecosystem advancements, and modern software tooling. Posts cover new releases in frameworks like Astro, Kubernetes, and Flutter, performance optimizations, and community-driven projects, reflecting a strong focus on developer experience, system performance, and innovation in free and open software.
48 $N = 532$	Outrage Over JD Vance’s Persona vance, jd, trump, com, just, like, www, president	The posts collectively express intense criticism and mockery toward JD Vance, focusing on his perceived hypocrisy, lack of authenticity, and controversial statements. Themes include his political ideology, personal conduct, name changes, and perceived ties to extremist figures, all amplified through memes, insults, and calls for accountability.
49 $N = 560$	Creator Support & Patreon Rewards patreon, com, www, posts, new, month, poll, post	These posts highlight creators promoting their Patreon pages, sharing exclusive content like early releases, fan art, comics, and behind-the-scenes material. Many emphasize community engagement through polls, voting, and tiered rewards for supporters.
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<i>N</i> = 17, 215	Toxic Behavior and Denial in Online Spaces just, don, fuck, like, people, fucking, know, shit	The posts collectively express frustration with dishonesty, emotional manipulation, and intellectual cowardice in online discourse. They highlight patterns of denial, gaslighting, and performative outrage, often targeting individuals perceived as hypocritical or harmful, while emphasizing the need for accountability and self-awareness.
50 <i>N</i> = 10, 651	Music Nostalgia & Album Reflections com, music, album,youtu, song, love, bsky, social	A collection of personal reflections, album anniversaries, and favorite tracks spanning decades of music, from Van Halen and Black Sabbath to indie, jazz, and synthwave. The posts celebrate iconic releases, share emotional connections to music, and highlight both classic and emerging artists.
51 <i>N</i> = 16, 076	Sports Highlights & Fan Reactions com, game, www, team, social, bsky, season, just	A diverse collection of sports updates, fan commentary, and reactions across baseball, soccer, basketball, hockey, and more, reflecting real-time excitement, player performances, and league developments.
52 <i>N</i> = 676	F1 Drama and Motorsport Highlights f1, race, ferrari, com, stage, verstappen, lewis, www	A dynamic mix of Formula 1 updates, including Verstappen’s dominance and team tensions, major cycling victories like Pogačar’s Lombardia win, and key moments across motorsport from Daytona to Dakar.
53 <i>N</i> = 7, 499	Celebrating Queer & Indie Voices in Books book, bsky, social, com, books, booksky, read, www	This cluster highlights a vibrant community of queer and indie authors, celebrating new releases, book events, and diverse storytelling across genres like sapphic romance, speculative fiction, and magical realism. Posts emphasize support for marginalized voices, self-publishing, and the joy of reading and sharing books.
54 <i>N</i> = 836	Severe Weather & Storm Alerts Worldwide tornado, weather, details, storm, edt, additional, warning, 2025	A cluster of real-time weather alerts and updates covering tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, winter storms, extreme heat, and other severe weather events across North America, Europe, and Oceania. Posts highlight warnings, storm impacts, and ongoing extreme conditions.
55 <i>N</i> = 355	Urgent Animal Rescues & Medical Appeals help, foster, dog, rescue, com, dogs, needs, adopt	A cluster of posts highlighting critically ill, endangered, or euthanasia-bound animals in need of urgent medical care, fosters, adoptions, and donations. Many animals face imminent death due to lack of resources, while others are victims of abuse, neglect, or natural disasters. The posts emphasize community action through sharing, pledging, and direct support to save lives.
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$N = 942$	Gratitude and Appreciation Exchange thank, thanks, welcome, friend, love, appreciate, sharing	A cluster of heartfelt thank-you messages expressing appreciation for support, shares, kind words, and recognition across personal and creative connections. The tone is warm, affectionate, and community-focused.
57 $N = 12,497$	Bluesky Community Dynamics and Migration bsky, social, app, profile, bluesky, com, twitter, follow	This cluster captures discussions around Bluesky's evolving social ecosystem, including user migration from Twitter, community building through starter packs and lists, concerns about moderation and bots, and reflections on platform culture and political discourse.
58 $N = 662$	FEMA & NOAA Cuts Amid Deadly Floods fema, trump, weather, com, noaa, texas, hurricane, www	A cluster of posts highlights widespread criticism of federal budget cuts to FEMA and NOAA, linking them to delayed disaster responses, failed warning systems, and preventable deaths during recent floods in Texas, New Mexico, and other states. The posts accuse political leaders, especially Kristi Noem and Donald Trump, of endangering lives through ideological defunding and bureaucratic obstruction.
59 $N = 4,767$	RFK Jr. and the Crisis of Public Health Trust rfk, jr, covid, com, vaccine, measles, www, vaccines	This cluster centers on widespread concern over Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s nomination as U.S. Health Secretary, highlighting fears about his anti-vaccine stance, misinformation, and potential harm to public health. Posts emphasize the dangers of undermining science, the resurgence of preventable diseases, and the long-term impacts of COVID-19, especially Long COVID.
60 $N = 2,998$	Science, Research, and Academic Opportunities social, bsky, www, org, com, 2025, research, new	This cluster features a wide range of academic and research updates, including new publications, conference announcements, job and postdoc opportunities, funding calls, and scientific breakthroughs across disciplines such as oncology, immunology, biochemistry, and digital humanities. The posts highlight collaboration, open science, and career development in the research community.
61 $N = 15,645$	Ukraine's Struggle and Western Support ukraine, russia, putin, trump, russian, com, war, www	The posts highlight Ukraine's ongoing fight for survival and sovereignty amid relentless Russian attacks, while criticizing U.S. political figures like Trump for perceived pro-Russia stances. They emphasize the need for consistent Western solidarity, expose disinformation, and celebrate Ukrainian resilience and international aid efforts.
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$N = 8,497$	Food Obsessions & Kitchen Chaos like, food, just, eat, coffee, good, cheese, pizza	A vibrant mix of humorous, heartfelt, and absurd food-related musings, from baking triumphs and kitchen fails to cultural food quirks and deep cravings. The posts celebrate cooking as both art and therapy, with a strong emphasis on flavor, nostalgia, and the joy (and chaos) of eating.
63 $N = 437$	Gym Life: Struggles & Triumphs gym, day, workout, leg, today, post, good, work	A collection of personal gym experiences, from first-timers to seasoned lifters, capturing the sweat, soreness, humor, and motivation behind daily workouts. Themes include progress, self-improvement, and the quirky realities of gym culture.
64 $N = 689$	Podcast Launches & Updates 2025 podcast, episode, social, bsky, com, new, podcasts, listen	A collection of social media posts announcing new podcast episodes, series launches, and milestones across diverse genres—from audio dramas and true crime to pop culture and niche topics. Many creators highlight new content, guest appearances, and platform updates.
65 $N = 4,959$	Obscure Films & Cult Cinema Passion movie, film, com, filmsky, movies, watch, horror, social	A passionate exploration of cult classics, obscure horror, and overlooked cinema, with deep dives into genre films, rare releases, and personal film journeys. The posts reflect a love for deep-cut movies, cult favorites, and the thrill of discovering hidden gems.
66 $N = 1,404$	Global Wildfires and Climate Crisis climate, com, www, news, wildfires, change, wildfire, 2025	A cluster of posts highlights the escalating global wild-fire crisis, from Southern California and Canada to Siberia and Europe, driven by extreme heat, drought, and climate change. The posts emphasize the urgent need for climate action, the human and environmental toll, and systemic failures in environmental protection.
67 $N = 535$	Renewables: Solar, Storage, and Grid Shift energy, solar, com, www, fossil, power, gas, wind	This cluster highlights the rapid global expansion of solar power, battery storage, and clean energy infrastructure, alongside challenges like grid integration, fossil fuel resistance, and policy delays. Posts emphasize real-world progress, technological innovation, and the urgent need for systemic change to achieve a sustainable energy future.
68 $N = 535$	Weather Whiplash: Seasonal Extremes cold, snow, weather, hot, today, winter, outside, day	This cluster captures a mix of reactions to extreme and rapidly changing weather—ranging from snowstorms and freezing temps to sudden heatwaves and humidity. Users share personal experiences, humor, and frustrations about seasonal extremes, highlighting how weather impacts daily life, mood, and outdoor activities.
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$N = 1,480$	Indie Comics & Webcomic Updates comic, com, comics, webcomic, bsky, social, new, www	A collection of posts from independent comic creators sharing new pages, updates, and personal projects across platforms like Patreon, Tapas, and Webtoon. Themes include webcomics, zines, fan art, and community support within the indie comics scene.
70 $N = 686$	Fanfic Updates & Recs Galore archiveofourown, works, org, chapter, fic, read, ao3, bsky	A collection of recent fanfiction updates, new chapters, and recommendations across various fandoms, including Reylo, Steddie, and more, with a mix of genres from romance to fantasy and sci-fi.
71 $N = 587$	Housing Crisis: Policy Failures housing, www, homes, com, social, affordable, build, building	These posts collectively critique the systemic failures in housing policy, highlighting how deregulation, NIMBYism, financial speculation, and political capture have exacerbated the crisis. They call for bold, equitable solutions like social housing, rent control, and zoning reform to address affordability and homelessness.
72 $N = 1,419$	Global Push for Safe, Active Transportation bike, people, car, com, city, transit, social, bsky	This cluster highlights widespread advocacy and progress in expanding bike lanes, pedestrian infrastructure, and sustainable transit worldwide. Posts celebrate new projects, critique car-centric policies, and emphasize the urgent need for safer, more inclusive urban mobility that prioritizes people over vehicles.
73 $N = 382$	Trump's Jan. 6 Pardons and Political Fallout trump, pardoned, jan, capitol, january, com, police, 6th	The posts center on widespread outrage over Donald Trump's pardons of over 1,500 individuals convicted in connection with the January 6, 2021 Capitol insurrection. Critics condemn the pardons as a betrayal of law enforcement, an attack on democracy, and a dangerous normalization of violence, while highlighting the re-arrests of pardoned individuals and the broader implications for justice and national security.
74 $N = 393$	Virtual Photography in Video Games virtualphotography, vprepost, vpsupport, cyberpunk2077, photomode	A vibrant collection of user-generated screenshots and photos from various video games, showcasing artistic use of in-game photo modes. The posts highlight immersive worlds, character portraits, and cinematic moments across titles like Cyberpunk 2077, Horizon Forbidden West, Assassin's Creed, and Elden Ring.
75 $N = 599$	Warhammer Miniature Painting Hobby warhammer, warhammercommunity, warhammer40k, miniaturepainting	A collection of posts showcasing ongoing miniature painting projects, kitbashing experiments, and community engagement across Warhammer 40k and Age of Sigmar. The creator shares progress on various armies, conversions, and personal challenges, highlighting both technical skill and creative expression in the hobby.
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$N = 3,491$	Urgent Mutual Aid Requests help, gofund, donate, mutualaid, need, com, helpsky, share	This cluster features a series of heartfelt, urgent crowdfunding appeals from individuals and families facing extreme financial hardship, including rent, food, medical bills, and basic survival needs. Many posts emphasize the importance of mutual aid, sharing, and small donations to help vulnerable communities survive.
77 $N = 461$	Hair, Identity, and Transformation Rituals hair, haircut, like, beard, just, cut, got, long	These posts explore personal grooming as a form of self-expression, identity, and emotional release. From haircuts and beards to growing out styles and embracing natural changes, the shared theme centers on how hair reflects inner states, confidence, and individuality.
78 $N = 826$	Trump’s Military Deployments and Martial Law trump, guard, national, law, military, martial, troops, com	A cluster of posts expresses widespread concern over Donald Trump’s deployment of federal troops and National Guard forces to cities like Los Angeles, Portland, and Washington, D.C., with claims that these actions are part of a broader strategy to provoke unrest, justify martial law, and undermine democratic norms. Many warn of constitutional violations, authoritarian overreach, and the potential for a coup-like power grab.
79 $N = 7,722$	ICE Raids and Mass Deportations Under Trump ice, people, trump, com, police, www, just, agents	These posts expose the widespread fear, trauma, and human rights abuses caused by aggressive ICE operations, including unlawful detentions, deportations of U.S. citizens, and the use of masked agents. They highlight systemic failures, racial targeting, and the urgent need for accountability and reform.
80 $N = 2,088$	FFXIV G-Pose Community & Glamour Culture ffxiv, gposers, gpose, ffxivnsfw, viera, social, bsky, miqote	A vibrant collection of social media posts centered around Final Fantasy XIV’s G-Pose community, showcasing character glamour, playful roleplay, and intimate moments. The content highlights player creativity, fashion, and camaraderie within the game’s social spaces, often blending humor, artistry, and NSFW themes.
81 $N = 4,728$	Trump’s Tariff Wars Spark Global Economic Fears tariffs, trump, tariff, com, www, economy, trade, canada	A wave of aggressive tariffs announced by President Trump has triggered global market turmoil, retaliatory measures from allies like Canada, and widespread concern over economic recession, job losses, and rising consumer prices. Critics argue the policies are destabilizing, legally dubious, and driven more by political theatrics than sound economics.
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<i>N</i> = 21,543	NSFW Content & Fetish Expressions nsfw, com, cock, gay, ass, like, onlyfans, bsky	The posts center around explicit sexual content, fetish themes, and personal expressions of desire across various identities and kinks. Many creators promote their OnlyFans, Fansly, or live platforms, showcasing nudity, BDSM, voyeurism, and taboo fantasies.
83 <i>N</i> = 747	MAGA Critique and Cultural Backlash maga, like, people, just, think, trump, don, cult	These posts express strong criticism of the MAGA movement, portraying it as intellectually dishonest, emotionally volatile, and rooted in manipulation, bigotry, and cult-like behavior. The authors reject MAGA ideology, mock its adherents, and frame the movement as a threat to democracy and rational discourse.
84 <i>N</i> = 433	Handmade Crafts & Fiber Arts Journey com, crochet, earrings, etsy, knitting, yarn, quilt, pattern	A collection of personal creative expressions centered around knitting, crocheting, embroidery, jewelry-making, and quilting. The posts reflect therapeutic crafting, generational traditions, and joyful self-expression through handmade art.
85 <i>N</i> = 388	GOP-Controlled Shutdown Crisis shutdown, government, trump, republicans, com, shut, gop	A government shutdown is imminent due to Republican control of all branches of government, who are refusing to pass funding bills. Democrats argue that the GOP's intransigence and extreme budget proposals are deliberately causing chaos, while warning that a shutdown would grant unchecked power to Trump and Musk to dismantle federal agencies and courts.
86 <i>N</i> = 3,243	UK Political Realignment and Labour's Challenges labour, starmer, auspol, farage, reform, party, uk, dutton	The posts reflect widespread criticism of Labour's shift to the right, concerns over Reform UK's rising influence, and growing disillusionment with mainstream parties. Many highlight perceived failures in leadership, media bias, and the need for alternative political alliances.
87 <i>N</i> = 1,757	Trans Rights, Misogyny, and War on Identity trans, people, women, men, just, like, don, cis	These posts expose the intersection of transphobia, misogyny, and systemic oppression, highlighting how attacks on trans people are often rooted in patriarchal fears, performative allyship, and the erasure of marginalized identities. The collective voice demands recognition of trans rights as human rights and critiques the hypocrisy and violence embedded in anti-trans rhetoric.
88 <i>N</i> = 1,757	White Privilege and Accountability white, people, black, racist, racism, don, like, just	The posts collectively critique systemic racism, white privilege, and the failure of white individuals and institutions to take responsibility for racial injustice. They highlight hypocrisy, performative allyship, and the enduring impact of white supremacy across social, political, and cultural spaces.
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$N = 1,285$	Fascism Is Here: Resistance Is Urgent fascism, fascist, fascists, people, like, don, just, time	These posts collectively express alarm over the rise of fascism in contemporary society, emphasizing its subtle, normalized presence and the urgent need for resistance. They highlight how authoritarianism, xenophobia, and violence are being normalized, while calling for immediate action, solidarity, and rejection of complicity.
90 $N = 1,973$	Nazi Parallels in Modern Politics nazi, nazis, hitler, like, germany, people, just, don	These posts draw stark comparisons between contemporary political movements and Nazi Germany, highlighting ideological echoes, historical parallels, and the normalization of extremist rhetoric. The cluster emphasizes vigilance against authoritarianism, white supremacy, and the erasure of historical memory.
91 $N = 760$	Republican Leaders Accused of Sexual Abuse pedophile, pedophiles, trump, pedo, child, gop, republicans	The posts collectively accuse Republican politicians, particularly Donald Trump, of being pedophiles or sexual predators, linking them to child abuse, sex trafficking, and institutional protection of offenders. The rhetoric is highly charged, using hashtags and repeated accusations to frame the GOP as a party enabling child sexual abuse.
92 $N = 4,537$	Demand for Release of Epstein Files epstein, files, trump, release, com, maxwell, www, epsteinfiles	The posts center on widespread calls to release the Epstein Files, alleging a cover-up involving Donald Trump, Ghislaine Maxwell, and other powerful figures. They accuse the Trump administration and GOP of obstructing justice and protecting offenders, while survivors and activists demand transparency and accountability.
93 $N = 4,253$	Trump's Decline and Cultural Backlash trump, donald, president, com, like, just, people, www	These posts collectively express widespread frustration, disdain, and alarm over Donald Trump's behavior, mental state, and impact on American politics. They highlight perceptions of his incompetence, narcissism, and the societal harm caused by his leadership, while mocking his public image and legacy.
94 $N = 371$	Indie Creative Kickstarters in Final Stretch kickstarter, com, projects, www, bsky, social, days, just	A cluster of last-minute crowdfunding appeals for indie comics, games, and creative projects, highlighting urgency, stretch goals, and community support as campaigns near their deadlines.
95 $N = 1,055$	ArtFight 2025: Creative Attacks artfight, attack, bsky, social, art, artfight2025, net, fight	A vibrant cluster of social media posts centered around ArtFight 2025, showcasing digital art attacks, revenge pieces, and character tributes. Artists share their WIPs, completed works, and excitement for the event, highlighting collaboration, fandom, and creative energy across the community.

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96 <i>N</i> = 467	Social Security Under Attack social, security, trump, people, com, www, benefits, money	These posts highlight widespread concern over coordinated efforts by the Trump administration and Elon Musk to dismantle the Social Security Administration through staff cuts, office closures, and service disruptions. The posts emphasize that Social Security is an earned benefit, not a handout, and warn of dire consequences for millions of seniors and disabled Americans.
97 <i>N</i> = 480	2024 Election Rigging Allegations election, rigged, trump, voting, com, states, won, vote	Multiple posts allege widespread election fraud in the 2024 U.S. presidential election, citing claims of hacked voting machines, coordinated voter suppression, and public admissions by Donald Trump and Elon Musk. The posts demand investigations, recounts, and systemic reforms to restore trust in the electoral process.
98 <i>N</i> = 485	Fursuit Adventures & Community Fun fursuitfriday, bsky, social, fursuit, furry, happy, time	A vibrant collection of social media posts celebrating fursuiting, featuring photos, personal milestones, and joyful moments from furry conventions and everyday life. The posts highlight creativity, community bonds, and the shared passion for fursuits across the furry fandom.
99 <i>N</i> = 797	Tax the Rich: A Call for Fairness tax, taxes, pay, rich, billionaires, cuts, people, money	These posts collectively express outrage over systemic tax inequity, demanding that the wealthy pay their fair share. They criticize repeated tax cuts for billionaires and corporations, highlight the burden on working families, and advocate for progressive taxation to fund public services and reduce inequality.
100 <i>N</i> = 1,440	Medicaid Under Attack: GOP Budget Cuts medicaid, cuts, people, republicans, medicare, care, health	These posts highlight widespread concern over proposed Republican budget cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, and SNAP, which would disproportionately harm low-income Americans, seniors, children, and people with disabilities. The posts emphasize that these cuts would expand the deficit, destabilize healthcare systems, and benefit the wealthy while endangering lives.
101 <i>N</i> = 3,062	Elon Musk's Government Overhaul (DOGE) elon, musk, doge, trump, com, www, government, just	These posts express widespread concern over Elon Musk's unprecedented influence in the U.S. government through his DOGE initiative, accusing him of data theft, undermining federal agencies, and operating with unchecked power. Critics argue his actions threaten democratic institutions, privacy, and the rule of law.
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$N = 1,937$	Tesla Boycott and Protest Movement tesla, teslataakedown, com, cybertruck, musk, www, stock	A growing wave of protests, boycotts, and public criticism targeting Tesla and Elon Musk, driven by concerns over his political affiliations, vehicle safety, and corporate behavior. The movement spans multiple countries and includes calls to divest from Tesla stock and reject its products.
103 $N = 18,613$	Furry & OC Art Showcase art, oc, bsky, social, furryart, drawing, furry, sketch	A vibrant collection of digital and traditional artwork centered around original characters (OCs) and furry art, including commissions, fan art, character designs, and personal creative explorations across various styles and themes.
104 $N = 1,386$	Pokémon Art & Fan Creativity pokemon, art, pokémon, fanart, day, pokemonart, bsky	A vibrant collection of Pokémon-themed art, fan creations, and playful expressions from artists across the community. Featuring original designs, fakemon, pixel art, and nostalgic tributes to beloved Pokémon and moments from the franchise.
105 $N = 2,009$	SCOTUS Under Fire: Constitutional Authority court, scotus, constitution, trump, supreme, roberts, law	The posts express widespread outrage over the U.S. Supreme Court’s decisions, particularly regarding presidential immunity and judicial defiance, accusing the Court of enabling authoritarianism, undermining the rule of law, and eroding democratic checks and balances. Many believe the Court has become illegitimate and complicit in a power grab by the executive branch.
106 $N = 518$	Call for Trump’s Third Impeachment impeach, impeachment, trump, impeached, congress, remove	The posts demand immediate impeachment of Donald Trump, citing numerous alleged impeachable offenses, constitutional violations, and threats to democracy. They urge Congress to act, especially if Democrats regain control of the House, and emphasize the need for accountability, removal, and potential prosecution.
107 $N = 618$	Flood the Switchboard: Contact Senators senators, senator, senate, gov, 202, calling, just, office	These posts urge widespread public action to contact U.S. senators and representatives, emphasizing the importance of calling, flooding voicemail lines, and using tools like 5calls.org to demand accountability and defend democracy. The central theme is grassroots mobilization through persistent communication with elected officials.
108 $N = 566$	Calls for Schumer’s Resignation schumer, chuck, senate, gov, just, leader, trump, needs	A coordinated wave of criticism targets Chuck Schumer’s leadership, accusing him of inaction, cowardice, and failing to defend democracy. The posts demand his resignation, citing weak opposition to Trump-aligned policies and a lack of decisive action within the Democratic Party.
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ID / Size	Title & Keywords	Description
$N = 6,397$	Democratic Party Leadership Crisis republicans, democrats, party, vote, dems, republican, people	The posts express deep frustration with Democratic leadership, criticizing its lack of bold action, reliance on establishment figures, and failure to mobilize voters. Many call for transformative change, including primary challenges to incumbents, stronger opposition to Republicans, and embracing progressive candidates to reclaim the party's purpose.
110 $N = 1,176$	Canada Stands Firm Against Annexation Threats canada, canadian, canadians, love, trump, thank, like	The posts reflect a surge of national pride and unity in Canada, sparked by perceived threats from the U.S., particularly related to Donald Trump's rhetoric about annexation. Canadians express solidarity, defend their sovereignty, and reject any notion of being a political bargaining chip, while celebrating their identity, values, and resilience.
111 $N = 2,504$	Mark Carney's Rise and Poilievre Opposition poilievre, canada, carney, cdnpoli, vote, pierre, trump	The posts center on the political transition in Canada following Justin Trudeau's expected resignation, highlighting widespread support for Mark Carney as the new Liberal leader and Prime Minister. They express strong opposition to Pierre Poilievre and the Conservative Party, framing them as dangerous, authoritarian, and aligned with foreign interests, while celebrating Carney as a unifying, competent alternative.
112 $N = 9,765$	Genocide in Gaza and Global Complicity israel, gaza, genocide, israeli, com, www, iran, people	The posts collectively condemn Israel's military campaign in Gaza, highlighting widespread civilian casualties, starvation, and blockade as part of a systemic campaign accused of genocide. They criticize international inaction, Western support for Israel, and the failure to hold perpetrators accountable.
113 $N = 1,220$	Gaza Families Pleading for Basic Survival gaza, help, bsky, family, social, donate, share, gofund	These posts from individuals in Gaza describe extreme hardship, loss of homes and loved ones, and urgent needs for food, medical care, and shelter. Many are living in tents, facing hunger, cold, and lack of basic services, pleading for donations and shares to survive the ongoing crisis.
114 $N = 7,357$	Indie Game Development Workflows game, gamedev, games, indiegame, com, indiegame, new	A collection of personal updates, creative progress, and reflections from indie developers working on diverse games, from pixel art and visual novels to experimental mechanics and retro-inspired titles. The posts highlight passion, challenges, and milestones in the indie game creation process.
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$N = 9,672$	Live Gaming Streams & VTuber Engagement twitch, tv, www, live, stream, vtuber, time, social	A collection of real-time streaming updates from content creators across Twitch and YouTube, featuring gameplay of various titles, VTuber collabs, and casual hangouts. The posts highlight diverse gaming genres, community engagement, and live events.
116 $N = 1,876$	Recommended Analytical YouTube Videos watch, youtube, com, www, video,youtu, good, r8ag	A collection of YouTube links shared by a user, including various videos on diverse topics. The posts appear to be recommendations or references to content the user finds valuable or worth sharing.
117 $N = 853$	YouTube Shorts Curated Format Compilations shorts, youtube, com, www, watch,ixlvw, facts, _g8je	A collection of diverse YouTube Shorts featuring tutorials, expert insights, quick facts, and viral content, all sharing a common platform and format.
118 $N = 3,054$	Birdwatching & Global Wildlife Photography birds, photography, bird, nature, wildlife, birdphotography	A diverse collection of bird sightings, photography, and observations from global locations, showcasing species from owls and warblers to herons and albatrosses. Posts highlight seasonal migrations, rare sightings, and the beauty of nature through the lens.
119 $N = 6,922$	Nature, Landscapes, and Photographic Art photography, nature, flowers, photo, landscape, sunset	A diverse collection of photographic moments capturing nature, landscapes, and everyday beauty from around the world. The posts highlight outdoor exploration, seasonal changes, wildlife, and the artistic expression found in both film and digital photography.
120 $N = 894$	Heartwarming & Hilarious Dog Chronicles dog, dogs, dogsofbluesky, puppy, just, like, good, corgi	A joyful collection of dog-related posts showcasing pets' antics, quirks, and deep bonds with humans. From funny facial expressions and zoomies to heartwarming rescues and daily adventures, the posts celebrate the unique personalities and unconditional love of dogs.
121 $N = 2,677$	Caturday Chaos & Feline Shenanigans cat, cats, catsofbluesky, caturday, happy, kitty, just	A joyful, chaotic collection of cat-loving posts celebrating feline antics, quirky behaviors, and the everyday magic of cat ownership. From hunting flies and box obsession to dramatic stares and midnight mischief, the posts highlight cats' playful, unpredictable, and utterly charming personalities.

1.2.2 Aggregation of Microtopics

Many microtopics appear to be thematically close to each other. We organize the 122 microtopics into six higher-level political categories (and seven for non-political topics) to obtain a better overview on prevalent core themes.

Table 3: Higher-level Classification of Political Microtopics

High-Level Subcategory	Assigned Microtopics
US Politics: Trump-Centric & Administration	Cluster 8: Project 2025: The Blueprint for Authoritarianism · Cluster 17: Trump’s Tariffs and the Farmer Bailout Crisis · Cluster 20: Trump’s Greenland Obsession Sparks Global Outrage · Cluster 32: Trump’s Attack on Public Education · Cluster 33: Pete Hegseth Scandal: Security & Incompetence at the Pentagon · Cluster 34: Charlie Kirk’s Murder and Right-Wing Backlash · Cluster 47: Viral Outrage Over JD Vance’s Controversial Persona · Cluster 73: Trump’s Jan. 6 Pardons and Political Fallout · Cluster 78: Trump’s Military Deployments and Martial Law Fears · Cluster 79: ICE Raids and Mass Deportations Under Trump · Cluster 81: Trump’s Tariff Wars Spark Global Economic Fears · Cluster 91: Republican Leaders Accused of Pedophilia · Cluster 92: Demand for Release of Epstein Files · Cluster 93: Trump’s Decline and Cultural Backlash · Cluster 96: Social Security Under Attack · Cluster 97: 2024 Election Rigging Allegations · Cluster 101: Elon Musk’s Government Overhaul: Chaos or Conspiracy? · Cluster 106: Call for Trump’s Third Impeachment
US Politics: Parties, Institutions & Ideology	Cluster 83: MAGA Critique and Cultural Backlash · Cluster 85: GOP-Controlled Shutdown Crisis · Cluster 89: Fascism Is Here: Resistance Is Urgent · Cluster 90: Nazi Parallels in Modern Politics · Cluster 100: Medicaid Under Attack: GOP Cuts vs. Public Health · Cluster 105: SCOTUS Under Fire: Crisis of Constitutional Authority · Cluster 108: Calls for Schumer’s Resignation Amid Leadership Crisis · Cluster 109: Democratic Party Crisis and Calls for Radical Change
International Politics	Cluster 4: Pope Francis: Legacy and the New Papacy · Cluster 61: Ukraine’s Struggle for Sovereignty and Western Support · Cluster 86: UK Political Realignment and Labour’s Challenges · Cluster 110: Canada Stands Firm Against Threats · Cluster 111: Mark Carney’s Rise and the Fall of Poilievre · Cluster 112: Genocide in Gaza and Global Complicity
Social Issues & Identity	Cluster 5: Celebrating Black and Women’s Histories · Cluster 11: Reproductive Rights Under Siege · Cluster 14: DEI Backlash: Civil Rights Under Attack · Cluster 19: Pride Beyond June: Resistance and Joy · Cluster 26: Autism, Neurodiversity, and the Fight for Recognition · Cluster 36: Critique of Christian Nationalism and Hypocrisy · Cluster 39: Crisis of American Identity and National Shame · Cluster 87: Trans Rights, Misogyny, and the War on Gender Identity · Cluster 88: White Privilege and Accountability in Racial Discourse
Public Policy, Activism & Environment	Cluster 6: Aviation Safety Crisis Amid Political and Corporate Chaos · Cluster 22: Mass Consumer Boycotts Against Corporate Power · Cluster 31: Nationwide ‘No Kings’ Protests Against Authoritarianism · Cluster 58: FEMA & NOAA Cuts Amid Deadly Floods · Cluster 59: RFK Jr. and the Crisis of Public Health Trust · Cluster 66: Global Wildfires and Climate Crisis · Cluster 67: Renewables Revolution: Solar, Storage, and the Grid Shift · Cluster 71: Housing Crisis: Supply, Power, and Policy Failures · Cluster 72: Global Push for Safe, Active Transportation · Cluster 99: Tax the Rich: A Call for Fairness · Cluster 107: Flood the Switchboard: Call Your Senators Now
Corporate, Tech & Media Politics	Cluster 37: Media Complicity in the Erosion of Truth · Cluster 45: AI Anxiety and the Crisis of Authenticity · Cluster 102: Tesla Boycott and Protest Movement

Table 4: Higher-level Classification of Non-Political Microtopics

High-Level Category	Assigned Microtopics
Entertainment & Media	<i>TV, Film & Celebrities:</i> Cluster 1: BB27: Chaos, Alliances, and Vorgan Hours · Cluster 7: Drama, Betrayal, and Family Feuds in #BeyondTheGates · Cluster 65: Obscure Films & Cult Cinema Passion <i>Music & Podcasts:</i> Cluster 16: BTS Reunion Hype & Global K-Pop Momentum · Cluster 43: Live Music & Concert Announcements · Cluster 50: Music Nostalgia & Album Reflections · Cluster 64: Podcast Launches & Updates 2025 <i>Sports & Wrestling:</i> Cluster 9: AEW Dynamite & Collision Highlights · Cluster 51: Sports Highlights & Fan Reactions · Cluster 52: F1 Drama, Cycling Triumphs, and Motorsport Highlights
Gaming, Fandom & Hobbies	<i>Video Games & Virtual Worlds:</i> Cluster 74: Virtual Photography in Video Games · Cluster 80: FFXIV G-Pose Community & Glamour Culture · Cluster 114: Indie Game Development Journey · Cluster 115: Live Gaming & VTuber Streams <i>Analog Hobbies & Fandom:</i> Cluster 24: Car Culture & Classic Rides · Cluster 30: Marvel & DC Comics Culture · Cluster 44: Transformers & Anime Nostalgia · Cluster 75: Warhammer Miniature Painting & Kitbashing Journey · Cluster 84: Handmade Crafts & Fiber Arts Journey <i>Fan Creations & Community Art:</i> Cluster 29: Deltarune Fan Art & Ship Culture · Cluster 40: Hazbin Hotel Fan Creations & Season 2 Hype · Cluster 69: Indie Comics & Webcomic Creators Share Updates · Cluster 70: Fanfic Updates & Recs Galore · Cluster 95: ArtFight 2025: Creative Attacks & Revenants · Cluster 98: Fursuit Adventures & Community Fun · Cluster 103: Furry & OC Art Showcase · Cluster 104: Pokémon Art & Fan Creativity
Online Content & Platforms	<i>Video Platforms (YouTube/TikTok):</i> Cluster 0: Compilation of Viral and Disturbing Online Videos · Cluster 2: TikTok Culture & Viral Moments · Cluster 116: Recommended YouTube Videos · Cluster 117: YouTube Shorts Compilation <i>Writing, News & Literature (Non-Political):</i> Cluster 12: Substack Highlights & Newsletter Roundup · Cluster 18: NYT Gift Articles & News Highlights · Cluster 25: Echoes of Longing and Nature (Poetry) · Cluster 53: Celebrating Queer & Indie Voices in Books <i>Platform Mechanics & Culture:</i> Cluster 3: The Urgent Need for Alt Text on Bluesky · Cluster 13: Meme Culture & Community Sharing · Cluster 49: Toxic Behavior and Denial in Online Spaces · Cluster 57: Bluesky Community Dynamics and Migration
Science & Technology (Academic)	Cluster 28: AI and Machine Learning Research Highlights · Cluster 46: Open Source, Linux, and Dev Tools Trends · Cluster 60: Science, Research, and Academic Opportunities
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Table 4: Higher-level Classification of Non-Political Microtopics

High-Level Category	Subcategory	Assigned Microtopics
Personal Life & Lifestyle		<i>Daily Life, Milestones & Greetings:</i> Cluster 10: Happy New Year 2025 Wishes · Cluster 15: Valentine’s Day Celebrations & Self-Love · Cluster 21: Birthday Celebrations & Wishes · Cluster 41: The Eternal Battle with Sleep · Cluster 42: Hump Day Vibes & Daily Greetings · Cluster 56: Gratitude and Appreciation Exchange · Cluster 77: Hair, Identity, and the Ritual of Transformation <i>Food, Hobbies & Pets:</i> Cluster 38: Cities, Pride, and Wanderlust · Cluster 62: Food Obsessions & Kitchen Chaos · Cluster 63: Gym Life: Struggles & Triumphs · Cluster 120: Heartwarming & Hilarious Dog Moments · Cluster 121: Caturday Chaos & Cat Shenanigans <i>Nature & Environment (Non-Political):</i> Cluster 54: Severe Weather & Storm Alerts Worldwide · Cluster 68: Weather Whiplash: Cold, Hot, and Everything In Between · Cluster 118: Birdwatching & Wildlife Photography · Cluster 119: Nature, Landscapes, and the Art of Photography
Crowdfunding & Community Support		Cluster 35: Art Commissions Open – Limited Slots · Cluster 48: Creator Support & Patreon Rewards · Cluster 55: Urgent Animal Rescues & Medical Appeals · Cluster 76: Urgent Mutual Aid Requests · Cluster 94: Indie Creative Kickstarters in Final Stretch · Cluster 113: Gaza Families Beg for Survival
Explicit & Niche Content		Cluster 23: Fine Art Nude Photography & Modeling · Cluster 27: ABDL Lifestyle & Diaper Culture · Cluster 82: NSFW Content & Fetish Expressions

Based on both the fine-grained microtopics and their aggregation into higher-level themes, and considering their relative prevalence, we then selected a final set of issues for in-depth analysis. We believe that these issues are a reasonable representation of the range of political topics that emerged automatically from the corpus (see Table 5).

Table 5: Salient Issues with short descriptions and related clusters

Issue	Description	Rel. Clusters
Trump Administration	Policies and actions of US President Donald Trump.	4, 8, 17, 20, 32, 33, 34, 47, 73, 78, 79, 81, 91, 92, 93, 96, 97, 106
Elon Musk	Political and regulatory issues concerning Elon Musk.	101, 102
Republican Party	Views on the US Republican Party.	83, 85, 89, 90, 91, 100, 105
Democratic Party	Views on the US Democratic Party.	83, 85, 89, 90, 91, 100, 105, 108, 109
Russia–Ukraine Conflict	Ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine.	61
Israel–Palestine Conflict	Ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine.	112, 113
Reproductive Rights	Legal and ethical status of abortion.	11
Gender and Sexuality Rights	Rights and treatment of the LGBTQ+ community.	19, 87
Equity and Representation Policy	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs.	14, 88
Artificial Intelligence Policy	AI regulation and societal impact.	28, 45
Technology Platforms Policy	Regulation of social media and tech platforms.	3, 49, 37, 57, 101, 102
Climate and Environmental Policy	Climate change and environmental regulations.	58, 66, 67, 71, 72

2 Issue and Stance Detection

This study required two types of labels in order to analyze political communication on social media. First label, **Issue**, is assigned at the post level, where each post is a single instance of up to 300 characters that may include text, emojis, and hashtags. The second label, **political stance**, is assigned at the user level, based on an aggregation of posts authored or engaged with by that user.

Large language models were used to generate these labels at scale. While this approach made it feasible to construct the annotated dataset, it still requires careful validation, since the outputs are predictions rather than ground truth annotations.

This section describes the validation procedures applied. We introduce the models (with their prompts) employed, analyze their outputs through diagnostic comparisons, and evaluate their agreement and accuracy under varying confidence thresholds. On the basis of these analyses, we present the final strategy used to build the final dataset that will be used for the main analysis.

2.1 Model Details and Inference

	Gemma (G)	Mistral (M)	Qwen (Q)
Version	Gemma-4-26B-A4B-it	Mistral-Small-4-119B-2603-NVFP4	Qwen3-30B-A3B-Instruct-2507
Temperature	0	0	0
Max Tokens	64	64	64
Decoding	guided choice	guided choice	guided choice

Table 6: LLM configurations used for annotation.

In all experiments we set the decoding temperature to zero and constrained the output space to a fixed set of valid labels. Under these conditions, generation reduces to deterministic selection of the single most probable label. Formally, for an input x and a candidate label sequence $y \in \mathcal{Y}$ (the set of allowed outputs), the model defines

$$p(y \mid x) = \prod_{t=1}^T p(v_t \mid v_{<t}, x),$$

where v_t are the tokens of y and T is its length. The chosen label is then

$$y^* = \arg \max_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} p(y \mid x).$$

This process ensures that the output is uniquely determined by the input, the prompt, and the model parameters with no stochasticity.

Later in this supplement we apply a procedure we call *confidence-based filtering* to improve the quality of annotations used for downstream analysis. This procedure is applied to the model that performed best on a randomly sampled and manually annotated gold set. After selecting the most probable candidate label y^* , we set a probability threshold τ to ensure sufficient model confidence. Formally, if

$$p(y^* \mid x) < \tau,$$

the prediction is discarded and the post is treated as unlabeled. This guarantees that low-confidence outputs are excluded. We show how the threshold is selected and how annotation quality improves drastically once low-confidence predictions are filtered out.

2.2 Consensus-based Strategies

In addition to single-model predictions, we also construct a consensus-based annotation derived from three independent models with distinct parameterizations, training histories and geographic

origins. Each model produces its own deterministic label assignment y_m^* for a given input x . The final consensus label $\hat{y}$ is then obtained by majority vote across the individual model predictions:

$$\hat{y} = \text{mode}\{y_1^*, y_2^*, y_3^*\}.$$

We further experiment with three alternative calibrations for how confidence scores are aggregated for the consensus label, denoted as *global mean confidence (GMC)*, *consensus mean confidence (CMC)*, and *normalized consensus confidence (NCC)*. Later, we evaluate on a manually annotated gold set whether this consensus approach improves annotation quality, and which confidence aggregation produces the best balance between accuracy and coverage.

Let $\mathcal{M} = \{1, \dots, M\}$ index the models. For input x , model m produces a deterministic prediction $y_m^* = \arg \max_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} p_m(y | x)$. We define the set of agreeing models $C(x) = \{m \in \mathcal{M} : y_m^* = \hat{y}\}$. The different variations are formally formulated as follows:

Global mean confidence (GMC):

$$\text{GMC}(x) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} p_m(\hat{y} | x).$$

Consensus mean confidence (CMC):

$$\text{CMC}(x) = \frac{1}{|C(x)|} \sum_{m \in C(x)} p_m(\hat{y} | x).$$

Normalized consensus confidence (NCC):

$$\text{NCC}(x) = \frac{\sum_{m \in C(x)} p_m(y_m^* | x)}{\sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} p_m(y_m^* | x)}.$$

2.3 Calibration of Threshold for Issue Detection

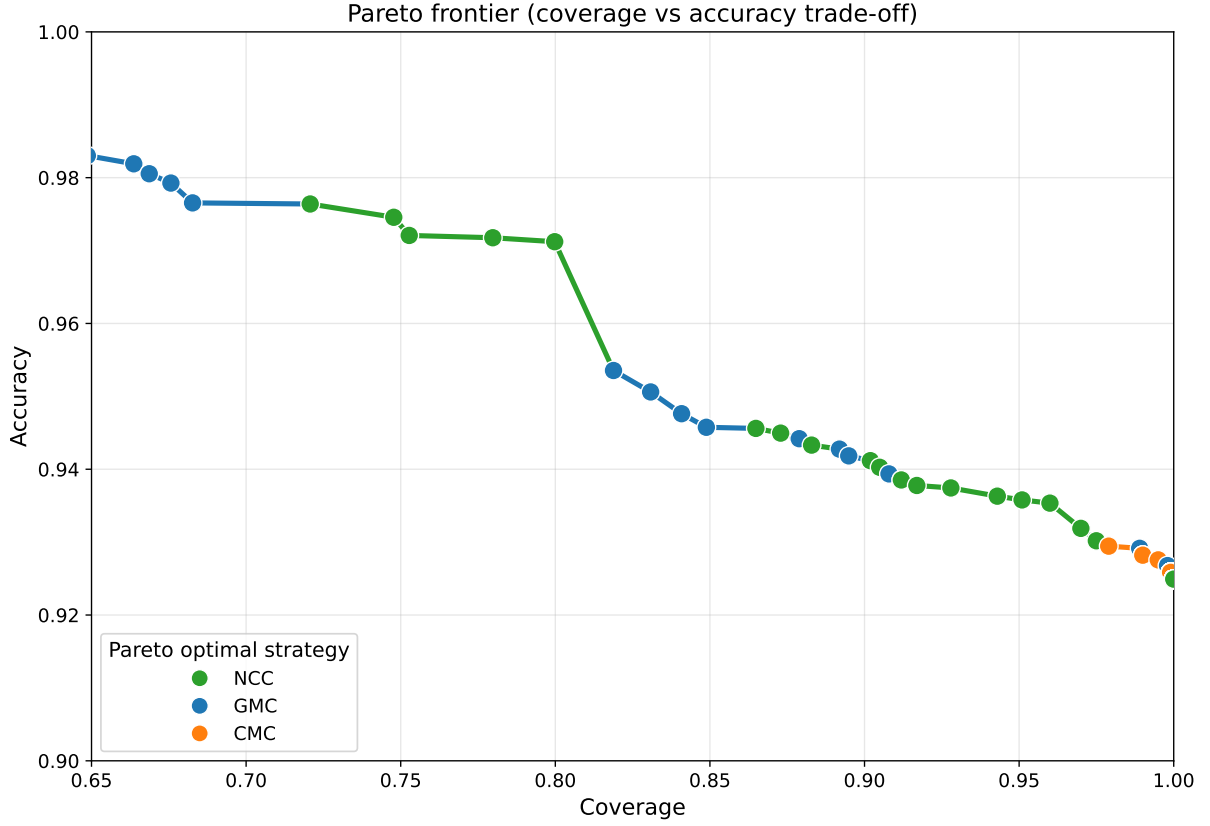


Figure 1: Pareto frontier illustrating the trade-off between annotation coverage and accuracy. Each point corresponds to a distinct confidence threshold applied to the consensus-based annotation using three confidence aggregation variants: Global Mean Confidence (GMC), Consensus Mean Confidence (CMC), and Normalized Consensus Confidence (NCC). Among single-model systems, only Mistral makes it to the Pareto frontier, while Gemma and Qwen remain strictly dominated across all thresholds. We select the point at 90% coverage, corresponding to 94% raw agreement and 0.87 Cohen’s achieved by the NCC method.

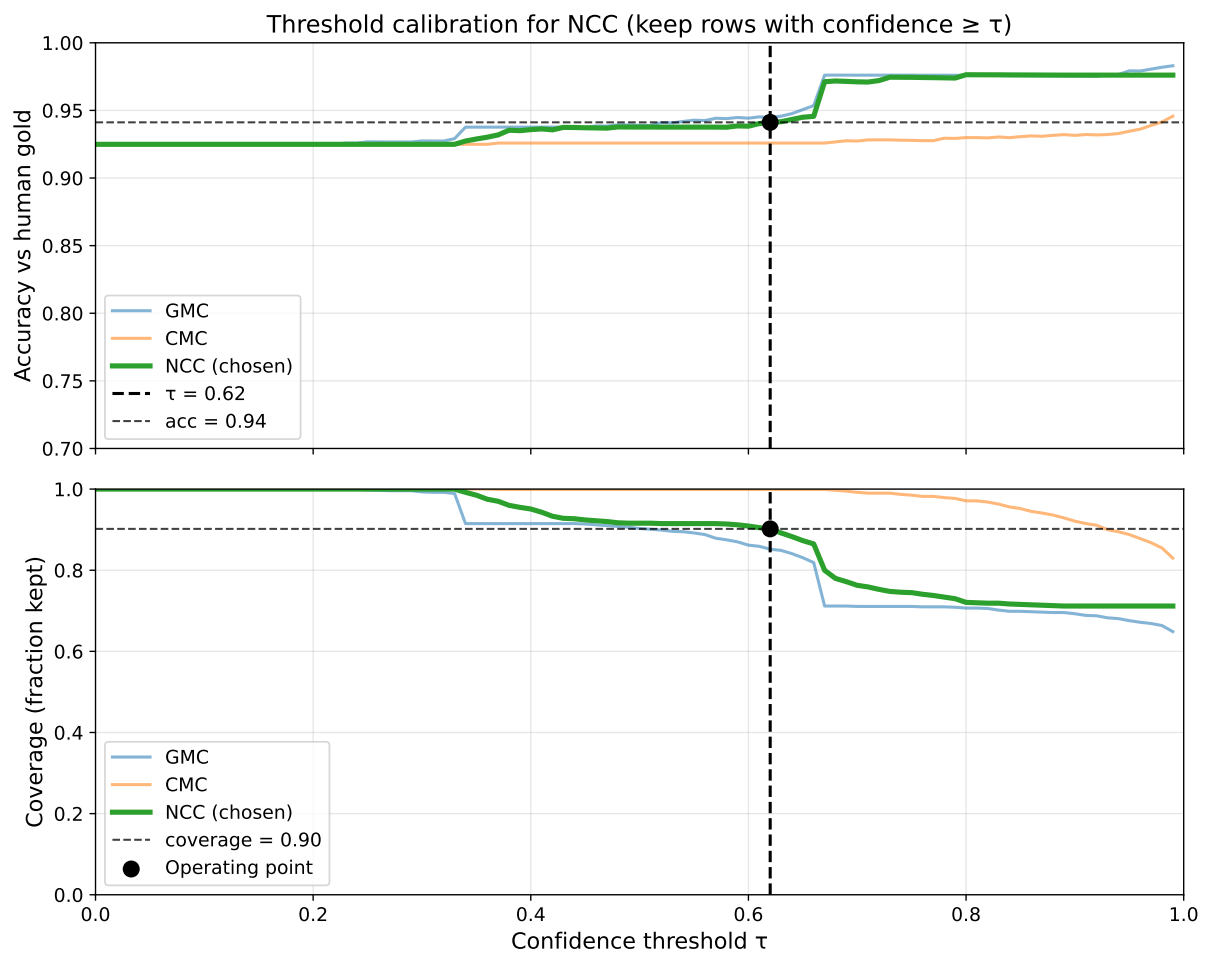


Figure 2: To achieve 90% coverage, NCC reaches an accuracy of 94% at threshold of 0.62.

2.4 Stance Detection

Stance Detection Prompt Template	
You are a stance classification assistant. Your task is to infer the stance of a user based only on the provided comments the user engaged with.	
Topic: <topic_display_name>	
Stance question: <stance_question>	
Labels: <labels_block>	
Labeling Rules:	
• Base your decision solely on the content of the posts. • Use *neutral* if the posts do not clearly support either side, or express mixed, uncertain, ambiguous, off-topic, or insufficient views.	
Posts: <user_posts>	

Table 7: Stance Detection Plugins to the System Prompt Above

Issue	Stance Question	Label	Description
Trump Administration	Given these posts, is the user more likely supportive of, critical of, or neutral toward the Trump administration?	supports_trump	Expresses support or approval of the Trump administration or its policies.
		opposes_trump	Expresses criticism or opposition toward the Trump administration or its policies.
		neutral	Reports or discusses the Trump administration without clear approval or disapproval.
Elon Musk	Given these posts, is the user more likely supportive of, critical of, or neutral toward Elon Musk?	supports_musk	Praises Elon Musk, his companies, or his ideas; frames him positively.
		opposes_musk	Criticizes Elon Musk, his companies, or his behavior; frames him negatively.
		neutral	Mentions Elon Musk without clear positive or negative sentiment.
Republican Party	Given these posts, is the user more likely supportive of, critical of, or neutral toward the Republican Party?	supports_gop	Supports or promotes the Republican Party or its policies.

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Issue	Stance Question	Label	Description
		opposes_gop	Criticizes the Republican Party, its leaders, or its positions.
		neutral	Discusses the Republican Party without clear endorsement or criticism.
Democratic Party	Given these posts, is the user more likely supportive of, critical of, or neutral toward the Democratic Party?	supports_dem	Supports or promotes the Democratic Party or its policies.
		opposes_dem	Criticizes the Democratic Party, its leaders, or its positions.
		neutral	Discusses the Democratic Party without clear endorsement or criticism.
Russia–Ukraine Conflict	Given these posts, is the user more likely pro-Ukraine, pro-Russia, or neutral?	supports_ukraine	Supports Ukraine, or Zelenskyy; critical of Russia.
		supports_russia	Supports Russia, or Putin; critical of Ukraine.
		neutral	Mentions conflict without clear stance.
Israel–Palestine Conflict	Given these posts, is the user more likely pro-Palestine, pro-Israel, or neutral?	supports_palestine	Supports Palestine, Palestinians, Gaza, or West Bank; critical of Israel.
		supports_israel	Supports Israel, Israelis, or Israeli government; critical of Palestine.
		neutral	Mentions conflict without clear stance.
Reproductive Rights	Given these posts, is the user more likely pro-choice, pro-life, or neutral regarding reproductive rights?	pro_choice	Supports reproductive freedom, abortion access, or bodily autonomy.
		pro_life	Opposes abortion or supports legal restrictions on reproductive rights.
		neutral	Discusses reproductive rights without clear position.
Gender and Sexuality Rights	Given these posts, is the user more likely supportive of, opposed to, or neutral toward gender and sexuality rights movements?	supports_lgbtq_rights	Advocates for or defends LGBTQ+ rights, gender equality, or inclusion; frames such movements positively.

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Issue	Stance Question	Label	Description
Equity and Representation Policy	Given these posts, is the user more likely supportive of, opposed to, or neutral toward equity and representation policies?	opposes_lgbtq_rights	Rejects, criticizes, or seeks to restrict LGBTQ+ rights or gender equality initiatives; frames such movements negatively.
		neutral	Mentions LGBTQ+ or gender issues without expressing clear approval or disapproval.
		supports_dei	Advocates for or defends diversity, inclusion, affirmative action, or representation initiatives; frames such policies positively.
		opposes_dei	Rejects, criticizes, or seeks to limit diversity, inclusion, affirmative action, or representation policies; frames such efforts negatively.
Artificial Intelligence Policy	Given these posts, is the user more likely supportive of AI innovation, concerned about AI risks, or neutral toward AI policy?	neutral	Discusses equity, diversity, or representation issues without expressing clear approval or disapproval.
		ai_optimist	Expresses excitement, enthusiasm, or confidence about AI; highlights its benefits, potential, or positive impact on society.
		ai_pessimist	Expresses fear, anxiety, or skepticism about AI; emphasizes its dangers, risks, or negative consequences for society.
Technology Platforms Policy	Given these posts, is the user more likely enthusiastic about tech industry freedom, critical and wary of tech companies, or neutral?	neutral	Discusses AI or its policies without showing clear optimism or concern.
		tech_optimist	Expresses enthusiasm or approval toward technology companies and platforms; favors innovation, market freedom, and minimal government interference.
		tech_critic	Expresses skepticism, concern, or disapproval toward technology companies and platforms; emphasizes the need for oversight, accountability, or regulation.
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Issue	Stance Question	Label	Description
		neutral	Discusses technology platforms or regulation without showing clear enthusiasm or criticism.
Climate and Environmental Policy	Given these posts, is the user more likely alarmed and demanding action on climate change, dismissive or indifferent toward it, or neutral?	climate_activist	Expresses urgency, concern, or moral responsibility regarding climate change and environmental degradation; demands strong climate action and protection measures.
		climate_dismissive	Downplays, questions, or expresses indifference toward climate change or environmental protection; opposes or deprioritizes climate action policies.
		neutral	Discusses climate or environmental issues without clear urgency or dismissal.

3 Networks

3.1 Trump Administration

Table 8: Summary statistics for the TRUMP issue network.

Metric	TRUMP
<i>Network Scale & Connectivity</i>	
Nodes (N)	1,337,239
Edges (Multigraph, E_{multi})	83,005,561
Edges (Simple, E_{simple})	36,426,343
Self-Loops Removed	550,008
Density (Simple)	2.04×10^{-5}
LCC Undirected / Directed SCC (%)	99.4% / 20.2%
Reciprocity (Simple)	0.022
<i>Simple Degree (k_{simple})</i>	
In-Degree: Mean (Max)	27.2 (238,979)
Out-Degree: Mean (Max)	27.2 (17,093)
<i>Multigraph Degree (k_{multi})</i>	
In-Degree: Mean (Max)	62.1 (3,144,558)
Out-Degree: Mean (Max)	62.1 (57,474)

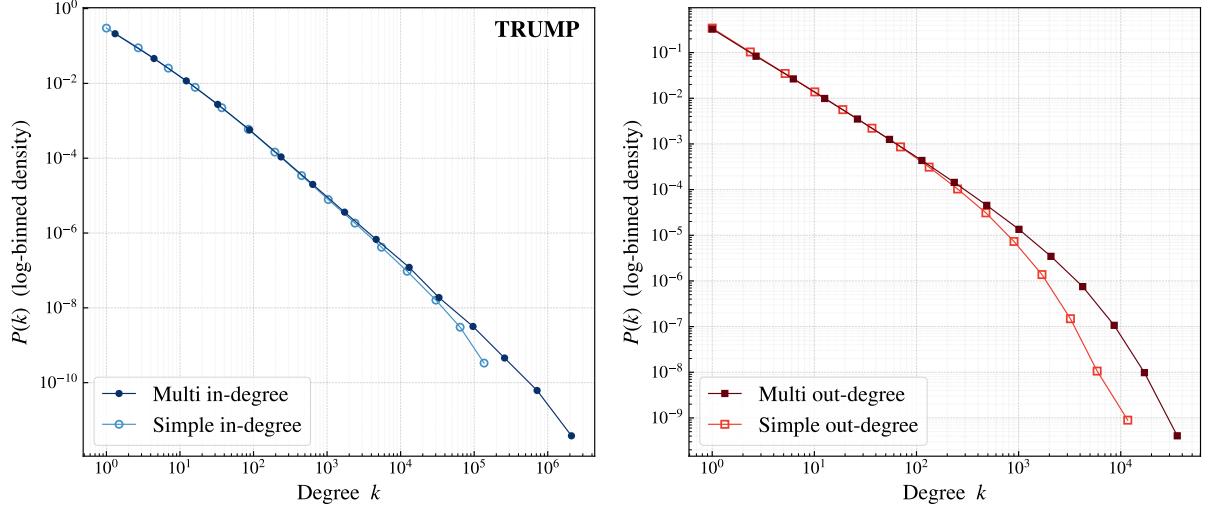


Figure 3: In-degree and out-degree distributions for the Trump Administration network. Plots compare the log-binned probability density $P(k)$ against degree k for both the simple network and multigraph forms.

3.2 Elon Musk

Table 9: Summary statistics for the MUSK issue network.

Metric	MUSK
<i>Network Scale & Connectivity</i>	
Nodes (N)	711,898
Edges (Multigraph, E_{multi})	10,406,742
Edges (Simple, E_{simple})	7,252,692
Self-Loops Removed	51,127
Density (Simple)	1.43×10^{-5}
LCC Undirected / Directed SCC (%)	99.3% / 11.1%
Reciprocity (Simple)	0.008
<i>Simple Degree (k_{simple})</i>	
In-Degree: Mean (Max)	10.2 (106,839)
Out-Degree: Mean (Max)	10.2 (2,093)
<i>Multigraph Degree (k_{multi})</i>	
In-Degree: Mean (Max)	14.6 (397,427)
Out-Degree: Mean (Max)	14.6 (3,626)

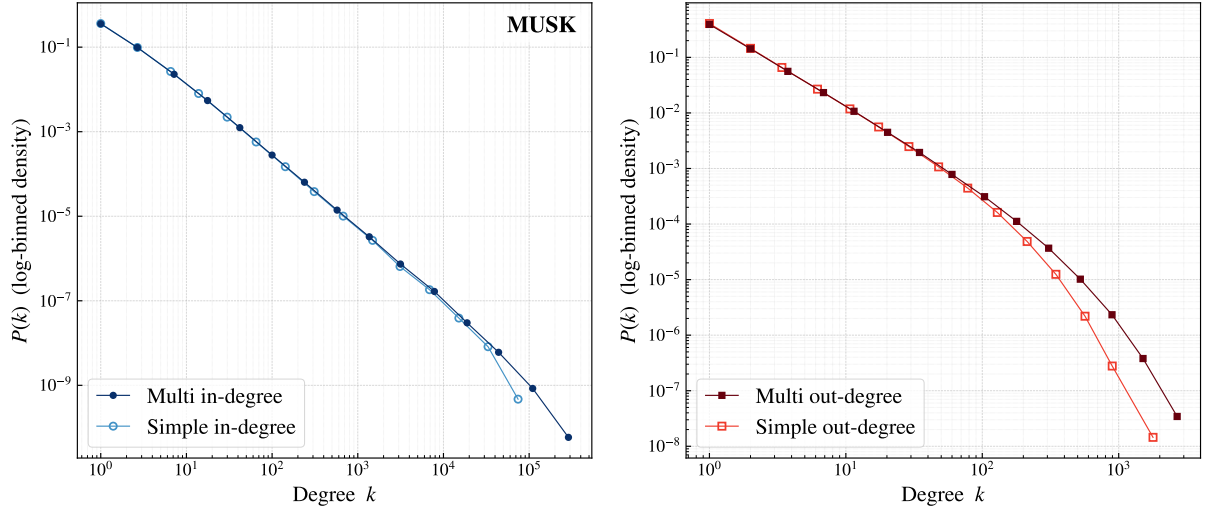


Figure 4: In-degree and out-degree distributions for the Elon Musk network. Plots compare the log-binned probability density $P(k)$ against degree k for both the simple network and multigraph forms.

3.3 Republican Party

Table 10: Summary statistics for the GOP issue network.

Metric	GOP
<i>Network Scale & Connectivity</i>	
Nodes (N)	660,781
Edges (Multigraph, E_{multi})	13,404,344
Edges (Simple, E_{simple})	8,723,447
Self-Loops Removed	85,860
Density (Simple)	2.00×10^{-5}
LCC Undirected / Directed SCC (%)	99.4% / 16.5%
Reciprocity (Simple)	0.017
<i>Simple Degree (k_{simple})</i>	
In-Degree: Mean (Max)	13.2 (83,394)
Out-Degree: Mean (Max)	13.2 (4,082)
<i>Multigraph Degree (k_{multi})</i>	
In-Degree: Mean (Max)	20.3 (366,892)
Out-Degree: Mean (Max)	20.3 (8,522)

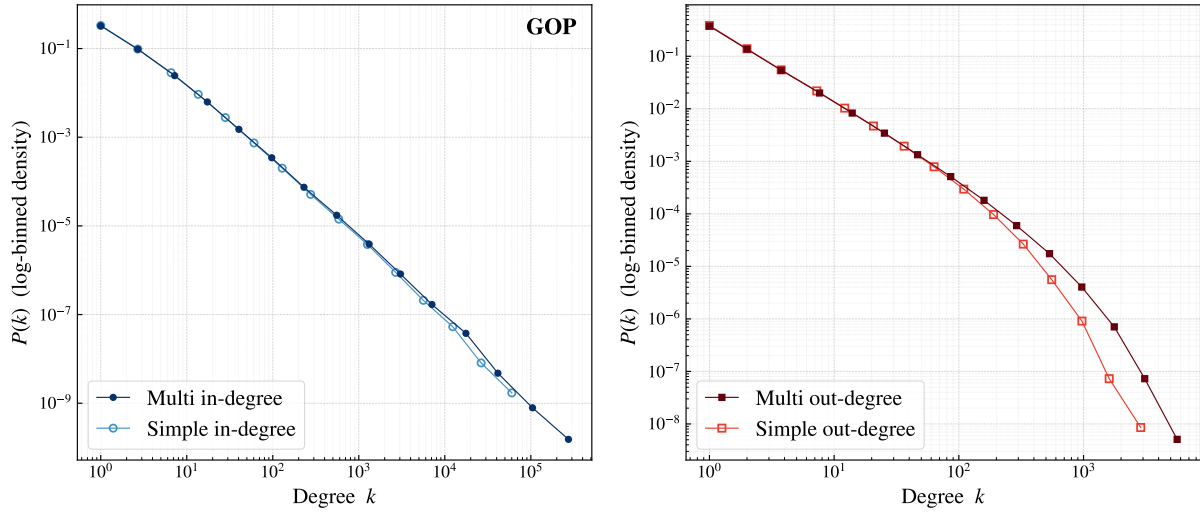


Figure 5: In-degree and out-degree distributions for the Republican Party network. Plots compare the log-binned probability density $P(k)$ against degree k for both the simple network and multigraph forms.

3.4 Democratic Party

Table 11: Summary statistics for the DEM issue network.

Metric	DEM
<i>Network Scale & Connectivity</i>	
Nodes (N)	549,769
Edges (Multigraph, E_{multi})	7,965,948
Edges (Simple, E_{simple})	5,716,095
Self-Loops Removed	43,450
Density (Simple)	1.89×10^{-5}
LCC Undirected / Directed SCC (%)	99.4% / 12.7%
Reciprocity (Simple)	0.024
<i>Simple Degree (k_{simple})</i>	
In-Degree: Mean (Max)	10.4 (71,098)
Out-Degree: Mean (Max)	10.4 (1,715)
<i>Multigraph Degree (k_{multi})</i>	
In-Degree: Mean (Max)	14.5 (187,528)
Out-Degree: Mean (Max)	14.5 (4,957)

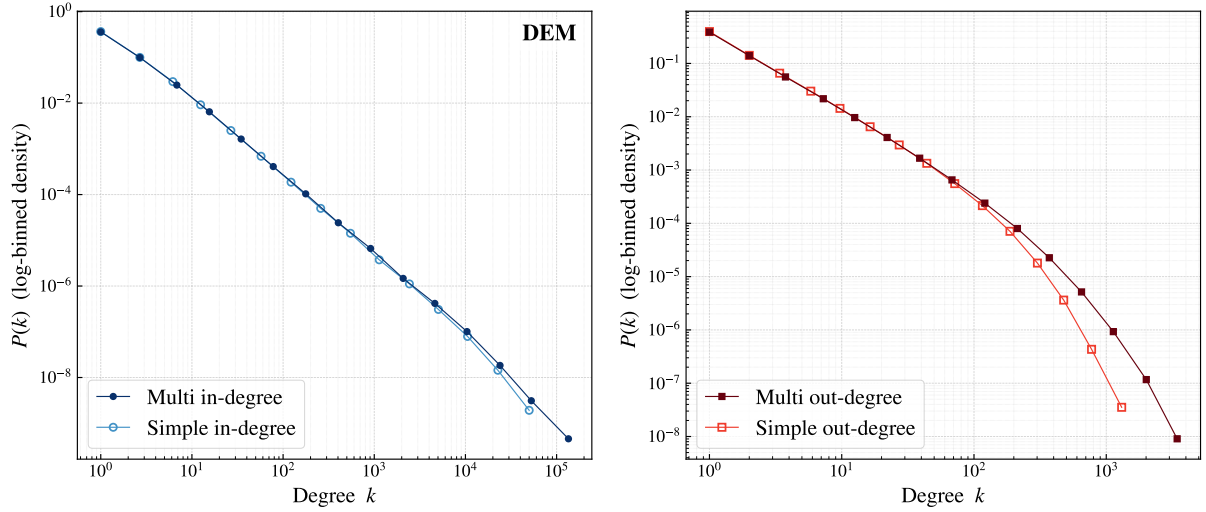


Figure 6: In-degree and out-degree distributions for the Democratic Party network. Plots compare the log-binned probability density $P(k)$ against degree k for both the simple network and multigraph forms.

3.5 Russia–Ukraine Conflict

Table 12: Summary statistics for the RUS-UKR issue network.

Metric	RUS–UKR
<i>Network Scale & Connectivity</i>	
Nodes (N)	605,423
Edges (Multigraph, E_{multi})	14,585,247
Edges (Simple, E_{simple})	6,578,288
Self-Loops Removed	102,243
Density (Simple)	1.79×10^{-5}
LCC Undirected / Directed SCC (%)	99.1% / 13.1%
Reciprocity (Simple)	0.017
<i>Simple Degree (k_{simple})</i>	
In-Degree: Mean (Max)	10.9 (77,046)
Out-Degree: Mean (Max)	10.9 (4,817)
<i>Multigraph Degree (k_{multi})</i>	
In-Degree: Mean (Max)	24.1 (831,916)
Out-Degree: Mean (Max)	24.1 (26,173)

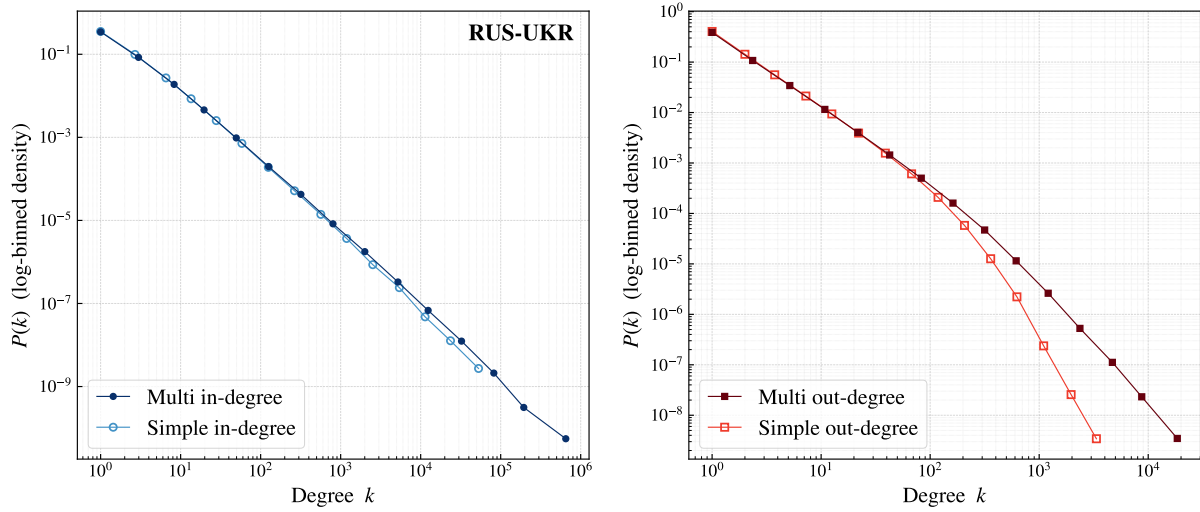


Figure 7: In-degree and out-degree distributions for the Russia–Ukraine Conflict network. Plots compare the log-binned probability density $P(k)$ against degree k for both the simple network and multigraph forms.

3.6 Israel–Palestine Conflict

Table 13: Summary statistics for the ISR-PAL issue network.

Metric	ISR–PAL
<i>Network Scale & Connectivity</i>	
Nodes (N)	566,748
Edges (Multigraph, E_{multi})	8,477,056
Edges (Simple, E_{simple})	4,798,800
Self-Loops Removed	112,196
Density (Simple)	1.49×10^{-5}
LCC Undirected / Directed SCC (%)	99.1% / 11.4%
Reciprocity (Simple)	0.060
<i>Simple Degree (k_{simple})</i>	
In-Degree: Mean (Max)	8.5 (50,943)
Out-Degree: Mean (Max)	8.5 (5,490)
<i>Multigraph Degree (k_{multi})</i>	
In-Degree: Mean (Max)	15.0 (181,577)
Out-Degree: Mean (Max)	15.0 (42,775)

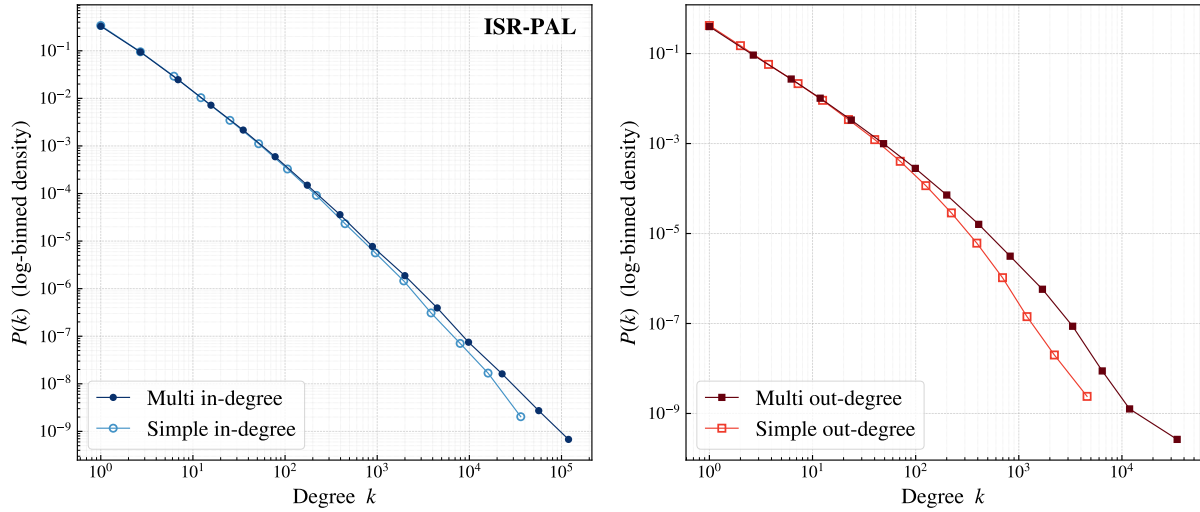


Figure 8: In-degree and out-degree distributions for the Israel–Palestine Conflict network. Plots compare the log-binned probability density $P(k)$ against degree k for both the simple network and multigraph forms.

3.7 Reproductive Rights

Table 14: Summary statistics for the REPRO issue network.

Metric	REPRO
<i>Network Scale & Connectivity</i>	
Nodes (N)	366,266
Edges (Multigraph, E_{multi})	2,574,102
Edges (Simple, E_{simple})	2,165,432
Self-Loops Removed	13,558
Density (Simple)	1.61×10^{-5}
LCC Undirected / Directed SCC (%)	98.6% / 6.7%
Reciprocity (Simple)	0.010
<i>Simple Degree (k_{simple})</i>	
In-Degree: Mean (Max)	5.9 (41,942)
Out-Degree: Mean (Max)	5.9 (1,272)
<i>Multigraph Degree (k_{multi})</i>	
In-Degree: Mean (Max)	7.0 (75,335)
Out-Degree: Mean (Max)	7.0 (1,497)

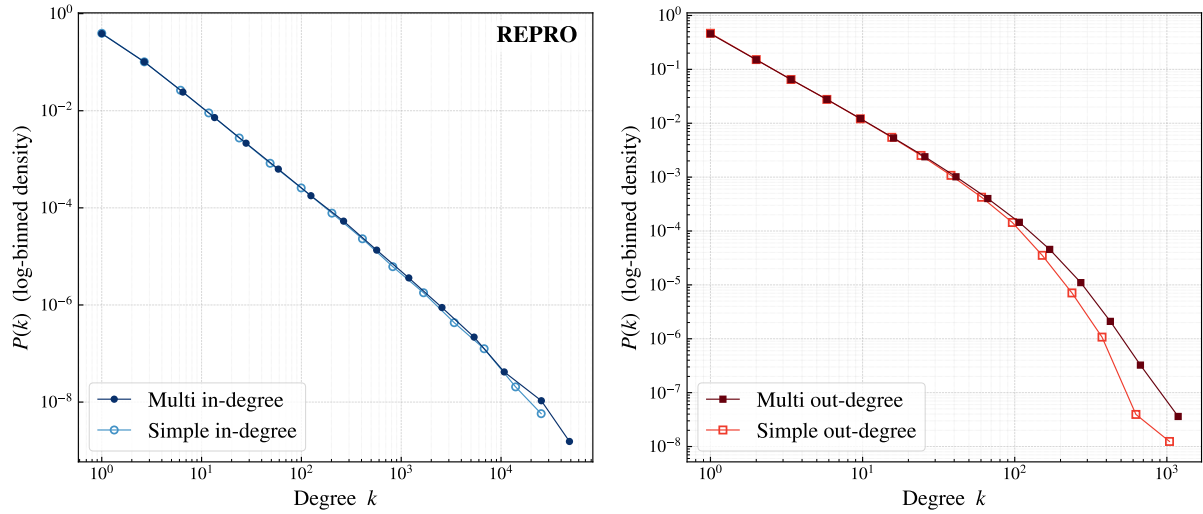


Figure 9: In-degree and out-degree distributions for the Reproductive Rights network. Plots compare the log-binned probability density $P(k)$ against degree k for both the simple network and multigraph forms.

3.8 Gender and Sexuality Rights

Table 15: Summary statistics for the GSR issue network.

Metric	GSR
<i>Network Scale & Connectivity</i>	
Nodes (N)	770,675
Edges (Multigraph, E_{multi})	8,871,379
Edges (Simple, E_{simple})	6,386,025
Self-Loops Removed	60,632
Density (Simple)	1.08×10^{-5}
LCC Undirected / Directed SCC (%)	98.7% / 10.5%
Reciprocity (Simple)	0.035
<i>Simple Degree (k_{simple})</i>	
In-Degree: Mean (Max)	8.3 (101,753)
Out-Degree: Mean (Max)	8.3 (3,139)
<i>Multigraph Degree (k_{multi})</i>	
In-Degree: Mean (Max)	11.5 (380,945)
Out-Degree: Mean (Max)	11.5 (16,643)

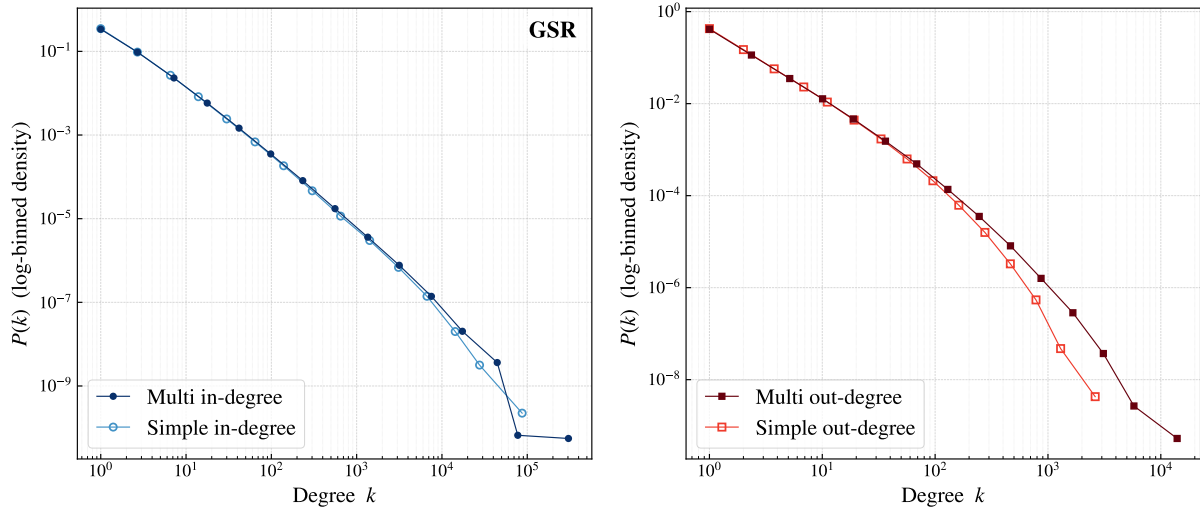


Figure 10: In-degree and out-degree distributions for the Gender and Sexuality Rights network. Plots compare the log-binned probability density $P(k)$ against degree k for both the simple network and multigraph forms.

3.9 Equity and Representation

Table 16: Summary statistics for the ERP issue network.

Metric	ERP
<i>Network Scale & Connectivity</i>	
Nodes (N)	442,726
Edges (Multigraph, E_{multi})	2,666,026
Edges (Simple, E_{simple})	2,223,527
Self-Loops Removed	10,915
Density (Simple)	1.13×10^{-5}
LCC Undirected / Directed SCC (%)	98.4% / 4.5%
Reciprocity (Simple)	0.006
<i>Simple Degree (k_{simple})</i>	
In-Degree: Mean (Max)	5.0 (62,959)
Out-Degree: Mean (Max)	5.0 (687)
<i>Multigraph Degree (k_{multi})</i>	
In-Degree: Mean (Max)	6.0 (134,665)
Out-Degree: Mean (Max)	6.0 (1,558)

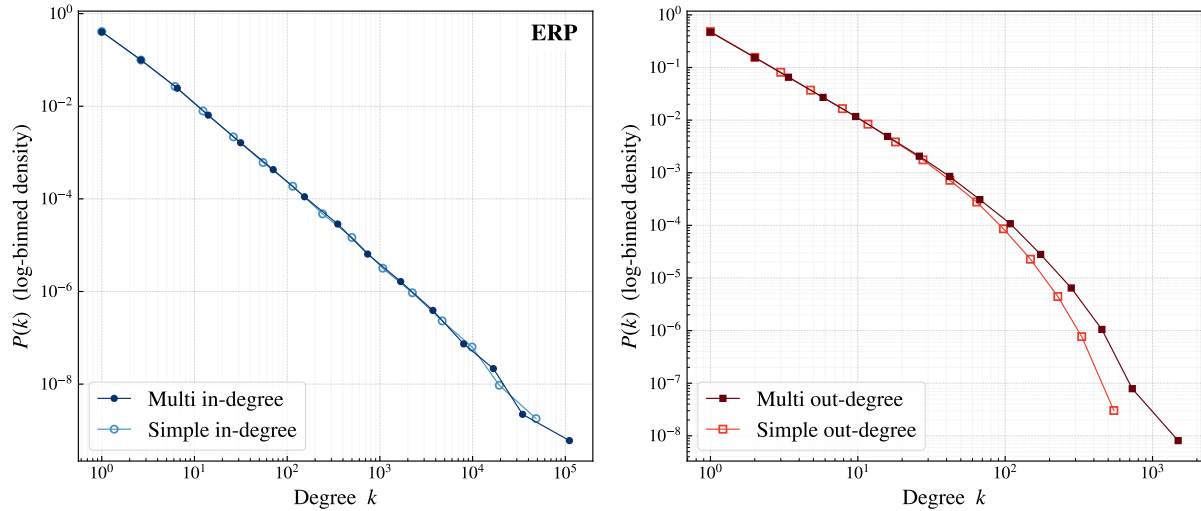


Figure 11: In-degree and out-degree distributions for the Equity and Representation network. Plots compare the log-binned probability density $P(k)$ against degree k for both the simple network and multigraph forms.

3.10 Climate and Environment

Table 17: Summary statistics for the CLIMATE issue network.

Metric	CLIMATE
<i>Network Scale & Connectivity</i>	
Nodes (N)	548,278
Edges (Multigraph, E_{multi})	5,515,629
Edges (Simple, E_{simple})	3,861,379
Self-Loops Removed	44,722
Density (Simple)	1.28×10^{-5}
LCC Undirected / Directed SCC (%)	98.6% / 9.0%
Reciprocity (Simple)	0.030
<i>Simple Degree (k_{simple})</i>	
In-Degree: Mean (Max)	7.0 (35,079)
Out-Degree: Mean (Max)	7.0 (3,338)
<i>Multigraph Degree (k_{multi})</i>	
In-Degree: Mean (Max)	10.1 (65,477)
Out-Degree: Mean (Max)	10.1 (17,177)

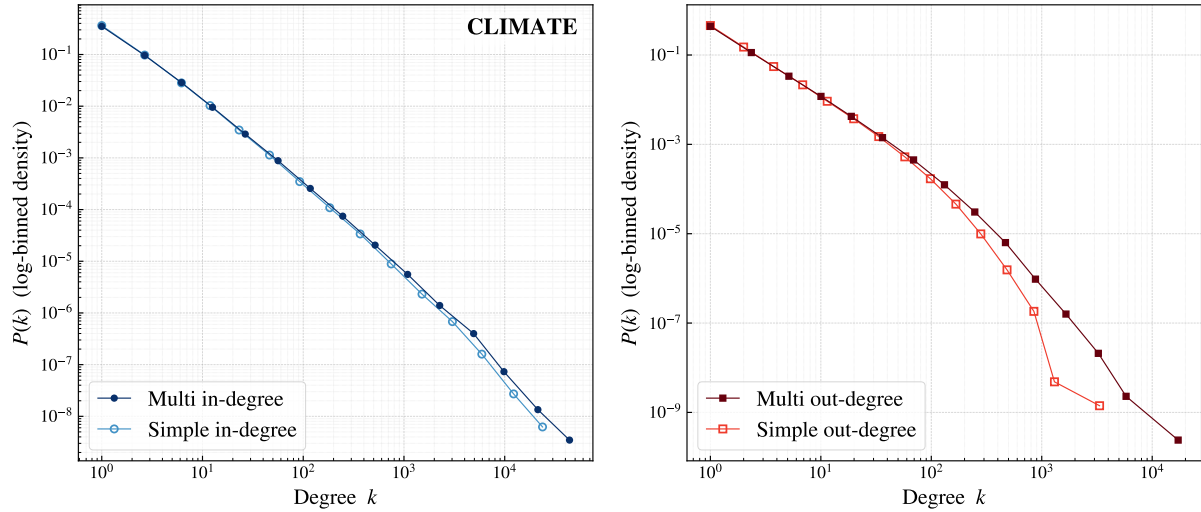


Figure 12: In-degree and out-degree distributions for the Climate and Environment network. Plots compare the log-binned probability density $P(k)$ against degree k for both the simple network and multigraph forms.

3.11 Artificial Intelligence

Table 18: Summary statistics for the AI issue network.

Metric	AI
<i>Network Scale & Connectivity</i>	
Nodes (N)	519,468
Edges (Multigraph, E_{multi})	3,716,558
Edges (Simple, E_{simple})	3,073,450
Self-Loops Removed	24,947
Density (Simple)	1.14×10^{-5}
LCC Undirected / Directed SCC (%)	97.9% / 8.4%
Reciprocity (Simple)	0.019
<i>Simple Degree (k_{simple})</i>	
In-Degree: Mean (Max)	5.9 (25,488)
Out-Degree: Mean (Max)	5.9 (5,571)
<i>Multigraph Degree (k_{multi})</i>	
In-Degree: Mean (Max)	7.2 (67,466)
Out-Degree: Mean (Max)	7.2 (17,968)

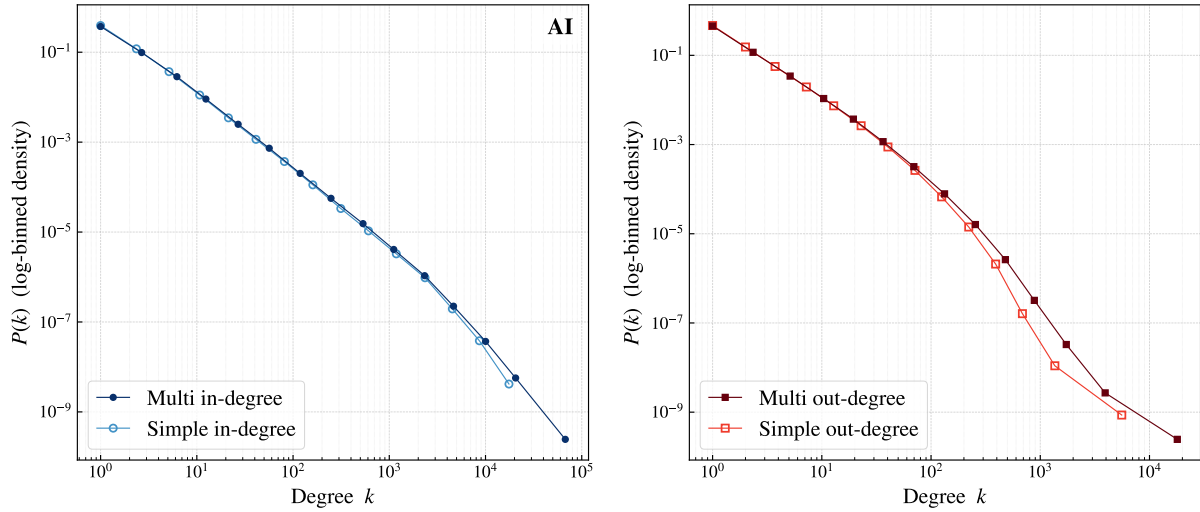


Figure 13: In-degree and out-degree distributions for the Artificial Intelligence network. Plots compare the log-binned probability density $P(k)$ against degree k for both the simple network and multigraph forms.

3.12 Technology Platforms

Table 19: Summary statistics for the TECH issue network.

Metric	TECH
<i>Network Scale & Connectivity</i>	
Nodes (N)	686,161
Edges (Multigraph, E_{multi})	5,595,502
Edges (Simple, E_{simple})	4,606,456
Self-Loops Removed	25,254
Density (Simple)	9.78×10^{-6}
LCC Undirected / Directed SCC (%)	98.6% / 7.8%
Reciprocity (Simple)	0.008
<i>Simple Degree (k_{simple})</i>	
In-Degree: Mean (Max)	6.7 (43,706)
Out-Degree: Mean (Max)	6.7 (1,614)
<i>Multigraph Degree (k_{multi})</i>	
In-Degree: Mean (Max)	8.2 (77,924)
Out-Degree: Mean (Max)	8.2 (4,266)

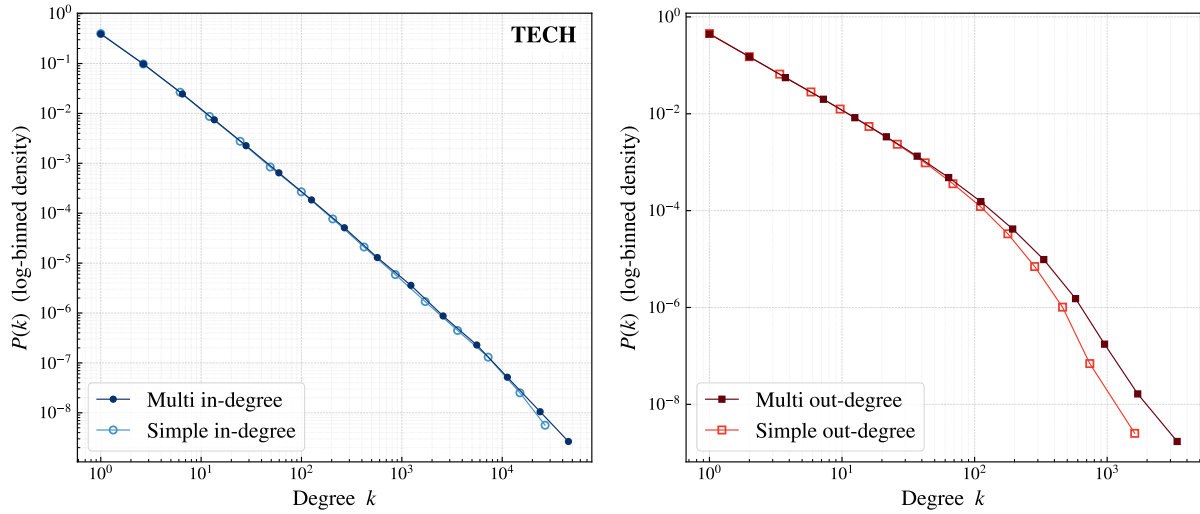


Figure 14: In-degree and out-degree distributions for the Technology Platforms network. Plots compare the log-binned probability density $P(k)$ against degree k for both the simple network and multigraph forms.

4 Network Inference

Model To identify community structure across multiple scales, we fit a *nested stochastic block model* to our data. Unlike non-nested variants, the nested model recursively groups nodes into a hierarchical tree, which consistently produces a shorter minimum description length. In addition to that, this model overcomes the inherent resolution limit of standard block models, allowing us to uncover smaller, highly localized communities. In our dataset, a flat model would have failed to detect the tiny minority and neutral groups entirely. Furthermore, this model provides a rigorous hierarchical decomposition of the network, enabling us to compare network statistics across different resolutions. In this study, we report results for the lowest three levels of the hierarchy, with our primary analysis in the main text focusing on the second-lowest level.

Maximum A Posteriori Estimation *Maximum a posteriori estimation* is standard practice for identifying community structure in networks. However, single point estimates fail to capture the uncertainty inherent in the discrete parameter space. Fully exploring the global posterior landscape via *Markov Chain Monte Carlo* is computationally intractable for massive graphs. Therefore, we use a localized sampling strategy to quantify the uncertainty surrounding the dominant global mode. The posterior of the nested stochastic block model tends to be strongly multimodal, with many competing local optima. To account for this, our pipeline first performs 15 independent MAP optimizations using randomized initializations. We select the partition with the *minimum description length*, or lowest entropy, as our estimate of the global optimum (see Figure 15).

MAP description length per run (gap above best MAP)

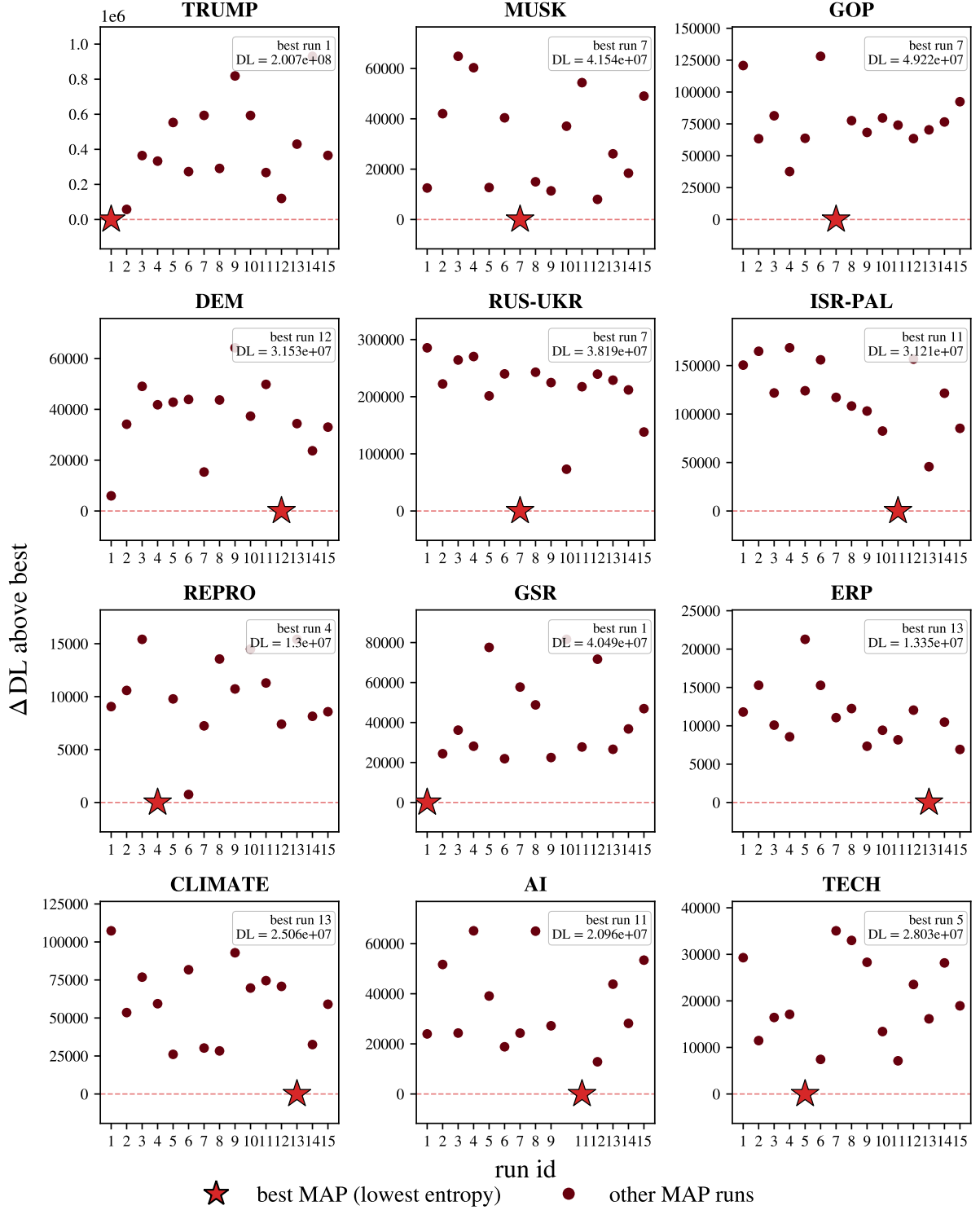


Figure 15: Variation in final description lengths across 15 independent MAP optimizations for 12 network. The 10th optimization run for the AI failed for an unknown reason.

5 Majority, Minority and Factional Insights

Table 20: Insights from Trump Administration stance groups and factions

Category	Title	Description	
Stance-Level Overviews			
Critical	Trump’s Authoritarian Power Grab	The posts collectively depict a coordinated and escalating campaign by the Trump administration to dismantle constitutional checks and balances, including unilateral executive actions, mass firings of federal employees, illegal deportations, and military deployments against US citizens—framed as a revolutionary purge to consolidate absolute power, despite widespread legal and moral condemnation.	
Supportive	Trump’s Anti-Deep State Coalition Narrative	This community block centers on a unified narrative of Donald Trump as a populist warrior dismantling a corrupt ‘deep state’ and ‘radical left’ establishment. Posts consistently frame Trump’s actions—such as mass deportations, pardons for Jan 6 defendants, and aggressive trade tariffs—as legitimate countermeasures against a decades-long conspiracy involving intelligence agencies, the media (specifically ‘fake news’ outlets), and progressive institutions. The core argument is that Trump’s victories, from the 2016 election to his 2024 return, are proof of a long-simmering but finally successful uprising against an entrenched, anti-American elite, with the ‘deep state’ being the primary antagonist.	
Selected Factions (574)			
Block	Title	Users	Description
Block 1	Trump’s Authoritarian Power Grab and Epsteins Files Cover-Up	150,606	This block centers on the coordinated dismantling of federal institutions, the exploitation of executive power to target political opponents, and the systematic suppression of the Epstein files—framed as a brazen attempt to shield Donald Trump from criminal accountability. Posts emphasize the administration’s use of the Alien Enemies Act, mass firings of civil servants, and the weaponization of agencies like ICE and DOJ to enable authoritarian governance, with consistent demands for the release of the Epstein files as proof of Trump’s complicity in sex trafficking.
Block 247	Trump’s Fascist Playbook and Russian Puppet Narrative	225	This block centers on a unified narrative framing Donald Trump as a fascist dictator, a Russian asset, and a direct heir to Hitler’s ideology, using recurring themes like ‘Orange Hitler,’ Project 2025, and the normalization of authoritarianism. Posts consistently cite Trump’s actions—such as pardoning January 6 insurrectionists, deploying military to domestic cities, and attacking democratic institutions—as evidence of a deliberate, fascist coup, while emphasizing his alignment with Putin and the destruction of American democracy through ties to Epstein and treasonous conduct.

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Table 20: Insights from Trump Administration stance groups and factions
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Category	Title		Description
Block 62	Trump's 'King' Narrative and Anti-Deep State Rhetoric	1,001	This block centers on a distinct framing that elevates Donald Trump to a near-mythical 'king' figure, portrayed as a righteous, divinely-backed leader dismantling a corrupt 'deep state' and 'deep state' judges. The posts consistently use hyperbolic language, equating Trump's actions with divine justice and framing opposition as treasonous, while emphasizing his ability to restore order by targeting the 'deep state,' corrupt officials, and the 'leftist' judiciary, all while celebrating his perceived victories as proof of his unique, almost supernatural authority.

Table 21: Insights from Elon Musk stance groups and factions

Category	Title		Description
Stance-Level Overviews			
Critical	Elon Musk's Oligarchic Coup		This block centers on a coordinated, ideologically driven campaign to dismantle federal agencies through a false 'efficiency' initiative, led by Elon Musk and his young, unvetted team. The posts expose the operation as a fraudulent, bordering on criminal, power grab where Musk uses his wealth and influence to weaponize data access, eliminate oversight, and install loyalists, all while promoting a far-right, anti-democratic agenda that targets civil servants, social programs, and international aid, framing it as 'reform' while undermining the rule of law.
Supportive	Elon Musk as Government Overhaul Crusader		This block centers on a fervent narrative portraying Elon Musk as a self-appointed, non-elected savior leading a radical campaign to dismantle federal bureaucracy through the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), framing his actions as a patriotic, transparent crusade against systemic fraud, waste, and illegal immigration, while dismissing opposition as left-wing extremism, hypocrisy, and even domestic terrorism.
Selected Factions (135)			
Block	Title	Users	Description
Block 3	Elon Musk's Coup and the DOGE Takeover	60,341	This block centers on a coordinated narrative accusing Elon Musk and his 'Department of Government Efficiency' (DOGE) of orchestrating a coup against the U.S. government, leveraging unvetted young operatives to illegally access sensitive data, dismantle critical agencies like USAID and the FAA, and weaponize personal information for political gain. The posts emphasize Musk's Nazi salutes, his conflicts of interest with agencies under scrutiny, and the illegality of his actions, framing DOGE as a fascist enterprise dismantling democracy for billionaire self-enrichment.

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Table 21: Insights from Elon Musk stance groups and factions (continued)

Category	Title	Description
Block 10	Elon Musk's Unauthorized Government Takeover	201 This network block centers on a coordinated, unlawful effort by Elon Musk to seize control of critical U.S. government systems and functions under the guise of a non-existent 'Department of Government Efficiency' (DOGE). The posts detail Musk's unauthorized access to the Treasury payment system, Social Security data, and federal employee records, often through unvetted, underage staff, while simultaneously dismantling key agencies like USAID and the FAA. The core argument is that Musk, an unelected foreign-born billionaire, is conducting a hostile, constitutionally invalid coup to enrich himself, eliminate regulatory oversight of his companies, and punish political opponents, all while claiming to combat 'waste'—a narrative repeatedly debunked by evidence of \$40M in Super Bowl ad spending and zero documented fraud findings.
Block 111	Elon Musk as Anti-Establishment Crusader	124 This block frames Elon Musk as a self-appointed, anti-establishment warrior dismantling a corrupt federal bureaucracy, with posts emphasizing his role in exposing waste, fraud, and 'dark money' through the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), while portraying critics as defenders of a decaying, illegitimate 'deep state' and actors in a broader 'nihilistic' conspiracy against American values.

Table 22: Insights from Republican Party stance groups and factions

Category	Title	Description
Stance-Level Overviews		
Critical	GOP as Cult of Authoritarianism	The posts collectively depict the Republican Party as a fascist, authoritarian cult centered around Donald Trump, where loyalty overrides ethics, truth, and democratic norms. Key themes include the protection of pedophiles and racists, the weaponization of government for political gain, the deliberate sabotage of public services to enrich billionaires, and the use of fear, gaslighting, and violence to silence dissent. The narrative frames the GOP not as a political party but as a criminal conspiracy against democracy, with leaders like Mike Johnson, JD Vance, and Lisa Murkowski serving as enablers of this regime.
Supportive	MAGA's Anti-Immigration and Border Security Focus	The posts center on a unified conservative narrative that frames immigration as a national security crisis, emphasizing the need for strict border enforcement, mass deportations of undocumented immigrants, and the abolition of benefits for non-citizens. This argument is consistently tied to the claim that Democrats prioritize illegal aliens over American citizens, using the government shutdown as evidence of this alleged betrayal, while celebrating figures like JD Vance and policies such as the 'Big, Beautiful Bill' as embodying this hardline stance.
Selected Factions (208)		

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Table 22: Insights from Republican Party stance groups and factions
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Category	Title	Description	
Block	Title	Users	Description
Block 0	Republican Fascism and Elite Self-Preservation	83,926	This block centers on a radical, ideologically driven condemnation of the Republican Party as a fascist entity prioritizing elite self-interest over public welfare. It frames GOP actions—such as cutting Medicaid, slashing social programs, and enabling authoritarian figures like Mike Johnson and Pete Hegseth—as deliberate, coordinated efforts to dismantle democracy, target the vulnerable, and serve billionaire donors. The narrative consistently positions Republicans as morally bankrupt, hypocritical, and complicit in a broader ‘war on the people,’ often invoking terms like ‘fascist,’ ‘pedophile protector,’ and ‘domestic enemy’ to emphasize its moral urgency.
Block 163	GOP’s Wealth Transfer Agenda via Medicaid Cuts	216	The posts coalesce around a unified critique of the Republican Party’s strategy to cut Medicaid and other safety net programs to fund massive tax breaks for billionaires, framing it as a deliberate, morally indefensible transfer of wealth from the poor to the rich. The collective outrage centers on how this agenda, repeatedly exposed as unpopular and harmful, is being advanced through lies, procedural manipulation (e.g., delaying the swearing-in of Rep. Adelita Grijalva to block Epstein file disclosures), and the abandonment of core Republican principles like fiscal responsibility and family values, all while justifying it with the false narrative of ‘fiscal discipline’ and ‘economic growth’ for the wealthy.
Block 122	MAGA’s Anti-Immigrant Narrative	277	This block centers on a fierce anti-immigrant stance, portraying Democrats as complicit in enabling illegal immigration to gain political power through voter fraud and demographic manipulation. Posts consistently frame open borders as a national security threat, link Democrats to criminal alien activity, and demand mass deportations, while citing figures like Charlie Kirk and JD Vance as ideological leaders who championed border security and anti-illegal alien policies.

Table 23: Insights from Democratic Party stance groups and factions

Category	Title	Description
Stance-Level Overviews		
Supportive	Fight the Oligarchy Movement	This block centers on a progressive Democratic faction that rejects centrist moderation and demands bold, confrontational leadership focused on dismantling oligarchic power, defending social programs like Medicaid and Medicare, and opposing Republican policies through mass mobilization, town halls, and unapologetic rhetoric. The core argument is that Democratic leadership must fight fire with fire, embracing AOC and Bernie Sanders’ ‘Fighting Oligarchy’ tour as the blueprint for resistance, while calling for the removal of establishment figures like Schumer and Jeffries for perceived cowardice.

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Table 23: Insights from Democratic Party stance groups and factions
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Category	Title	Description	
Critical	Democratic Party Leadership Crisis	The posts collectively express a radical rejection of current Democratic leadership, particularly Chuck Schumer and Hakeem Jeffries, for their perceived cowardice, appeasement of Republicans, and failure to fight authoritarianism. The central argument is that the party's establishment, composed of aging, donor-dependent figures, has abandoned its base, sacrificed progressive principles for political expediency, and enabled fascist policies by refusing to use available leverage. This has led to widespread calls for primary challenges, leadership changes, and a fundamental shift toward a more combative, principled opposition focused on systemic change rather than incrementalism or compromise.	
Selected Factions (112)			
Block	Title	Users	Description
Block 3	Demand for New Democratic Leadership	74,749	The posts collectively demand a complete leadership overhaul within the Democratic Party, centering on the urgent need to replace Chuck Schumer as Senate Minority Leader. This call is driven by widespread frustration over perceived cowardice, surrender to Republican extremism, and failure to fight back against authoritarian threats. The movement emphasizes that the party's current leadership is out of touch, prioritizing tradition over action, and failing to meet the moment—citing specific behaviors like Schumer's book tour and ticket sales as emblematic of this betrayal. The emerging consensus is that only a new generation of bold, fearless leaders—like AOC, Jasmine Crockett, and Bernie Sanders—can effectively lead a fight for democracy, economic justice, and the rule of law.
Block 56	Democratic Leadership Crisis Amid Anti-Trump Resistance	162	A unified bloc of Democratic lawmakers and activists is demanding the resignation of Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Leader Hakeem Jeffries, accusing them of cowardice and capitulation in the face of Trump's authoritarian agenda. The movement, fueled by grassroots outrage and led by figures like AOC, Mamdani, and Sherrill, frames the party's future as a binary choice between 'fighters' and 'cavers,' emphasizing that real opposition requires bold, public resistance to illegal executive actions, not strategic retreats. This sub-argument centers on the moral imperative to defend democracy through confrontation, not consensus-building with fascists.

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Table 23: Insights from Democratic Party stance groups and factions
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Category	Title	Description
Block 58	Democratic Party Complicity in Fascist Escalation	333 This block centers on the belief that the Democratic Party is not merely ineffective but actively complicit in enabling fascist governance by prioritizing donor interests and institutional decorum over resistance. Posts consistently frame leadership figures like Schumer and Jeffries as betrayers who surrender to Republican demands, while celebrating grassroots figures like AOC and Mamdani as genuine opposition. The core argument is that the party’s refusal to fight back—through filibusters, public confrontation, or moral clarity—converts it into an accomplice, with the failure to hold leaders accountable, prosecute war crimes, or defend voting rights seen as a deliberate strategy of appeasement.

Table 24: Insights from Russia–Ukraine stance groups and factions

Category	Title	Description	
Stance-Level Overviews			
Pro-Ukraine	U.S. Leadership Accused of Betraying Ukraine	The posts collectively condemn the current U.S. administration for siding with Russia in the Ukraine conflict, framing it as a betrayal of Ukraine’s sovereignty and democratic values. This perspective is anchored in accusations that American officials, particularly Trump and Vance, have humiliated President Zelensky, undermined military aid, and advanced a peace plan that benefits Russia. The narrative emphasizes that the U.S. has shifted from being a reliable ally to an active participant in undermining Ukraine, with the core argument being that Washington is now acting as a Russian proxy, prioritizing geopolitical deals over the defense of a democratic ally.	
Pro-Russia	Russia as Strategic Partner in Western Geopolitics	This block centers on a narrative that portrays Russia not as an adversary but as a strategic partner to the United States, particularly under the Trump administration. Posts emphasize the alignment of US and Russian interests in undermining Ukraine, weakening NATO, and advancing a new global order where Western powers like the US and EU are sidelined. The framing dismisses Ukraine as a proxy state and critiques Western leaders for prioritizing imperialist objectives over peace, while celebrating Putin as a geopolitical mastermind who has outmaneuvered the West without firing a shot.	
Selected Factions (381)			
Block	Title	Users	Description

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Table 24: Insights from Russia–Ukraine stance groups and factions (continued)

Category	Title		Description
Block 57	Anti-American Traitor Narrative	50,353	The posts collectively construct a narrative portraying the U.S. leadership—specifically Trump, Vance, and their allies—as traitors aligned with Russia, using repeated references to ‘Comrade Krasnov’ and ‘American First’ to frame them as puppets of Putin. The core argument centers on the betrayal of Ukraine, with specific focus on violated treaties like the Budapest Memorandum, the suspension of aid, and the de facto sidelining of Ukraine from negotiations, all depicted as evidence of a coordinated effort to undermine American democracy and ally with authoritarian regimes.
Block 50	Pro-Trump & Pro-Putin Alignment in Ukraine Peace Talks	26,878	This block centers on the intense criticism of the U.S. leadership, particularly Trump and Vance, for allegedly siding with Putin in peace negotiations, undermining Ukraine’s sovereignty by excluding it from talks, and pushing a ‘peace plan’ that mirrors Russian demands. Posts highlight the perceived betrayal of Ukraine, the humiliation of Zelenskyy, and the broader implication that U.S. foreign policy has shifted to appease Russia, with the goal of dismantling Western alliances and advancing authoritarian interests.
Block 314	Pro-Russia Peace Advocacy and Critique of Western Hegemony	353	The posts form a cohesive narrative advocating for an immediate end to the war in Ukraine through direct negotiations between Russia and the U.S., positioning President Trump as a necessary agent of peace. This perspective frames Western support for Ukraine as a neo-colonial, self-serving project driven by U.S. geopolitical interests and corporate profit, and condemns the EU and NATO as warmongering institutions. The block consistently blames the West, particularly the U.S. and its intelligence agencies, for the war’s origins, with a strong focus on exposing alleged corruption, the manipulation of public opinion through media, and the use of Ukraine as a proxy in a larger struggle against Russia and China. The rhetoric is highly critical of the EU, the U.S., and NATO, portraying them as the true aggressors and the architects of global instability.

Table 25: Insights from Israel–Palestine stance groups and factions

Category	Title		Description
Stance-Level Overviews			
Pro-Palestine	Gaza Genocide and Global Solidarity		The posts collectively document the ongoing genocide in Gaza, emphasizing deliberate starvation, mass killings, and the destruction of infrastructure, while highlighting global solidarity efforts, media complicity, and the criminal actions of Israeli leaders. The narratives converge on the moral imperative to end complicity, stop arms sales, and recognize Palestine as a state, framing the crisis as a defining test of humanity.

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Table 25: Insights from Israel–Palestine stance groups and factions
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Category	Title	Description	
Pro-Israel	Hostage Release and Ceasefire Negotiations	The block centers on the ongoing negotiations between Israel and Hamas for a ceasefire and the release of 33 Israeli hostages, with widespread discussion on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, the role of international mediators like the U.S. and Qatar, and the political fallout from the conflict. Posts emphasize the emotional toll on families, condemn antisemitic violence targeting Jews globally, and highlight the dehumanizing propaganda from Hamas, including staged videos and the handling of hostages' remains. There is also significant criticism of Western left-wing movements for supporting Hamas while ignoring its atrocities, and calls to hold perpetrators accountable.	
Selected Factions (311)			
Block	Title	Users	Description
Block 20	Genocide and Ethnic Cleansing Framing	24,151	The posts coalesce around a central narrative that frames Israel's actions in Gaza as a deliberate, state-sanctioned genocide and ethnic cleansing, explicitly linking U.S. military support and political complicity to these atrocities. The community emphasizes that the conflict is not primarily about hostages or security, but a systematic campaign to displace Palestinians, destroy their infrastructure, and seize land—framed as a 'real estate development' plan under Trump and Kushner. This perspective is reinforced by repeated references to war crimes, the use of starvation as a weapon, and the targeting of journalists and medical workers, all presented as evidence of a premeditated plan. The community rejects the legitimacy of any 'ceasefire' as a tactical maneuver by Netanyahu to delay accountability, and condemns Western media and governments for enabling this through silence, misinformation, and suppression of dissent.
Block 73	Ethnic Cleansing as Foreign Policy	6,896	The posts center on a coordinated, ideologically driven effort to legitimize and implement the forced displacement of Palestinians from Gaza, framed as a 'redevelopment' project. This includes direct endorsements from Donald Trump and Jared Kushner, who explicitly advocate for ethnic cleansing to enable luxury real estate development, while Israeli officials and U.S. allies like Hungary and Qatar are portrayed as complicit in this plan. The narrative is further reinforced by the targeting of pro-Palestinian activists and the use of terms like 'cleaning out' Gaza, with the ultimate goal being the permanent removal of Palestinians to make way for foreign investment and settlement.

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Table 25: Insights from Israel–Palestine stance groups and factions
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Category	Title	Description	
Block 16	Pro-Palestinian Activism as Antisemitic Terrorism	5,140	This block frames pro-Palestinian activism as inherently antisemitic, equating it with terrorism and violence against Jewish people. It repeatedly links calls for 'free Palestine' with violent attacks on Jews, such as the Bondi Beach massacre and attacks on embassy staff, asserting that these are not isolated incidents but part of a coordinated movement. The posts emphasize that the violence is not about Gaza but about targeting Jewish lives, portraying activists as 'antisemitic terrorists' who celebrate mass murder and use the rhetoric of 'globalizing the intifada' to justify attacks on innocent Jews. The narrative insists that any criticism of Israel is a cover for antisemitism, and that the movement's true goal is the eradication of Jewish life.

Table 26: Insights from Reproductive Rights stance groups and factions

Category	Title	Description	
Stance-Level Overviews			
Pro-Choice	Anti-Abortion Legislation and Surveillance	The posts collectively highlight a coordinated campaign to dismantle reproductive rights through legislation like the SAVE Act, which targets voting rights for married women, and the enforcement of anti-abortion laws via surveillance technologies such as license plate readers. These efforts are framed as part of a broader strategy to control women’s bodies and limit their autonomy, with specific focus on criminalizing pregnancy loss, restricting access to abortion medication, and enabling state-level prosecutions of patients and providers. The narrative emphasizes that these actions are not isolated but part of a systemic assault on bodily autonomy, healthcare access, and democratic participation.	
Pro-Life	Pro-Life as Pro-Forced Birth & Anti-Choice	This block centers on a radical framing of ‘pro-life’ ideology that equates opposition to abortion with a mandate for forced pregnancy and childbirth, even in cases of rape, incest, or severe fetal abnormalities. Posts consistently link the ‘pro-life’ movement to the criminalization of miscarriage, the denial of emergency medical care, and the forced continuation of pregnancies against the mother’s will, while also weaponizing religious doctrine and dehumanizing rhetoric to justify state control over women’s bodies.	
Selected Factions (45)			
Block	Title	Users	Description

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Table 26: Insights from Reproductive Rights stance groups and factions (continued)

Category	Title		Description
Block 0	Abortion Bans as a Tool of Systemic Control	48,693	This block centers on the argument that abortion bans are not about protecting life but are part of a coordinated, long-term strategy to exert state control over women’s bodies, reproductive autonomy, and bodily integrity—evidenced by the criminalization of miscarriages, forced pregnancy, surveillance of abortion seekers, and the targeting of healthcare providers. The posts consistently frame these policies as a form of social engineering that extends into voting rights, immigration enforcement, and public health, with the ultimate goal of dismantling women’s freedom and dignity, particularly for marginalized communities.
Block 25	Abortion Bans as State-Enforced Medical Coercion	1,051	The posts frame abortion bans not as a moral or health issue, but as a systemic tool of state control, highlighting how laws force women to carry pregnancies to term against medical advice and family wishes, exemplified by the case of a brain-dead woman in Georgia kept on life support. The narrative centers on the criminalization of miscarriages, the weaponization of pregnancy for political agendas, and the dismantling of reproductive healthcare access through defunding Planned Parenthood and targeting contraception, all portrayed as part of a coordinated effort to strip women of bodily autonomy and impose patriarchal control.
Block 33	Abortion Legalization and Decriminalization Efforts in the UK	286	The posts focus on a unified campaign to decriminalize abortion in England and Wales, highlighting the historical injustice of the 1861 Offences Against the Person Act and the urgent need for reform. The movement emphasizes that women face criminal investigation and potential prosecution for ending pregnancies, despite widespread public support, and advocates for the passage of the NC1 amendment to protect women’s bodily autonomy. The collective effort involves grassroots organizing, petitions, and strategic political lobbying, culminating in a landmark parliamentary vote that marks a significant shift toward reproductive rights in the UK.

Table 27: Insights from Gender and Sexuality stance groups and factions

Category	Title	Description
Stance-Level Overviews		

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Table 27: Insights from Gender and Sexuality stance groups and factions
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Category	Title	Description	
Supportive	Trans rights as existential resistance	This block centers on the framing of trans rights as a fundamental, existential struggle against systemic erasure and state violence, emphasizing that attacks on trans people are part of a broader campaign to dismantle civil liberties and normalize genocide. The posts repeatedly invoke historical parallels to Nazism, the Holocaust, and fascist regimes, positioning the current political climate as a direct threat to human dignity and democratic values. The narrative is unified by the belief that the campaign against trans people is not a mere political debate but a coordinated, ideologically driven effort to criminalize existence itself, with the ultimate goal of eliminating trans people from public life entirely.	
Critical	Transphobic Framing of Women’s Sports and Safety	The posts collectively center on a transphobic narrative that frames transgender women’s participation in women’s sports and access to single-sex spaces as an existential threat to women’s safety, rights, and biological reality. This is leveraged through false claims of widespread athletic advantage, fabricated ‘evidence’ like bullet casings with ‘transgender ideology’ markings, and the weaponization of real sports controversies to justify systemic erasure, including bans on healthcare, employment, military service, and travel. The discourse consistently targets trans women as predatory, undermining the lived experiences of both cis and trans women while advancing a political agenda that equates gender identity with biological sex.	
Selected Factions (170)			
Block	Title	Users	Description
Block 14	Trans Rights as Civil Rights	38,795	A unified front demanding the recognition of transgender rights as fundamental civil liberties, rejecting state and federal efforts to erase trans identities through legislative bans, military purges, and healthcare restrictions. The posts center on defending trans lives, dignity, and legal protections, with recurring emphasis on military service, healthcare access, and the erasure of trans history—framed as an existential threat to democracy and human rights.
Block 34	Trans Rights as Human Rights in the Face of Systemic Erasure	3,214	The posts coalesce around a unified resistance to the systematic erasure of trans people’s existence, rights, and humanity through legislative bans, media misrepresentation, and state-sponsored violence. The community emphasizes that trans lives are not a political ideology but fundamental human rights, demanding protection from discriminatory policies like bathroom bans, healthcare restrictions, and the criminalization of gender identity, while rejecting any narrative that frames trans people as threats to society. This resistance is rooted in historical continuity, citing the Nazi destruction of Magnus Hirschfeld’s Institute and the Stonewall uprising as foundational moments where trans people led the fight for liberation.

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Table 27: Insights from Gender and Sexuality stance groups and factions
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Category	Title	Description
Block 162	Transgender Rights as a Threat to Women's Safety	170 This block centers on the argument that transgender individuals, particularly trans women, pose a direct threat to women's safety in single-sex spaces like sports, locker rooms, and bathrooms, framing gender identity as a dangerous political ideology that undermines biological reality and women's rights. Posts consistently equate trans people with predators, link them to violent crimes, and demand the exclusion of biological males from women's spaces.

Table 28: Insights from Equity and Representation stance groups and factions

Category	Title	Description
Stance-Level Overviews		
Supportive	Anti-DEI as Re-Enactment of Systemic Racism	The posts reveal a coordinated effort to dismantle diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives under the guise of 'meritocracy,' but the evidence consistently shows this is a strategy to re-segregate the federal workforce, erase the contributions of women and people of color, and dismantle civil rights protections. The attacks target specific historical figures like Charles Rogers and Jackie Robinson, remove educational materials on Black history, and purge federal agencies of DEI staff, all while being explicitly tied to white Christian nationalism and the erasure of marginalized identities. This is not about policy; it is an overt campaign to restore institutionalized racism.
Critical	DEI as a Code Word for Racial Purge	The posts collectively frame 'DEI' not as an inclusive policy but as a political weapon used to justify the systematic removal of Black, women, and disabled employees from federal, military, and corporate leadership. This campaign targets historical recognition, civil rights enforcement, and diversity initiatives, explicitly erasing non-white achievements and replacing them with a narrative of white supremacy under the guise of 'meritocracy' and 'anti-woke' ideology.
Selected Factions (47)		
Block	Title	Users Description

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Table 28: Insights from Equity and Representation stance groups and factions (continued)

Category	Title		Description
Block 0	DEI as a Proxy for Racial and Gender Equity	46,401	This community block centers on the argument that accusations of 'DEI' are a coded attack on racial and gender equity, with posts consistently framing the removal of DEI initiatives as a systematic purge targeting Black, Brown, Indigenous, and women professionals. Key figures like Pete Hegseth and the Pentagon are repeatedly cited as enforcers of this purge, with specific examples including the erasure of articles on the Tuskegee Airman, Medal of Honor recipient Charles Rogers, and the removal of LGBTQ+ and women's history from military and federal websites. The narrative posits that the term 'DEI' is a political weapon used to mask a broader agenda of racial segregation and the dismantling of civil rights protections, with corporate resistance—especially by Costco and Apple—presented as a moral victory for inclusion.
Block 4	Anti-DEI as Racial and Gender Purge	3,379	This block frames the rollback of DEI initiatives not as a policy shift, but as a deliberate racial and gender purge targeting women, people of color, veterans, and LGBTQ+ individuals. Posts emphasize that these rollbacks are codewords for white supremacist, patriarchal, and segregationist agendas, with specific examples including the removal of Black, Hispanic, and female military heroes from official websites, the firing of disabled and veteran employees, and the dismantling of diversity programs in favor of unqualified, loyalist hires. The narrative consistently equates anti-DEI rhetoric with historical erasure and systemic discrimination.
Block 45	EHRC as Political Weapon Against Marginalized Groups	44	This block frames the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) not as a neutral watchdog but as an institution systematically weaponized by right-wing political forces to undermine protections for LGBTQ+, disabled, and racialized communities, citing evidence of exclusionary consultations, unlawful guidance, and direct collaboration with anti-DEI groups like Sex Matters, while demanding urgent institutional accountability and reversal of its discriminatory policies.

Table 29: Insights from Climate and Environmental stance groups and factions

Category	Title	Description
Stance-Level Overviews		

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Table 29: Insights from Climate and Environmental stance groups and factions (continued)

Category	Title	Description	
Activist	Climate Crisis as Systemic Failure	This block centers on the systemic collapse of governmental and scientific institutions due to deliberate dismantling of climate and environmental protections, exposing how fossil fuel interests and political ideology are actively undermining public safety, disaster preparedness, and scientific integrity. The posts consistently frame climate change not as a distant threat but as an immediate, accelerating catastrophe worsened by policy failures, with recurring emphasis on the destruction of NOAA, EPA, and CDC capabilities, the privatization of essential data, and the weaponization of science denial to shield polluters.	
Dismissive	Climate Change as a Political and Economic Litmus Test	This block centers on a reactionary political stance that frames climate change not as a scientific or environmental issue, but as a manufactured political narrative used to justify economic disruption, regulatory overreach, and wealth redistribution. The posts consistently argue that climate policies are a 'scam' or 'hoax' designed to benefit elites and undermine individual freedoms, while rejecting climate science as 'liberal propaganda' and calling for the dismantling of federal environmental agencies and research programs. The narrative is driven by a deep distrust of federal science, a belief in fossil fuel supremacy, and a focus on economic myths like 'energy independence' and 'job creation' through deregulation, all while blaming climate impacts on mismanagement rather than emissions.	
Selected Factions (231)			
Block	Title	Users	Description
Block 14	Climate Denial as Systemic Sabotage	21,919	The posts collectively frame climate change as an existential threat actively exacerbated by deliberate government sabotage, particularly through the dismantling of federal science agencies like NOAA, CDC, and NIH. This sabotage is portrayed not as bureaucratic mismanagement but as a coordinated effort—driven by fossil fuel interests and political ideology—to undermine climate science, halt environmental protections, and dismantle public infrastructure, all while falsely blaming 'government incompetence' for disasters that are directly tied to climate change. The consistent target is the systematic erosion of scientific integrity and public safety, framed as a political vendetta against climate reality.

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Table 29: Insights from Climate and Environmental stance groups and factions (continued)

Category	Title	Description	
Block 17	Climate Denial as Systemic Attack on Science and Public Safety	9,939	This community block centers on the coordinated dismantling of U.S. environmental and public health institutions—specifically the EPA, NOAA, CDC, and NIH—framed as a deliberate political strategy to erase climate science, weaken disaster preparedness, and prioritize fossil fuel interests. Posts highlight the real-world consequences of these cuts, including failed disaster responses, rising insurance costs, and the endangerment of public health, while consistently linking these actions to the broader narrative of climate change denialism and corporate influence, particularly through the Heritage Foundation’s Project 2025 and the fossil fuel industry’s historical lobbying.
Block 108	Wolf Protection Crisis in the US and Europe	176	This block centers on a coordinated campaign to oppose legislative and executive actions that would strip federal protections from gray wolves and grizzly bears across the US, highlighting threats from bills like HR 845 and HR 1897, while also documenting a broader political and ecological backlash in Europe, where the EU’s rollback of wolf protections enables increased hunting, despite scientific evidence supporting non-lethal coexistence and the species’ ecological importance.

Table 30: Insights from Artificial Intelligence stance groups and factions

Category	Title	Description	
Stance-Level Overviews			
Pessimist	Anti-AI as Anti-Fascism	This block frames generative AI not merely as a technological or economic threat, but as a core instrument of fascism—characterized by its theft of creative labor, environmental destruction, and aesthetic of conformity and control. The posts consistently argue that AI enables authoritarianism by erasing individuality, normalizing surveillance, and prioritizing profit over human dignity, with specific emphasis on AI’s role in enabling disinformation, undermining artistic integrity, and serving as a tool for corporate and state control.	
Optimist	Open-Source AI Disruption	This block centers on the disruptive impact of open-source AI models like DeepSeek R1, highlighting how they challenge the dominance of proprietary systems by achieving high performance at a fraction of the cost. The posts emphasize the economic democratization of AI, the strategic advantage of open weights, and the broader implications for innovation, competition, and geopolitical dynamics in the AI landscape.	
Selected Factions (108)			
Block	Title	Users	Description

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Table 30: Insights from Artificial Intelligence stance groups and factions (continued)

Category	Title		Description
Block 20	Anti-GenAI as Anti-Fascist Resistance	22,026	This block frames generative AI not merely as a flawed technology, but as an inherently fascist tool that destroys human creativity, undermines artistic integrity, and enables systemic exploitation. The central argument unites environmental destruction, labor theft, and the erosion of truth into a single ideological critique, positioning resistance to AI as a defense against authoritarian control and cultural decay. Posts emphasize that AI’s design—built on stolen labor and powered by energy-intensive infrastructure—mirrors fascist ideologies by reducing human expression to mere commodified data and normalizing surveillance and conformity.
Block 40	AI as Theft, Environmental Destruction, and Labor Suppression	236	This community block centers on a fierce critique of generative AI as a system of mass intellectual property theft, environmental degradation, and systemic labor replacement. Posts consistently frame AI as a parasitic technology built on stolen human creativity, powered by excessive energy and water consumption, and deployed to replace workers while enriching tech billionaires. The core argument is that AI is not an innovation but a fraudulent, exploitative enterprise driven by greed and ecological recklessness, with no legitimate purpose beyond profit extraction.
Block 98	Open Source as a Catalyst for Global AI Innovation	17	This block centers on the growing momentum behind open-source AI models—particularly from Switzerland, China, and Europe—as a direct challenge to proprietary dominance, highlighting their technical performance, environmental transparency, and democratizing potential. Posts emphasize how open models like Apertus, Mistral Small 3.1, DeepSeek-R1, and Llama 4 are not only matching but outperforming commercial alternatives, while also fueling debates over ethics, accessibility, and the necessity of open innovation in the face of corporate control.

Table 31: Insights from Technology Platforms stance groups and factions

Category	Title	Description
Stance-Level Overviews		
Critical	Bluesky’s Shift to Authoritarian Moderation	This community block is defined by its fierce opposition to Bluesky’s recent moderation policies, particularly the enforcement of vague content guidelines that disproportionately target NSFW and politically sensitive content, such as posts critical of J.K. Rowling or related to Palestine. Users are actively protesting the platform’s move toward centralized, opaque moderation, citing arbitrary bans, suppression of art, and the silencing of marginalized voices, which they argue contradicts Bluesky’s original promise of decentralized, user-controlled discourse.

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Category	Title	Description	
Optimist	Bluesky as a Free Speech Sanctuary	The posts collectively frame Bluesky as a critical refuge for free expression, particularly against government overreach, corporate censorship, and algorithmic manipulation. Users emphasize its role in protecting journalists, artists, and marginalized voices, highlight its economic incentives for publishers to post here, and position it as a counterweight to platforms like X (Twitter) and Meta, which are accused of enabling authoritarianism and suppressing dissent.	
Selected Factions (131)			
Block	Title	Users	Description
Block 0	Oligarchic Control of Media and Platforms	44,347	This block centers on the alarming consolidation of media and social platforms under a handful of ultra-wealthy individuals, with posts consistently highlighting how billionaires like Elon Musk, Mark Zuckerberg, Jeff Bezos, and Larry Ellison now control the primary channels for information, thereby enabling unchecked influence over public discourse, press freedom, and democratic integrity. The discussion frames this concentration of power as a direct threat to democracy, equating it to oligarchy, and emphasizes how government actions (like the FCC’s pressure on media) are complicit in enabling this control.
Block 63	Platform Accountability Over Age Bans	247	The posts collectively argue that blaming youth for online harm is a distraction from the core issue: social media platforms’ profit-driven design and lack of accountability. They demand systemic regulation requiring platforms to assess and reduce foreseeable risks of abuse, especially in political contexts, rather than implementing ineffective age restrictions that shift responsibility onto children and enable mass surveillance through digital ID requirements.
Block 83	Bluesky’s harassment and moderation crisis	14	A cluster of posts expresses intense frustration with Bluesky’s handling of persistent online harassment, particularly from users who openly admit to trolling and evade blocks by creating new identities, with repeated accusations that the platform fails to protect victims despite its claims of being a safer alternative to X. This narrative is counterbalanced by other posts praising Bluesky’s improved bot detection, user control, and moderation efforts, highlighting a deep divide in perception around its safety and effectiveness.

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