

Antisemitism in Online Spaces

Codebook Findings of a Snapshot of Online Antisemitism



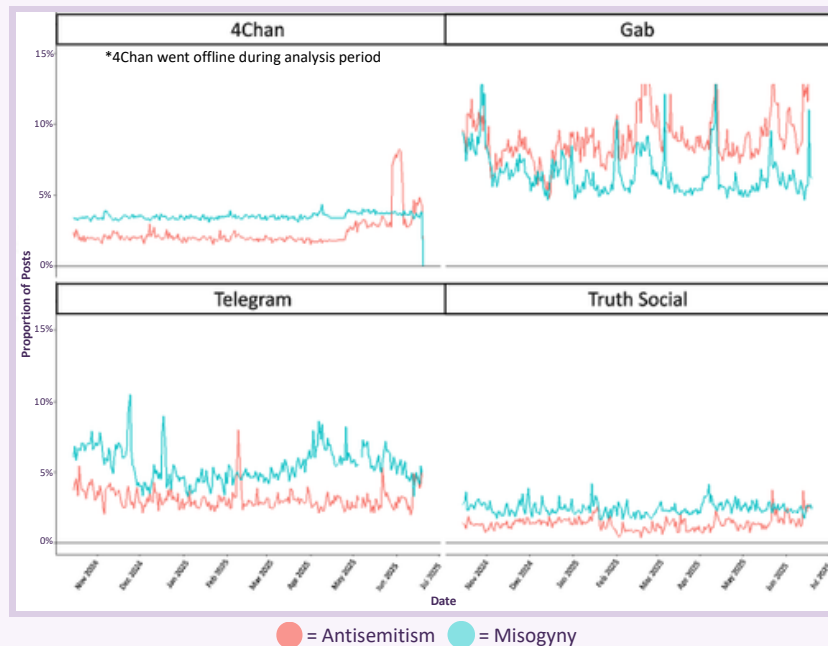
Key Findings

- **Conspiracies about Jewish control of world governments** are not new and have deep roots in New World Order (NWO) and Great Replacement narratives. However, our analysis reveals that the articulations of this conspiracy in contemporary geopolitical conflicts in fringe online spaces portray NATO and Ukraine as Jewish control centers, while Russia is depicted as a “pure” Christian state.
- Antisemitism **intersects with many other forms of hate**, especially misogyny, racism, and anti-LGBTQI+ sentiments.
 - As can be seen in the visual to the right, antisemitism and male supremacy are often correlated on some platforms, like Gab.
- Another key area of antisemitic attack is the idea of “false history.” This can come in the form of **Holocaust denial**, but also in baseless or overstated claims like Jews were the impetus for the slave trade and Jews don’t have any cultural history of their own.
- Another common antisemitic trope that relies on **false history** in the qualitative sample is that Jewish people are **supposedly inherently violent**. Using the broader false history evidence, this trope suggests that Jews have always been historically violent.
- Like many of PERIL’s other extremist findings, Jews are framed in **contradictory double binds**. For example, Jews are framed as supposedly both weak/desperate but also strong/in control. Jews are framed as supposedly both unintelligent but also as cunning liars. Jews are framed as supposedly both greedy capitalists but also as woke communists.

4.4%
of all posts on the fringe platforms analyzed contained at least one antisemitic term

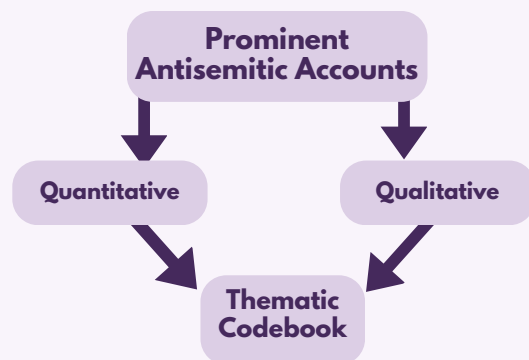
Quantitative Findings

Proportion of Posts with Antisemitic/Misogynistic Content over Time, by Platform



Methodology

PERIL has developed a broadly applicable mixed method “codebooking” capability to identify harmful, salient, and fast moving narratives to inform prevention strategies.



Quantitative Analysis - Uncover key terms, their co-occurrences, and their semantic relationships
Qualitative Analysis - Uncover “latent” meanings and key rhetorical strategies



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