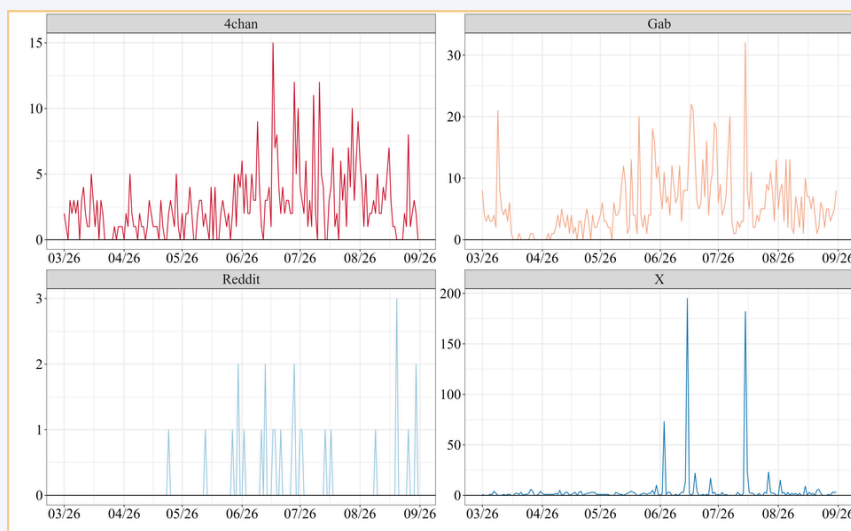


Harmful Narratives: Xenophobia

Remigration

“Remigration” is a concept used by white ethnonationalists to call for mass deportations of non-white individuals, regardless of citizenship status. The concept, which began and has been popularized in Europe and originated from the French author who also coined the Great Replacement theory, has since spread to the U.S. The term has been used in official government social media posts and policy development since 2025, including the creation of U.S. Department of State’s “Office of Remigration.”

While “remigration” remains a largely European phenomenon, a limited sample of U.S.-based narratives have begun to claim the origin of “remigration” as stemming from President Lincoln’s proposal to re-colonize African Americans to Africa [as opposed to its recent European white supremacist origins]. Remigration is also commonly used alongside racist and misogynistic rhetoric, including anti-Black, anti-Asian, anti-Muslim, antisemitic, and anti-migrant hate, within a U.S. context. Explicit calls for violence commonly accompany “remigration” rhetoric, including that it is a “mercy” compared to other white nationalist alternatives.



Number of Posts Using “Remigration”

We find that on X, spikes in the prevalence of posts referring to remigration (coinciding with well-publicized marches by far-right groups in Italy and Belgium) occurred in proximity to spikes in general anti-immigrant and xenophobic rhetoric. On 4chan, Gab, and Reddit however, we find no such pattern across both dates.

Number of Posts Expressing Xenophobia

Curiously, while there were isolated spikes in ‘remigration’ discussion on 4chan and Gab around the first and second offline events respectively, observed changes in xenophobic rhetoric was less clearly linked. As such, it seems that conversations specifically focusing on remigration are not yet driving broader English-language conversations about immigration and anti-migrant rhetoric across most platforms.

