WEEK 1

Investigating people and social media accounts

Brandy Zadrozy, NBC News
New Hampshire State Rep Who Created Reddit’s ‘Red Pill’ Resigns

Earlier in the day, a legislative committee had voted along party lines that no action be taken against Republican Robert Fisher, who wrote that women are only useful for sex.

Brandy Zadrozny | Bonnie Bacarisce

The Latest
This Sure Looks Like Mitt Romney’s Secret Twitter Account (Update: It Is)

Meet “Pierre Delecto.”

By ASHLEY FEINBERG
OCT 20, 2019 • 6:42 PM

Revealed: Notorious Pro-Trump Misinformation Site True Pundit Is Run By An Ex-Journalist With A Grudge Against The FBI

How award-winning former journalist Michael D. Moore came to run a site filled with false reports and conspiracies.

By Craig Silverman
BuzzFeed News Reporter

At First It Looked Like A Scientist Died From COVID. Then People Started Taking Her Story Apart.

BethAnn McLaughlin, who has previously come under fire for harassing people in her group MeTooSTEM, faked an online persona: a woman of color who she said died of COVID-19.

Peter Aldhous
BuzzFeed News Reporter

The Curious Case of Bryan Colangelo and the Secret Twitter Account

A collection of Twitter accounts that has criticized Joel Embiid and Markelle Fultz, disclosed sensitive information, and outlined team strategy shared eye-opening similarities. What does that have to do with the Philadelphia 76ers’ decision-maker?

By Ben Detrick
May 29, 2018, 9:08pm EDT
Twitter account that amplified Covington Catholic D.C. march video appears linked to California teacher

The account appears to be run by a woman who used a fake profile photo, tweeted criticism of President Donald Trump and sold teaching materials online.

Nicholas Sandmann, a Covington Catholic High School student wearing a Make America Great Again hat, looks at Native American tribal leader Nathan Phillips, as Phillips performs a song about strength and courage in Washington. #kyle

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— Mitch McConnell —

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Joined July 2015

88.1K Following 160.3K Followers

Followed by Amanda Shea, Breaking News Global, and 25 others you follow

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House Republican leaders condemn GOP candidate who made racist videos

The candidate, Marjorie Taylor Greene, finished first in last week's primary for an open, safe GOP seat in Georgia but still faces an August runoff.

Marjorie Taylor Greene for Congress
June 30, 2018 ·

Awesome post by Q today!!
Play LOUD.
Be PROUD!
https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=JDVT-8UfiE
FIGHT for what is RIGHT!
FIGHT for FREEDOM!
They will not win.
Divide they try.
Fail they will.
TOGETHER.
WWG1WGA!
Q+
https://youtu.be/JDVT-8UfiE
TIPS

- Start from the beginning. Use an account’s earliest follows, followers, and conversations as clues to their real-world identifiers like location and relationships.
- Search mentions of an account, not just posts, to unearth deleted conversations and relationships.
- Use the WayBack Machine to see previous Twitter bios and deleted tweets.
- Twitter and Facebook have useful native advanced search functions that allow searches by keywords, contacts, and dates. Use them.
LINKS

Capturing
- GoFullPage - Full page screenshots
- Video Downloader for Facebook
- Desktopify for Instagram
- SnagIt

Archiving
- Wayback Machine
- Archive.is

Twitter
- Twitter Advanced Search
- Tweet Beaver (easy)
- Twint (advanced)

Autoscroll