



Annex A

Key Radical Islamist and Far Right Messages Concerning the Pandemic



Radical Islamist Posts Concerning Europe

12 March 2020

In English posts on 12 March, one jihadist wrote, “coronavirus is healing the hearts of the believers. Alhamdulillah [Praise be to Allah] . . . Corona is a divine punishment. Look who has been hit the worst, China (Arrogant atheists), Iran (Arrogant shia), & Italy (Arrogant Christians)” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

19 March 2020

Following IS’ initial statement in Al-Naba 220 on 6 February, which stopped short of embracing supporters’ calling the virus a punishment from God to China, the group shifted its tone to say just that, thus capitalizing on the spread of the virus around the world and its economic impact on Western states. In the editorial of Al-Naba 226, published on 19 March, IS urged “lone wolf” jihadists to capitalize on the paralysis and fear overtaking “Crusader” countries amid the COVID-19 pandemic by mounting attacks, specifically citing past attacks in Paris, London, and Brussels (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

22 March 2020

Users on a pro-IS platform posted English-language news items and charts on new infection and mortality rates (especially in America, France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Switzerland) and gleefully opined on the crisis. Additionally, supporters expressed that the virus, like natural disasters, is the “bitter fruit” of enemy oppression (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

23 March 2020

A poster published on 23 March portrayed COVID-19 as divine revenge for the Muslim victims of coalition airstrikes in Baghuz, Syria – echoing IS’ official stance on the situation as declared in Al-Naba 226. The graphic showed the virus, men in hazmat suits (one of them taking the temperature of a person), a person dead on the ground, and the torn flags of various countries, including the United States and Italy (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

24 March 2020

The pro-al-Qaeda (AQ) Thughur Media Network issued a statement on 24 March in response to the UN Secretary General’s call for a global ceasefire in the face of a pandemic. The Arabic-language message declared COVID-19 had been sent to “weaken the disbelievers” both militarily and economically. The US, France, UK, Russia, Germany, and China were all noted as having their power halted by the “invisible soldier of Allah” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

31 March 2020

Similar to other jihadi groups in using the COVID-19 pandemic as an opportunity to proselytize, AQ Central advocated Islam to Westerners suffering because of the coronavirus while calling on Muslims to embrace religious principles and wage jihad (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

31 March 2020

Al-Kifah Media, a French-language media unit linked to al-Qaeda, urged the French government to end its military commitments in the Sahel region of Africa and instead direct its money and energies to fighting the COVID-19 pandemic at home (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

1 April 2020

As the COVID-19 pandemic continued to spread globally, Filipino IS supporters celebrated the rising number of deaths in Western countries, among others, and attributed the virus to Allah and his punishment for practices against Islam (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

3 April 2020

An IS supporter called on lone wolves to capitalize on the West's preoccupation with the COVID-19 pandemic and launch attacks, giving this message on posters depicting London and Chicago (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

6 April 2020

IS supporters continued to highlight the impact of COVID-19 on the economy of the "Crusaders" and hoped for its continued affliction (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

13 April 2020

JNIM, the Sahel-based branch of AQ, claimed credit for the deadly raid on a military base in Bamba and continued to urge Malian President Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta to abandon his French allies and negotiate with fighters. The statement also expressed hope the COVID-19 pandemic would exhaust participants in the French-led alliance and fragment the coalition (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

20 April 2020

An IS-aligned publishing unit called the COVID-19 pandemic a "justified punishment" on disbelievers and urged Muslims to embrace jihad and religious principles or expect a worse fate (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

29 April 2020

Echoing the sentiment shared by other jihadi groups, an IS-aligned media unit portrayed the coronavirus as divine retribution on the US-led coalition for Muslim deaths in Mosul and Baghouz and expressed joy for COVID-19 deaths in America and Italy (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

4 May 2020

On a poster promoting COVID-19 as divine punishment for "disbelievers," a pro-IS media unit depicted the coronavirus spread through the Colosseum in Rome, Italy (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

5 May 2020

Jihadists promoted the vehicular attack in Colombes, a commune in Paris, France, the perpetrator of which reportedly declared that he “did it for ISIS.” Amongst responses, a jihadist suggested fighters take advantage of the situation created by the COVID-19 pandemic to mount attacks in the West (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

29 July 2020

Prominent IS-aligned Battar Media Foundation released a second examination of the state of the US economy, “Economic Paralysis and a Certain Recession,” published on 29 July. It presented arguments bolstered by news media clips about not only the American economy but that of European Union countries deteriorating as the number of coronavirus infections rise. Battar remarked that America is imploding, Europe is on the brink of a depression, and in the near future political systems will collapse (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

Jihadist Posts Concerning Asia

18 March 2020

Describing COVID-19 as a “decree of Allah,” the Afghan Taliban advocated a religious approach to dealing with the coronavirus and offered humanitarian nongovernmental organizations safe passage with equipment and medicine in areas under its control. The group issued a statement on 18 March recommending Muslims to seek forgiveness from God frequently and give charity, believing that the virus descended upon mankind because of “disobedience and sins.” In addition to prayer, it also urged businessmen to refrain from price hikes on essentials and asked Muslims to obey safety guidelines issued by health experts and desist “from panic, leaving Islamic injunctions or committing actions which could, Allah forbid, amount to religious rebellion or become the cause of spreading anxiety and psychological fear among the people” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

19 March 2020

In a statement issued on 19 March, the Afghan Taliban gave its “sincere condolences” to Iran for the suffering caused by the pandemic and at the same time requested Iranian leaders to observe “Islamic brother-

hood” and not expel Afghan refugees or deny them medical attention. In turn, they advised refugees in Iran to “strictly follow the rules and guidelines issued by the said country in combating the spread corona virus” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

22 March 2020

In an English article published under the “weekly comment” section on its website on 22 March, the Afghan Taliban discussed the coronavirus as a microscopic organism that has instilled fear in mankind and brought the global economy and social life to a standstill. The pandemic, it stated, is an “instance of [God’s] might,” as it has “even forced the staunchest atheist to take refuge in religion as a last resort” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

25 March 2020

A pro-IS media unit published the second issue of the English-language “Voice of Hind” magazine. It featured articles urging Indian IS jihadists to capitalize on enemies’ preoccupation with the COVID-19 pandemic and wage attacks, and it slammed the deal reached between the Afghan Taliban and the US (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

26 March 2020

The Afghan Taliban portrayed itself as better able to manage the COVID-19 pandemic in Afghanistan than the country’s government, arguing that regime officials only wish to loot foreign funds (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

22 April 2020

Arguing that greedy and corrupt government officials cannot help needy Afghans afflicted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Afghan Taliban called on wealthy countrymen to donate (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

4 May 2020

Alleging it is the sole party abiding by the terms of the peace agreement concluded with the United States in Doha, the Afghan Taliban cautioned a top US commander in Afghanistan, General Scott Miller, against using bellicose rhetoric toward it and claimed the Afghan gov-

ernment was weaponizing the coronavirus to eliminate prisoners (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

5 May 2020

As it continued to vilify the Afghan government as corrupt and portray itself as the true representatives of the people, the Afghan Taliban charged it with embezzling funds earmarked for the COVID-19 fight and intentionally destroying power pylons and public facilities (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

8 May 2020

Concurrent with its releasing Afghan security forces taken prisoner, the Afghan Taliban demanded the government do the same and thus fulfill the terms of the US peace deal or else it and America would face consequences if inmates die from COVID-19 (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

Jihadist Posts Concerning Asia Pacific

26 March 2020

A Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighter (BIFF) faction leader called for followers to join the group to save themselves from being infected by the COVID-19 virus and argued against the closure of mosques (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

27 March 2020

A Filipino Islamic State (ISIS/IS)-linked account accused the government of bringing COVID-19 into the country to elicit funds and called for its supporters to abandon democracy and support fighters who are “striving to fight the soldiers of the kuffar” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

30 March 2020

Indonesian Islamic State (IS/ISIS) supporters called for attacks targeting “apostates in big cities.” A message disseminated on multiple IS-aligned Telegram channels encouraged youths to look at Muslims around the world being killed and imprisoned and called on them to carry out attacks while the enemy is distracted (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

31 March 2020

Indonesian Islamic State (IS/ISIS) supporters on Facebook have continued to incite attacks, with one account specifically calling for the looting of “Kuffar” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

8 April 2020

With the COVID-19 threat growing in Indonesia, jihadists discussed plans for a coordinated group hijrah (migration) to Saudi Arabia and Syria, suggesting various meeting places for the “operation” to start (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

9 April 2020

Following the curfew expansion by the Philippine government to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus, an active IS-linked account threatened to kill Christians if Muslims are punished for violating quarantine order (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

10 April 2020

Indonesian jihadists on WhatsApp incited attacks against Chinese residents in the country (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

14 April 2020

A BIFF-linked account released videos objecting to the closure of mosques because of the COVID-19 pandemic and urging the group’s fighters and Muslims in the Philippines to disobey the government mandate (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

16 April 2020

An Indonesian Islamic State (IS/ISIS) supporter claimed that the COVID-19 pandemic signals the end times and lodged a threat against the United Nations (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

17 April 2020

A Filipino account linked to IS disseminated a video urging fighters to carry out jihad and threatening Muslims who follow government directives on COVID-19 (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

17 April 2020

In their first claimed attack since the implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) to restrict movement and reduce the impact of the COVID-19 virus in the Philippines, the ISEAP claimed killing sixteen soldiers and wounding others in a clash in Sulu (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

18 April 2020

Mujahidin Indonesia Timur (MIT) leader Ali Kalora threatened attacks on members of an Indonesian public order enforcement security unit, Bantuan Polisi Pamong Praja (Banpol), claiming in a video to have captured one of its members. Kalora referenced COVID-19 in the video, claiming “tyrants” would die from the virus (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

22 April 2020

A Filipino IS Facebook account urged its followers to fight nonbelievers and take advantage of the COVID-19-induced lockdown to carry out jihad (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

22 April 2020

Indonesian IS supporters on Telegram encouraged disobedience toward COVID-19 safety instructions in the country (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

28 April 2020

A radical Indonesian cleric and alleged former jihadi militant stated his disapproval of the Indonesian government’s closure of mosques, vowing to keep his mosque open (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

28 April 2020

A Filipino IS-linked account accused Philippine leaders of overstating the dangers of COVID-19, glorified IS leaders, and celebrated Ramadan as a month of victory for its fighters (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

29 April 2020

A Filipino IS account threatened to kill soldiers and politicians who implement COVID-19 measures and urged for the decapitation of spies (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

4 May 2020

In its first documented attack during Ramadan, and two weeks after its first operation during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Islamic State’s East Asia Province (ISEAP) claimed killing two soldiers in Maguindanao (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

6 May 2020

After recruiting amid COVID-19 and ordering fighters to disobey government directives, Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) faction leader continued to urge followers to fight those who “oppress Muslims” and to attend mosque congregations because that is what “true believers” do (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

9 May 2020

After the Indonesian Ulema Council (MUI), the top Muslim clerical body in the country issued fatwa number 14 of 2020 in support of COVID-19 restrictions. IS supporters warned against following the restrictions, labeling them “STUPID-20” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

Jihadist Posts Concerning Africa

22 March 2020

Although Shabaab al-Mujahideen Movement, the Somalia-based branch of AQ, had yet to make a formal statement on the pandemic, its Shahaada News Agency reported regular updates on the spread of the novel coronavirus in the region, including Kenya’s first confirmed case of COVID-19 on 28 January and Ethiopia the following day (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

26 March 2020

The Shabaab al-Mujahideen Movement convened a “consultative forum” on jihad in East Africa, hosting over 100 members of various strata of Muslim society in areas under its control, as well as group leaders. It was to make resolutions on civil and military issues. According to the document, jihad and support to those who wage it is considered mandatory, participation in democratic elections is forbidden, caution is due because of Ethiopian Christians entering Somalia, and Muslims must safeguard against infectious diseases and viruses such as COVID-19 and HIV (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

15 April 2020

Abu Bakr Shekau, the leader of the Nigeria-based Jama’at Ahl al-Sunnah Lil Dawa Wal Jihad, or what is known as “Boko Haram,” spoke on the COVID-19 pandemic and proposed sincere faith and piety as a solution to the affliction (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

16 April 2020

JNIM claimed killing five Burkinabe soldiers in an attack on their post in Sollé, a town in Loroum province, northern Burkina Faso. JNIM wrote about the losses caused to the enemy in tandem with the coronavirus (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

28 April 2020

The spokesman for the Shabaab al-Mujahideen Movement suggested that foreign forces intentionally spread the novel coronavirus in the country (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

11 May 2020

A sermon delivered in mosques in Shabaab-controlled areas in Somalia identified protective measures against COVID-19 while decrying the shutting of mosques to halt person-to-person transmission (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

12 May 2020

A jihadist alleged that JNIM rejected the reconciliation offer from an IS official in the Sahel and that JNIM fighters later wounded him (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

20 July 2020

In the media, Shahada News Agency continued to provide weekly updates regarding the impact of COVID-19 across East Africa (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

Jihadist Posts Concerning the Middle East

17 March 2020

Abdullah al-Muhaysini, a prominent Syria-based jihadi cleric, released a statement on 17 March declaring the decision by Muslim countries to close mosques a “mistake.” The cleric stated COVID-19 was created by Allah because of “evil deeds” and “immorality,” and he criticized Western perceptions of the virus as “environmental.” He then encouraged Muslims to defy orders to close mosques, calling prayer the only solution to the virus.

“My opinion in regards to closing the mosques for gatherings and groups in the Islamic countries because of Corona! What I think is that this decision is a mistake and should not be obeyed in Muslim countries. This is because the West views the coronavirus in a purely material perspective!!” However, Muhaysini did urge those exhibiting symptoms to stay at home and for those attending prayers at mosques to wear protective gear (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

18 March 2020

Pro-AQ Thabaat News Agency released an article written by Khalid al-Saba’i titled “Corona . . . Doom for the Oppressors and Martyrdom for the Believers.” Al-Saba’i described the novel coronavirus as a “soldier” unleashed by Allah on the “sects of disbelief” that will give rise to the “collapse of the polytheists and their guardians.” Acknowledging that Sunni Muslims will also be afflicted by the virus, al-Saba’i declared that those who die of the virus as “Allah has fated” will be “martyrs.” The author also encouraged fighters to maintain jihad and capitalize on the potential devastation of the pandemic to “hammer the final nail in the coffin of falsehood” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

19 March 2020

Al-Saba’i stated that COVID-19 is the “worst nightmare of the Crusaders” and during this time in which they face a bleak economic future and overcrowded hospitals, fighters should launch operations. He also

alluded to past civilian casualties in the once IS-held cities of Baghuz, Mosul, and Sirte, stating coalition forces “did not show mercy” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

21 March 2020

The leader of the Yemen-based Shia Ansar Allah, Abdul Malik al-Houthi, gave a speech on the sixteenth anniversary of the death of group founder Husayn Badruddin al-Houthi. The Houthi leader touched on a variety of subjects including the coronavirus pandemic. In his message, he accused the US government and American companies of manufacturing the virus and its vaccine, deploying COVID-19 both as an act of war and for economic gains. He also warned that donated medical equipment and food could potentially be contaminated with the virus. According to an English report from Ansar Allah, the Houthi leader stated: “There are military means to spread germs and viruses to a specific community for an epidemic to breakout, resulting in the so-called biological warfare . . . Some experts in biological warfare have been talking about Americans working for years to take advantage of the coronavirus and work to spread it in certain societies” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

1 April 2020

A channel aligned with Hay’at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) disseminated a letter allegedly from a woman in the US expressing solidarity with “sisters” in Syria and calling the pandemic and mosque closures a sign of end times (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

2 April 2020

Just four days after Syria reported its first death from COVID-19, a photo report from Hurras al-Deen documented the group’s Advocacy Office carrying out activities in a crowded Idlib mosque (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

8 April 2020

Noting the passage of one year since the IS lost the last vestige of its “Caliphate” in Baghouz, Syria, a supporting group, in a poster, portrayed the COVID-19 pandemic as divine retribution against enemies (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

23 April 2020

A jihadist pointed to the increase in IS attacks in Iraq during the COVID-19 pandemic to motivate fighters elsewhere to escalate the frequency of their operations (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

24 April 2020

A prominent Syria-based Saudi jihadi cleric, Abdullah al-Muhaysini, released the first episode in a lecture series for Ramadan, calling the COVID-19 virus the “smallest of Allah’s soldiers” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

27 April 2020

Abdullah al-Muhaysini issued three further episodes of a daily Ramadan video series inspired by the COVID-19 pandemic (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

1 May 2020

An AQ-aligned group based in Syria issued a story of a “brother” giving the majority of his money to fighters in Syria despite his reduced salary due to the COVID-19 pandemic and urged others to follow his example (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

Jihadist Posts Concerning the United States

10 March 2020

Shia users on social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter contributed to a widespread conspiracy theory accusing the US government and President Donald Trump of deploying COVID-19 as a bioweapon. The campaign aimed to highlight the alleged crimes of the US and Trump, using the hashtag # ترامب_سلاح_وروناك (Corona is Trump’s weapon). Graphics utilized in the campaign included Trump firing a gun emblazoned with the word “Corona” and handling a graphic of the virus. Arabic text accompanying the campaign stated that the United States was using the virus to destroy international rivals such as China, Iran, and Italy, as well as Trump’s domestic rivals in the Democratic Party and people of color. The social media campaign also perpetuated

the conspiracy theory that the Islamic State is a creation of the CIA (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

11 March 2020

On 11 March, in response to US President Donald Trump's claim of doing a "great job" fighting COVID-19, the Shia cleric al-Sadr accused the president's "reckless policies" of creating a pandemic. The cleric further called Trump a hypocrite for portraying the US as a "healer" while filling the world with "wars, occupation, poverty, and conflicts." Al-Sadr also rejected the prospect of receiving any kind of aid from the US or American companies. In another statement on 13 March, al-Sadr once again addressed Iraqi protestors, urging restraint from violence amid tensions derived from recent attacks on and by US forces and the spread of COVID-19. The cleric's proposal of restraint was because of factors affecting the Iraqi people and not a policy of peace with the "occupiers": "We are not advocates of peace with the occupier, but we are taking into account the circumstances surrounding the proud Iraqi people, and we ask Allah to relieve them from the occupier and corrupt alike. I pause at the words of Trump: 'We are doing a great job against coronavirus . . . and the situation would have been worse had we not intervened'. O Trump . . . You and others like you are accused of spreading this disease, especially as most of those suffering from it are opponents of America" (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

26 March 2020

IS again featured COVID-19 in its Al-Naba newspaper, with issue 227 marking the third consecutive week the group focused its prime media platform on the pandemic. The issue criticized America for thinking it could quickly eradicate the disease, stating it could never protect its people from the will of Allah (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

1 April 2020

In its latest statement on the COVID-19 pandemic, Islamic State argued that the global spread and infection of the novel coronavirus debunks the myth believed by many about American omniscience and power (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

9 April 2020

Indonesian IS supporters on Telegram shared a series of messages celebrating the deaths of “crusaders” in the West due to the spread of COVID-19 and hoped for a war between the US and China (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

16 April 2020

Iraq-based Shia cleric Muqtada al-Sadr criticized US President Donald Trump for cutting funding to the World Health Organization (WHO) and declared that he is ineffective in managing the COVID-19 pandemic domestically and globally (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

21 April 2020

After the precipitous drop in crude oil prices and the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on multiple levels in the United States, Shia social media users launched a coordinated campaign to highlight what they perceived as the “collapse” of America (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

22 April 2020

A pro-AQ media outlet tallied nearly 20,000 operations by fighters on three continents in a 500-day period, and regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and particularly its impact in the United States, it remarked that coronavirus might be the “final nail in America’s coffin” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

8 May 2020

IS created a video on the COVID-19 pandemic debunking the myth of American omniscience and power for an Al-Naba editorial (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

Far Right Posts Concerning Europe

11 March 2020

Defend Europe 2020, a two-day white nationalist music festival in Northern Italy, announced via the event’s Telegram channel that the show would be “postponed to a later date.” Veneto Fronte Skinheads

Cultural Association, who organized the event, said that the “complicated health situation” and consequent “logistical difficulties” for organizers and attendees led them to the decision to reschedule (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

16 March 2020

A neo-Nazi media group advocating accelerationism—or terrorist acts committed with the goal of destabilizing society—encouraged its audience to pursue actions that would incite panic amidst the coronavirus outbreak. Posted to the Telegram channel “TR” on 16 March 2020, they incited subscribers to fire guns into cities and put bullet-sized holes in car windows to stoke tensions as populaces pursue or practice social isolation. “TR” issued the incitement in the form of a hilarious joke so as not to attract attention from the law. “It’s almost as if it’s time for all of you to go out in the night and (safely) pop off rounds at metropolitan areas where you’re sure you won’t get caught,” said “TR,” and they further encouraged readers to “do a magazine or two.” The post also suggested “using a tennis racket and small to medium sized pebbles” to put holes in the windows of expensive cars in “ethnic and wealthy subdivisions . . . making sure no BMW has a sunroof at the end of the night” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

18 March 2020

On 18 March 2020, the French neo-Nazi blog *Blanche Europe* published an article commenting on the ongoing crisis caused by the spread of the coronavirus in France. *Blanche Europe* blamed China’s supposed culture of “poor hygiene” for the initial outbreak but went on to condemn President Emmanuel Macron for exacerbating the situation in France by not acting quickly. One central policy the blog advocated was the physical removal of immigrants from the country or, alternatively, “extermination” of the immigrant population. Medical aid, according to the article, should be given primarily to “white” families, while treatment and care for ethnic minorities ought to be considered only after the white population is accounted for. Ultimately, the article claimed that “the best remedy for COVID-19 [was] the swastika.” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

23 March 2020

A false infographic was disseminated by far right users on Facebook and Telegram that at first glance appeared to contain information from

accredited health organizations but actually promoted deliberately infecting public spaces with COVID-19. The poster, containing the header “What to do if you get COVID-19,” urged those infected with the novel coronavirus to visit mosques, synagogues, and diverse neighborhoods, as well as “spend the day on public transport!” Logos representing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) were found forged onto the infographic, making it seem as if the information was supplied or endorsed by the organizations (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

24 March 2020

On 24 March 2020, user “YR” in the Telegram chat room for members and affiliates of the neo-Nazi “Vorherrschaft Division” (VD) posted a statement urging followers to take advantage of the instability resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic by targeting powerlines, water towers, bridges, railroads, and grocery stores while “wear[ing] a breathing mask to hide your identity,” claiming “they [authorities] won’t question it.” The user also called on people to attack food establishments by stealing their toilet paper and soap and by “put[ting] cyanide in [mountain] dew” and “cough[ing] into the potato salad at whole foods” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

30 March 2020

A thread on the 8chan successor site 8kun created on 30 March 2020 urged users to “exploit” the Sinophobic current that had emerged in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. “Anyone who survives these dark and hard times has to have heart of fury and rage going after the gooks and chinese commies,” said the thread’s original poster. With regard to tactics, the poster suggested desecrating Chinese flags and reinforced the “Chinese virus” nomenclature. In a series of posts, one user shared videos of factory accidents to demonstrate “Chinese subhumanity” as evidence for justifying anti-Chinese sentiments within the thread. Many, however, rejected the poster’s call to action. The propaganda campaign was dismissed by some as a “Jewish conspiracy” meant to distract from the pandemic’s supposed effect of “showcasing the full weakness and inadequacy of liberal democracy” and of conducting a “blatant attempt at molding our minds to accept a war with China.” Some responses were more nihilistic in their rejection of the poster’s campaign, simply welcoming the strain the pandemic had put on the existing social order as the far right did on many occasions. “We should

be celebrating [the Chinese] and supporting them,” said one user. (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

1 April 2020

According to a 1 April 2020 article published on the website of Nordic Resistance Movement (NRM), the neo-Nazi organization’s leader Simon Lindberg announced at an NRM People’s Conference that a demonstration scheduled for 1 May 2020 in Uppsala, Sweden, would be postponed. The postponement came with a promise to reschedule the event to “a later date this year, if conditions allow.” According to Lindberg, the Swedish government’s temporary ban on gatherings of fifty or more people had no bearing on NRM’s decision. Had the safety of the “hundreds of nationalist-minded people” who would have attended the demonstration not been at risk, he said, the event would have been held “[i]f for no other reason than to defy the system” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

1 April 2020

In the neo-Nazi Whatsapp group “NSRD,” members posted images claiming COVID-19 was a virus developed by “elites” to control populations and subsequently suggested the United States government was using the coronavirus as a biological weapon against its international opponents. Another user called upon followers to send unsolicited COVID-19 “stool samples” directly to Angela Merkel in a targeted harassment campaign. On 1 April 2020, member “Herr Stark” of the neo-Nazi Whatsapp group “NSRegime DE” (NSRD, “National Socialist Regime Germany”) posted five consecutive images; each containing the header “Coronavirus: an invention of the elites to . . .” “Tag their property (people) with RF-ID chips like animals in order to control them better”; “Increase the profits of the chemical industry”; “Pass the most restrictive laws of all time against the population”; “Reduce the freedom of demonstration and speech”; and “Increase the profit of the pharmaceutical industry with compulsory vaccination” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

1 April 2020

Also on 1 April 2020, the neo-Nazi group “NS” shared a video to its Telegram channel depicting members undergoing combat training. The video was captioned with a message that encouraged preparing for the

“time of change” in the near future: “Though we are in quarantine, we are not wasting our time. We continue to spend our time productively, to obtain useful skills and develop existing ones. We call on everyone to not waste the opportunity for self-development. The time of change is approaching, and the future depends on each one of us!” In the video, individuals wearing “NS” shirts are shown practicing hand-to-hand combat, shooting firearms, and training with bladed weapons. All training in the video appeared to take place in an outdoor environment (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

3 April 2020

On 3 April 2020, the neo-Nazi Telegram channel “NAR” forwarded a statement from another neo-Nazi channel known as “SMS” that has since been deleted. It indirectly asserted a “hypothetical 28 year old lone wolf domestic terrorist” could ship COVID-19-infected products to countries “like China” as a biological weapon to “expedite worldwide economic collapse.” The original SMS statement: “It would be really unfortunate if a hypothetical ‘28 year old lone wolf domestic terrorist’ were to use exports to a hypothetical country with high population density and a large but unstable economy like China as a vessel for some sort of virus to expedite worldwide economic collapse or something crazy like that *cough cough*” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

6 April 2020

An image depicting toxic combinations of household chemicals was shared by a neo-Nazi Telegram channel with a message suggesting toxic gases be released in busy grocery stores. The channel claimed symptoms resulting from the attack would mimic COVID-19 and send hundreds of people into an already overburdened healthcare system (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

7 April 2020

The Russian white nationalist group Imperial Legion, a militant subsidiary of the Russian Imperial Movement (RIM), posted a statement on its official VK page framing the COVID-19 global crisis as the foretold Biblical apocalypse. The group encouraged avoiding panic and instead “[praying, training, and preparing]” for the crisis (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

7 April 2020

Popular German neo-Nazi personality Frank Kraemer, known for his blog “The Third Perspective,” uploaded a podcast in which he and his guest host Peter Steinborn (a contributor for the far right publication “Metapol”) claimed the current economic crisis has not been caused by the pandemic but is rather a result of the longstanding failures of capitalism and free market systems. Kraemer asserted the virus was just being used by the “globalist elite” to distract populations from the imminent global financial collapse; thereby championing national socialism as the “bulwark that can protect the peoples of the world from the looting bankers of Wall Street and the IMF” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

15 April 2020

Online recruitment efforts by organized white nationalist groups were intensifying because of the increased internet traffic stemming from stay-at-home orders around the world (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

29 April 2020

White nationalists and Neo-Nazis had been eyeing the protests as precursors “for revolution” and encouraging violence from participants. Far right groups and channels were amassing larger audiences amid the coronavirus pandemic, prompting many among them to propose coronavirus-tailored growth strategies. Some advocated for a more “approachable” image and proposed ways to reach out to non-radicalized friends and family, while accelerationists urged people to deliberately agitate the critical situation (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

5 May 2020

Breaking stride with the far right community’s otherwise persistent efforts to publicize, attend, and organize lockdown protests, prominent neo-Nazi Telegram channels advised followers to avoid the “cringe rallies.” Moreover, one of the channels encouraged exploiting the “tension” building between right-wing protestors and politicians as an opportunity to distract “the System” from more accelerationist plots and implored followers not to “let a perfectly good crisis go to waste” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

6 May 2020

Far right extremists were continuing to seize on recent anti-lockdown protests to recruit and amplify their presence amid the COVID-19 crisis. Exacerbating societal tensions surrounding these protests, extremist actors threatened “riots” and sowed misinformation about protestors being arrested, resulting in multiple incitements to attack law enforcement. Meanwhile, conspiracy theories were continuing to fuel threats against individuals and institutions at the forefront of the coronavirus fight. Such conspiracy theories were likewise prompting attacks on 5G towers (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

8 May 2020

“Pugilato,” a Spanish-language neo-Nazi heavy metal band, released an antisemitic and antigovernment music video. The song declared that “assault troops” are ready to fight against the “new world order” of the government, Marxists, and Zionists. Although the song did not directly reference COVID-19, it appeared to be a response to lockdown measures in Spain given the timing of its release and its antigovernment sentiments (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

8 May 2020

A clip from a yet-to-be-released film, *Plandemic*, promoting conspiracy theories regarding the coronavirus pandemic and highly disputing claims about the etiology of COVID-19, was banned from several major online platforms, prompting outrage and copies of the video to appear in far right online spaces. Multiple threads on 4chan decried YouTube’s efforts, with some users suggesting that they removed the video because of its efficacy as a “gateway” into far right ideologies that “may actually get through to normies.” Perhaps most notably, the video was shared to a chat group associated with coronavirus Central, a popular podcast hosted by white nationalist Tom Kawczynski (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

8 May 2020

A far right Italian Telegram channel, “ID,” posted a statement tying the coronavirus crisis to a broader criticism of the existing socio-political system and offering Identitarianism as a cure-all solution. It targeted the present European liberal polity as the source of Italy’s economic,

political, and social difficulties. Among the criticisms “ID” made, many appealed to anti-immigration politics (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

11 May 2020

In an article posted on 11 May 2020, Blanche Europe (BE) accused officials of taking advantage of the COVID-19 crisis to instate “repressive” measures against the public. The article was a response to a statement made by Jérôme Salomon, a top public health official in France. In the statement, Salomon likened the ongoing health crisis to the Black Plague and the Spanish flu. BE interpreted this comparison as a fear-mongering tactic used by authorities to justify the imposition of strict social measures (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

12 May 2020

Spanish Neo-Nazi Group “Aqui la Voz de Europa” had been creating audio and video content perpetuating conspiracy theories regarding the COVID-19 pandemic since March 2020. Its productions were disseminated across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and iVoox. The group promoted the pandemic as a “false world flag” and a biological weapon to bring about the “new world order.” A video had been issued on 7 May 2020 titled “The Political Globalists Are the Authentic Government” in response to the fact that the “estado de alarma” (state of alarm) had not been lifted despite the drop in cases because of the country’s determination to maintain restrictions at the expense of liberty, which was causing unemployment and economic collapse (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

12 May 2020

On 12 May 2020, Democracia Nacional (DN) shared an excerpt from an article published by *El Economista*, a Spanish daily newspaper, discussing legal experts condemning the Sánchez government’s “estado de alarma” (state of alarm) for COVID-19 and warning the country is moving toward a dictatorship. DN agreed with the sentiments but claimed most jurists in key positions “actively collaborate” in the supposed bypassing of the constitution and that these “puppets of globalism” must be driven out of their positions in politics, media, and the judiciary. A DN poster accompanying the article accused the government of being the real virus. The graphic contained images of a CCTV surveillance sign, people wearing protective masks, and the Eye of Providence, a popular symbol used by conspiracy theorists (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

13 May 2020

As the COVID-19 crisis continued, far right communities around the world sought to capitalize on fears, disillusionment, and social tensions to advance recruitment efforts. Harnessing tensions surrounding anti-lockdown protests, numerous voices on the European far right escalated criticisms suggesting that the measures aim to impose “authoritarian” control over populations. Some rallied around those posed in the yet-to-released *Plandemic* movie, saying the production is a “gateway” into far right ideologies (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

13 May 2020

Mundo Viperino, a Spanish white nationalist figure prominent among fringe far right groups in Spain, released a video in coordination with Miguel Blasco, director of the neo-Nazi media group “Aquí la Voz de Europa,” claiming the COVID-19 pandemic was “accelerating” the UN’s Agenda 21 conspiracy for a “global government takeover of every nation across the planet.” Alba Lobera, who has made appearances on the white nationalist *La Tribuna de España* and manages her own media group “Mundo Viperino” (Venemous World), which has propagated conspiracy theories surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, introduces Blasco as a “tireless warrior for the truth” before an interview where the two discuss the “2030 agenda.” The video features a short promotional video from the UN outlining plans to combat climate change, followed by a declaration from Lobera that there is no climate change but rather “climate manipulation.” Lobera then launches into a stream of conspiracy theories, including her uncertainty over vaccines, 5G technology, and “lies” taught in school by the “victors,” with a screenshot of a January 2019 article claiming the diary of Holocaust victim Anne Frank is a fraud from a Mexican news site “La Silla Rota” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

15 May 2020

On 15 May 2020, the Russian far right organization “Nation and Freedom” Committee (KNS) released a video in which a masked individual, who went by the name Miroslav, discussed the potential for protest actions in Novosibirsk, Russia. He pointed out that despite quarantine measures many people in Novosibirsk had been forced to continue commuting to work in order to earn enough income to survive. Miroslav accused local authorities of lacking rigor in enforcing social distancing measures and argued public support for the government and for Putin as a leader was dwindling. Miroslav explained that the latter trend was

due to the country's issues allegedly originating from "migrant populations." Migrants had supposedly disregarded the rules and regulations and consequently jeopardized the stability and prosperity of the country as a whole. The conclusion of the video posited that if the current trends are not addressed, dissenting sentiments would grow and provide a base for widespread protests (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

18 May 2020

In a call for acts of bioterrorism, a recruitment poster released by the neo-Nazi "Waldkrieg Division" urged followers to intentionally infect "non-whites" with COVID-19. "Be part of Operation Covid-88*, join the division." The propaganda also depicted a biohazard symbol imposed over a Black Sun, which appeared to represent a movement of white nationalist-inspired bioterrorism (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

19 May 2020

On 19 May 2020, Jeune Nation shared an article from the far right publication Militant, in which the author attacked the government response to the COVID-19 crisis, adding that the pandemic was being used as a tool to control the public. The article argued that French government officials responding to the public health crisis were dealing with the outbreak incompetently and ineffectually. Moreover, the author suggested that official information channels were deliberately overplaying the effects of the disease in order to justify restrictive social measures (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

22 May 2020

On 22 May 2020, Jeune Nation shared information about a rally being organized by Les Nationalistes, a French far right group, in Paris on 30 May 2020. Their central demands involved reopening religious spaces and lifting the restrictive measures put in place during the quarantine (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

27 May 2020

Far right communities remained focused on harnessing societal discontent and antiestablishment energy surrounding the coronavirus pandemic. Lockdown protests were a central pillar of this overall strategy, offering the far right entry points for outreach to the general public. Other corners of the far right continued to opt for destabilization tactics, which

included calls for targeted attacks on various groups and infrastructure. However, far right proponents of both approaches continued to embrace conspiracy theories, which were used to bolster terrorist incitements and mainstream outreach alike (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

4 June 2020

Aqui la Voz de Europa released a 7 minute, 29 second video with Spanish audio titled “The Real Virus that Is Destroying the West,” on 4 June 2020. The antisemitic and racist audio rant blamed Jews and globalists for an alleged agenda to destroy European culture with a “virus” worse than COVID-19. They claimed whites in Europe and elsewhere have allegedly been “mentally conditioned to hate themselves, to hate their history, their culture, and their traditions.” The “virus” apparently manifests itself in multiculturalism, anti-racism, gender ideology, anti-nationalism, and feminism, among others, which are allegedly used to make whites complicit in their own destruction. Images of destroyed cities were shown in the video, as well as landmarks in Paris, such as the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame, which were depicted in flames (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

9 June 2020

On 9 June user “TS” in the Telegram group chat affiliated with the neo-Nazi group “VR” posted messages claiming to have attended recent protests in Serbia’s capital, Belgrade and engaged in violent confrontation with law enforcement. TS first explained why the events were taking place, claiming that citizens were protesting the “authoritarian” government’s “corrupt” decisions to lift COVID-19 mitigation measures to hold an election—despite rises in cases and deaths—only to reinstate quarantine and shutdown businesses directly after the voting process concluded. When asked by other members of the group about the protests, TS claimed they were “well organized” and “had some weapons with us too . . . Some very strong firecrackers which can basically stun you . . . And some flares.” TS continued by purporting they were hit with tear gas while attending the protest in Belgrade, and that they were “chasing police” while police were trying to contain the unrest (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

19 June 2020

On 19 June 2020, the almost 4,300 subscriber accelerationist neo-Nazi Telegram channel “SSS” posted a statement discussing the devastation of the Black Plague, thereby implying COVID-19 would also be capable

of committing such societal ravages. “Biological warfare is not a new concept,” the statement began, asserting that in the constant struggle over resources, mankind has used the “weaponization of disease” to “destroy their enemy with utmost efficiency.” SSS appeared to champion the potential of plagues to be used against one’s enemy, noting that the “deadliest pandemic in known history” was caused by the “Mongols catapult[ing] plague victims into a besieged city.” SSS underscored that the novel coronavirus would be more deadly than poisons and could be most effectively used “in countries with lower hygiene standards, less developed healthcare facilities and a higher population density” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

29 June 2020

An anonymous statement was distributed by Anarchists Worldwide on 29 June 2020 claiming an arson attack on a WISAG vehicle. WISAG was accused of benefiting from “surveillance, evictions and control” and Berliner Verkehrsbetriebe (BVG), Berlin’s main public transport company. The company was further accused of assisting in deportations, as its personnel work at airports, and participating in evictions of homeless in Berlin. The English translation from Anarchists Worldwide of the German statement Berlin, Germany: “STOP THE VIRUS OF CONTROL! – WISAG Security Vehicle Torched In solidarity with prisoners. With homeless people and with fugitives. With those who are driven out of the city and those who are being monitored by a capitalist system that meets open spaces with repression and locks away those who are too poor or too rebellious. So in solidarity with all those who are locked up or repressed, we torched a WISAG van on the night of June, 25th, 2020” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

Far Right Post Concerning Asia Pacific

12 May 2020

A video of a man being restrained by police and consequently separated from his child during an anti-lockdown protest in Sydney, Australia, prompted some on the far right to share a map of Sydney police stations and incite arson attacks against them. In the video, which was shared by the accelerationist Telegram channel “CA,” a man is seen in an altercation with three police officers before being restrained. The same channel then shared an additional diagram with tips for constructing a Molotov cocktail that is safe for its user (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

Far Right Posts Concerning America

17 March 2020

On 17 March 2020, a 4chan user created a thread on the site’s politics board “/pol/” in which they sensationalized conditions in New York City on account of the city and state governments increasing restrictions on activity to help contain the spread of the virus. “Businesses closing . . . Train service cut down, will be closed soon . . . Gangs of niggers and spics roaming the cities like wild dogs . . . NYPD abandoning posts. This city is fucked!” The same user then encouraged residents of the Queens neighborhoods Ridgewood and Astoria—where “most /pol/anons in queens live—to build a militia to patrol the neighborhood. They were then advised to carry a jack of diamonds playing card to signify to others that they were allies, and to meet at Donovan’s Pub in Woodside, Queens “when shit gets bad.” “Use this thread to meet anons in your towns so you can form militias,” the user then advised. On that call to action, groups of users began identifying their general locations to network. Others in Southern California, Kansas City, North Carolina, and Georgia also announced their locations, with some including photos of what they alleged to be their weapons stockpiles (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

25 March 2020

As the US declared a national emergency and began mobilizing the national guard as a coronavirus relief force, the neo-Nazi Telegram channel “EFC” posted several statements inciting violence against members of the military force, calling the national guard an “unseasoned” and poorly trained military body and suggesting that anyone with basic training could “cut through [the national guard] like a hot knife” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

26 March 2020

Timothy R. Wilson, the Missouri neo-Nazi killed during an attempted arrest by the FBI after plotting to attack a hospital, had sought to capitalize on the coronavirus beyond his bomb plot, going as far as discussing using the virus as a bioweapon. Wilson, who was formerly enlisted in the United States military, had had connections to multiple neo-Nazi organizations, citing the leader of The Order as an inspiration and stating that white supremacists “need community . . . if [they] ever hope to win” their war against nonwhites (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

1 April 2020

The coronavirus pandemic had led to renewed interest in a decades-old conspiracy theory among far right Telegram users that FEMA exists to establish population-wide prison camps in a time of crisis. Consequently, some users responded with a new pattern of violent incitements against FEMA and its agents (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

3 April 2020

Far right users on platforms including Twitter and Telegram treated news a Jewish man selling a stockpile of medical supplies to doctors at a 700% markup as evidence of a broader “anti-white” sentiment within the Jewish community. Responses to the arrest of Brooklyn resident Baruch Feldheim ranged from describing him as a “parasite” to claiming his actions were part of a broader effort to “keep [non-Jewish whites] from protecting themselves while his coethnics spread [the illness]” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

7 April 2020

On 7 April 2020, a post from the neo-Nazi Telegram channel “SN” cited previous race riots in the United States as evidence that a wave of “civil unrest” among the black population would result from interruptions to daily life caused by the pandemic. “SN” further encouraged its audience to ready themselves for black Americans to “kill, rape, and cannibalize” en masse, thereby further exacerbating racial tensions and potentially endangering members of black communities (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

17 April 2020

A member of an infamous and tightly-knit neo-Nazi group based in the US posted in the group’s Telegram chat encouraging the spread of coronavirus conspiracy theories and misinformation, as well as far right propaganda and symbols. The goal of these initiatives was to “amplify the fear” of the public and capitalize on “5G hysteria.” The user included an infographic listing five suggested methods of ensuring “Operations Security” seemingly in the event of systemic collapse: concealing weapon and ammo supplies, dressing and behaving inconspicuously in public, and prepping one’s home to defend against “looters and other assorted scumbags” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

20 April 2020

A user known as “SPF” posted in the accelerationist neo-Nazi Telegram group “TD” claiming that the novel coronavirus “seems contrived,” also adding the assertion that CNN journalist Chris Cuomo was “faking his illness.” SPF further stated that the elite can “afford” to allow the markets to crash, citing the conspiracy theory that elites used the coronavirus to intentionally induce the current economic crisis in an effort to “wipe out [their] competition” and to “purge and consolidate” power (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

20 April 2020

“Operation: Reopen Florida,” read a rally event flyer posted on 20 April 2020 to the official Telegram channel of Enrique Tarrío, a leader of the influential American neo-fascist hate group the “Proud Boys” (PB). The poster provided information for upcoming rallies organized by the Proud Boys in three major Florida cities: Tallahassee, Miami, and Orlando, all supposedly scheduled to take place on 25 April at 12 PM. “Stand for freedom & against the Democrat driven unconstitutional lockdown,” the poster proclaimed, urging “we must reopen Florida & rebuild our economy!” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

21 April 2020

A Telegram user with ties to the decades-old, United States-based neo-Nazi group National Socialist Movement (NSM) was identified at an Ohio protest of government-led efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. “CTV” stated his intention to harass Jews, including on 8 April 2020, when he posted a photo of himself holding a blade and alleged he would target Jewish families during video conference Passover celebrations (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

21 April 2020

Lists containing thousands of email addresses and login credentials allegedly belonging to employees of the World Health Organization (WHO), Gates Foundation, Wuhan Virology Lab, Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Bank, and National Institute of Health (NIH) were widely spread among prominent far right venues. The far right’s motives behind this doxxing initiative were not only to harass the staff but also to hack into the accounts and retrieve infor-

mation they believed could be used as “evidence” to substantiate their conspiracy theories surrounding the origin of the novel coronavirus (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

29 April 2020

A 29 April 2020 post by a Telegram channel claiming to represent the Yellow Vest movement shared a website promoting a series of “Massive Anti Lockdown protests being planned across the US on May 1st.” The link was then shared to a number of alt-right and far right channels, which included multiple neo-Nazi groups. Far right groups had been using events like the Rally For Freedom as opportunities to network with, if not recruit, attendees. Recruitment efforts more broadly doubled as groups sought out ways to leverage the social and economic anxieties brought on by the pandemic (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

1 May 2020

Andrew Anglin, a prominent white nationalist, praised armed anti-lockdown protesters in Michigan’s state capitol and warned Governor Gretchen Whitmer and state politicians that “all kinds of riots are coming.” Using a range of profane and misogynistic language, Anglin chided the governor for confining people to their houses via a stay-at-home order and wrote suggestively that she should be “run out of town . . . by an angry mob” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

1 May 2020

Proud Boys announced that its members will not be attending a recent protest in the capital of Michigan, in order to distance itself from purported violent threats made by a previous Proud Boys recruit toward the state’s governor (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

1 May 2020

“The Fellow Nationalist,” a Neo-Nazi Telegram channel that frequently posts anti-immigrant and antisemitic content, posted a movie poster showing an edited image of “Kill Bill” actress Uma Thurman with a far right-styled facemask and illuminated eyes. Beside her, the text read, “KILL BILL GATES,” followed up with, “IN MINECRAFT.” The “in minecraft” addition was a reference to a popular videogame, which far right extremists commonly tagged on to incitements in a thinly veiled attempt to avoid legal culpability (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

4 May 2020

The Philadelphia chapter of the Proud Boys promoted an upcoming quarantine protest in the city and urged others to spread word of the event as well: “OPEN PHILLY! Join this group! Rally Friday! Please share!” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

5 May 2020

Following the arrest and raid of a Colorado man for allegedly organizing an armed presence at an anti-lockdown protest, misinformation circulating that the FBI was “raiding” the homes of other protestors spurred far right message board users and neo-Nazi Telegram venues to target law enforcement. Discussions on 4chan and Telegram channels encouraged armed resistance in the face of the government crackdown. Furthermore, the FBI raid appeared to spur the beginning of the so-called “Boogaloo” and was seen by some far right users as justification for an accelerationist response (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

6 May 2020

Discussing a recent lockdown protest in Michigan during which protestors openly carried weapons inside the Statehouse, users on the popular far right message board 8kun showed disappointment the protestors didn’t “kill [the Governor] to make their point” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

6 May 2020

The Telegram channel “BMW” encouraged its followers to “raid” an online seminar hosted by the conservative political organization known as Turning Point USA. “RAID TONIGHT,” the Telegram post urged. “Literal gay shabbos nigger cuckservative is holding a webinar. Crash it.” The seminar was conducted by Rob Smith, a gay, black conservative writer. Additionally, a post from a user in the far right chat group “MWG” announced that “/pol/” and other similar forums “plan to raid the zoom conference with rob smith . . . Let’s spread this shit like wildfire” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

11 May 2020

A Telegram channel run by the Proud Boys’ chapter in Portland, Oregon posted a series of photos documenting a small protest held by the group

in Oregon City demanding parks be reopened for recreational use. In addition to protesting the lockdown, the Proud Boys and other attendees of the rally campaigned for one of the group's members, Daniel Tooze, who was running for House Representation in Oregon's 40th district (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

14 May 2020

The Philadelphia branch of the Proud Boys used their Telegram channel to advertise a "Reopen Pennsylvania" protest scheduled to be held the following day in the state capital, Harrisburg. This protest fit within the mold of previously observed behavior of the Proud Boys in opportunistically using a large, widely publicized event as a means of gaining recognition for their own organization (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

20 May 2020

On 20 May 2020, Anarchists Worldwide released a Portuguese statement from the anarchist group Nucleus of Opposition to the System (NOS) that disseminated the purported personal information of a member of the Brazilian political party Republicanos 10, Antonio Fontinele, a regional coordinator for the party in the "southern region 2" of São Paulo. It included his place of birth, residential and business addresses, and his cell phone number. The anarchist group selected to release Fontinele's personal information as the first "retaliation" for the failure of the Brazilian National Congress and the government to comply with NOS' "four requirements" during the COVID-19 Pandemic: the resignation of Bolsonaro and Vice President Hamilton Mourão, the repeal of Constitutional Amendment 95 because it "prevents emergency funds to fight the pandemic," the repeal of Provisional Measure #905 for hurting labor rights, and monthly quarantine payments until the end of the pandemic. The statement encouraged further doxing attacks so the group can visit the "fascist scum" in person. NOS further claimed it is "not peaceful" and will act in the "only language" that "fascists" understand – that is "force, violence and intimidation" (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

22 May 2020

A post by the prominent neo-Nazi Telegram channel "SSS" urged followers to accelerate and "wage war against the System on your own terms," specifying "this includes attacks on infrastructure, targeted killings, that sort of thing" (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

1 June 2020

Anarchists Worldwide issued a second “doxxing action” from Nucleus of Opposition to the System (NOS) on 1 June 2020, in Spanish and Portuguese, releasing the personal information of Roberto Jefferson Monteiro Francisco, a Brazilian Labor Party (PTB) politician. Jefferson, who was expelled from Brazil’s Congress in 2005 and banned from being elected to public office for ten years, has a strong social media presence and is vocal in his support of President Jair Bolsonaro. The latest statement from the group repeated the same threats it issued in the first doxxing action, claiming it would escalate in a violent manner to “guarantee the survival of the Brazilian people” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

11 June 2020

On 11 June 2020, Anarchists Worldwide distributed a Spanish and Portuguese message from Nucleus of Opposition to the System (NOS) doxxing Almino Monteiro Álvares Affonso, a member of the Brazilian Socialist Party (PSB). The statement released Affonso’s personal information, calling him “corrupt” and accusing him of acquiring “enormous personal wealth stolen from the Brazilian people.” NOS also alleged Affonso’s inaction helped pave the way for Jair Bolsonaro’s presidency (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

19 June 2020

A 19 June 2020 message from a neo-Nazi messenger channel posted a classified ad calling for “Covid positive people” to participate in a “large scale test on transmission of the virus.” A screenshot of the Craigslist ad, which was placed on Craigslist before being taken down, was posted to the Telegram channel “ST” along with a claim that “Biowarfare [is being] planned for Trump rally events.” The ad called for four COVID positive individuals to “assemble” outside Tulsa’s BOK Convention Center on “Saturday.” The post was subsequently shared to another neo-Nazi channel, “BH,” with approximately 2,600 members (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

26 June 2020

The alleged personal information of Nilton de Albuquerque Cerqueira was released to an anarchist blog by the Nucleus of Opposition to the

System (NOS) on 26 June 2020. The statement accused Cerqueira of decades of human rights crimes including twelve murders and listed the names of the deceased. It claimed the last three alleged murders were carried out in collusion with Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro. The General was doxxed to warn members of the military and police to withdraw their support for Bolsonaro or they will be targeted: "Our action is a warning to the pigs of the army, navy, air force and police of Brazil to back down in their support for the fascist Bolsonaro. Just like Nilton Cerqueira, any of them can be our target" (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

29 June 2020

On 29 June 2020, Contra Media issued a statement allegedly from the "Fanni Kaplan Antagonistic Cell" (FAI) appealing for anarchists and others in Argentina to take action against the government for COVID-19 measures. They claimed the government under President Alberto Fernández was taking advantage of the pandemic to expand and implement "new control mechanisms." The FAI stated the pandemic was exposing the "harmfulness of the class society and neoliberal capitalism" of the Argentinian state. The statement also called for an end to prisons, citing the deaths of inmates (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

8 July 2020

A far right "Boogaloo" channel, "BID," called on supporters in the US to create networks and prepare to "restore natural order," claiming the military will forcibly inject citizens with the COVID-19 vaccine. "BID" claimed the military would soon be "majority brown" and "indoctrinated to kill" those who are against multiculturalism and so could not be relied on to save white Americans. The message encouraged supporters to prepare and network as the "last generation of Europeans on the American continent that can restore natural order." The post stoked racial and political hatred by claiming "rampaging blacks and leftist cucks" will rape and pillage to get their way (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

Far Right Posts Concerning Jewish Minorities

2 April 2020

A series of fliers created by the New Jersey European Heritage Association (NJEHA) invoked the pandemic to stoke anti-immigrant and

antisemitic sentiments in states along the east coast, including New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Florida. “Stop coronavirus, deport all illegal aliens,” read one NJEHA flier, a photo of which was posted to the organization’s Gab account and Telegram channel. Additionally, a collection of stickers posted in the same states equated four common far right targets with “the virus,” namely globalism, open borders, multiculturalism, and media. In the case of “media,” the term was stylized with three sets of parentheses also known as an “echo,” used online to indicate when an individual or institution is Jewish or sympathetic to Jews (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

2 April 2020

A user on the far right message board 8kun targeted a harassment campaign against Jewish educators, providing a Hebrew academy’s online class schedule as well as invitation links to the classes’ virtual Zoom meetings. It encouraged far right followers to hijack the lesson and “freak them out” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

15 April 2020

The far right continued to urge attacks on essential businesses, services, and infrastructure to exacerbate social instability. Jews and immigrants remained the primary targets of bioterrorism-inspired attacks, with new initiatives that included chemical and explosive attacks (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

29 April 2020

A message posted to the neo-Nazi Telegram channel “ML88” urged that “the time is now” for the far right to organize and seize power. The message was presented as a caption attached to an antisemitic cartoon, which was shared by “ML88” from the neo-Nazi Telegram channel “F” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

Far Right Posts Concerning 5G Infrastructure

16 April 2020

A prominent neo-Nazi Telegram channel posted a statement targeting Amazon and 5G cell towers for explosive attacks, urging people to

“shoot down Amazon delivery drones” and “strap ridiculous amounts of explosives to their own drones [and fly] them toward 5G towers and detonate them.” The incitement continued by encouraging people to “educate themselves on matters regarding the power grid in order to be able to sabotage it better” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

30 April 2020

Prominent far right Telegram channels celebrated recent attacks on 5G infrastructure as a means of pressuring “foreign occupation governments” to unveil their oppressive pandemic agendas, calling on followers to “cut down a couple 5G towers in order to force the System to make the first move” (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

20 May 2020

An accelerationist neo-Nazi channel shared a video documenting alleged arson attacks on 5G infrastructure, celebrating the act and encouraging those who might plan on taking similar direct action in the future not to film it (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

Far Right Post Concerning Hoax Conspiracy Theories

1 May 2020

“The Reality Report,” a far right media service that promotes misinformation and conspiracy theories, compiled and shared knowledge resources meant to expose the pandemic as a hoax. Published in seven parts, the posts included a mix of mainstream and fringe sources, including the New York Times, YouTube videos, and uncited statistics (SITE Intelligence Group 2020).

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Annex B

Statistics on Extremists' COVID-19-Related Activities



How Has the Radical Islamist Threat Evolved in Syria?

IS-claimed terrorist incidents in Syria A comparison – 2018 and 2020 March 11–July 31

Year	Number of terrorist attacks
2018	18
2020	166

IS targets in Syria A comparison – 2018 and 2020 March 11–July 31

Target type	2018	2020
Business	2	0
Journalists/Media	1	0
Military	9	165
Private citizens/property	6	0
Government	0	1

IS modus operandi in Syria A comparison – 2018 and 2020 March 11–July 31

Modus operandi	2018	2020
Armed assault	1	128
Assassination	1	0
Bombing/Explosion	14	35
Hostage taking	2	3

How Has the Radical Islamist Threat Evolved in Iraq?

IS-claimed terrorist incidents in Iraq A comparison – 2018 and 2020 March 11–July 31

Year	Number of terrorist attacks
2018	194
2020	337

IS targets in Iraq A comparison – 2018 and 2020 March 11–July 31

Target type	2018	2020
Business	3	0
Government	12	2
Journalists/Media	1	0
Military	53	295
Police	32	34
Private citizens/property	81	5
Religious figures/institutions	3	1
Transportation	1	0
Utilities	7	0

IS modus operandi in Iraq A comparison – 2018 and 2020 March 11–July 31

Modus operandi	2018	2020
Armed assault	38	207
Assassination	14	0
Bombing/Explosion	112	130
Facility/Infrastructure attack	4	0
Hostage taking	23	0

How Has the Radical Islamist Threat Evolved in Afghanistan?

IS-claimed terrorist incidents in Afghanistan A comparison – 2018 and 2020 March 11–July 31

Year	Number of terrorist attacks
2018	54
2020	20

IS targets in Afghanistan A comparison – 2018 and 2020 March 11–July 31

Target type	2018	2020
Business	3	0
Educational institution	2	0
Government	19	1
Military	3	10
NGO	1	0
Police	10	5
Private citizens/property	14	2
Religious figures/institutions	2	2

IS modus operandi in Afghanistan A comparison – 2018 and 2020 March 11–July 31

Modus operandi	2018	2020
Armed assault	8	3
Assassination	7	0
Bombing/Explosion	32	16
Hostage taking	10	1

How Has the Radical Islamist Threat Evolved in Africa?

IS-related terrorist incidents in Africa A comparison – 2018 and 2020 March 11–July 31

Year	Number of terrorist attacks
2018	264
2020	239

IS targets in Africa A comparison – 2018 and 2020 March 11–July 31

Target type	2018	2020
Military	120	213
Private citizens/property	65	7
Government	49	0
Police	19	17
Religious figures/institutions	12	2
Business	6	0
NGO	3	1
Transportation	2	0
Utilities	2	0
Educational institution	1	0
Telecommunication	1	0
Journalists/Media	1	0

IS modus operandi in Africa A comparison – 2018 and 2020 March 11–July 31

Modus operandi	2018	2020
Bombing/Explosion	116	57
Armed assault	107	181
Assassination	29	0
Hostage taking	23	0
Facility/Infrastructure attack	6	0
Arson	0	1

How Has the Radical Islamist Threat Evolved in Europe?

Jihadist-related terrorist incidents in Europe	
A comparison – 2018 and 2020 March 11–July 31	
Year	Number of terrorist attacks
2018	4
2020	3

Jihadist targets in Europe		
A comparison – 2018 and 2020 March 11–July 31		
Target type	2018	2020
Private citizens/property	4	2
Police	0	1

Jihadist modus operandi in Europe		
A comparison – 2018 and 2020 March 11–July 31		
Modus operandi	2018	2020
Armed assault	4	2
Non-armed assault	0	1

Active jihadist groups in Europe		
A comparison – 2018 and 2020 March 11–July 31		
Terrorist groups	2018	2020
Jihadi-inspired extremists	4	2

How Has the Radical Islamist Threat Evolved in Southeast Asia?

Jihadist-related terrorist incidents in Southeast Asia	
A comparison – 2018 and 2020 March 11–July 31	
Year	Number of terrorist attacks
2018	49
2020	38

Jihadist targets in Southeast Asia
A comparison – 2018 and 2020 March 11–July 31

Target type	2018	2020
Military	14	31
Private citizens/property	11	2
Police	9	5
Business	4	0
Government	3	0
Educational institution	3	0
Religious figures/institutions	3	0
Transportation	1	0
Journalists/Media	1	0

Jihadist modus operandi in Southeast Asia
A comparison – 2018 and 2020 March 11–July 31

Modus operandi	2018	2020
Bombing/Explosion	23	3
Armed assault	17	33
Hostage taking	9	2

Active jihadist groups in Southeast Asia
A comparison – 2018 and 2020 March 11–July 31

Terrorist groups	2018	2020
Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Movement	29	7
Abu Sayyaf Group	9	9
Jamaah Ansharut Daulah	7	0
IS	2	22
Negara Islam Indonesia	1	0
Muslim extremists	1	0

How Has the Radical Islamist Threat Evolved in the United States?

Jihadist-related terrorist incidents in the US A comparison – 2018 and 2020 March 11–July 31

Year	Number of terrorist attacks
2018	1
2020	0

Jihadist targets in the US A comparison – 2018 and 2020 March 11–July 31

Target type	2018	2020
Private citizens/property	1	0

Jihadist modus operandi in the US A comparison – 2018 and 2020 March 11–July 31

Modus operandi	2018	2020
Armed assault	1	0

Active jihadist groups in the US A comparison – 2018 and 2020 March 11–July 31

Terrorist groups	2018	2020
Jihadi-inspired extremists	1	0

COVID-19-Related Far Right Activities

COVID-19-related far right operations 2020 March 11–July 31

on the European continent	1
on the American continent	1

COVID-19-related far right incitements 2020 March 11–July 31						
	March 11–31	April	May	June	July	Total
On the European continent	4	4	2	0	2	12
On the American continent	3	5	8	2	0	18

COVID-19-related far right incitements 2020 March 11–July 31	
Incitements for armed assault	11
Preparation for armed assault	3
Incitements for depriving medical care	1
Misinformation campaign	2
Incitements for deliberate infection	2
Incitements for the release of toxic gases	1
Incitements for anti-lockdown protests	6
Incitements for alternative ways to stoke tensions	1

COVID-19-related far right incitements 2020 March 11–July 31	
Against private property	1
Against public spaces/general public	11
Against immigrants	1
Against military and law enforcement forces	3
Against critical infrastructure	2
Against countries with high population density and unstable economy	1
Against FEMA camps and agents	1
Against grocery stores	1
Against Black Americans	1
Against political figures/governments	4

**COVID-19-related far right propaganda activities
2020 March 11–July 31**

	On the European continent	On the American continent
Outlets elaborating conspiracy theories	12	20
Outlets with recruiting purpose	1	3
Outlets advocating antigovernment narratives	5	3

**COVID-19-related far right propaganda activities
2020 March 11–July 31**

Country	Operation	Incitement	Propaganda activity
Germany	1	1	2
France	0	1	2
United States	1	18	20
Ukraine	0	1	0
Russia	0	2	0
Serbia	0	1	0
Italy	0	0	1
Spain	0	0	4
Argentina	0	1	0
Brazil	0	0	4

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