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INTRODUCTION

Piyaoba is the first centralized fact-checking website to combat right-wing disinformation in the Chinese American community.

"Piyaoba" means "let's fact-check it" in Mandarin Chinese.

Launched in early 2022, Piyaoba offers in-language resources and tools to help Chinese Americans dispel misinformation and disinformation effectively, such as real-time alerts, reports, and in-depth fact-checking articles. Readers can also suggest topics for fact-checking.

Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA) began our pioneering Chinese Digital Engagement program in 2019 to provide accurate information to the Chinese American community about issues related to social justice. We've created channels on Chinese-language social media (e.g. WeChat), along with the websites JusticePatch.org and piyaoba.org to provide fact-checking and original and curated articles.

Piyaoba expands on our existing fact-checking efforts by systematically researching and documenting the misinformation and disinformation ecosystem within the Chinese American community. Misinformation is false information that someone spreads because they believe it to be true, whereas disinformation is false information that someone knows is false and spreads.

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This quarterly report shares the latest features and trends of Chinese-language right-wing misinformation and disinformation.

We hope to provide insight and guidance for our subsequent efforts, as well as to give a reference for Chinese-language media, community leaders, and researchers who are concerned about the issues.

This report comprises the following:

01 Executive Summary

which provides an overview of the scale of Chinese-language mis/disinformation and the methodology and fact-checking efforts from Piyaoba

02 Data Analysis

A detailed data analysis of the scale, platforms, and topics of Chinese-language disinformation

03 Latest Features and Trends

04 Main Narratives of Chinese-language Disinformation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Overview of Findings

From April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022 (Q2), Piyaoba detected and recorded a total of 187 major disinformation articles (including those verified as mixed with partially accurate information) on Chinese-language social media networks (including WeChat, Chinese Twitter, Chinese YouTube, etc.).

The most concentrated topics of Chinese mis/disinformation were:

- Attacks on Democrats and "the left"

- Rumors and fake news about Trump

- Gun violence and community safety

- COVID-19

- Abortion

- Anti-Blackness

- Anti-undocumented immigration

- Education

Among all the mis/disinformation detected by Piyaoba in the second quarter of 2022, we found that 54.8% of the mis/disinformation circulated on WeChat, while two other platforms with a large amount of mis/disinformation were Twitter (31.9%) and YouTube (7.9%).

We monitored a total of 112 active mis/disinformation accounts in the second quarter, including a total of 51 WeChat public accounts, 32 Chinese Twitter accounts, and 29 YouTube channels. Compared with the first quarter, the percentage of WeChat public accounts has slightly decreased. However, we found more Chinese-language Twitter accounts and YouTube channels that were active in spreading false information than in the first quarter.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Types of Accounts

These mis/disinformation accounts can be divided into three types:

01 Most accounts are run by individuals holding conservative positions. Some of these accounts are active on multiple social media platforms and usually have close ties to Chinese American right-wing conservative activists. These accounts have coordinated and collaborated on important social justice issues such as affirmative action. We do not rule out the possibility that these individual accounts are operated by or involved with Chinese American conservative organizations.

02 Around 10-12 accounts are run by media companies. These Chinese new media companies often manage WeChat public accounts and WeChat groups in multiple cities in the U.S. These accounts tend to be conservative, or operate only for commercial interests, publishing right-wing disinformation content for income.

03 We found a more deceptive type of conservative Chinese WeChat operator: individual-run WeChat public accounts and WeChat groups that most of time focus on "life, travel, food, or neighborhood support," but when conservatives launch political campaigns, they transform overnight to use their large audience to serve the conservative agenda. (For example, WeChat public account "Apollo Life" with its Falun Gong background, and the "Bay Area Yellow Pages" WeChat groups where we find that many Chinese conservative leaders are active.)

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Our Methodology

Similar to the first quarter of 2022, we monitored and counted fake news through the following research methods:

1. Manually monitor and record mis/disinformation related to social justice on WeChat, YouTube, Twitter, and Chinese-language websites; record active accounts; and record keywords to locate Key Opinion Leaders (KOL).
2. Manually search each social media platform using keyword methods.
3. Evaluate the need for fact-checking based on the degree of dissemination, influence, and time sensitivities.
4. Review and cross-check with the English search tool Critical Mention.

However, unlike in the first quarter of 2022, for an individual type of narrative or disinformation, we collected and recorded different versions based on different platforms. In the first quarter, we generally recorded only one representative rumor for each type of narrative or disinformation. This change in recording method has helped us organize and trace the time span and context of widely-spread disinformation events, which also helped us more comprehensively use data to support our understanding of the characteristics of different platforms.

We noticed that only several videos spreading mis/disinformation on YouTube (mostly related to the COVID-19 vaccine) were taken down — either by the user or by the platform. We did not observe the same removal of mis/disinformation on other platforms.

Our Output

Piyaoba published a total of 26 in-depth fact-checking articles and 27 Disinformation Alerts between April 1, 2022, and June 30, 2022.

DATA ANALYSIS

Disinformation Accounts by Platform

Similar to the prior quarter, in the second quarter of 2022, the accounts spreading mis/disinformation in Chinese remained active mainly on WeChat. Of the 112 active mis/disinformation accounts we monitored, 51 were WeChat public accounts.

Compared to the first quarter, the percentage of WeChat public accounts spreading disinformation has actually decreased from 51% to 39.5%. However, we found more Chinese-language Twitter accounts and YouTube channels active in spreading mis/disinformation than in the previous quarter: the percentage of Twitter accounts increased from 21% to 24.8% in Q2. The number of YouTube channels increased from 18% in Q1 to 22.5 % in Q2.

2022年第二季度中文假新闻账号平台分布
2022 Q2 Piyaoba Disinformation Channels/Accounts by Platform

电报群 Telegram Groupchat
6.2%

其他中文平台 Other
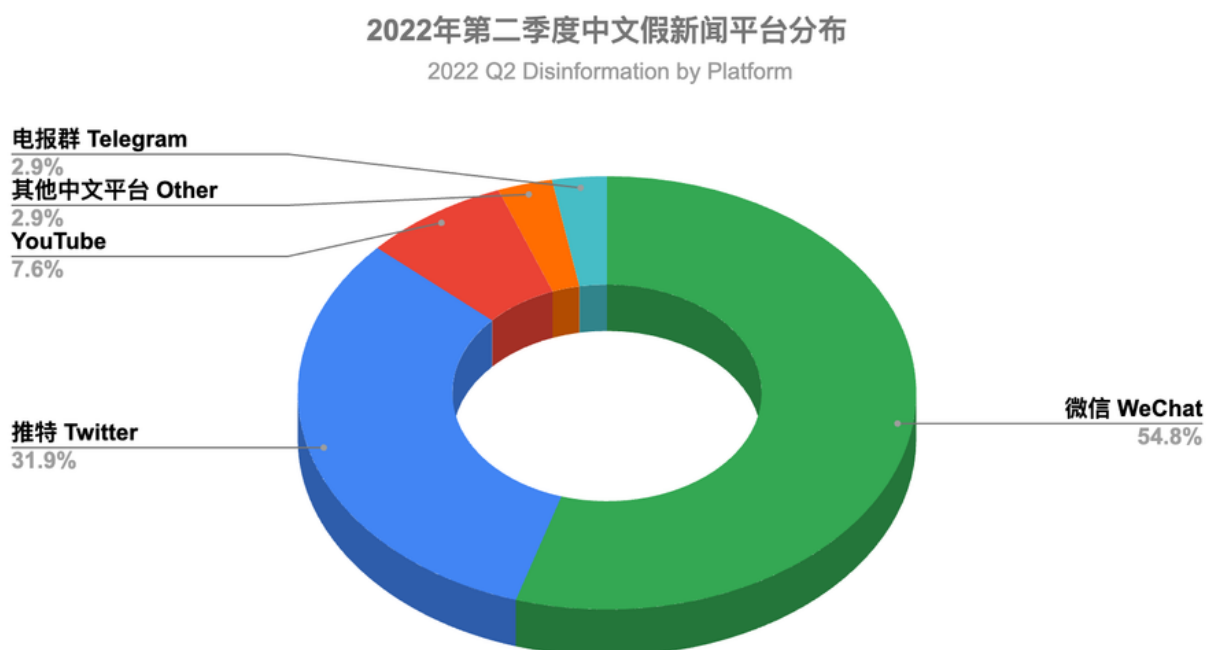7.0%

YouTube
22.5%

推特 Twitter
24.8%

微信 WeChat
39.5%

"微信 WeChat" represents WeChat public accounts. "电报群 Telegram" refers to Telegram group chats of at least 1,000 users. "其他中文平台 Other" includes Weibo accounts and Chinese websites that actively share disinformation focusing on issues within the U.S.

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Disinformation by Platform

In terms of the scale of the mis/disinformation on different platforms, from April 1 to June 30, 2022, more than half of the total 187 disinformation narratives/articles we detected came from WeChat (54.8%), followed by Twitter (31.9%).

2022年第二季度中文假新闻平台分布
2022 Q2 Disinformation by Platform

电报群 Telegram
2.9%
其他中文平台 Other
2.9%
YouTube
7.6%
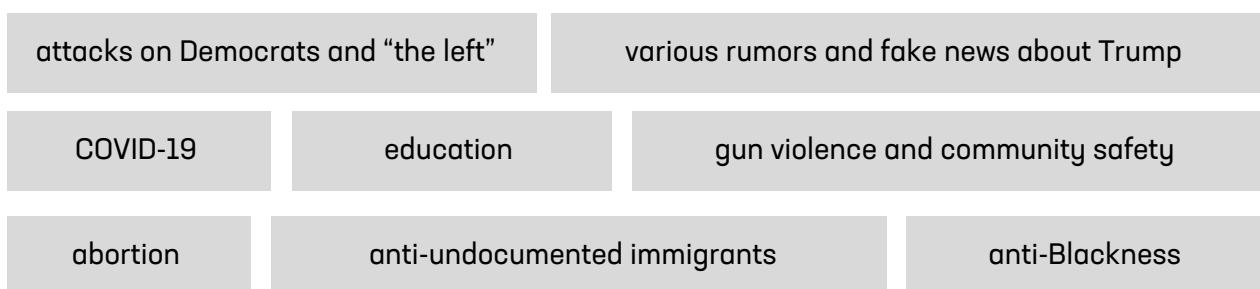
推特 Twitter
31.9%

微信 WeChat
54.8%

When highly similar disinformation narratives were detected multiple times on the same platform, we only recorded once. "微信 WeChat" includes: WeChat public accounts, WeChat group message, and individual users' share. "其他中文平台 Other" includes disinformation detected on Weibo and other Chinese websites.
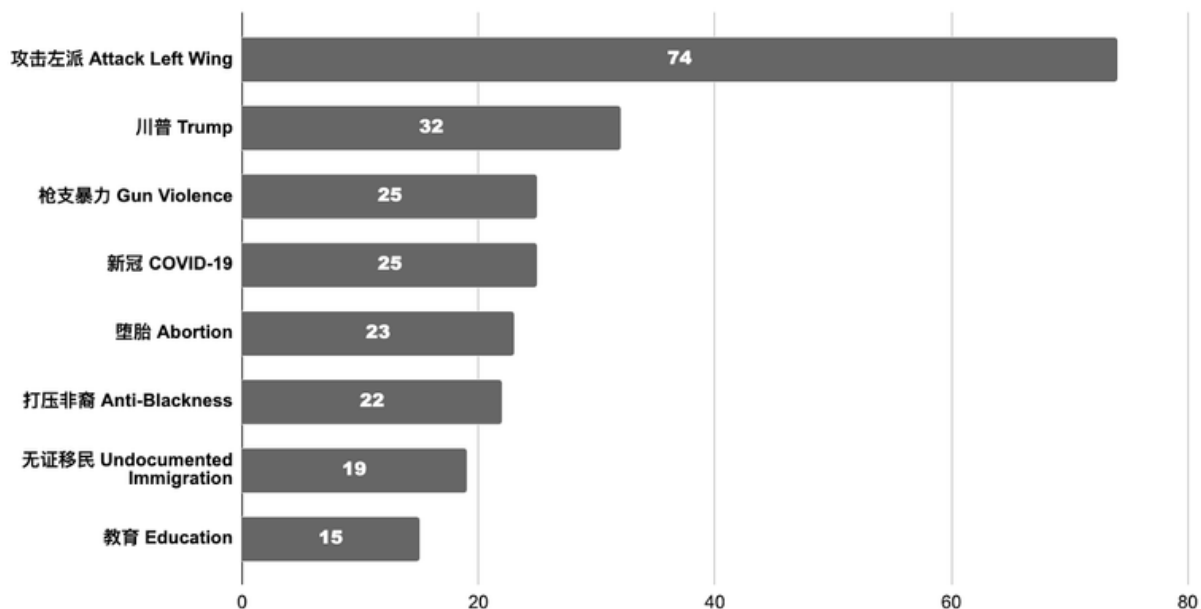
DATA ANALYSIS

Disinformation by Topic

In the second quarter of 2022, the most concentrated topics of Chinese mis/disinformation were:

attacks on Democrats and "the left"	various rumors and fake news about Trump

COVID-19	education	gun violence and community safety

abortion	anti-undocumented immigrants	anti-Blackness

2022第二季度中文假新闻话题分布
2022 Q2 Disinformation by Topic

Topic	Value
攻击左派 Attack Left Wing	74
川普 Trump	32
枪支暴力 Gun Violence	25
新冠 COVID-19	25
堕胎 Abortion	23
打压非裔 Anti-Blackness	22
无证移民 Undocumented Immigration	19
教育 Education	15

Each detected disinformation may be placed under more than one category. For example, fake news about the Democratic Party's immigration policy will be placed under both "攻击左派 Attack Left Wing" and "无证移民 Undocument Immigration."

DATA ANALYSIS

Disinformation by Topic

In the graphic on page 08, the specific topics under each category are:

01

"Attack Left Wing" topics

include spreading unverified criticisms and comments around policies developed by the Democratic Party; attacking progressive issues; and using conspiracy theories to speculate on some of the federal government's decisions, such as the "deep state" conspiracy theory.

02

"Trump" topics

include repeated inaccurate exaggerations of Trump-era accomplishments and repeating claims supported by Trump himself. This includes the narrative that the 2020 election was fraudulently won, and the belief that all criticisms against Trump are part of a left-wing conspiracy to frame him.

03

"Gun Violence" topics

include false claims that owning guns is the only way to increase safety, attacking policies against gun ownership, and the narrative that guns are the only way to fight against powerful governments.

04

"COVID-19" topics

include highlighting the potential risk caused by the COVID-19 vaccine and arguing that the virus was either intentionally created or does not actually exist.

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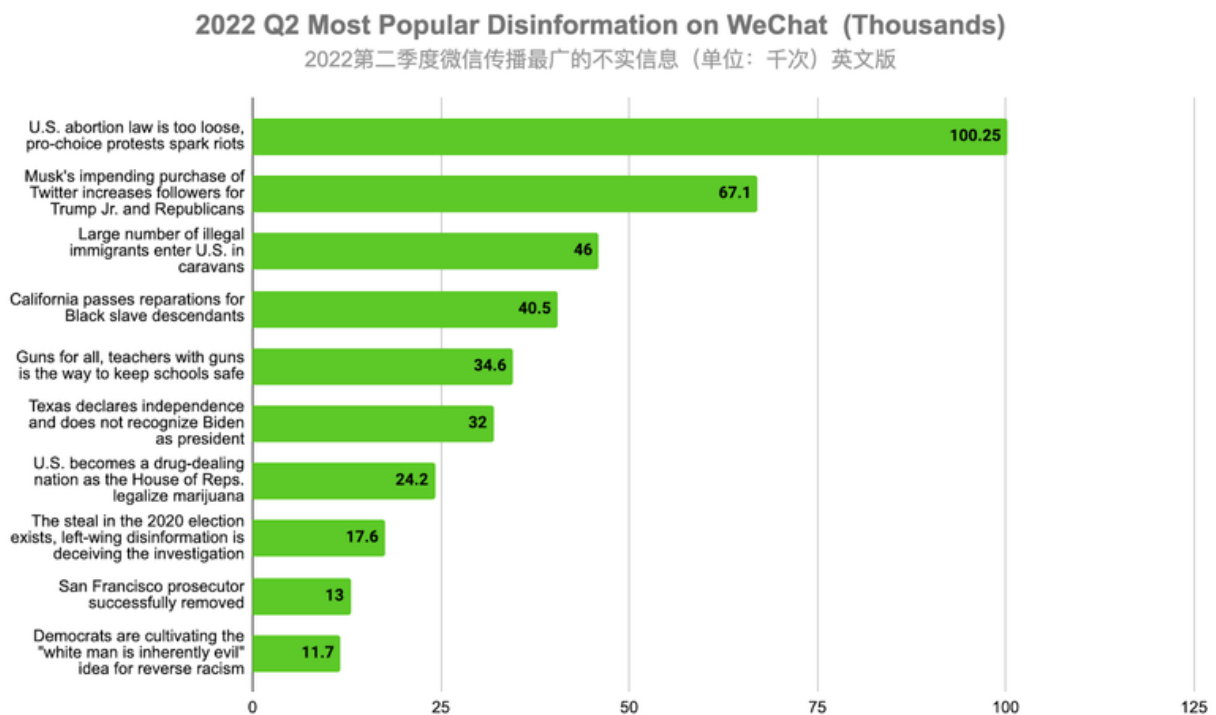
05

"Abortion" topics

include exaggerating claims that abortion is too lenient in the United States, including "allowing mothers to kill their babies within seven days of birth," stigmatizing pro-choice protests, and claiming that some states use public resources for abortions.

06

"Anti-Blackness" topics

include the stigmatization of Black and other minority communities and the narrative frame that pro-diversity policies such as affirmative action provide disproportionate benefits for African Americans and other minorities.

07

"Undocumented Immigrants" topics

include stigmatization of undocumented immigrant groups. Many contain strong anti-immigrant narratives and have been used to attack Democratic Party policies.

08

"Education" topics

include mis/disinformation about affirmative action and Critical Race Theory (CRT).

DATA ANALYSIS

Most popular disinformation on WeChat, Twitter, and YouTube.

We hope to have a closer look at the specific disinformation on different Chinese social media platforms.

Top Ten Disinformation Topics on WeChat

2022 Q2 Most Popular Disinformation on WeChat (Thousands)
2022第二季度微信传播最广的不实信息（单位：千次）英文版

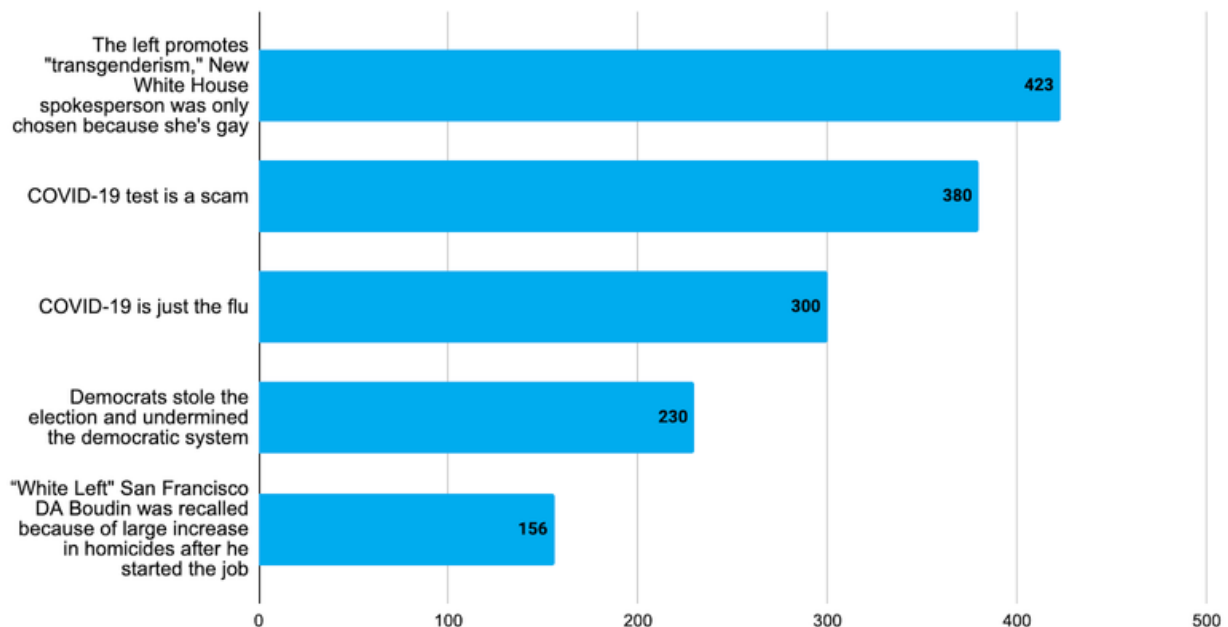| Topic	Value
U.S. abortion law is too loose, pro-choice protests spark riots	100.25
Musk's impending purchase of Twitter increases followers for Trump Jr. and Republicans	67.1
Large number of illegal immigrants enter U.S. in caravans	46
California passes reparations for Black slave descendants	40.5
Guns for all, teachers with guns is the way to keep schools safe	34.6
Texas declares independence and does not recognize Biden as president	32
U.S. becomes a drug-dealing nation as the House of Reps. legalize marijuana	24.2
The steal in the 2020 election exists, left-wing disinformation is deceiving the investigation	17.6
San Francisco prosecutor successfully removed	13
Democrats are cultivating the "white man is inherently evil" idea for reverse racism	11.7

DATA ANALYSIS

Most popular disinformation on WeChat, Twitter, and YouTube.

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Top Five Disinformation Topics on Twitter

2022 Q2 Most Popular Disinformation on Twitter (By Retweets)
2022第二季度推特传播最广的不实信息（单位：千次）英文版

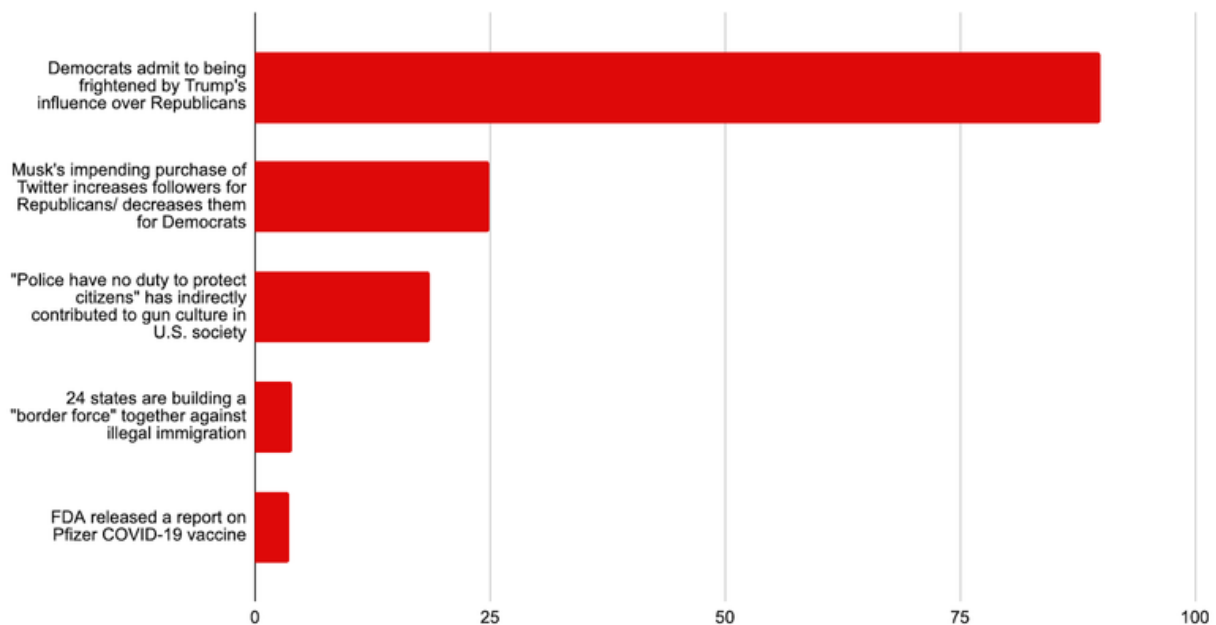| Topic	Retweets (thousands)
The left promotes "transgenderism," New White House spokesperson was only chosen because she's gay	423
COVID-19 test is a scam	380
COVID-19 is just the flu	300
Democrats stole the election and undermined the democratic system	230
"White Left" San Francisco DA Boudin was recalled because of large increase in homicides after he started the job	156

DATA ANALYSIS

Most popular disinformation on WeChat, Twitter, and YouTube.

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Top Five Disinformation Topics on YouTube

2022 Q2 Most Popular Disinformation on YouTube (Thousands)
2022第二季度YouTube传播最广的不实信息（单位：千次）英文版

LATEST FEATURES & TRENDS

Amidst censorship in China, anti-vaccine narratives from the U.S. are influencing Chinese citizens in a more conservative direction.

Mainland China has adopted a strict "zero case" policy to control the COVID-19 pandemic. In last quarter's report, we mentioned that the containment in Shanghai was the trigger that started the discussion about highly centralized government control.

Many users who are limited by the firewall began to question the effectiveness of China's vaccine. Under these circumstances, we observed a growing number of anti-vaccine users in mainland China who questioned inactivated vaccines while also citing anti-vaccine information from overseas.

The growing censorship in mainland China and many conservative tendencies in the U.S. are slowly evolving to serve both sides' purposes: those who are affected by the firewall/censorship use anti-vaccine "evidence" from American users to argue that vaccines do not work, while many American conservative users use the tragic situation within China to argue that the Democratic Party is moving toward communism.

With the censorship system evolving on mainland Chinese platforms like WeChat and Weibo, a growing number of users are turning to overseas social media platforms such as Twitter and YouTube for information.

LATEST FEATURES & TRENDS

Trump continues to strongly influence supporters within the Chinese American community who repeat his election fraud narrative while developing new narratives concerning the midterm elections.

Many of the KOLs (Key Opinion Leaders) on Chinese-language social media who spread disinformation support Trump. Their perspectives are closely related to his and they promote his ideas. For example, when Trump's propaganda promoted the right-wing film 2000 Mules, which continued the narrative of the 2020 election fraud, KOLs promoted the film on multiple platforms.

We use the word "fandom" to describe this phenomenon. For example, when Musk announced buying Twitter, KOLs thought Musk would return freedom of speech to the platform and would reinstate Trump on the platform. At this point, Musk's critical attitude towards Twitter and the acquisition seemed to be a heroic act of "setting things right" in the opinion of Trump supporters. But as Musk's plan to buy Twitter was suspended and he personally clarified what Trump said (see keyword two, page 20), Trump supporters seemed to sense that Musk was not clearly standing with Trump and started calling him "just a businessman."

At the same time, we observed that Trump himself was active on his own social media platform Truth Social and constantly leading public opinion, such as continuing to perpetuate the election fraud theory. During the primary midterm election, when the candidates Trump endorsed did not win or were falling behind on votes, KOLs who support Trump blamed election fraud. They continue to apply the election fraud conspiracy theory to numerous elections, emphasizing to their followers that they must vote in order to overcome Democrats, whom they claim are cheating.

With the congressional hearings on the January 6 riots, Trump KOLs once again exhibited a "follow your idol" type of fandom behavior. For example, when the first and second hearings were held, Trump KOLs seemed not to care. But as Trump himself repeatedly scolded the January 6 committee and responded to the content of the hearings in a short time, discussions rose among Trump supporters and conspiracy theories around the hearings emerged.

LATEST FEATURES & TRENDS

Multiple conspiracy theories on Chinese-language social networks spread the same disinformation as English-language ones, but couch the mis/disinformation in relation to self-defense, especially on the issue of gun violence.

The long-existing deep state conspiracy theories have appeared on Chinese-language social networks. At the end of May, after the mass shooting in a Texas elementary school, we saw the frequent mention of keywords such as "deep state" and "false flag" in addition to pro-gun narratives.

Similar to the English narrative, many Chinese American conservative groups believe that Trump represents an effort to confront the deep state. Therefore, this group embraces the right to own guns and believes that people can fight against the government through gun ownership.

However, while the English narrative generally emphasizes the constitutional right to bear firearms, Chinese American conservatives focus on self-defense. Some common narratives are that a lot of gun violence occurs in blue states because many people living in blue states do not own guns and thus cannot stop crime.

LATEST FEATURES & TRENDS

WeChat-based Chinese disinformation is becoming a powerful tool for conservative Asian American political engagement.

As WeChat-based disinformation campaigns played an important role in conservative campaigns, such as against affirmative action, WeChat's power for mobilizing Chinese Americans is becoming increasingly valued by political forces.

During the recall election of San Francisco's former District Attorney Chesa Boudin this year, propaganda and disinformation widely spread among WeChat groups.

Asian American conservatives even adopted a strategy of precisely targeting Chinese American voters, not only encouraging Chinese Americans to support the recall on WeChat public accounts through paid content and WeChat groups, but also by placing pro-recall ads in several traditional Chinese media outlets in the San Francisco Bay Area. There was a lot of misinformation, especially about the crime rate in San Francisco in recent years and how Boudin did nothing about the crimes that harmed Asian seniors. A long-existing rumor that stealing less than $950 in San Francisco is not a crime was repeated again.

Mainstream media took note of the power of conservatives in the Asian community, as well as the concern for crime. However, the English media coverage of Asian American responses to the recall does not accurately reflect Asian Americans with progressive values.

KEY NARRATIVES

Keyword 1: Abortion & Women's Rights

On May 2, following the leaked draft of the Supreme Court decision on overturning Roe v. Wade, conservatives began attacking the pro-choice side by describing abortion rights in the U.S. as a free-for-all. They claimed that any pregant woman can obtain an abortion without restriction. The mis/disinformation surrounding this topic included:

01   Mis/disinformation around abortion rights, e.g. allowing mothers to kill their babies within seven days after giving birth.

02   Overly lenient abortion rights in the United States is a result of social culture advanced by the Democratic Party, which encourages abortion to lower the country's fertility rate.

03   Comparison of pro-choice protests to Black Lives Matter and characterizing protests as riots.

04   More abortion seekers are entering California, saddling California taxpayers with their expenses.

KEY NARRATIVES

Keyword 1: Abortion & Women's Rights

全美各地抗议！洛杉矶发生骚乱，警察受伤，情形和2020年一模一样

Original Jenny88zz 大洛杉矶LA 2022-05-04 13:43 Posted on 美国

Screenshot from WeChat Public Account "大洛杉矶LA"

全美孕晚期可堕胎州多达7个，反而欧洲没那么"进步"

Original 琥珀风筝 陌上美国 2022-05-07 15:07 Posted on 美国

Screenshot from WeChat public account 陌上美国

文婕 文婕播报
@wenjiebc

当Covid对小孩没有任何威胁的时候，如果你为了"更大的善"牺牲他们，愿上帝饶恕你，因为我们不会！

你能相信吗？在美国这个"儿童天堂"国家，加州政府企图通过法案允许母亲在婴儿出生后7天内（最先28天内）杀死婴儿。这就是儿童献祭！

我们不会饶恕，神也不会宽恕！

Translate Tweet

When children have almost zero chance of being negatively impacted by CV, but you sacrifice them for the greater good. May God have mercy on your souls, because we won't.

Screenshot from Twitter @wenjiebc

"流产，请到加州来，免费"！

你 ▓▓▓ 华人圈 2022-04-05 15:30

不实信息 piyaoba.org

近日，加州州长纽森签署了SB245《堕胎无障碍法》（Abortion Accessibility Act），以削除堕胎服务相关的所有保险自付费用。在当前全美多州的反堕胎立法浪潮中，SB245或将促使更多寻求堕胎者进入加州，让加州纳税人为其医疗服务埋单。

Screenshot from WeChat public account 洛杉矶华人圈（now deleted）

KEY NARRATIVES

Keyword 2: Elon Musk buying Twitter, Mainstream and social media suppressing the right wing

In late April, after Elon Musk announced his intention to buy Twitter, many Chinese-language conservatives showed support because they believed that Musk would allow Trump back on the platform. Many pro-Republican users have long insisted that Twitter and mainstream media outlets suppress right-wing narratives. They believed that Musk's takeover would change this. However, Musk later revealed that he did not vote for Trump in 2020, prompting conservative Chinese Americans to criticize Musk.

Elon Musk's Tweet on voting Democrat

KEY NARRATIVES

Keyword 2: Elon Musk buying Twitter, Mainstream and social media suppressing the right wing

Inaccurate information surrounding the topic includes:

01 Twitter had secretly increased follower counts for Democrats and decreased them for some Republicans. Musk's impending purchase of Twitter restores the "real" number of followers, leading to a rapid increase in follower counts for Republicans and a decrease for Democrats.

02 Musk will reinstate Trump's Twitter account.

03 The Democratic administration has created a disinformation governance committee (also called the U.S. Department of Truth), which is going after Musk.

04 After Musk stopped supporting the Democratic Party, it slandered him with sex scandals and investigations into Tesla.

马斯克入主Twitter第一个巨变：小川普一天增加近10万粉丝，奥巴马等人大量掉粉......

Original Jenny88zz 大洛杉矶LA 2022-04-27 13:39 Posted on 美国

Screenshot from WeChat public account 大洛杉矶LA

@CaoChangqing

马斯克今天表态，收购推特手续完成后，将恢复川普总统账号。他说关闭川普账号是"一个错误"。推特创始人多西也附和说，永久性关闭用户账号是推特的失败。虽然是他担任CEO时封了川普账号；他辩解说当时担心1/6国会事件致暴力升级。川普已表示不回推特，但马斯克要恢复，也是拨乱反正、试图洗刷推特恶名。

Translate Tweet

Screenshot from WeChat public account 美帝奇效应

杀鸡儆猴：转投川皇阵营的马斯克，果然被爆"性丑闻"；特斯拉也惨遭"特别调查"

Original 美帝奇效应 美第奇效应 2022-05-20 09:01 Posted on 北京

10, 2022 · Twitter Web App

6 Quote Tweets   911 Likes

Screenshot from Twitter @CaoChangqing

KEY NARRATIVES

Keyword 3: 2020 election fraud conspiracy theory, Jan 6 committee hearing

From the release of the documentary 2000 Mules in May to the series of hearings on the January 6 riots that began on June 9, the conspiracy theory that the 2020 election was fraudulently won continued to proliferate on Chinese-language social media platforms in the second quarter of 2022, and these include the following:

01 2,000 Mules is just the tip of the iceberg of Biden's election fraud.

02 Texas declared independence and does not recognize Biden as president.

03 Trump was deliberately set up by the U.S. justice system to lose the election. Because Trump mocked the justice system, it attacked him and will falsely charge him with crimes.

← Tweet

文婕 文婕播报
@wenjiebc

Dinesh D'Souza的 "2000头骡子"，有无可辩驳的证据证明川普总统赢得了选举，即使不考虑所有机器翻票的情况。至少有2000起被拍到的重罪。
Translate Tweet

德州刚刚宣布：不承认拜登是美国总统！要独立，明年公投

Taola 旧金山湾区华人资讯 2022-06-21 10:05 Posted on 美国

Screenshot from WeChat public account 旧金山湾区华人资讯

6:52 AM · May 3, 2022 · Twitter for iPad

100 Retweets   3 Quote Tweets   230 Likes

Screenshot from Twitter @wenjiebc

KEY NARRATIVES

Keyword 4: Community Safety, Gun ownership, Gun violence

In the second quarter of 2022, several mass shootings occurred, including the Buffalo supermarket shooting and Uvalde elementary school shooting. These tragedies shocked many people, but some in the Chinese American community now think that everyone needs to have a gun in order to be safe. Additionally, conspiracy theories circulated claiming that these mass shootings were planned by the government. Here are some of the false narratives we've observed about community safety and gun ownership:

01   Guns allow citizens to stand up against the government and centralized power, e.g. "Civilian gun ownership is the bottom line."

02   Gun bans do not solve the problem of gun violence, e.g. "The Texas shooting has nothing to do with gun bans, but has everything to do with parents educating their kids, violent crime, and the left media."

03   The public is safer with more guns. Blue states, which have the strictest gun control, have the most frequent shootings and higher crime rates.

04   Schools should allow teachers to own guns in order to protect students.

KEY NARRATIVES

Keyword 4: Community Safety, Gun ownership, Gun violence

05 Diversity, sex education, and anti-traditional morals are the root causes of the Uvalde shooting. (Note: A picture of a transgender teenager spread on the internet with some people claiming that the individual was the shooter at the Uvalde school.)

06 The federal government and intelligence agencies knew about the Uvalde elementary school shooting but did not intervene and are directly responsible for this tragedy.

你是否恍然大悟——美国发生的很多大型枪击案都是假的，是由白宫授意、CIA安排剧本、演员扮演受害者、媒体刊登假新闻的一场场大戏。

Screenshot from WeChat public account 纽约吉时羽

德州校园19个学生被枪杀！枪是表面，更深层原因是：1.美国单亲妈妈太多，孩子缺乏双亲教育。单亲带3个孩子的福利相当电脑公司职员收入；全美5千万人领福利，黑人和西裔比例最高。2.公立学校教唆左倾垃圾超过常识常理道德教育；3.社会暴力倾向导致很多年轻人心态不健康。这次校园屠杀再显美国教育弊端。

Translate Tweet

9:40 PM · May 24, 2022 · Twitter Web App

192 Retweets   11 Quote Tweets   904 Likes

Screenshot from Twitter @CaoChangqing

即使有人天真地认为，这个过程中会是黑枪也能顺利被禁掉——实际上还没有哪里有成功的例子，但是也不能回避，随之陪葬的，还有草民对强泉的最后一些威胁。

毕竟，民间拥枪，是草民对抗强泉的最后防线。

总之，脱离客观和理性来讨论悲剧，只会成为政客吃人血馒头的资本，却不会真正地解决问题。

Screenshot from WeChat public account 陌上美国

KEY NARRATIVES

Keyword 5: Racial Justice, Anti-Blackness

Stigmatization of Black Americans and Latinos has been a common narrative in the Chinese-language community, including defining pro-minority policies as "political correctness" and labeling African Americans and Latino Americans as criminals. This tactic pits Asian Americans against other minorities. In the second quarter of 2022, the mis/disinformation surrounding this topic included:

01 California will provide reparations to slave descendants.

02 Democrats are engaged in reverse racism by supporting African Americans and other minorities.

03 Blacks and Latinos are high-crime groups and make up a high percentage of welfare recipients.

根源 | 反向的种族歧视

在美国历史上，有过一段"黑奴"的不光彩一页，后来随着社会的发展，这段历史已经成为反面的历史教材，美国学生从小学开始就会学习这段历史，让每一代人谨记历史的污点，以防未来再次发生类似事件。

这本是好事，然而在现实生活中开始出现了反向种族歧视，一种"白人天生就是罪恶的"观点开始在社会上流传。民主党更是为了一己之私，打着"为黑人出头"的名义，搞起了反向种族歧视。

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Keyword 6: Education Equity, Critical Race Theory

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, there has been disinformation about the virus and the vaccine in the Chinese-language community. And unlike other topics, this one has also caught the attention of many users in mainland China. Similarly, much disinformation we detected is influenced by Chinese government-supported narratives. In the second quarter of 2022, key mis/disinformation about the COVID-19 virus and vaccine safety includes:

01 CRT has influenced math curriculum by inserting information about prostitutes and sexual abuse into algebra problems.

02 The left is desperately pushing CRT to benefit their allies, e.g. "The daughter of the Attorney General Merrick Garland, who is investigating domestic terrorism by angry parents, is married to the founder of the educational group that promotes CRT.

03 Affirmative action only serves the "racial balance," e.g. "Harvard admissions is really a soft "racial quota."

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Keyword 7: COVID-19 and Vaccines

As a topic that many Chinese parents follow closely, education-related issues are now involved with much mis/disinformation. From affirmative action to Critical Race Theory (CRT), which is now frequently brought up by politicians, we have seen the following false narratives in the second quarter:

01	Side effects associated with the vaccine, e.g. "New monkeypox is related to the Pfizer vaccine; Pfizer vaccine can cause hearing impairment; Pfizer vaccine may cause autoimmune hepatitis, etc."
02	Authorities such as Fauci lied, therefore COVID-19 and the pandemic is a lie, e.g. "Fauci, the White House chief medical advisor, perjured at Congress (when speaking on the pandemic)"
03	COVID-19 is not that severe, e.g. "Covid should have been treated like a flu."
04	Conspiracy theories related to COVID-19, e.g. "Coronavirus was introduced to sell vaccines; mail-in ballots must be introduced to steal elections; and the epidemic must be exaggerated for mail-in ballots."

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Keyword 8: Undocumented immigrants, U.S. border policy

Similar to the first quarter of 2022, the Chinese-language online community's attacks toward undocumented immigrants continued. A number of conservative politicians' targeting of undocumented immigrants and refugees were largely reported by many Chinese-language social media. The conservative narratives continue to describe this population as having a high crime rate and attacked the current Democratic Party on immigration policy. Related mis/disinformation we have detected include:

01 Blaming Democrats for undocumented immigrants, e.g. "Use buses to send all illegal immigrants to the Capitol for the Democrats to personally take care of."

02 Exaggerating the number of undocumented immigrants entering the U.S. and making false claims about the rights gained by undocumented immigrants, e.g. "Over 2 million illegal immigrants are flooding into the United States! The influx of illegal immigrants from 127 countries into the U.S. last month alone. Democrats are sending them to hotels."

03 Undocumented immigrants caused the U.S. formula crisis, e.g. "Biden gave all the baby formula to undocumented immigrants, causing a shortage of formula for American families."

04 The root cause of the death of 51 people in a tractor-trailer in San Antonio, Texas was open immigration, e.g. "Amnesty only brings more illegal people."

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Keyword 9: Stigmatized sexual minorities

Stigmatization of sexual minorities and especially the LGBTQ+ community is common in the Chinese-language community. With the new White House spokesperson Karine Jean-Pierre (an African American LGBTQ woman) many are saying she got her job through political correctness. In the second quarter of 2022, rumors about sexual minorities includes:

01 Allowing children to learn about gender recognition affects mental health and causes confusion, e.g.: "Children and teens are even lured into sex reassignment surgery by adults at a young age when they don't even really know what sex is."

02 The White House assigned Pierre as the new spokesperson and nominated Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court purely for show.

03 The left forces children to be taught about transgenderism, e.g. "Any student who disobeys their 'transgender' rules will be expelled from school as a 'level 4 violation.' "

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