

Title: Methodological appendix for “The spread of political misinformation on subcultural platforms”

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Appendix: Methodological appendix

A. Details on subreddits studied and the platform’s purging of subreddits

Table A. *List of subreddits used in study and ban status after June 2020 purge.*

Subreddit name	Ban status
AmericanGovernment	OK
AmericanPolitics	OK
AmyKlobuchar	OK
BaemyKlobaechar	OK
centerleftpolitics	OK
ChapoTrapHouse	Banned
CollegeRepublicans	OK
Conservative	OK
ConservativeLounge	OK
conservatives	OK
democrats	OK
ElizabethWarren	OK
EnoughLibertarianSpam	OK
esist	OK
freeconservative	OK
GreenParty	OK
gunpolitics	OK
ImmigrationReform	OK
JoeBiden	OK
JordanPeterson	OK
kotakuinaction2	OK
LateStageCapitalism	OK
LateStageSocialism	OK
LeftWithoutEdge	OK
Liberal	OK
Libertarian	OK
LouderWithCrowder	OK
ModeratePolitics	OK
neoliberal	OK
new_right	OK
NewPatriotism	OK
paleoconservative	OK

Subreddit name	Ban status
Pete_Buttigieg	OK
POLITIC	OK
PoliticalDiscussion	OK
politics	OK
politics2	OK
POTUSWatch	OK
progressive	OK
progun	OK
prolife	OK
Republican	OK
RightwingLGBT	Banned
SandersForPresident	OK
SocialDemocracy	OK
The_Donald	Banned
The_Mueller	OK
TheNewRight	Banned
tuesday	OK
tulsi	OK
uspolitics	OK
walkaway	OK
worldpolitics	OK
YangForPresidentHQ	OK

B. Definitions for “junk news” coding schema used to categorize hyperlink data

Table B. Definitions for “junk news” coding schema. Adapted from the analysis of Benkler et. al. (2018).

Code	Definition
News	Websites with a primary goal of journalistic content that adhere to professional journalistic norms, as detailed by Benkler et al. (2018). This category was further divided based on a rough indication of political and ideological biases, based on an expert list informed by such media and news bias sources as Allsides.com, Media Bias Fact Check and NewsGuard.
Conspiracy	Sites that post conspiracy theories or conspiracy-driven news articles.
Propaganda	Websites made to purposefully manipulate or mislead readers for political ends.
Sensationalist	News media that are created with the purpose of driving traffic and do not adhere to journalistic norms and ethics standards.
Campaign	Any website directly related to or directly promoting the political campaign of a presidential candidate or public servant.
Non-news	Any website that does not fall into the above categories.