

Title: Distribution of individual narratives appendix for “Conspiracy and debunking narratives about COVID-19 origins on Chinese social media: How it started and who is to blame”

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## Appendix F: Distribution of individual narratives

We examined the individual narratives of each conspiracy related post by looking into the distribution of the combination of our two main hand-labelled variables: origin type and responsibility attribution since these two elements constitute the main part of a post’s content. From the table below, we can see that individual narratives mainly consist of responsibility attribution to the United States and China when discussing the origin of COVID-19. There is not much variation in individual narratives.

Origin Type	Individual Narratives
Nature/Unknown Origin	Nature AND China Responsible: 174 Nature AND U.S. Responsible: 125 Nature AND China Responsible AND U.S. Responsible: 15 Nature AND China AND U.S. AND Japan Responsible: 1 Nature AND China AND U.S. AND Other European Countries Responsible: 1 Nature AND Serbia AND U.S. Responsible: 1 Nature AND U.S. AND Other European Countries Responsible: 2 Nature AND Other European Countries Responsible: 5 Nature AND Other nonAboveCountries Responsible: 2 Nature AND No Clear Responsibility Attribution: 24
Human-synthesis	Human AND China Responsible: 156 Human AND U.S. Responsible: 253 Human AND China Responsible AND U.S. Responsible: 10 Human AND China AND U.S. AND Japan Responsible: 1 Human AND U.S. AND Japan Responsible: 1 Human AND Japan Responsibility: 1 Human AND Other European Countries: 11 Human AND Bill Gates: 2 Human AND nonAboveCountries: 26 Human AND U.S. AND nonAboveCountries Responsible: 1 Human AND No Clear Responsibility Attribution: 100
Lab-edited	Lab AND China Responsible: 298 Lab AND U.S. Responsible: 268 Lab AND China AND U.S. Responsible: 13 Lab AND China AND U.S. AND Japan Responsible: 1 Lab AND U.S. AND Japan Responsible: 1 Lab AND U.S. AND Other European Countries Responsible: 1 Lab AND China AND nonAboveCountries Responsible: 1 Lab AND No Clear Responsibility Attribution: 53
Bioweapon	Bioweapon AND China Responsible: 25 Bioweapon AND U.S. Responsible: 133 Bioweapon AND China AND U.S. Responsible: 4

	Bioweapon AND China AND U.S. AND Other European Countries Responsible: 1
	Bioweapon AND U.S. AND Japan Responsible: 1
	Bioweapon AND China AND nonAboveCountries: 1
	Bioweapon AND U.S. and nonAboveCountries: 1
	Bioweapon AND No Clear Responsibility Attribution: 22
5G	5G AND China Responsible: 14
	5G AND U.S. Responsible: 13
	5G AND Other European Countries Responsible: 4
	5G AND No Clear Responsibility Attribution: 44
GMO	GMO AND U.S. Responsible: 6
	GMO and No Clear Responsibility Attribution: 1

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