Appendix: Content, modality, and temporality of online narratives

Table A1. *Top post and comment content summarized by ChatGPT. Like Reddit, PTT involves an original post and subsequent comments.*

	Original content	Comment response
Group with coordination (yellow in Figure 1)	Involvement of Guo Taiming in the presidential race and his strategies for energy policies. Lai Ching-te and a rainbow potion fed to children in New Taipei City. The potential nomination of Zhu Lilun as the presidential candidate for the Kuomintang. A statement made by Kevin McCarthy, a former American government official, who mentioned that he would not invite President Tsai to the Congressional hearing or to Washington D.C. The possibility of Terry Gou partnering with Hou You-yi in the upcoming election.	Criticisms towards the ruling Democratic Progressive Party (DPP). Support for businessman and potential political candidate Terry Gou. Corruption within the DPP, accusations of spreading false information, and the lack of trust towards politicians. Support for nuclear energy and criticism towards the DPP. Alleged inefficiency of the government, foreign policy, and demands for accountability.
USA	Integration of political parties: The only way for non-green (anti-DPP) forces to have a chance in the election is to unite and form a single group. Criticism of Ho You-yi for his image as a bully and his incompetence. Even if Hou were to team up with Ko Wen-je, his negative public image would not change Disapproval of the Kuomintang (KMT) from Ko Wen-je's supporters Disputed ownership of the Diaoyu Islands between Japan and China Lack of trust in both the US and China: Raises doubts about trusting either the US or China, citing recent events such as the Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan and the lack of support for Taiwan internationally.	Criticism of the current government: Frames the current government as being ineffective, with allegations of corruption and incompetence. Mistrust of politicians: Expresses skepticism and distrust towards politicians in general, including both the ruling party and the opposition party. It suggests that politicians are self-serving and dishonest. Criticism of specific politicians: Targets certain politicians, including the current Taipei City Mayor Ko Wen-je and former Premier Lai Ching-te. It questions their motives and accuses them of being deceitful and incompetent. Foreign relations and national identity: Taiwan's relations with China, the USA, other foreign countries, and Taiwan's position in the global arena.
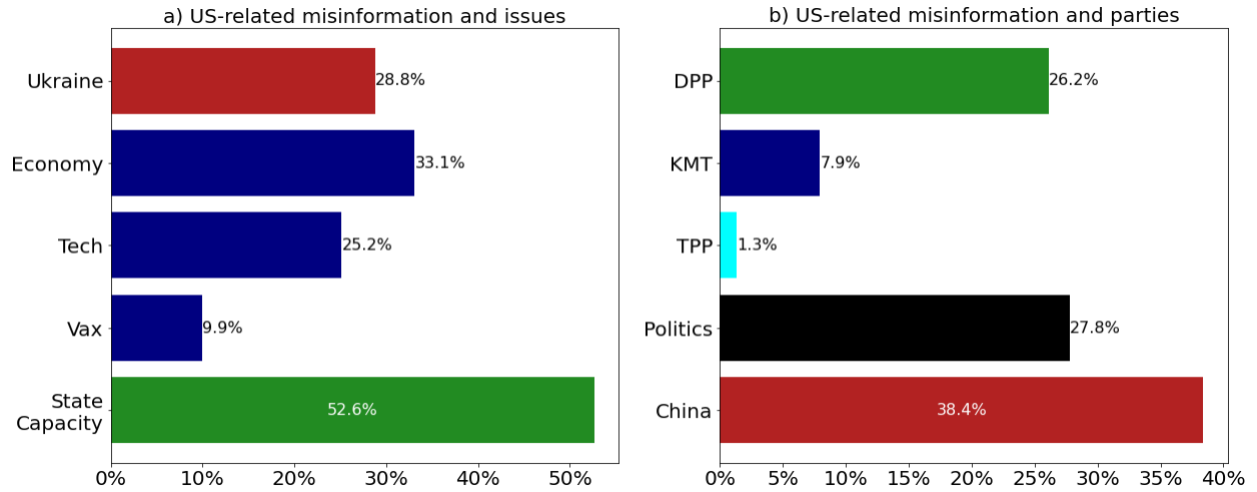
Figure A1. US-related misinformation: (a) overlaps with policy issues, (b) overlaps with political parties and China. *The Cofacts dataset was subset to US-related misinformation, then key themes were extracted using keywords and snowball sampling of top co-occurring words.*
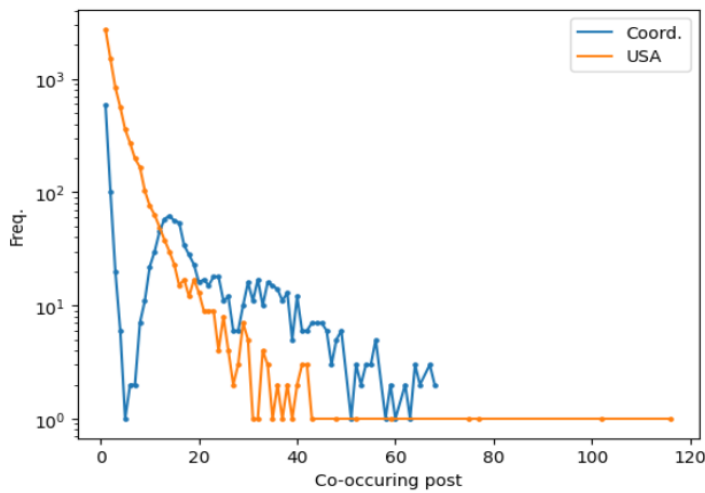
Figure A2. Distribution of the counts of popular posts for the coordinating group (blue) and United States-based IPs (orange).