



Audiences for Poverty Narratives in the U.S. media



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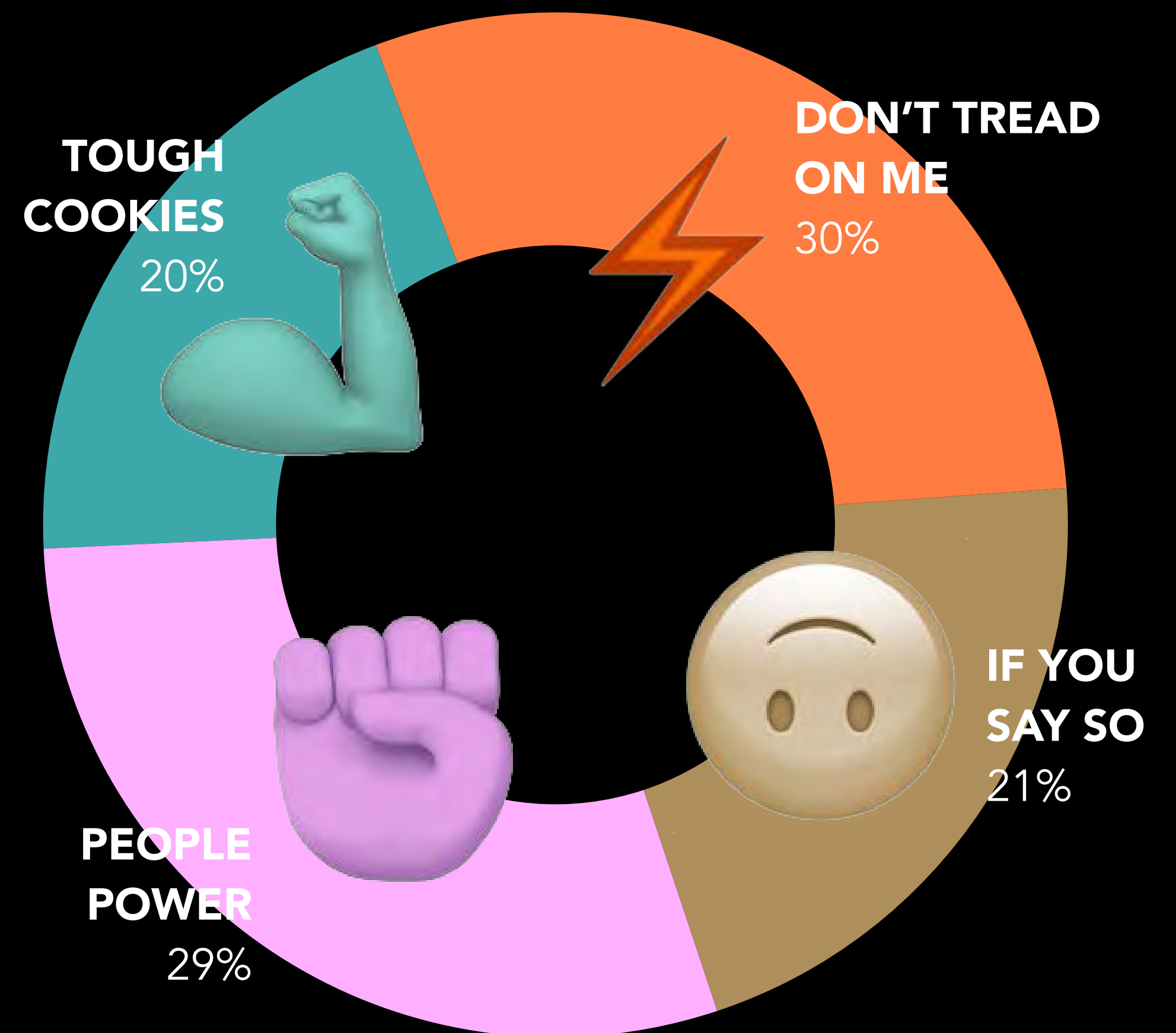
Audiences

Audiences

Groups of people who share similar values, beliefs, metaphors, and emotions about a social issue we call audiences.

Audiences also share similar cultural consumption patterns, which afford critical insights to people making media to reach them. Some audiences are regularly exposed to new ways of thinking about poverty and financial wellbeing in the media they consume, for instance, while other audiences may be absorbing more entrenched viewpoints.

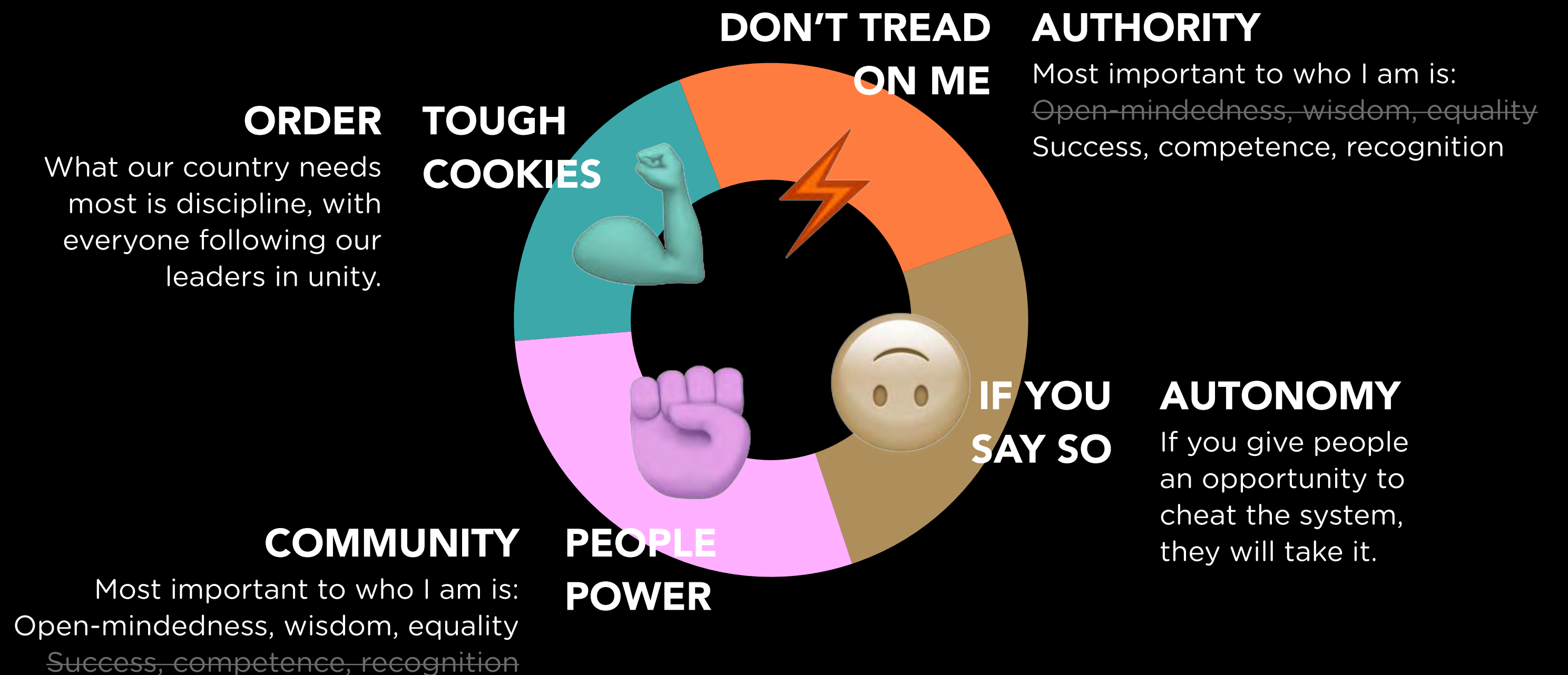
We identified four distinct audiences. In the slides that follow, we offer some general comparisons, then detailed profiles of each audience.



Values distinct

Each audience has fundamentally different values. So even if they share the same beliefs about the causes of poverty, they are likely to have different attitudes about it, and different perspectives on possible solutions.

We use survey questions to illustrate key values distinctions.



Cultural domains

One of the places where all kinds of culture meet is YouTube. We located cultural domains or “centers of gravity” for each audience by reading tags on more than 400,000 audience-viewed YouTube videos. The result is a map of the distinctive cultural domains for each group, with their proximity to one another.

PEOPLE POWER favors lifestyle content: fashion, relationships, parenting, fitness. IF YOU SAY SO is all about games. TOUGH COOKIES engages with news nearly twice as much as other audiences. DON’T TREAD ON ME shares a lot with TOUGH COOKIES, but some unique interests are car repair, sports, and comedy.





People power

We have to liberate ourselves from the status quo. It's time to live up to our ideals, especially for the marginalized and oppressed. All kinds of people coming together in community can fix the system. This goes for nearly every problem, not just poverty.

HOW THE GOOD LIFE LOOKS

"I'd be a psychologist or a vet."

"I would have my masters degree, and I'd be an investigator for the innocence project."

"Be right here with my wife."

WHY PEOPLE DO WELL

"Job security and family wealth."

"They are working. Nothing else. Barely anything other than eat sleep and work."

"They know people or know people that know people and have opportunities."

WHY PEOPLE STRUGGLE

"Lots of kids, and they don't get paid enough. Insurance rates also eat up too much of a lot of people's paychecks."

"Our country doesn't care about us."

"The loss or reduction in income without adequate savings."

WHAT WILL SOLVE POVERTY

"An even distribution of wealth."

"More community gardens funded by tax money to feed people."

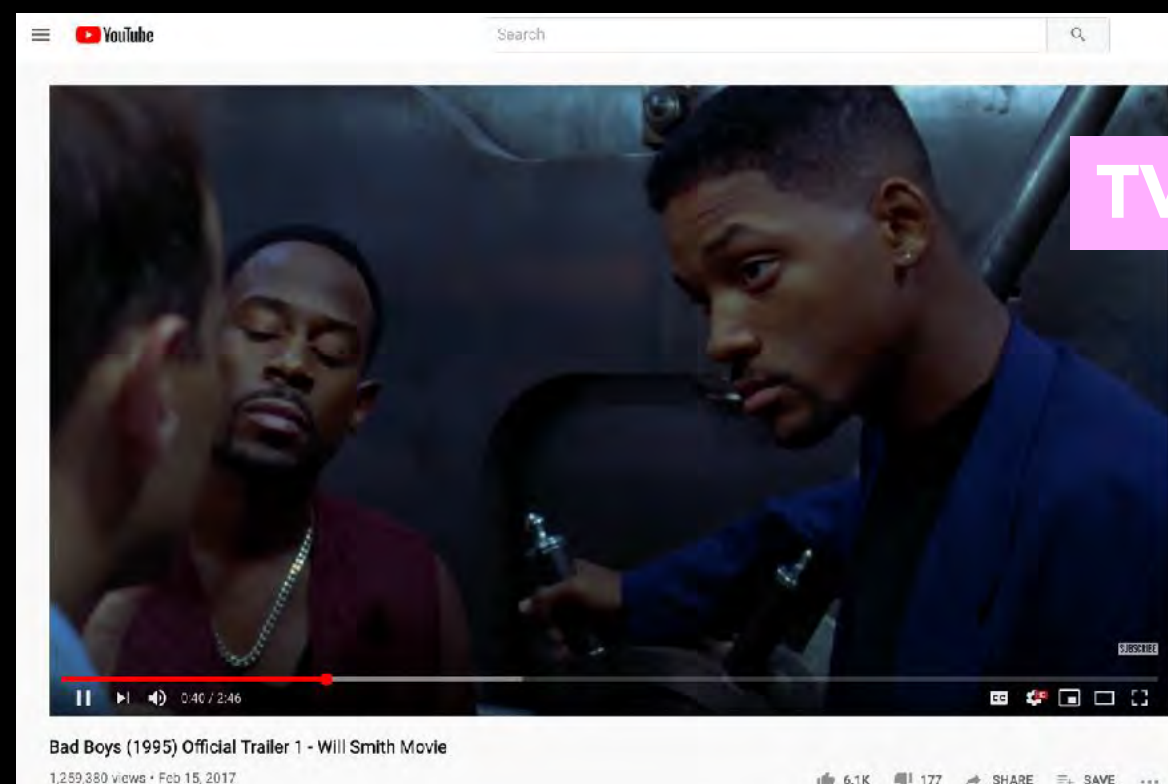
"End racism, pay a decent wage, fix the neighborhoods of poor people."



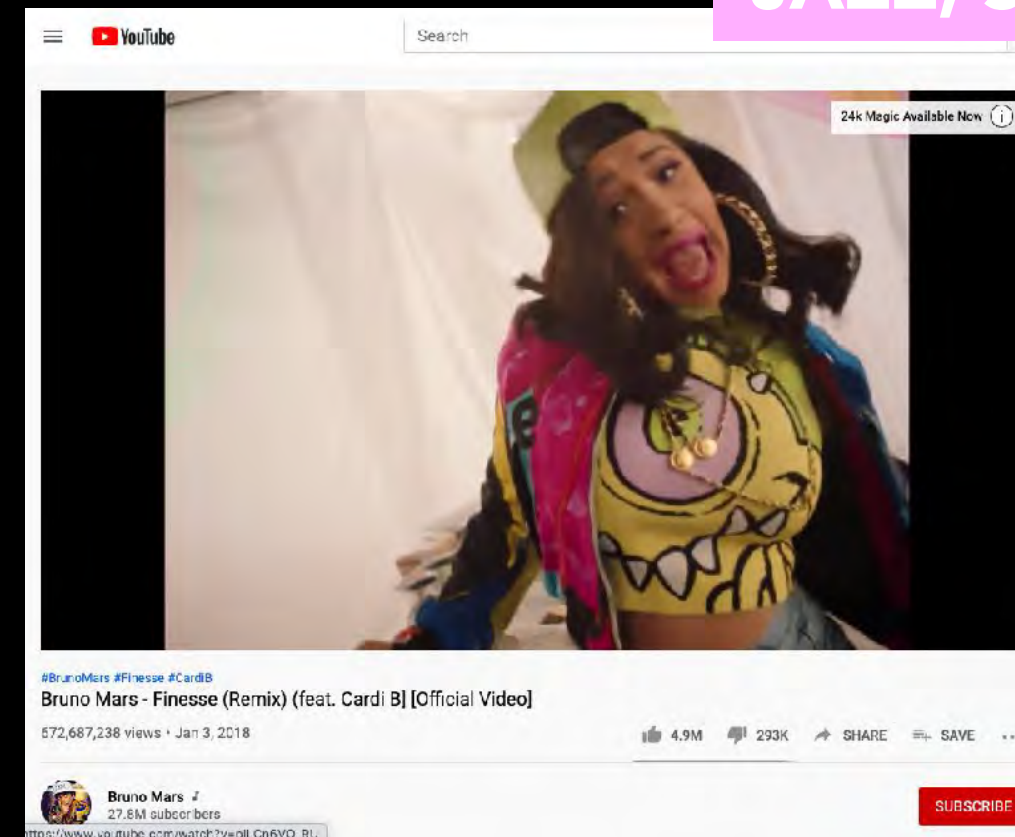
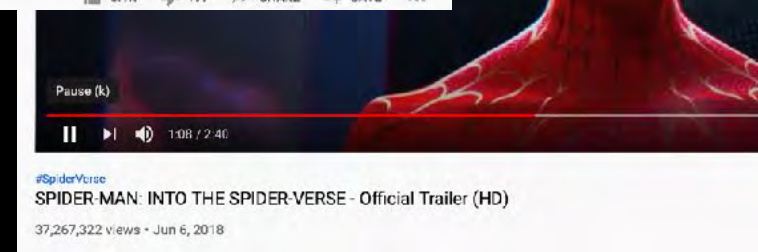
Political, with kids

No need for more turn out to vote reminders. They're getting that already on Twitter from Obama and Alyssa Milano. Shopping trumps cooking, barely, and music takes center stage, along with searching kids content.

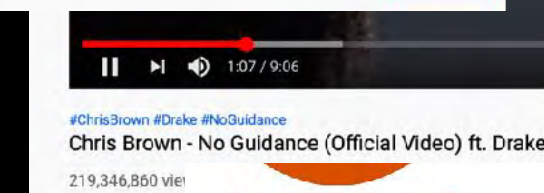
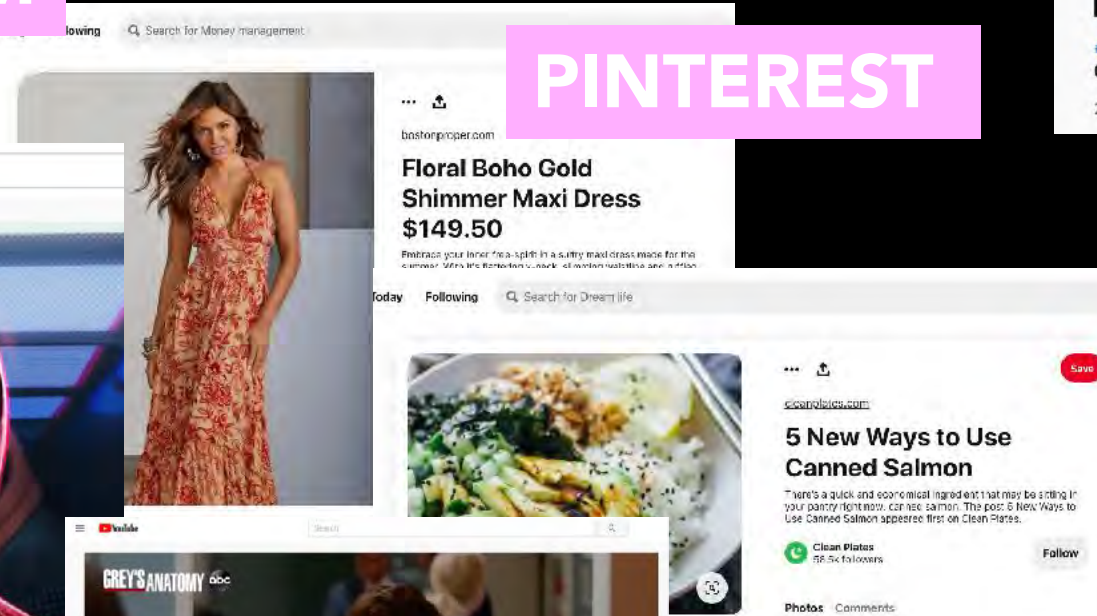
JAZZ, SOUL, HIPHOP



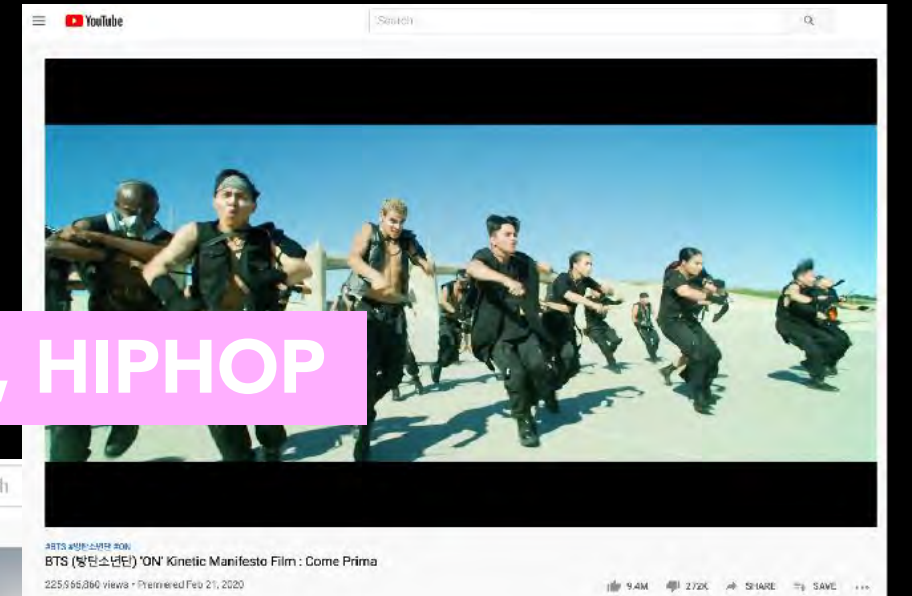
TV & FILM



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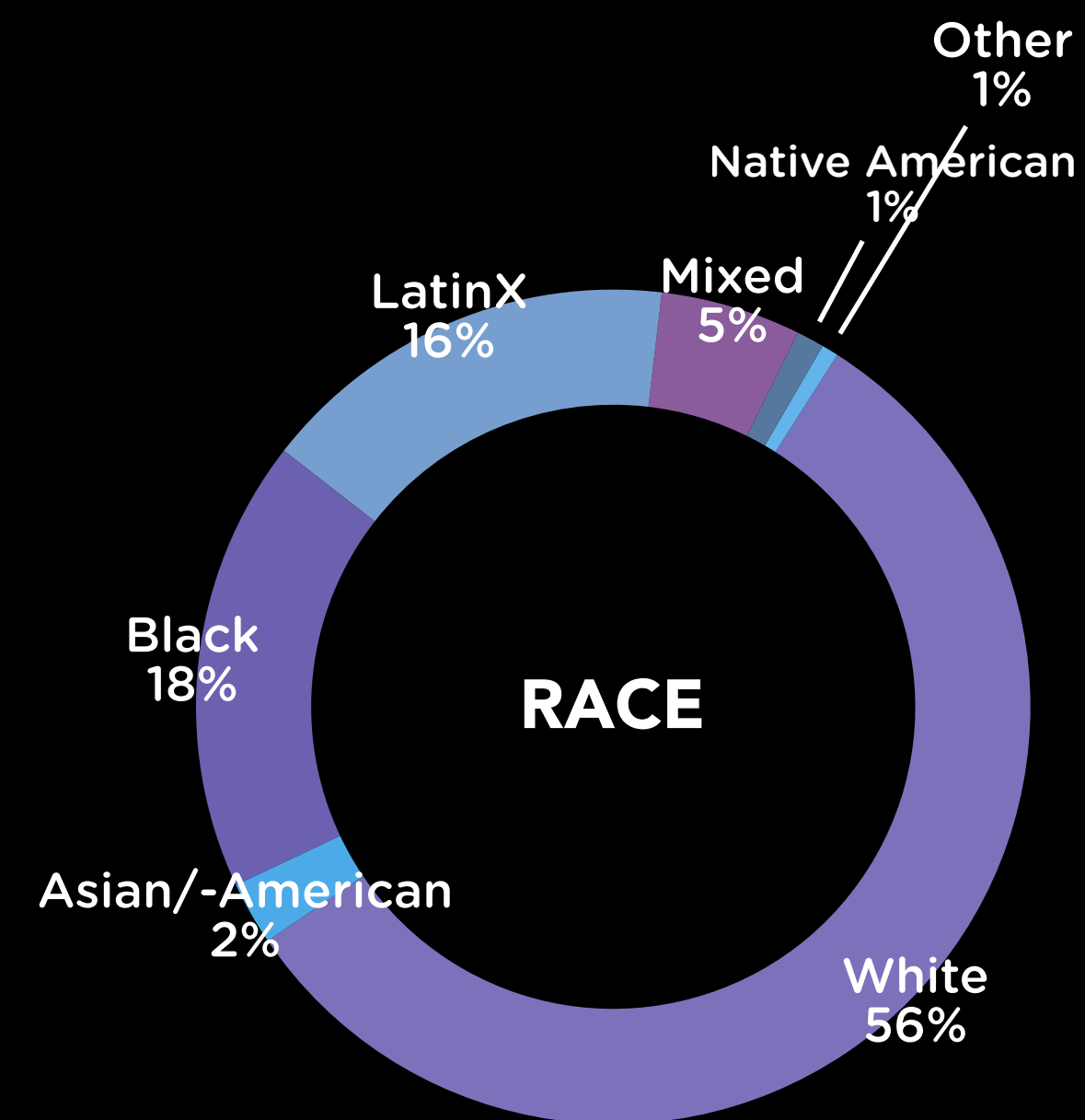
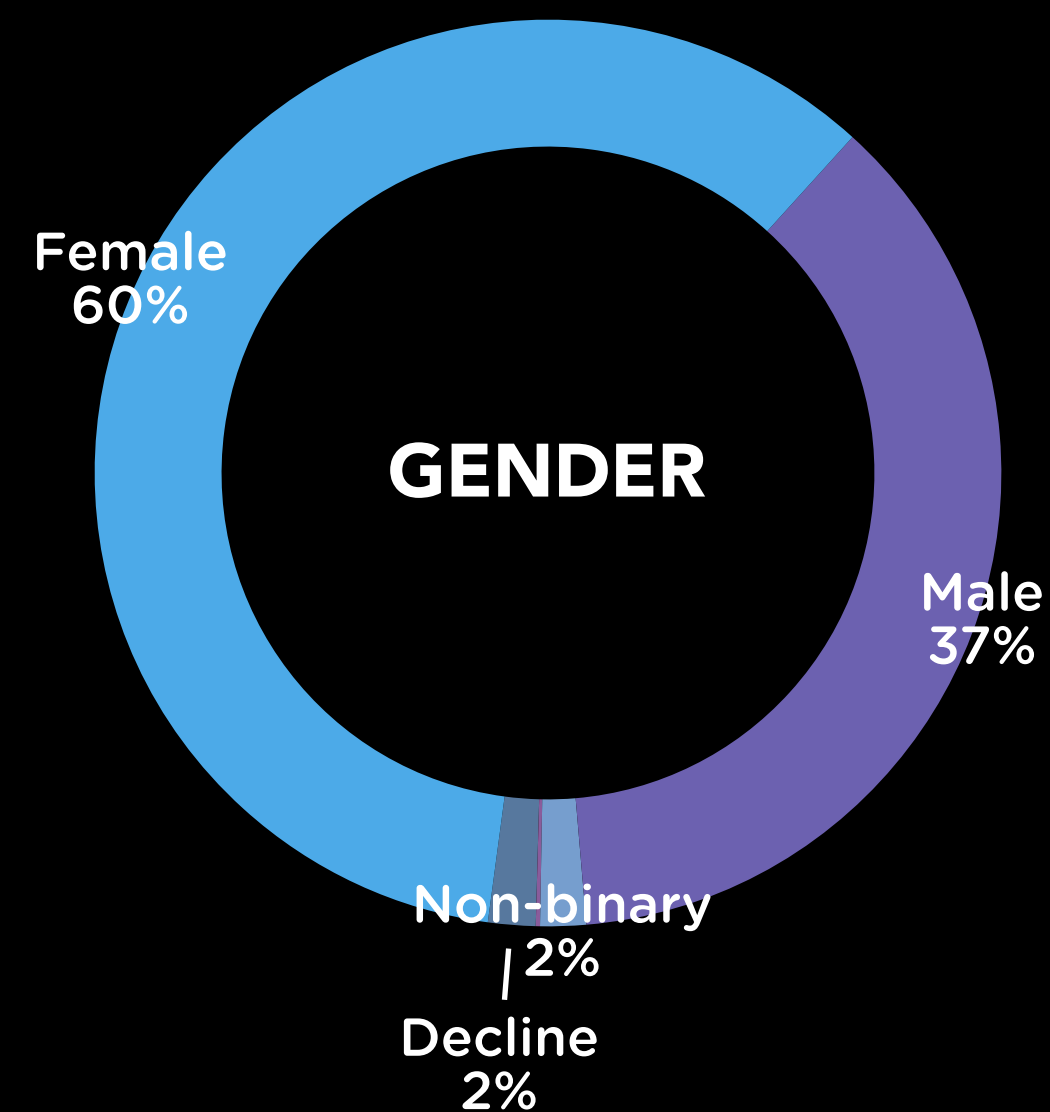
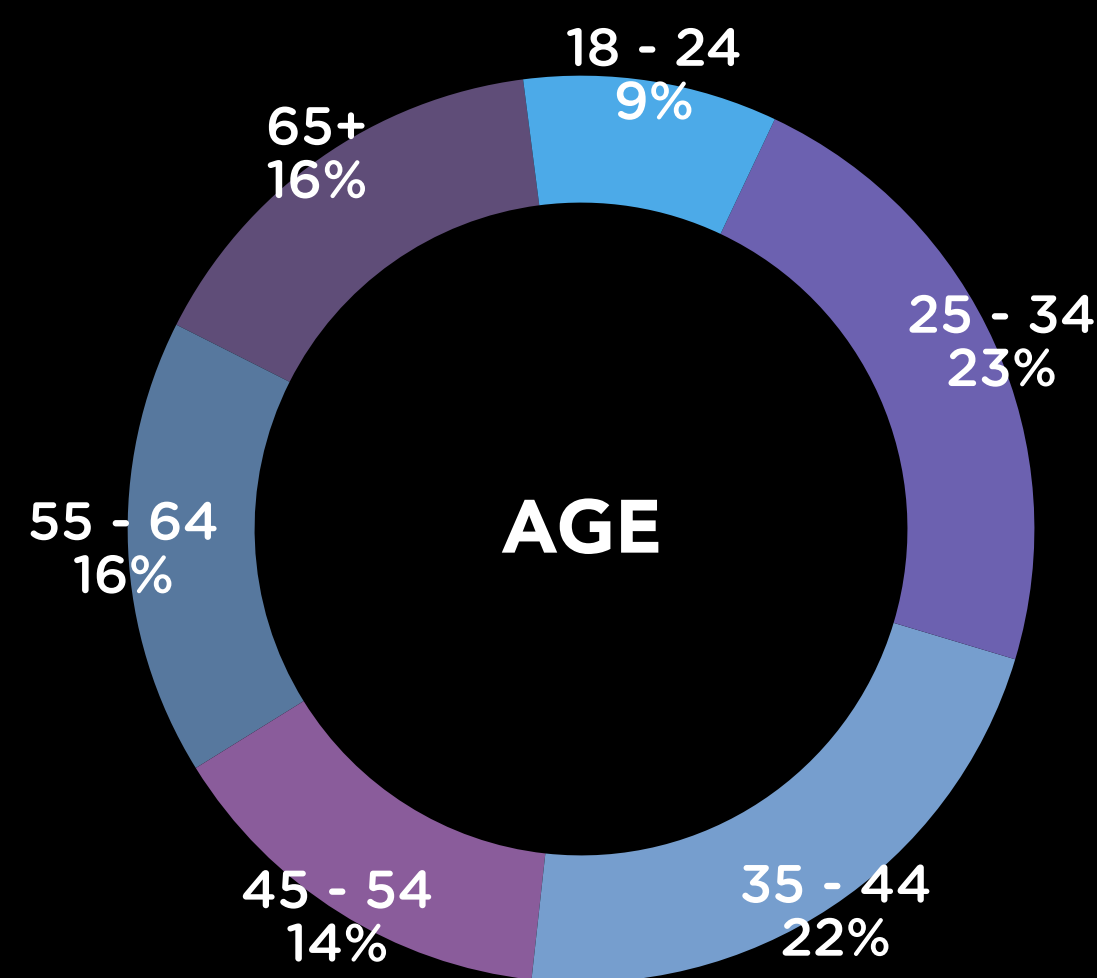


POLITICAL TWITTER



Demographics

45% people of color, 60% women, and more than 40% college educated, PEOPLE POWER is super-secular and super-progressive. Full demographics.





If you say so

It's complicated. Politicians lie, cheat, and steal—corporations too. The system can't be trusted. We have to look out for ourselves, here and now. Why not have fun doing it? I can't solve poverty, a lot of people suck, and there's no way the system is going to change anytime soon.

HOW THE GOOD LIFE LOOKS

"Working out in a gym with lots of equipment."

"Fighting in the ufc and being a movie star."

"I'd be working as a nurse renting or buying a single family home."

WHY PEOPLE DO WELL

"Funds and support from other people."

"Good education and good habits."

"Parents helped them through college and lack of student loan debt."

WHY PEOPLE STRUGGLE

"Loss of job due to covid."

"Some live beyond their means because they want everything. Some work very hard & seem to get nowhere."

"The government and because they make sum wrong life Decisions."

WHAT WILL SOLVE POVERTY

"Pizza Hut"

"There will always be poverty in America until there is no money."

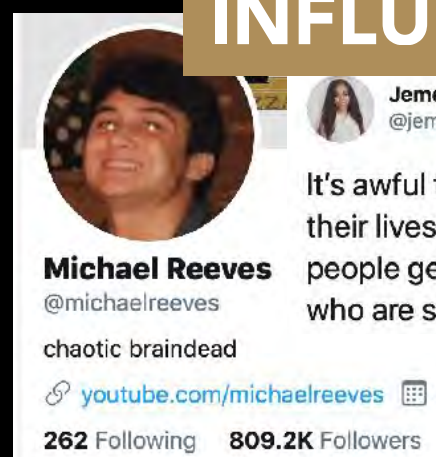
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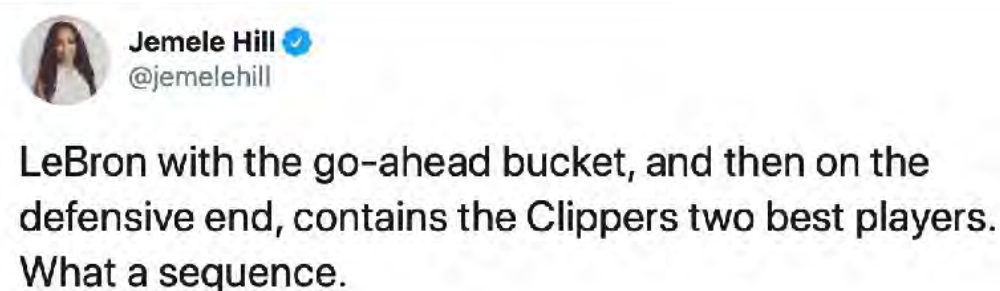
Virtual worlds first

By bulk, most content here isn't political, and Twitter is less a thing than YouTube. But Jemele Hill's political takes on sports, food, and other topics offer a model for bringing justice issues to this game-favoring audience.

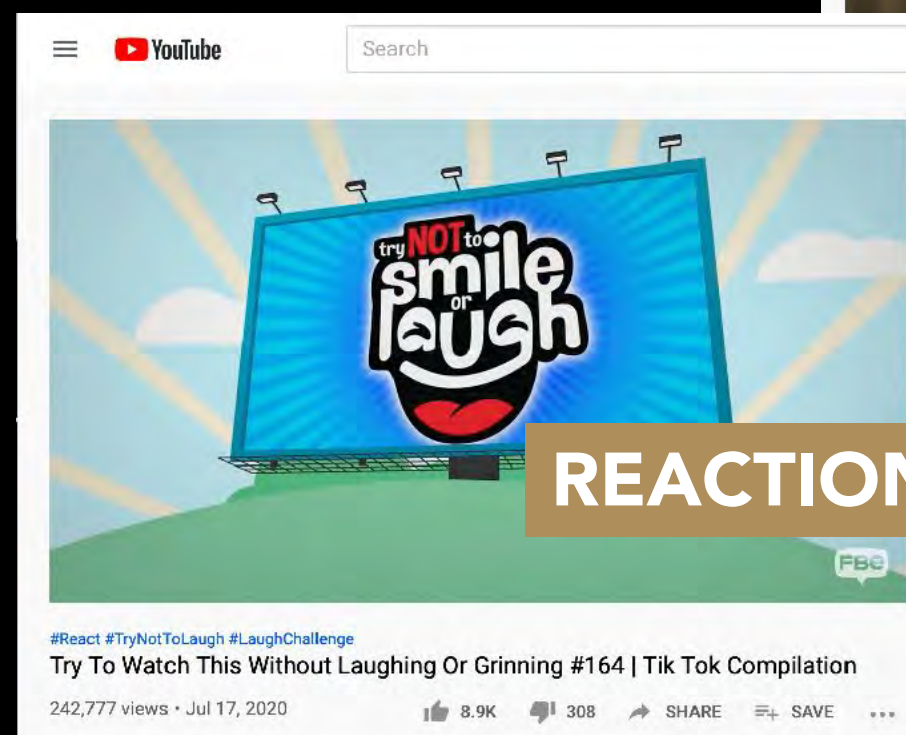
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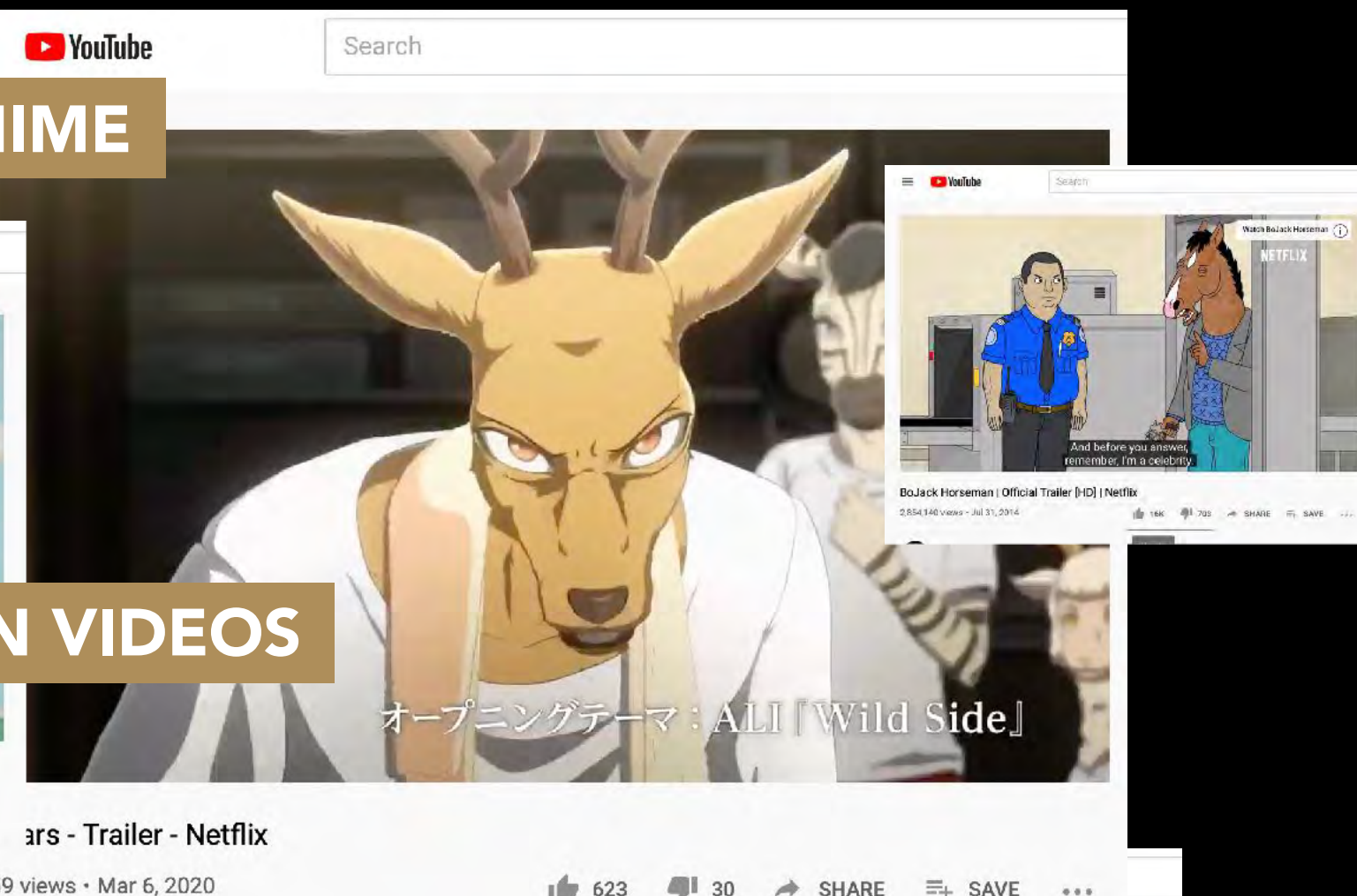
It's awful that a grieving family had to take time out of their lives to save you from your own stupidity. Black people get so tired of having to educate white people who are so privileged they don't have to know better.



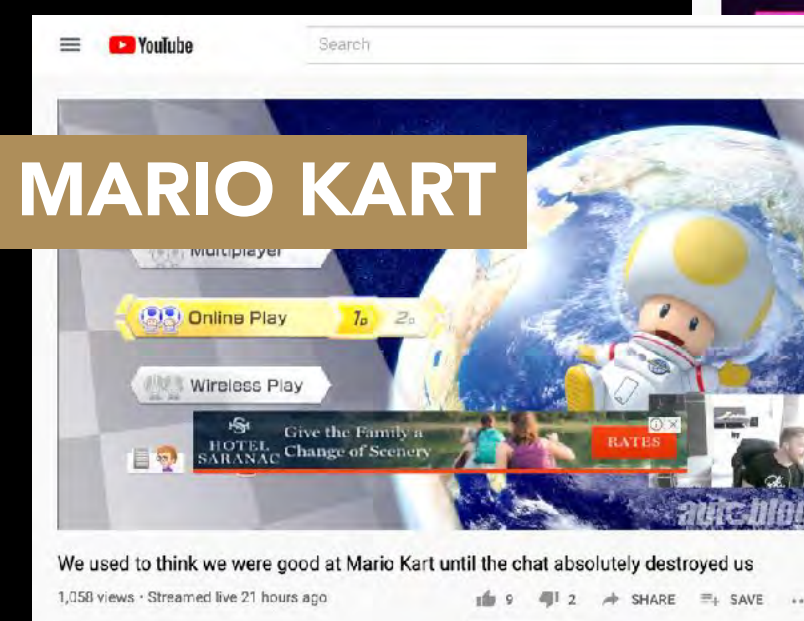
ANIMATION & ANIME



REACTION VIDEOS



E-SPORTS, ESP MARIO KART



MINECRAFT FOR DAYS!





... except for BLM

IF YOU SAY SO spends the least time of any audience with online news (3.2%), but they're most engaged with BLM, racial justice, and protest-related content generally.

BLM NEWS



White House doubles down on Trump's ugly attack on 75-year-old peace activist injured by police

Mark Sumner
Daily Kos Staff

Wednesday June 10, 2020 - 11:59 AM EDT

Facebook Twitter Email Print RSS Send 266 Share Tweet 412 Comments



Ahmaud Arbery: former police officer and son charged in shooting of black jogger

Gregory and Travis McMichael confronted Arbery with two firearms as the 25 year old was jogging in Brunswick, Georgia



Surveillance videos show multiple people had trespassed at the home Ahmaud Arbery visited. He was the only one killed

By Hollie Silverman, CNN
Updated 6:06 PM ET, Mon May 18, 2020

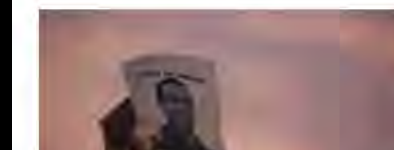


Coach in Hot Water Over Posts About Minneapolis Death

Wrestling coach depicted himself with knee on his neck and wrote 'not dead yet'

By Newser Editors, Newser Staff
Posted May 28, 2020 12:28 PM EDT

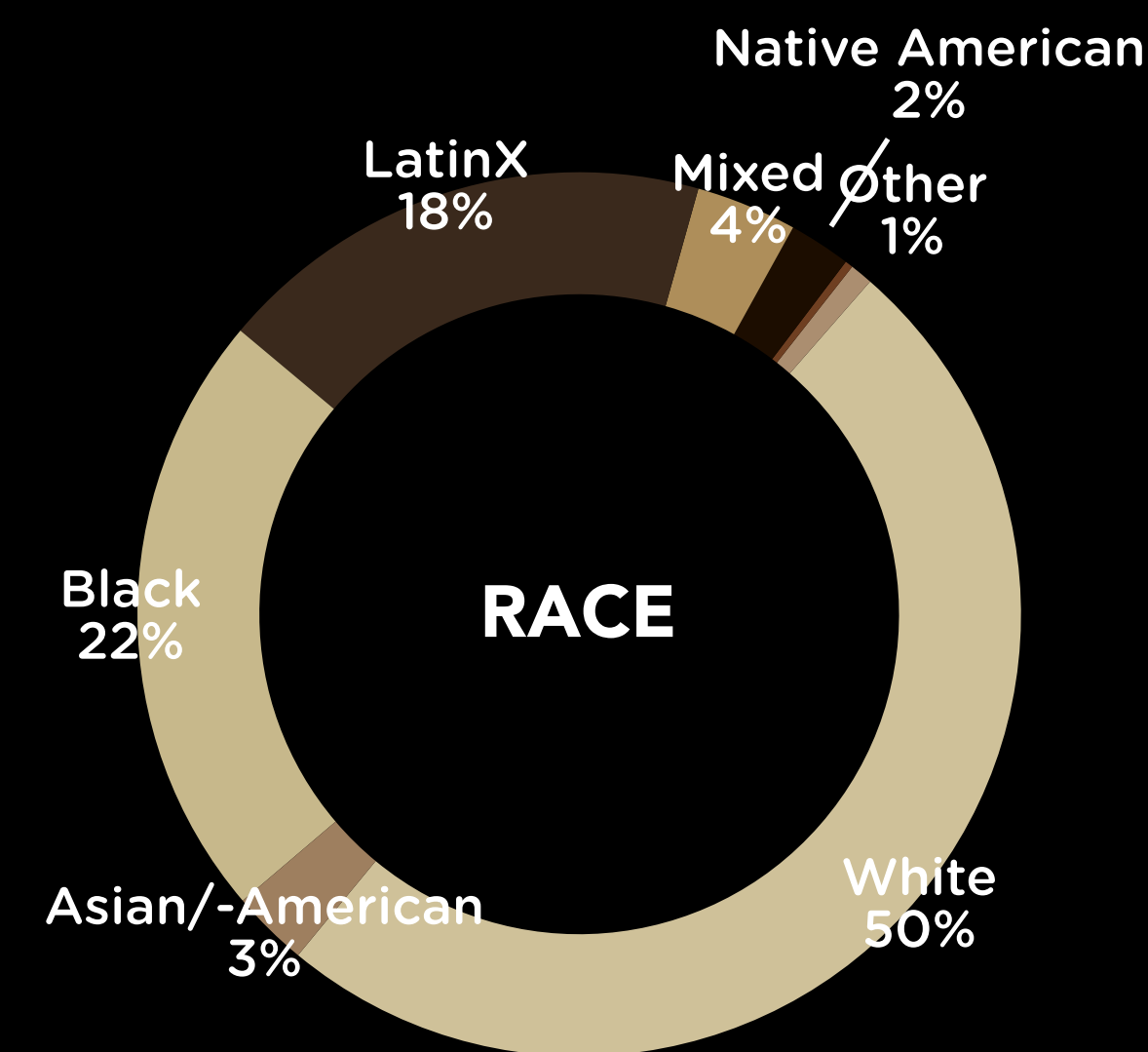
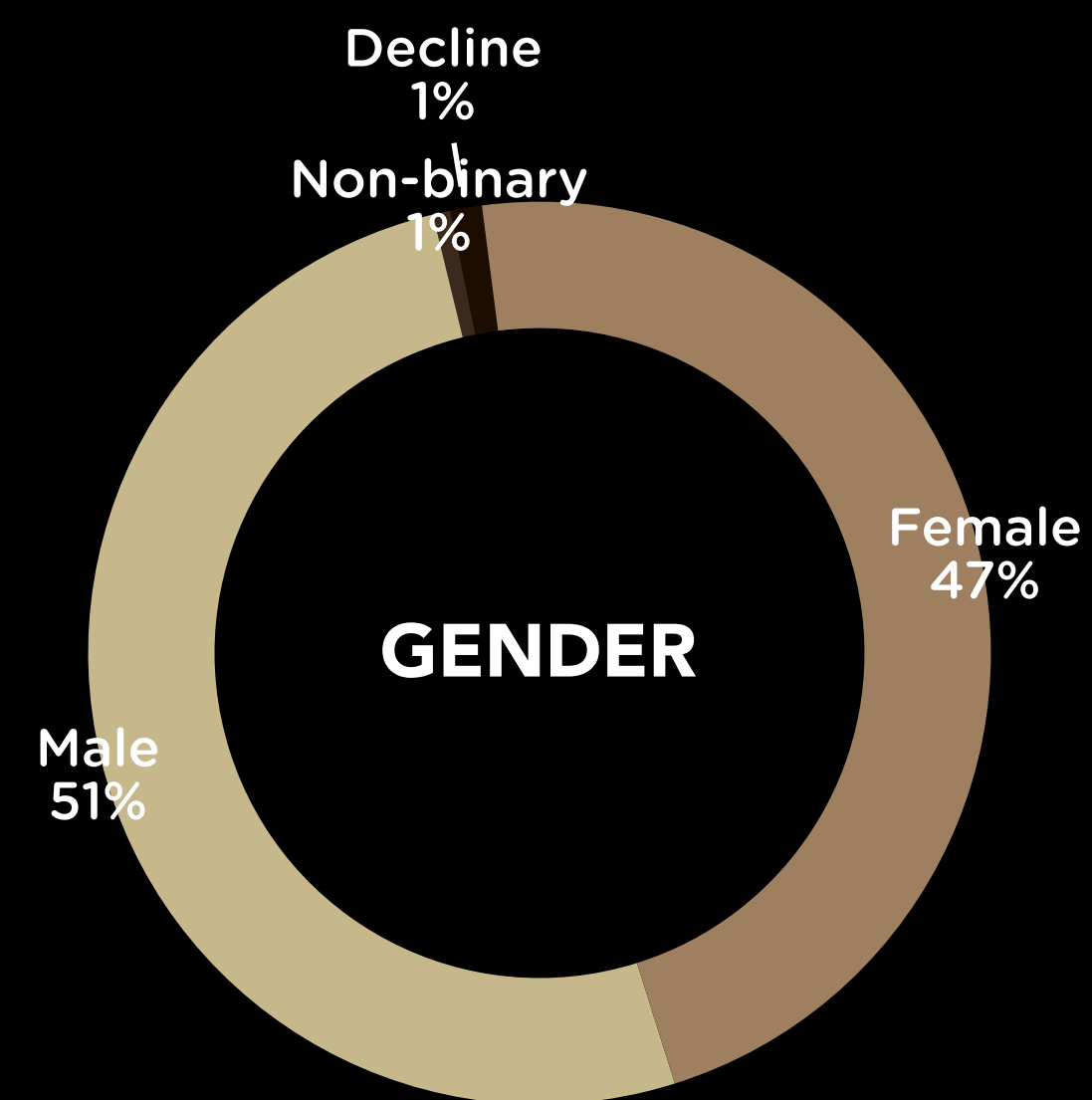
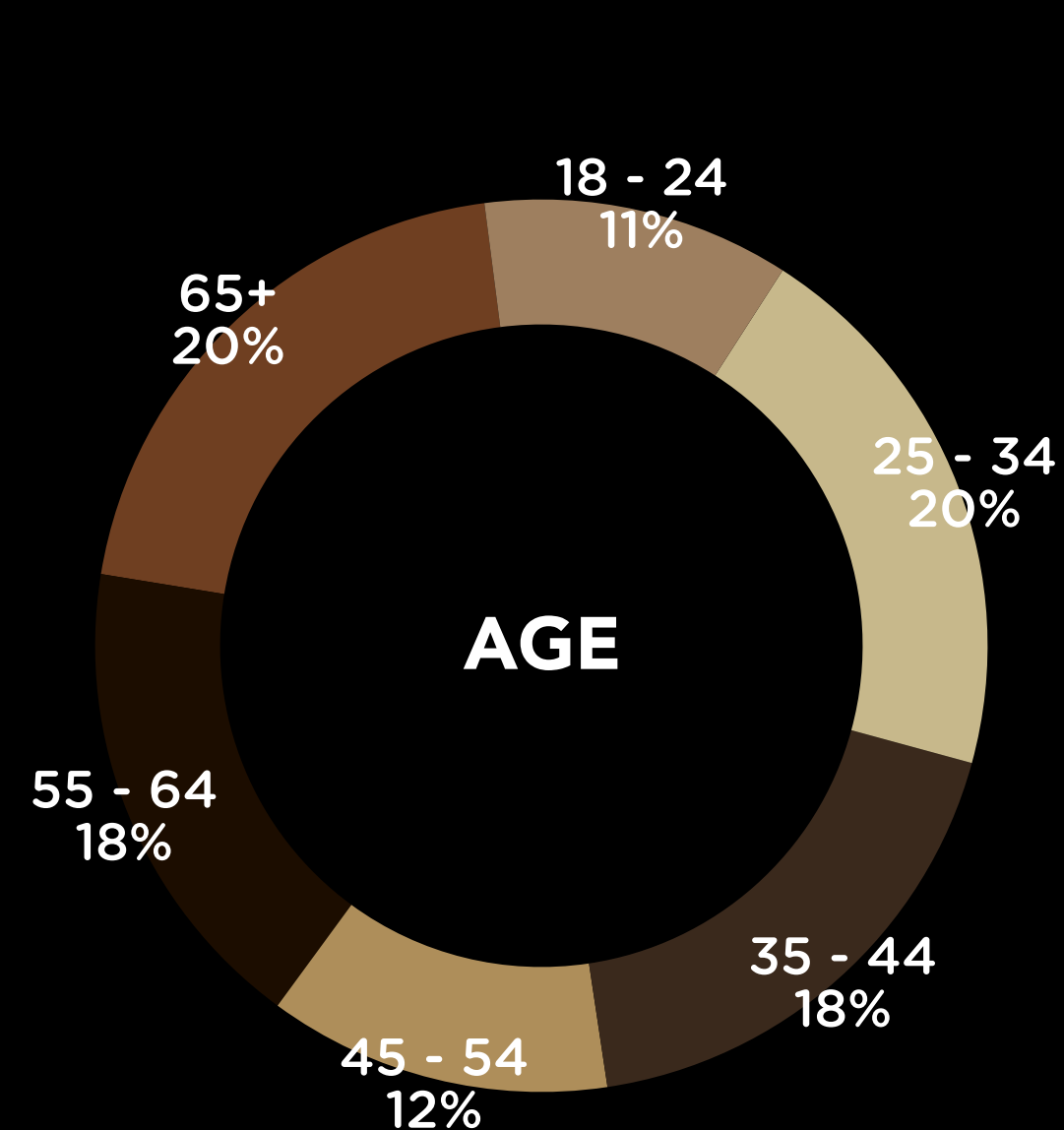
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Demographics

About half men, half people of color, a little over half Democrats, IF YOU SAY SO stands out more for their cultural profile than for their demographics. [Full demographics.](#)





Tough cookies

Life's a grind and never fair, but you've got to keep going. We play by the rules, just like our parents. We learned to treat others right, and to put family first. With a little faith and some hard work, there's no reason many of this country's problems can't be solved.

HOW THE GOOD LIFE LOOKS

- "Being on a beach."
- "Basking at a resort at the ocean."
- "Relaxing on a beach with my whole family."
- "Being barefooted with the girls."

WHY PEOPLE DO WELL

- "They have some savings to survive."
- "They have planned for the future."
- "Working hard and smart."
- "They have stable jobs."
- "Didn't lose job/income."

WHY PEOPLE STRUGGLE

- "They don't make enough money."
- "No money for food."
- "Spending too much money."
- "Because of bad jobs."

WHAT WILL SOLVE POVERTY

- "Less greed & more caring about others."
- "A whole lot that I am unqualified to answer about."
- "I am not sure."



Feel-good faithful

TOUGH COOKIES spend more time with online news (5.2%) than any other audience—especially as it relates to COVID, the stimulus, and crime. They tend to favor the well ordered black-and-white, us-versus-them worlds of Westerns and police procedurals. While politically diverse, they do pay attention to Trump on Twitter.

CRIME REPORTS

Elmwood: Real Time News
'It needs to stop': Birmingham father killed, pregnant girlfriend injured in early-morning shooting
Updated: Fri 01/28/2020 Personal File C6, 2:20P

27-year-old arrested after Flint police find body in a dumpster

38 arrested in massive meth bust crossing multiple counties

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NICE & EASY LISTENING

YouTube

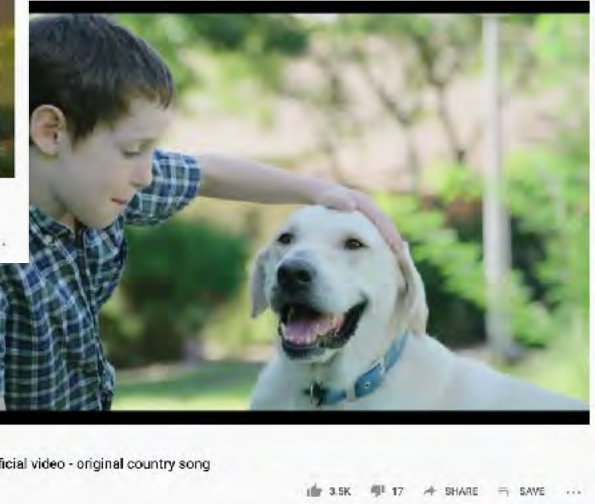
Official Somewhere over the Rainbow - Israel "IZ" Kamakawiwo'ole

921,577,787 views · Apr 12, 2010

#ThereWasJesus #ZachWilliams #ChristianMusic
Zach Williams, Dolly Parton - There Was Jesus (Official Music Video)

5,915,294 views · Apr 23, 2020

88K 1.2K SHARE SAVE



TRUMP TWITTER

Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump

.....Our massive testing capability, rather than praised, is used by the Lamestream Media and partner, the Do Nothing Radical Left Democrats, as a point of scorn. This testing, and what we have so quickly done, is used as a Fake News weapon. Sad!

10:08 AM - Jul 31, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

13.9K Retweets and comments 59.5K Replies

#COVIDreliefIRS
IRS.gov/coronavirus

IRS #COVIDreliefIRS
@IRSnews

We're helping taxpayers, businesses, tax-exempt orgs and others affected by COVID-19. IRS doesn't collect comments on this site. Privacy Policy: go.usa.gov/Vg

Washington, D.C. IRS.gov/coronavirus Joined September 2009

148 Following 205.7K Followers

STIMULUS NEWS

Don't Miss Today's Stimulus Check Direct Deposit Deadline (Hint: You Have Until Noon)
The IRS set a deadline for getting stimulus check payments by direct deposit. If you don't take action by today, you'll have to wait for a paper check (which takes longer to arrive).

IRS tax refund tracker: 3 ways to track your return status in 2020

Stimulus bill offers \$600 a week to the unemployed for 4 months
By Tami Luhby, CNN
Updated 8:44 AM ET, Thu March 26, 2020

Here's when Lancaster County residents could start to see stimulus payments [update]
LANCASTERONLINE | Staff Apr 15, 2020

KUDLOW SAYS ECONOMIC RESCUE WILL AMOUNT TO \$6 TRILLION

Stimulus bill offers \$600 a week to the unemployed for 4 months

ORDERED TV WORLDS

The Virginian (Preview Clip)
10,642 views · Nov 12, 2012

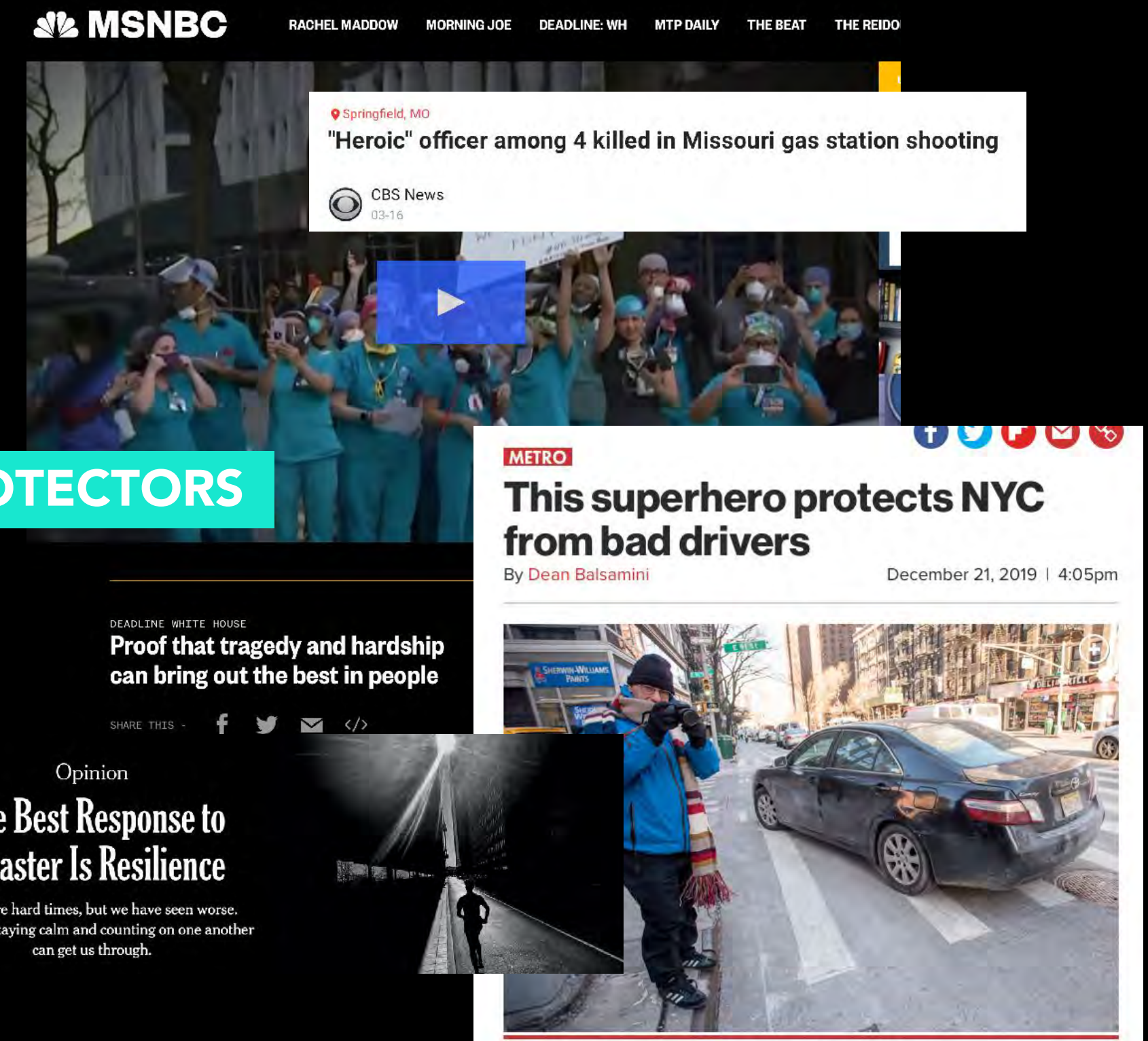
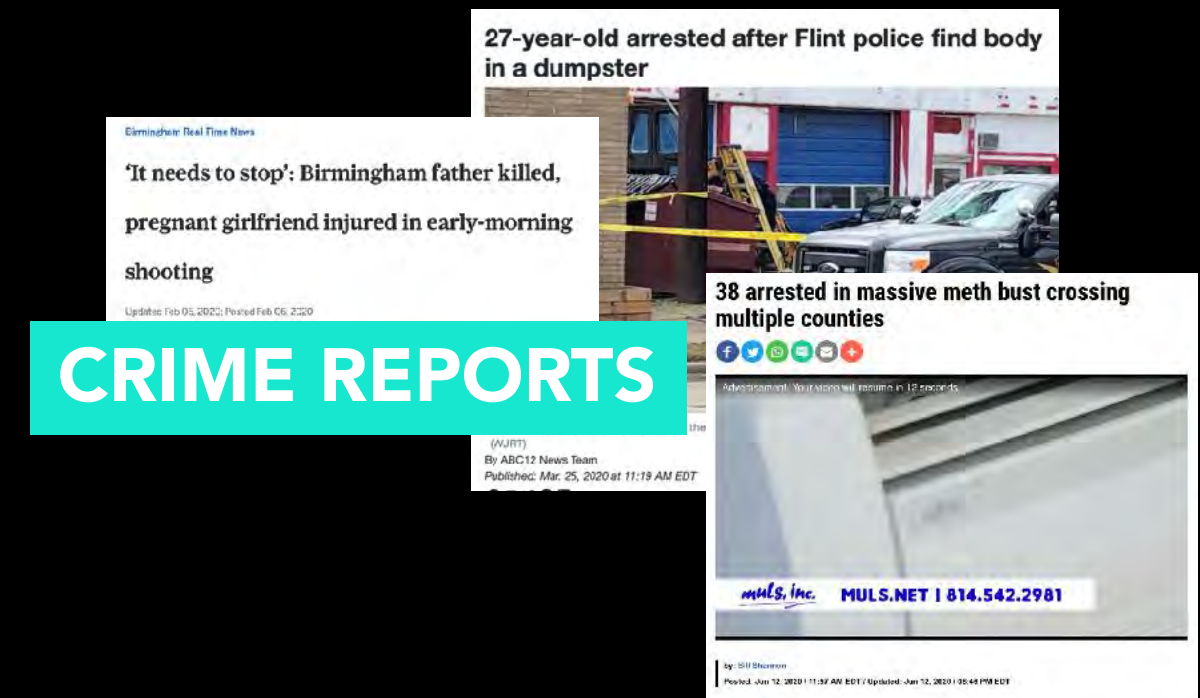
Blue Bloods - season 8 Trailer VO 2017 HD
1,203 views · Oct 5, 2017

NCIS | Season 17 Official Trailer | FOX TV UK
25,377 views · Dec 27, 2019



Opportunity & risk

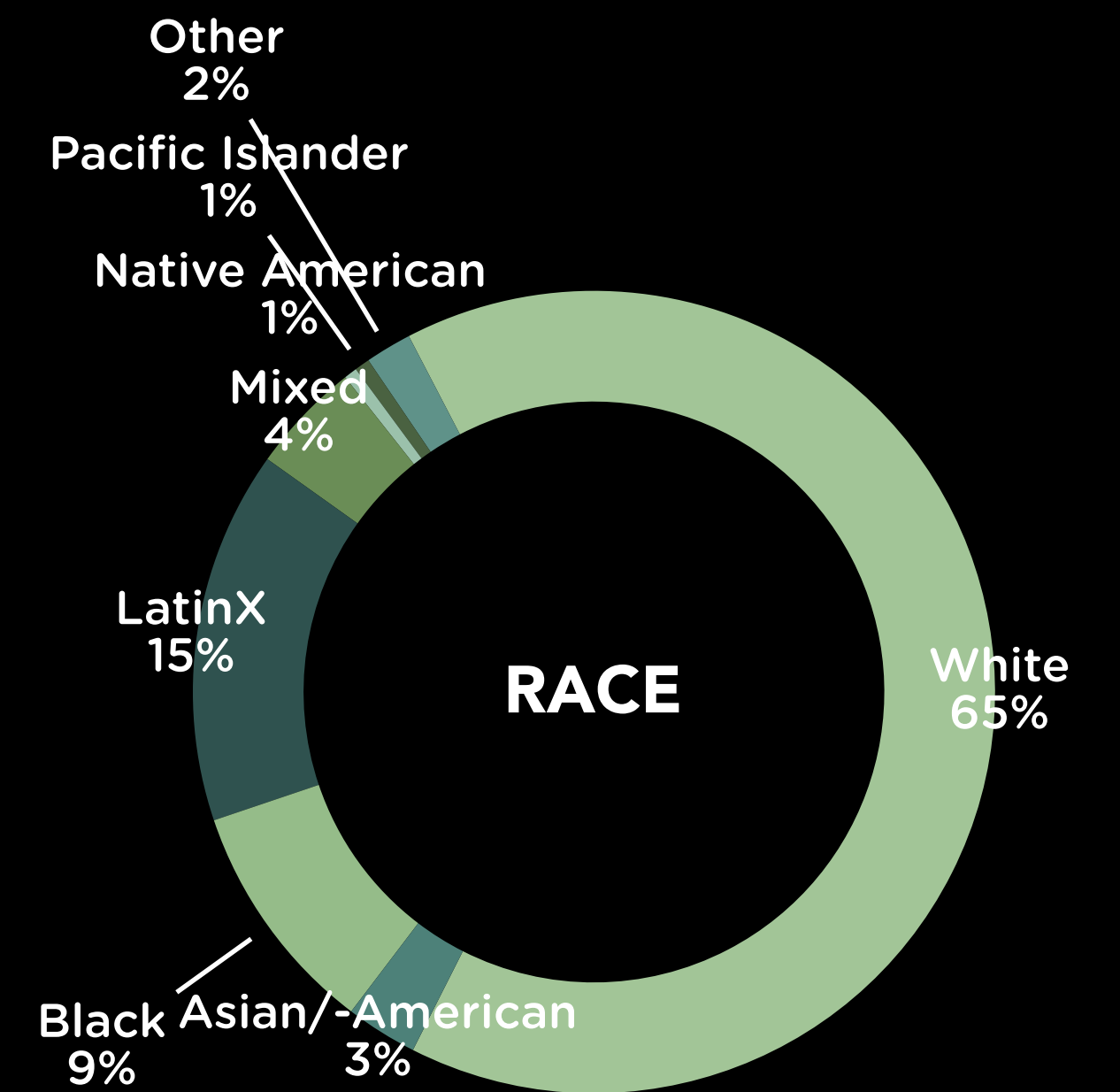
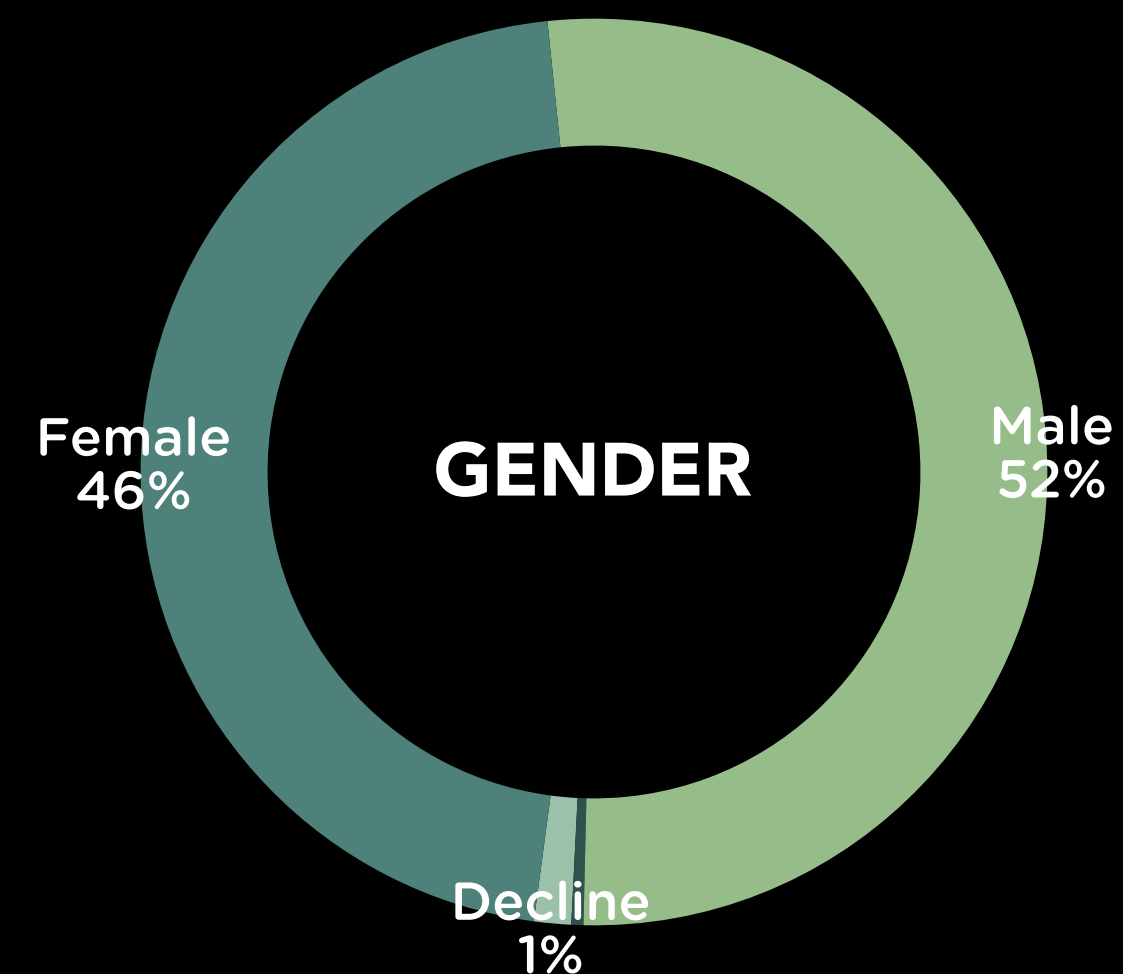
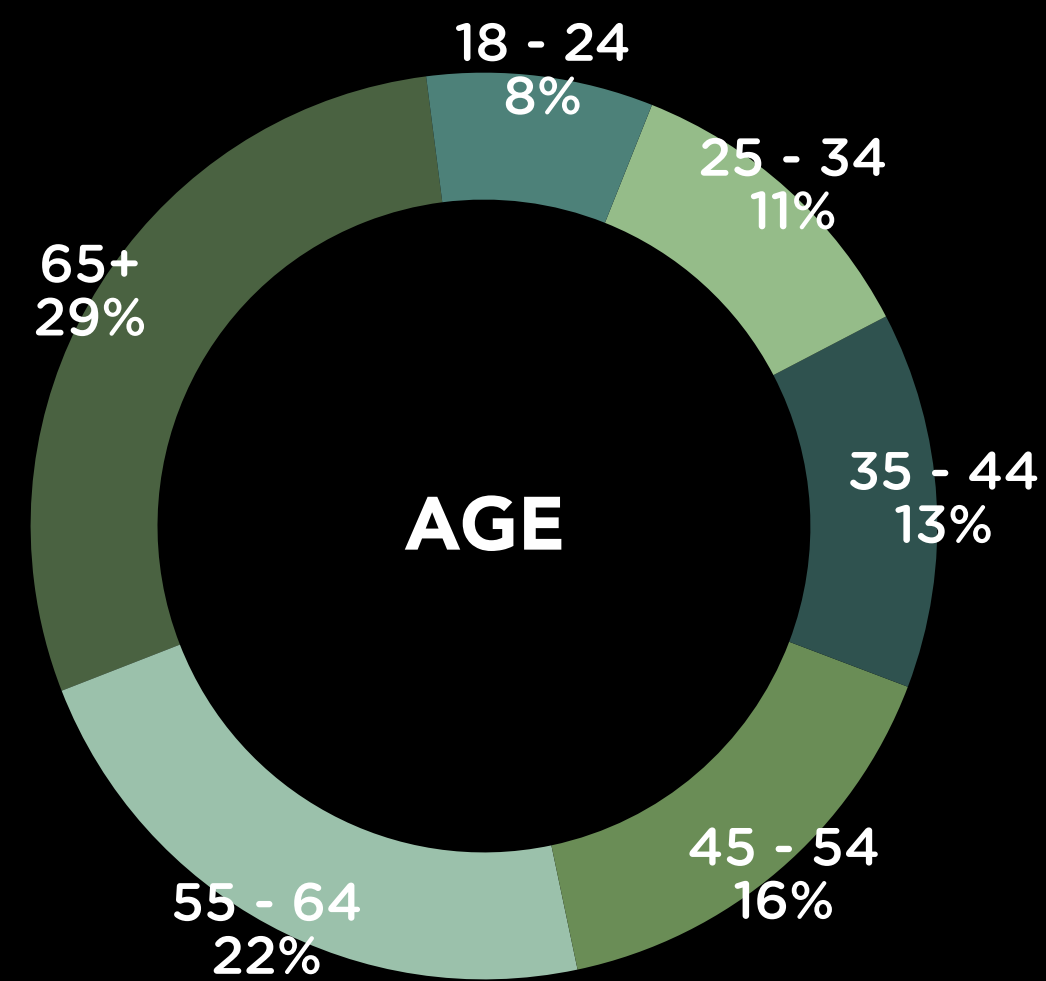
Before COVID, TOUGH COOKIES would have tended to view social safety net programs as “hand-outs.” Not anymore. They’re also uniquely associated with a cluster of articles thematizing “heroes,” “protectors,” and “resilience.” However, given that they consume so much more crime-related content than other audiences, there’s a risk that they see BLM through a “crime and disorder” lens.





Demographics

Racially and politically diverse—about a third identify as Democrat, Republican, and Independent, respectively—TOUGH COOKIES are the oldest group. More than half are over 55. [Full demographics.](#)





Don't tread on me

Everyone's got the same shot at making it. Race just isn't a factor. We work hard for what we have. Our boys in blue protect that. The mainstream media wants you to believe otherwise, but, with blood, sweat, and tears, anyone can achieve the American Dream.

HOW THE GOOD LIFE LOOKS

- "Having all of my family taken care of."
- "With family making memories."
- "Work come home take care of family."
- "Probably what I am but in better health."
- "Doing it now."

WHY PEOPLE DO WELL

- "They work hard no excuses."
- "Working 24/7."
- "They have a good job with a good income, they have a savings account, they don't have any debt to worry about."

WHY PEOPLE STRUGGLE

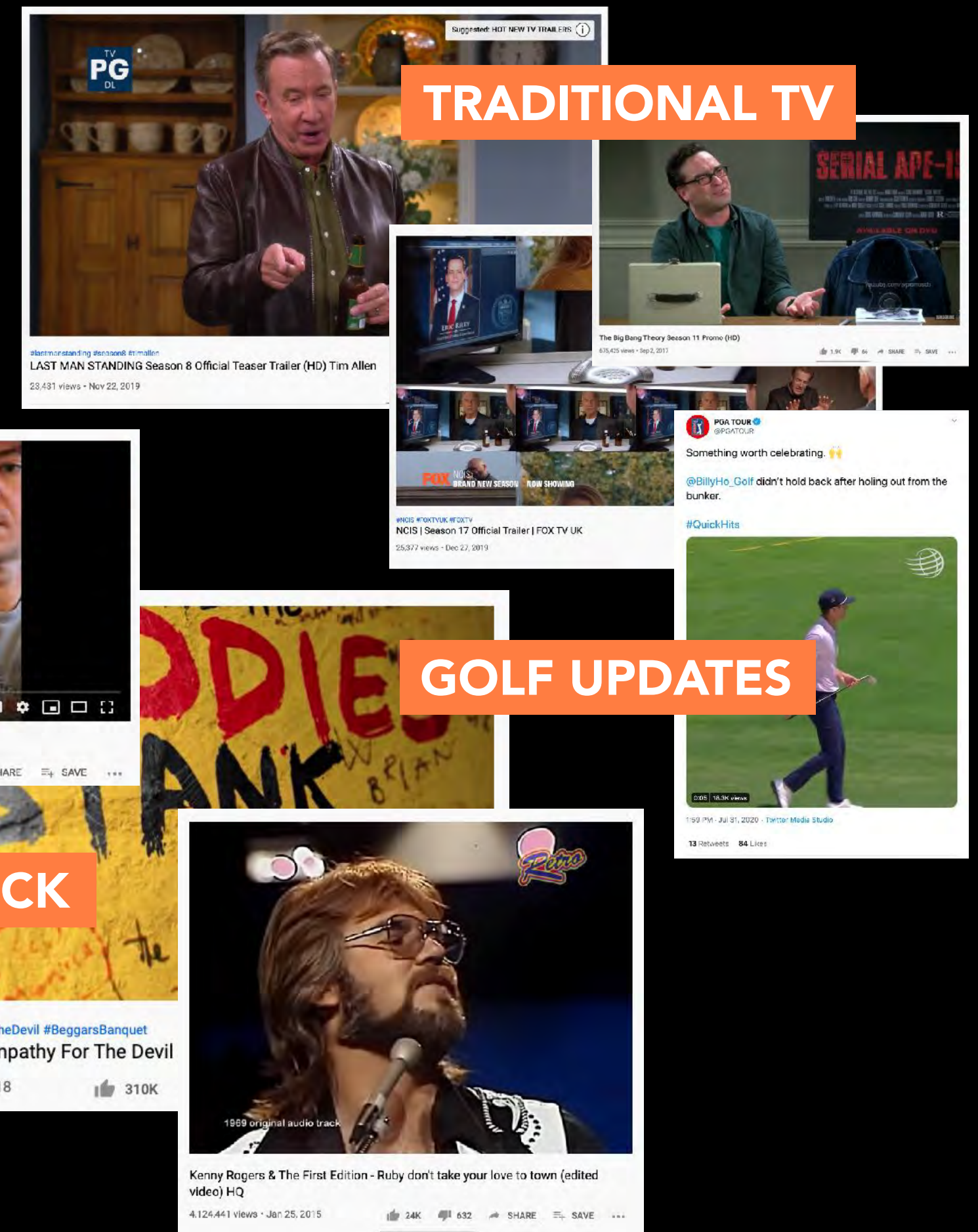
- "Not staying on the right path."
- "Mental & economical problems."
- "Many childrens."

WHAT WILL SOLVE POVERTY

- "End welfare and make people work."
- "Education and be willing to work hard and show effort."
- "Crime."

Conservative achievers

Well-ordered worlds featuring traditional gender roles, fatherhood, and achievement on display hold appeal, along with country music and rock, and the right wing on Twitter. There's some sports in the mix, golf especially. Political news focuses on bail-outs and the business of stimulus, rather than on finding personal financial relief.



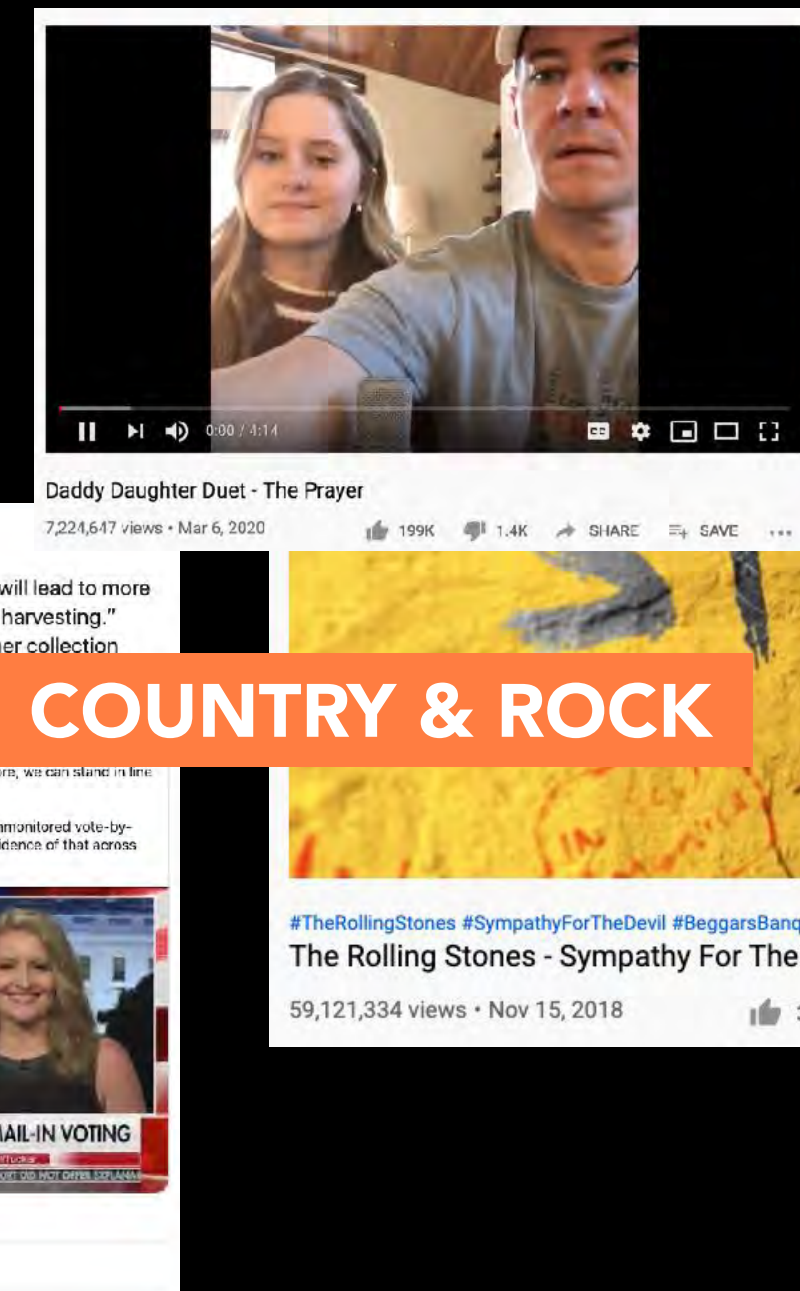
BIZ STIMULUS + POLITICS



RIGHT-WING TWITTER

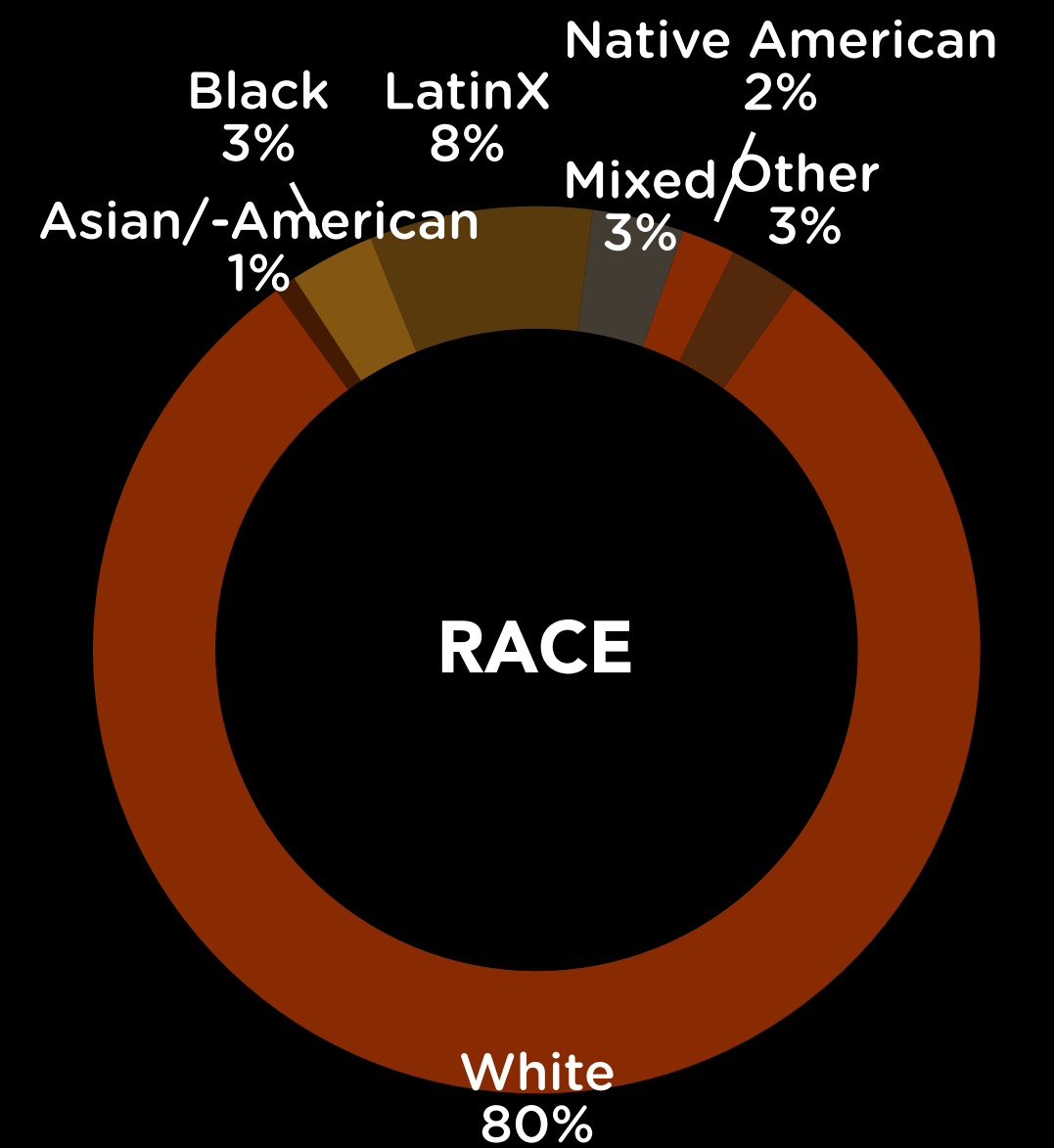
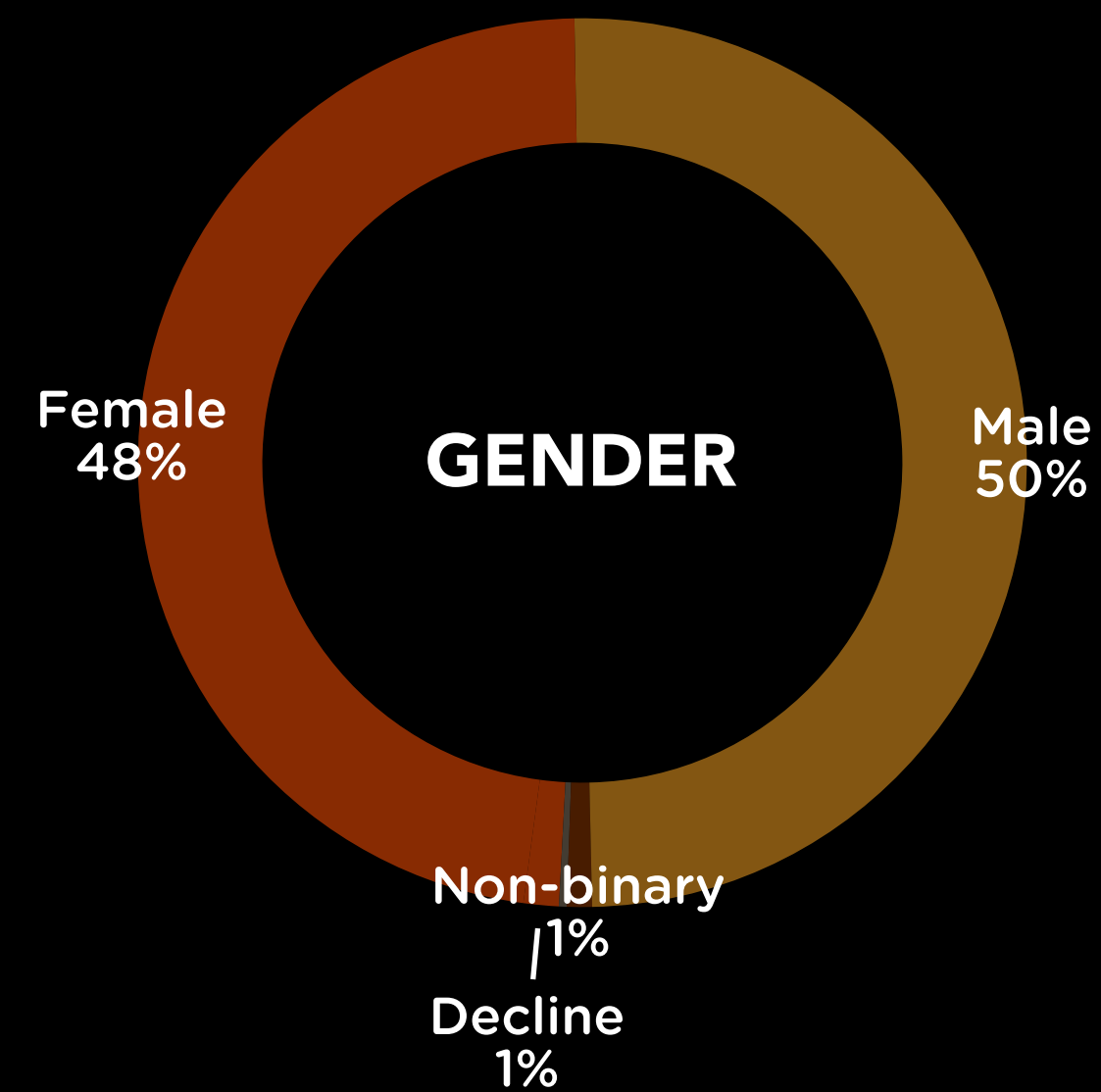
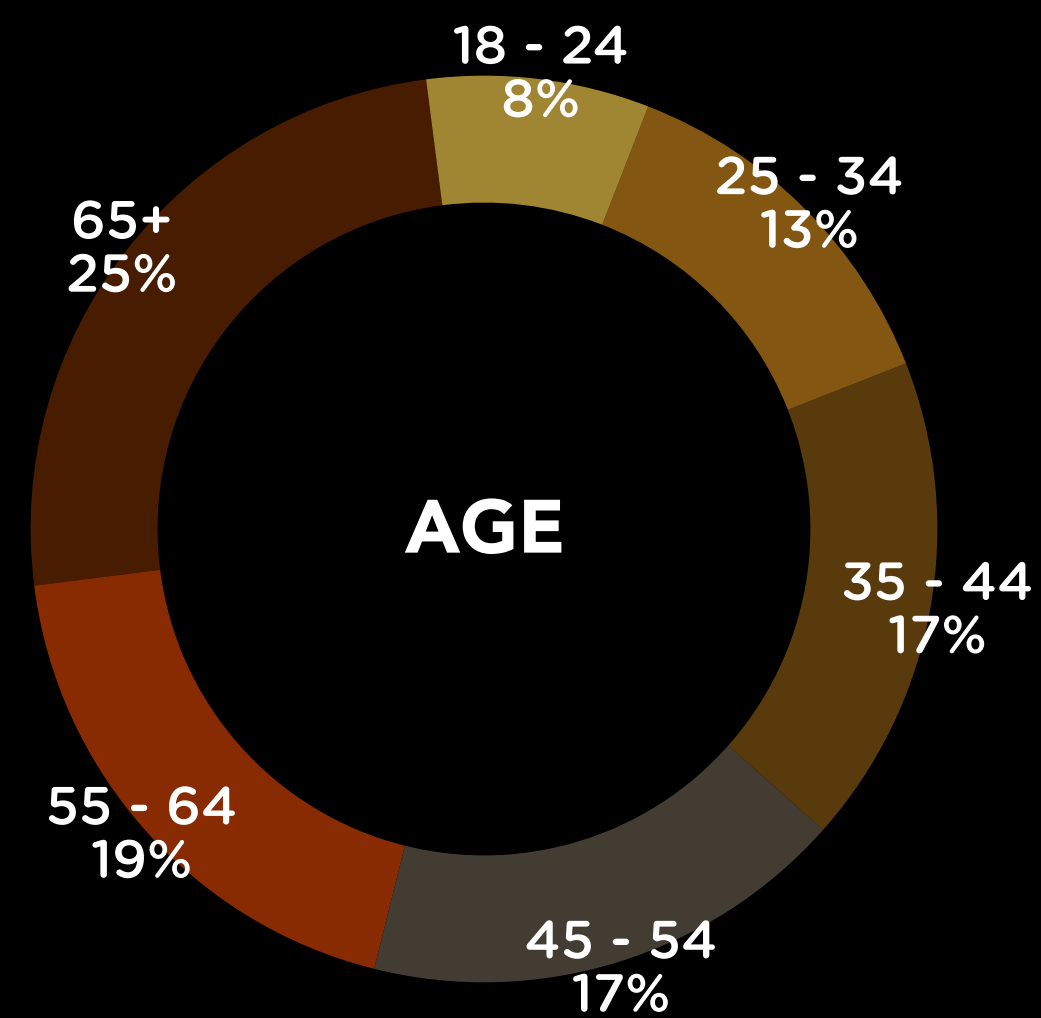


COUNTRY & ROCK



Demographics

DON'T TREAD ON ME is whiter, more likely to identify as Republican, more likely to go to church, and earns more than any other audience. [Full demographics.](#)



Audiences summary



PEOPLE
POWER



IF YOU
SAY SO



TOUGH
COOKIES



DON'T TREAD
ON ME

KEY VALUE
HOW THE GOOD LIFE LOOKS
WHY PEOPLE DO WELL
WHY PEOPLE STRUGGLE
WHAT WILL SOLVE POVERTY
MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS
DEMOGRAPHICS TOPLINE

Community

Career & relationships

Network, wealth, overwork

Rigged systems

Systems reform

Jazz, soul, hip-hop
Shop, cook, kids content
Political Twitter

Majority female, educated,
progressive, secular

Distrust

Big dreams fulfilled

Education, purity, parents

Rigged systems, no jobs

Nothing really

Digital games
Reaction videos
Animation & anime

Half male, POC, Democrat:
more a cultural group

Order

Travel, beach, family

Savings, planning

Not enough money

Not sure

Ordered TV worlds
Easy listening
News, stimulus & COVID

Older, racially & politically
diverse

Authority

Like what I have now

Hard work, no excuses

Poor choices

Work therapy

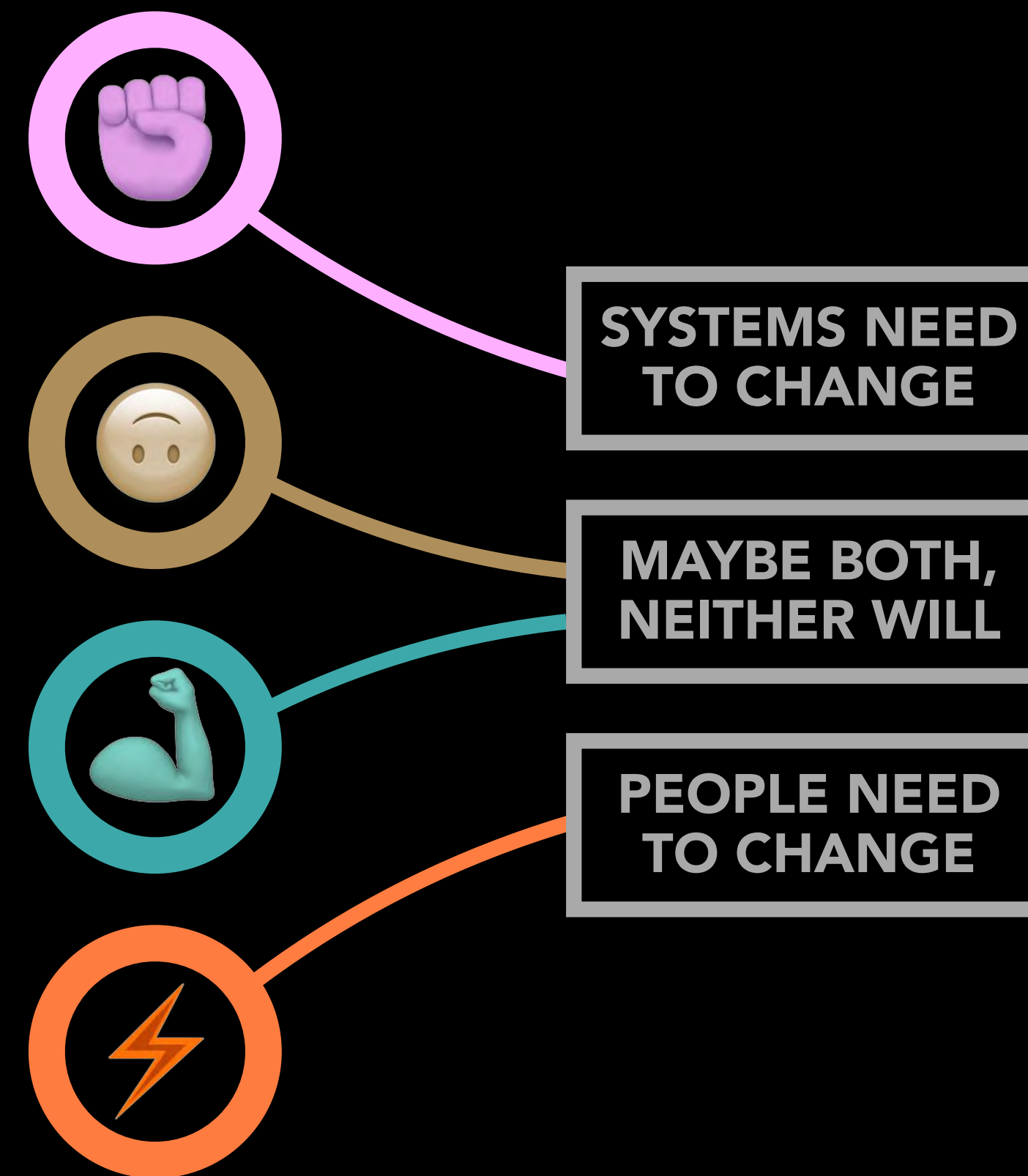
Traditional TV, sports
Rock & country
Right-wing Twitter

More: white, Republican,
high earning, church going

Poverty view summary

Really only two distinct views of poverty emerged in the survey. One view held that unfair systems deprive people of opportunities, so to end poverty, systems need to change. The other view held that everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed, so to end poverty, people need to change, with respect to values, work ethic, and/or other personal habits. These views on poverty are consistent with worldviews held by PEOPLE POWER and DON'T TREAD ON ME, respectively.

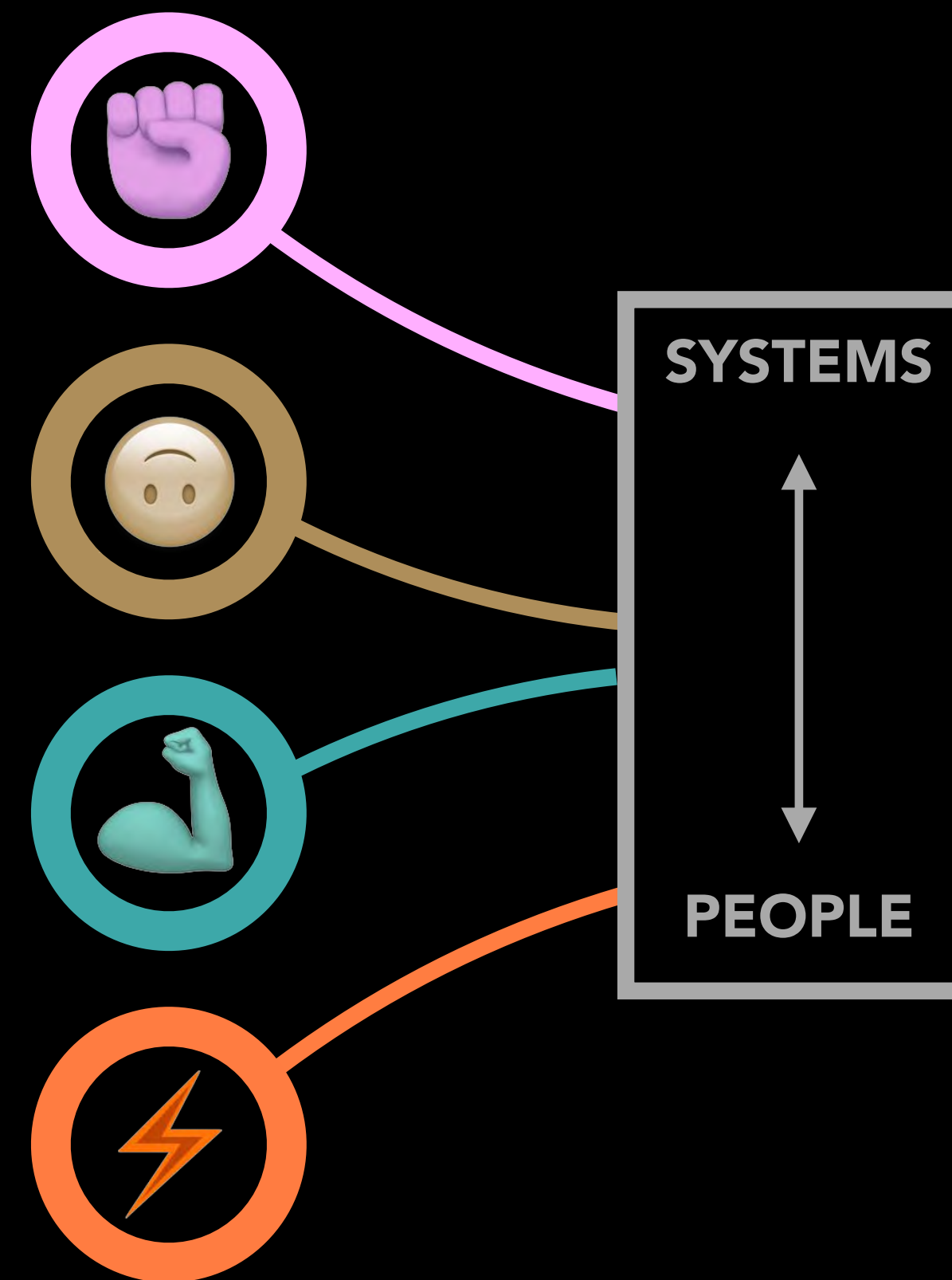
One could argue that the view held by IF YOU SAY SO and TOUGH COOKIES constitutes a distinct third view, a messy middle ground that is both non-committal and deeply resigned.



Poverty view summary

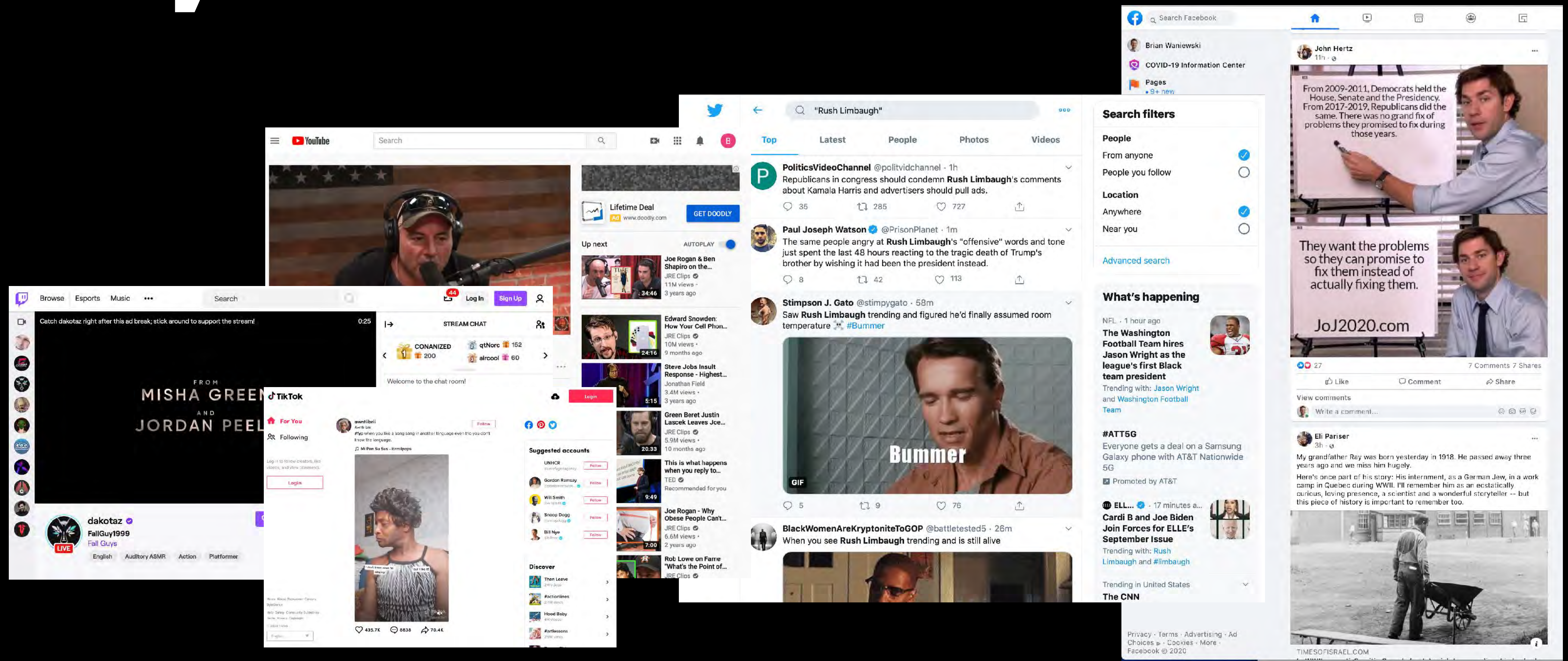
One could see these views as a kind of continuum.
This continuum is a useful bridge to connect our audiences to the narratives about poverty they tend to encounter in the media.

For more about these audiences, including sample media feeds: obiaudiences.org

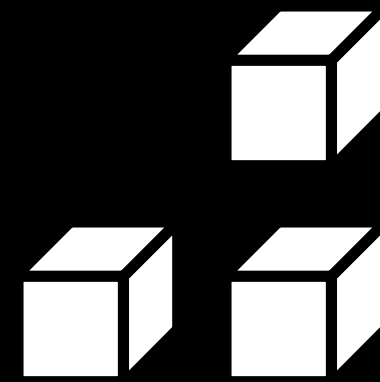


Narratives

Why narratives?

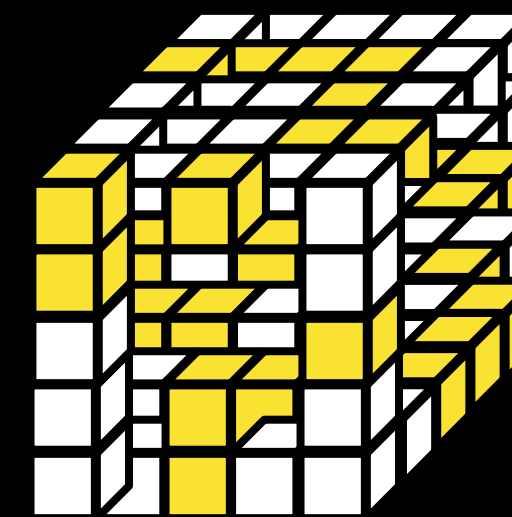


Stories vs. narratives



STORIES

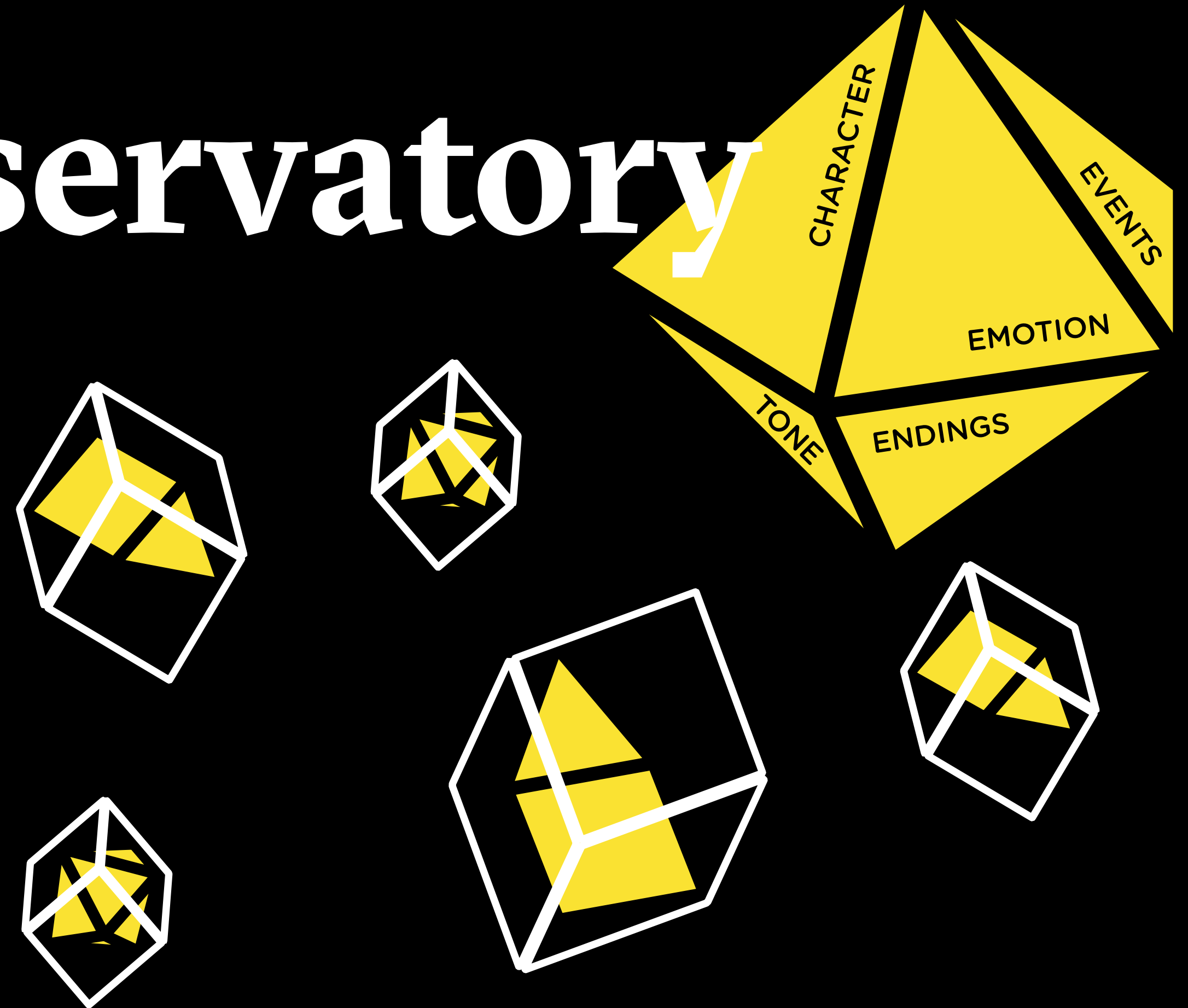
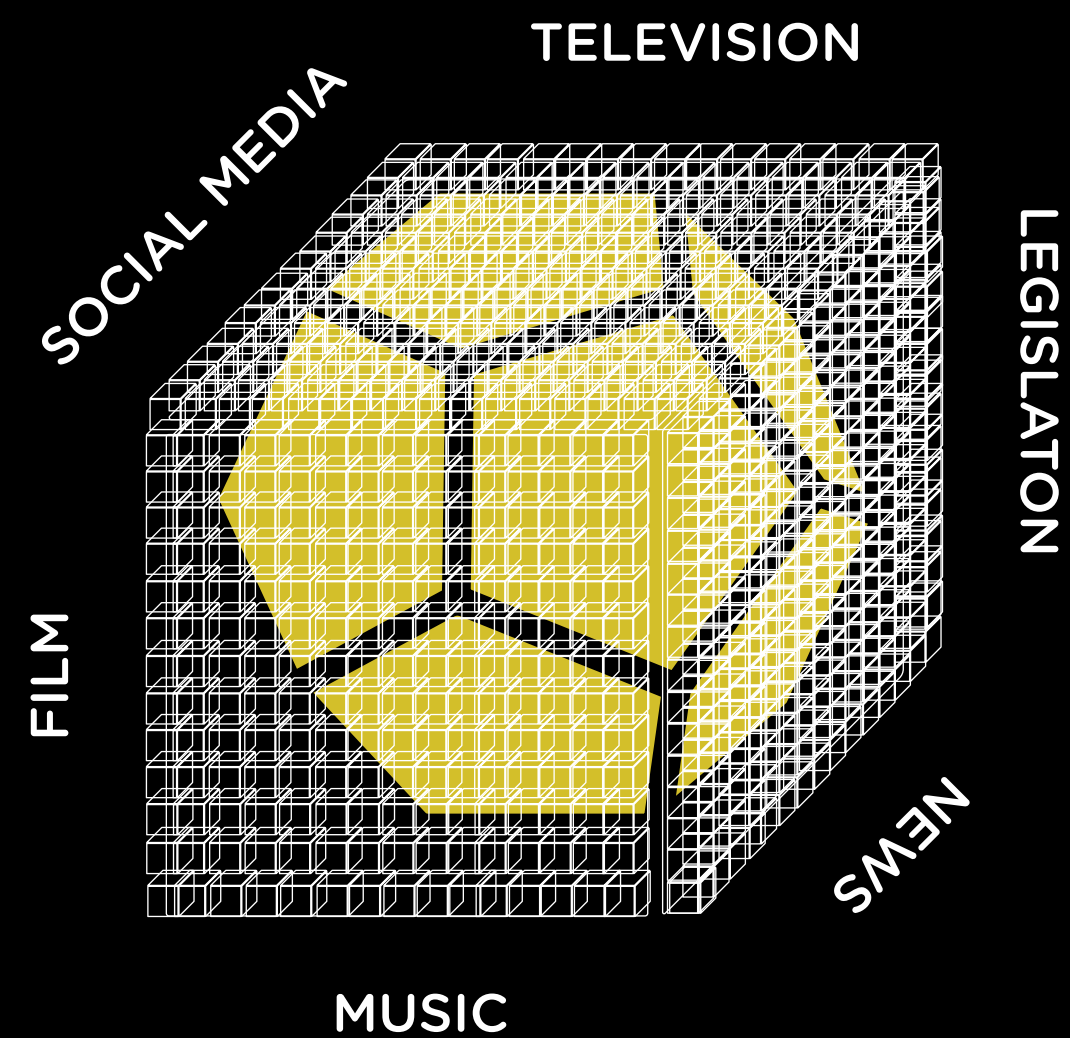
Media artifacts communicating something that happened to someone or something. Also referred to as documents. Can be broken down into smaller units, or snippets, for analysis.



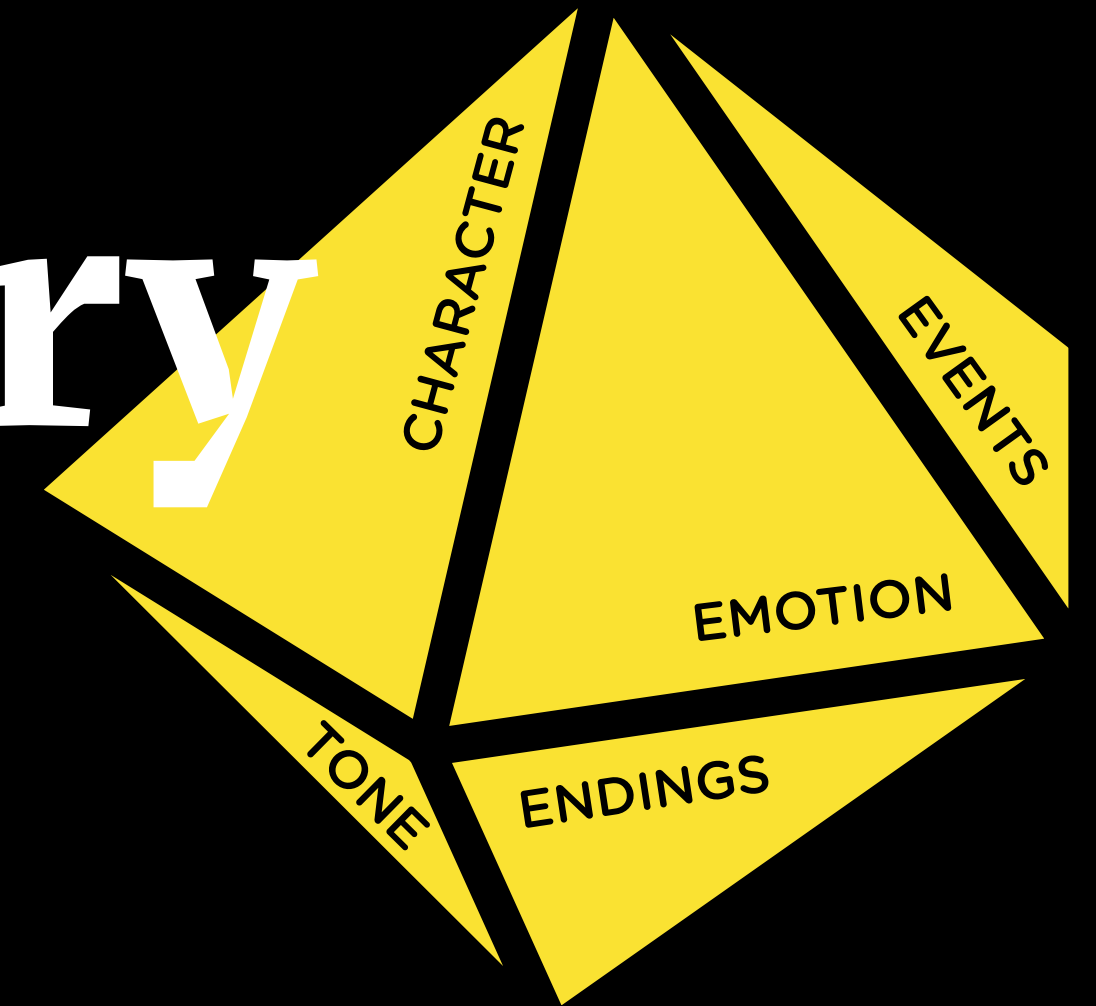
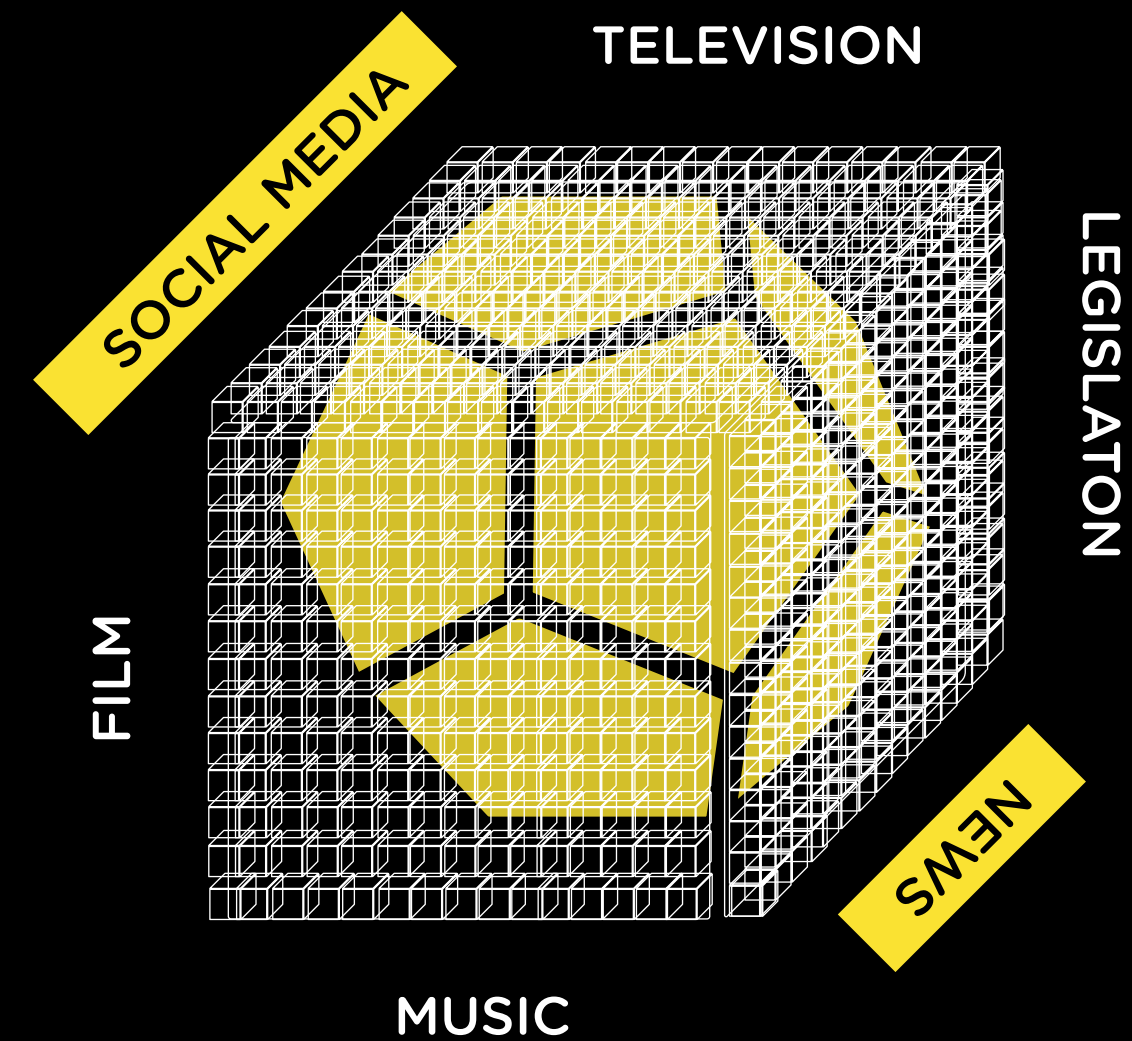
NARRATIVES

Patterns that occur consistently across different stories, topics, media types, and platforms. They tend to carry information about character, emotion, tone, events, and endings.

Narrative Observatory

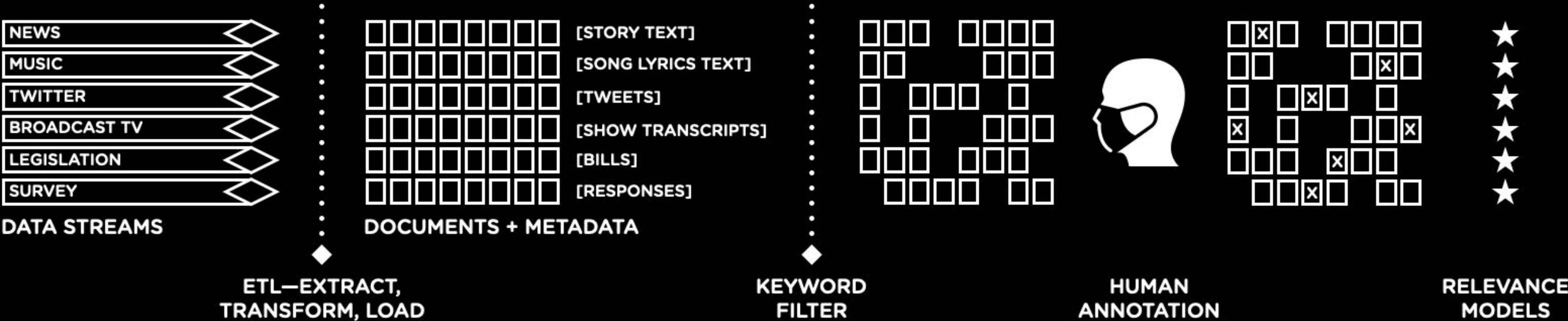


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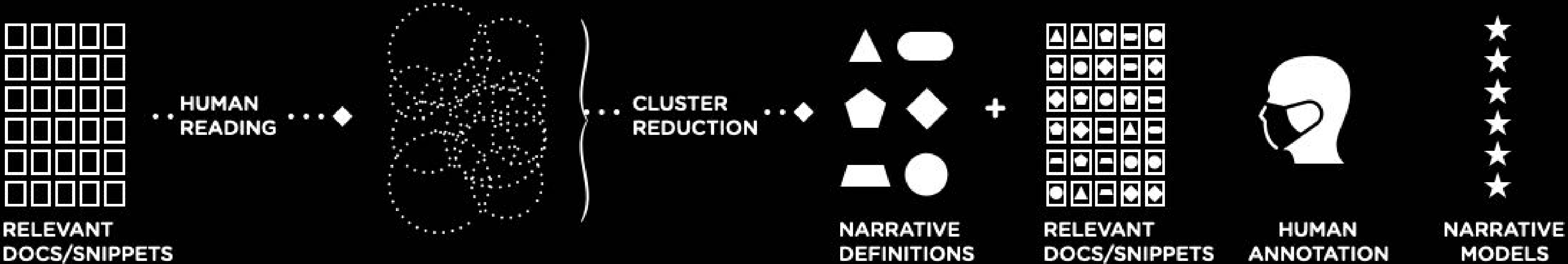


Method

1 INGESTION & PRE-PROCESSING



2 NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

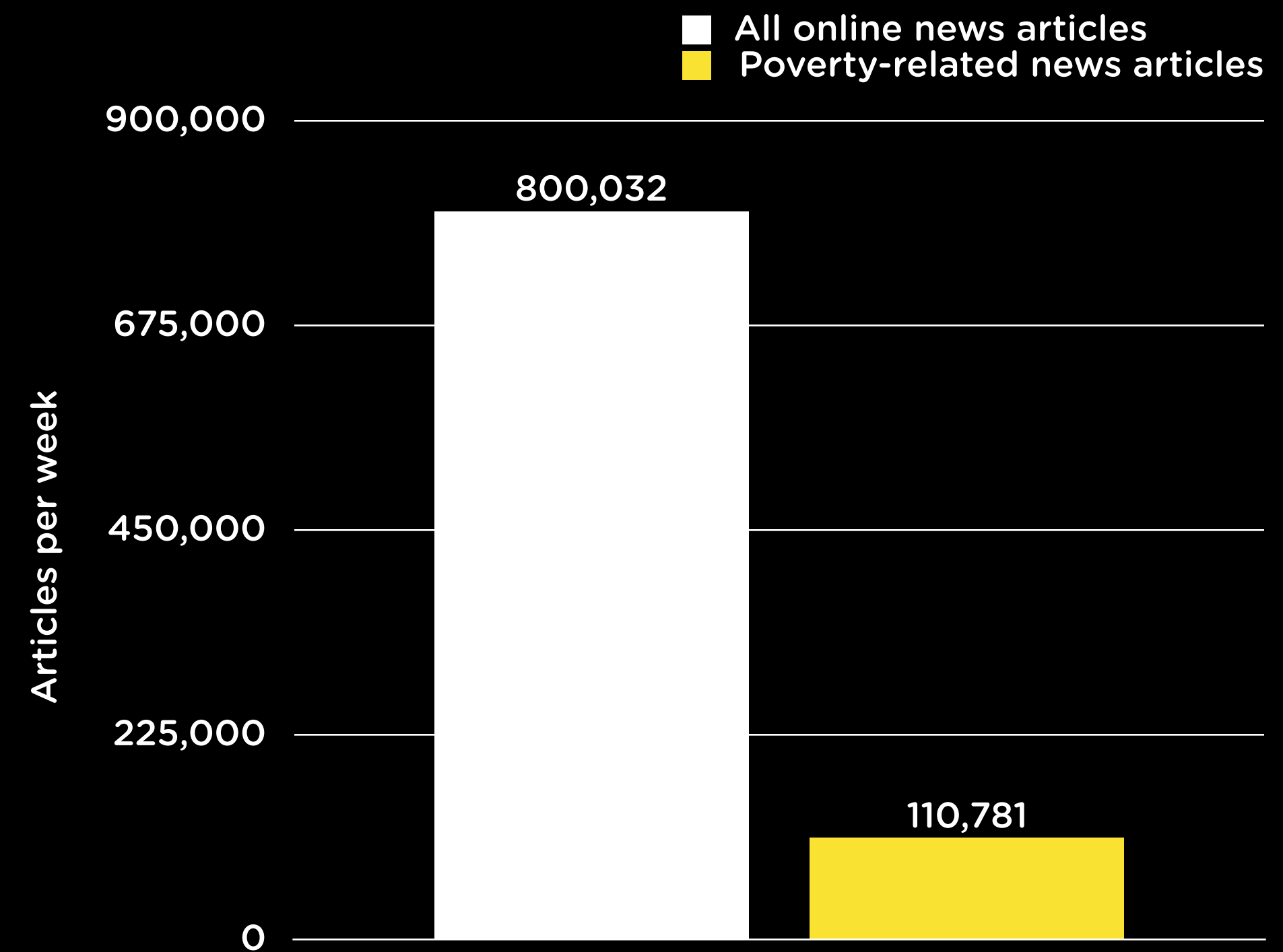


Poverty-relevance

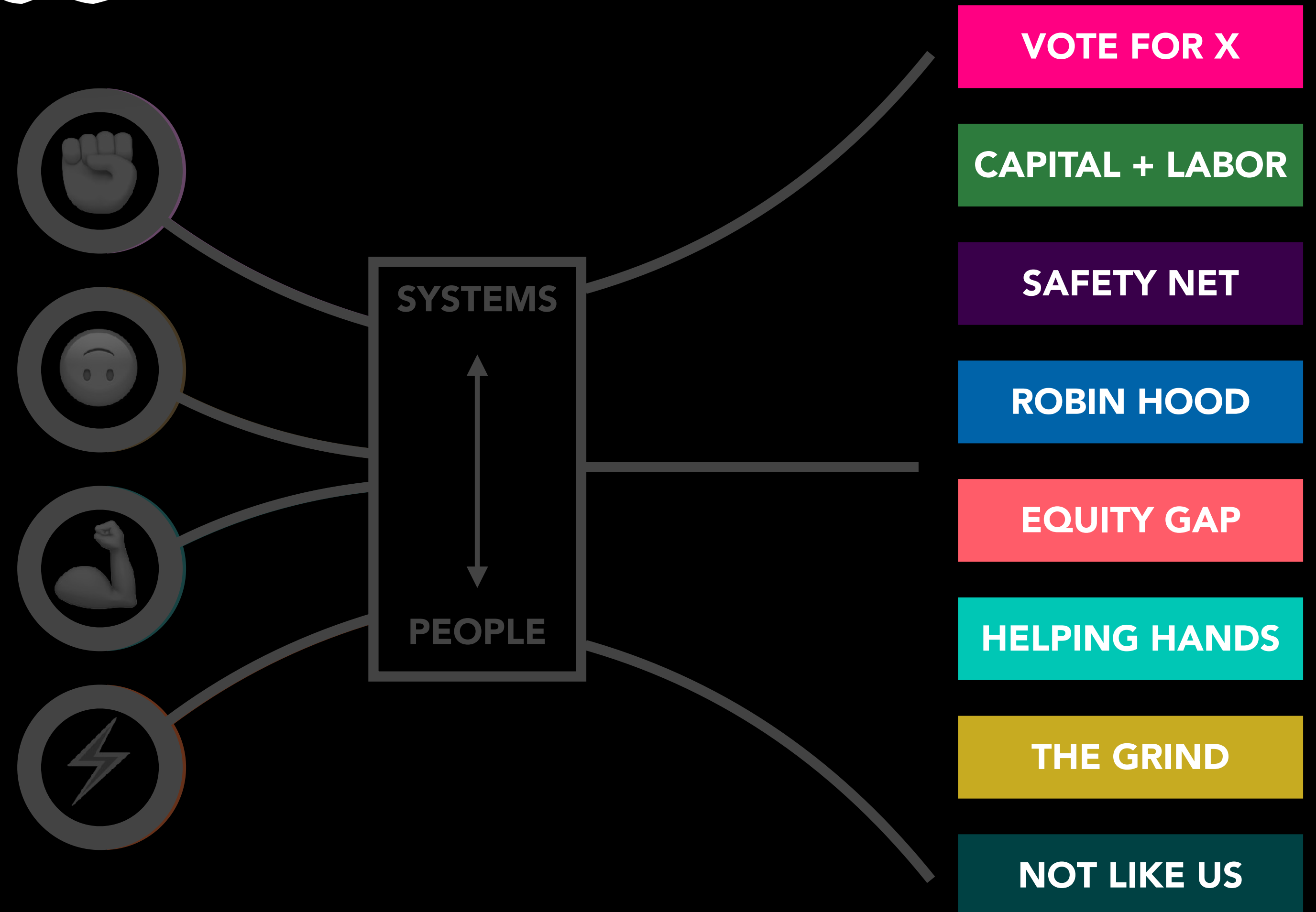
POVERTY

1. // a document or snippet is about poverty
2. if (it tells us **what people experiencing poverty or financial wellbeing are like**: hard-working, virtuous, dirty, etc.)
3. -OR-
4. if (it tells us **what it is or feels like to experience poverty or financial wellbeing**)
5. -OR-
6. if (it tells us **how people go from poverty to financial wellbeing** or vice versa)

Poverty-relevant news



8 narratives



Vote for X

Arguments for and against economic conditions and policies are rendered through the lens of electoral politics, with parties and candidates center stage.

People in poverty: hardly figure, except as instruments in others' political agendas

What will solve poverty: the particular policies of a particular party or candidate

Tone: advocating



Vote for X /twitter

Jess Küyo @jessv_nh
I've head the saying, "It's the economy stupid!". Well 🍊, the economy as as sick from Covid as the citizens are. Dow is down 800 right now & the performance under you vs. prev presidents is worse. So yes, we will keep talking COVID, COVID,COVID and now add ECONOMY to the chant.

wolfie2 @wolfie201528650

You can quickly pass a Supreme Court nominee before election, but you can't help the American people on COVID relief bill. This is very sad Republicans. I hope you lose the house and senate. Maybe the other side will work for the people because Republicans definitely aren't.

4:55 PM · Oct 27, 2020

Tweet

Suzanne Lindbergh @suzannebuzz

Replying to @BradOnMessage

Trump crushed the economy. Bankrupted farmers. Biden wants to transition to renewables which smart oil and gas companies are already doing.

But fear mongering is all ya' got...

5:00 PM · Oct 26, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump · Oct 31
Joe Biden has been a disaster for African Americans and Hispanic Americans—I am fighting for citizens of every race, color and creed. We achieved record low unemployment rates. I signed landmark Criminal Justice Reform, and we will deliver School Choice!
Vote.DonaldJTrump.com



Dougie Kass @DougKass · Oct 28, 2020
On @realmoney Alot of people are expressing view on FIN TV that election uncertainty has pulled stocks down this week. I think that is BS as the betting odds and Nate Silver's 538 forecasts (and others) point in the opposite direction. Biden's chances have improved considerably

Fez @FaizanArfeen1

Stocks down because:

1. Trump will still try to steal the election through SC intervention
2. Economy = Coronavirus. Europe as the model, market knows weakness in economy ahead with virus spiking everywhere.

If only we didn't have losers and quitters as leaders
12:00 PM · Oct 28, 2020

Dale gibson @Dalegib15801663

Replying to @realDonaldTrump

Biden/Obama reduced black unemployment from 17% to 8%. You sat back as it went to 6%. Blacks in poverty from 28% to. 22% and again you watched it go to 21%. Obama Biden put millions back in the workforce. You released a few people early for photo ops. More trump lies!

10:15 PM · Oct 31, 2020 · Twitter for iPad

RDagnello @RDagnello

@RushLimbaughEIB What a vote for Biden buys you. Less in wages, more in taxes, and fewer jobs. Higher, and poorer medical coverage. Higher food, and energy bills. The pillaging of all deposits of money, including pensions and retirement funds. An end to America as we know it!

6:50 AM · Oct 22, 2020 · Twitter Web App

s sloan @scsloan1313

Replying to @realDonaldTrump

William Bain @WilliamBain
Watched one of Trump's rallies (likely to be super-spreader events...) tonight. Absolutely no message discipline on the virus or the economy, no plan for next 4 years, no empathy with the voters. All about him & wild conspiracy theories. That's a losing closing pitch
#USElection

Over 230,000 dead Americans. Trump is a FAILURE and Trump is making Covid and the economy worse.

9:09 PM · Oct 30, 2020 · Twitter for Android

Jason Catman @catman_jason · Oct 26, 2020
Replying to @JackPosobiec
Yup. Now there are literally no reasons left to vote for Trump. He's outlived what little usefulness he had.

Susan Lane @SusanRLane

There is every reason to vote for Trump. Biden would inflict woke liberal hell on us. He'd trash the bill of rights. Trump is also great for the economy and his foreign policies are fantastic.

11:19 PM · Oct 26, 2020

Cookie @C61823684

Replying to @realDonaldTrump

America wake up, you want 4 more years of the virus spreading, record unemployment and a failed economy? This man is incompetent, stupid and delusional. He's failed as president just like he's failed as a businessman & failed as a husband and father.
[#TrumpIsANationalDisgrace](#)

6:49 PM · Oct 27, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

End The Madness @He_Knew_ · Nov 1, 2020
It was no accident. They are broke AF.

Khashoggi's Ghost @UROCKlive1
They can't really be incompetent enough to do this twice in one week by accident, can they? [twitter.com/DJJudd/status/...](https://twitter.com/DJJudd/status/1318111111)

RachelGoodstein @rachelgoodstein
Yes total incompetent! #45 is a 6 TIME BUSINESS BANKRUPT. That explains not hiring competent people (he seems to rely on family like the mob); not managing \$ flow; SO not having buses because too dumb to order any & too broke to pay deposit.
[#BlueWave](#) [#DumpTrump](#)
Elect [#BidenHarris](#)
1:40 PM · Nov 1, 2020
1 See RachelGoodstein's other Tweets

World News Tonight @ABCWorldNews · Nov 2, 2020
"It's almost incomprehensible that here in America, this would happen. But thank you for giving us this optic, this visual, manifestation of it."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi speaks at memorial consisting of flags representing lives lost in the pandemic. abcn.ws/35XfdtF

MACMAC @macmac01011964
Father in heaven, SAVE the Americans who are suffering from illness, poverty, loneliness, oppressed & depressed. I pray that Donald Trump loose this election & may the people recover from the pain that our president have inflicted on its people.
The truth will set America free
12:30 PM · Nov 2, 2020
See MACMAC's other Tweets

Rotgarg @Rotgarg

Replying to @realDonaldTrump

Your best friend McConnell refuses to give any stimulus relief for the people but cannot wait to give companies liability protection & push in under qualified justices. You are going to lose the election and this is the final nail.

The Recount @therecount · Oct 20
Sen. Majority Leader Mitch McConnell says his COVID relief bill does not include another round of stimulus checks for Americans.
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2:35 PM · Oct 22, 2020 · Twitter Web App

Tweet

German Silv @Germansilverfox

Replying to @Reuters

Trump will turn the whole USA into a graveyard. Hospitals are already overburdened...especially where Trump has held rallies...only the rich will be treated...the old and poor will die...he has no plan against pandemic... he is ignoring the threat....BIDEN HAS A PLAN-VOTE HIM

4:30 PM · Nov 1, 2020 · Twitter for iPad

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Poll shows Mitch McConnell with large lead over Amy McGrath in U.S. Senate race



BREITBART

TRUMP WINS IN TENNESSEE AS BILL HAGERTY DEFEATS MANNY SETHI FOR GOP NOMINATION FOR U.S. SENATE



Politics Through the Looking Glass: Virus Scrambles the Left-Right Lines

The 2020 edition of the Conservative Political Action Conference in Oxon Hill, Md., in February offered a theme-park version of what was to be President Trump's re-election message: Under the banner of "America vs. Socialism," the convention featured anti-Marx branded popcorn, an RV emblazoned with the words "Socialism Takes Capitalism Creates" and a [children's book](#) promoting personal freedom and private-property rights.

Speeches included tirades against big government and "Medicare for all."



The New York Times

'Nobody likes me,' Trump complains, as even his allies fade

In a week that saw a [devastating global pandemic worsen](#), a record economic meltdown confirmed and an all-out bid to stoke racial tensions for political gain deepen, Trump is finding himself more and more the odd man out: absent and detached from the leadership of either party, locked in antique cultural battles and increasingly unpopular among voters.

Los Angeles Times

With Kamala Harris as Biden's VP pick, Newsom has a chance to appoint history-making senator

SACRAMENTO — With California [Sen. Kamala Harris now cemented](#) as Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden's running mate, Gov. Gavin Newsom could soon face the politically perilous decision of whom to select as her replacement in the U.S. Senate.

The appointment promises to be one of the most consequential of his political career, both in California and in regard to any ambitions the Democratic governor may have for the White House. And it puts him at risk of upsetting some of the most powerful forces within his party no matter what he decides.

RECALL PETITIONS AGAINST DEMOCRATS RISING

DETROIT ([ChurchMilitant.com](#)) - Petitions to remove autocratic Democrat governors and mayors are popping up across the country.

The efforts indicate a growing push to remove from office leftist politicians who have taken advantage of the pandemic and civil strife to expand their power.



MI Gov. Gretchen Whitmer

The recall of Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer is representative of this trend; she faces a number of petitions seeking to remove her from office and limit what many see as a draconian method of exercising political power.

One petition gaining traction recently is [Unlock Michigan](#), which seeks to bar Whitmer from using emergency powers without state lawmakers' approval.

Pro-Trump "news" site is run by Trump's super PAC — and that raises legal questions

The American Herald looks like a conservative news site, but it's run by pro-Trump super PAC America First Action

Democrats Hold Edge as Battle for Senate Majority Becomes 'Knife Fight'

As the campaign enters a critical period, the pandemic, their primary strategy and their presumptive nominee have given Democrats a shot at winning the chamber.



The New York Times

'Driveling idiot' Trump slammed for 'disgusting' speech from White House briefing room

RAWSTORY

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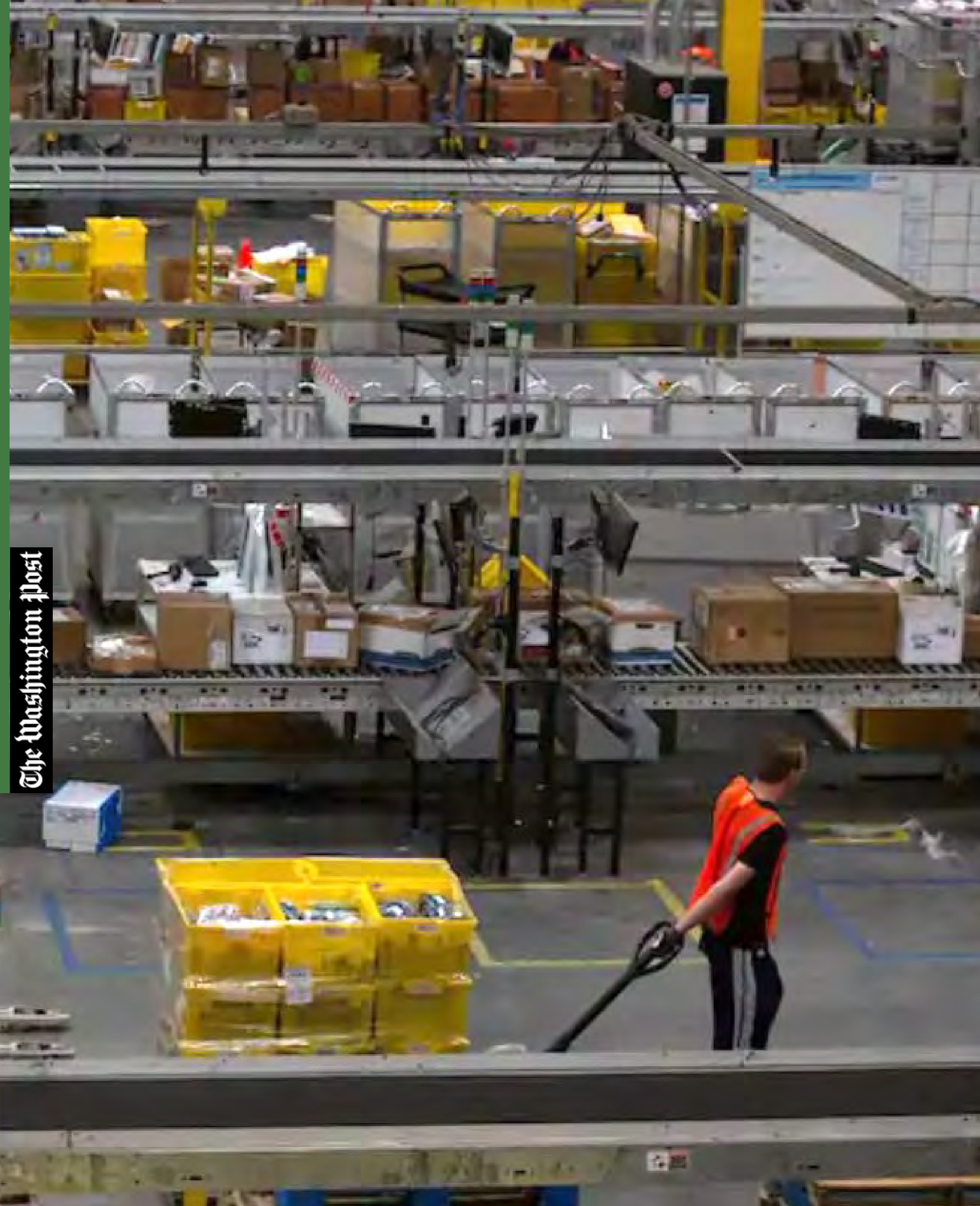
An implied causal chain between a growing economy, abundant jobs, high wages, and individual financial well-being spotlights macro-economic indicators.

People in poverty: don't have good enough jobs, due to economic factors

What will solve poverty: businesses booming out an abundance of good, high-wage jobs

Tone: dry and stats-driven

The Washington Post



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C Mac
@CMac272727

Deficit growing exponentially. Debt now 138% of GDP. Trade deficit biggest in history. Real unemployment rate 12%. Dollar plummeting. Dow Jones collapsing. By any measure this is the greatest failure in American history.



David Pepper
@DavidPepper

And 2019 was the worst economic year in Ohio since 2009.



Peter Baker @peterbakernyt

Greatest economy ever? In fact, even before covid, the first three years of Trump were roughly similar to the last three years of Obama--on some measures a little better, on some a little worse, but on the whole not markedly different, writes @dleelatimes

enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/artic...



Peter Joseph @ZeitgeistFilm · Jul 20

State of the US:
-32% missed their July rent/mort. payments
-11%-16% unemployed
-62% without \$1k in savings
-Income inequality highest of all G7 nations; GINI=0.434
-City crime up 10%-400% depending on region
-11%-15% without health insurance.
-Life expectancy now in yrly decline

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Greer Financial
@GreerFinancial

Temporary job loss has become permanent for over 4 million Americans, with nearly 13 million total unemployed. CNBC has the story @



Unemployment was supposed to be temporary. Now, it's permanent f...
Unemployment spells are becoming longer and are less likely to be temporary, meaning the U.S. is trending toward a riskier period of ...
cnbc.com



JRehling @JRehling · Jul 22
Jeff Bezos' net worth increased by \$13 billion in one day.

That's so much money, there's practically nothing he could do to spend it all, besides reducing the problem of income inequality, beginning with his own employees.

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Spanky McDutcherson @thatdutchperson · Jul 24

Monetarily speaking, most people are 2 paychecks away from being homeless, but 200,000 paychecks removed from being a billionaire.

But they'll defend the current capitalist system because they think the first one won't happen and the latter might.



Nathan
@Nathanlinton

Replying to @maddievelasco

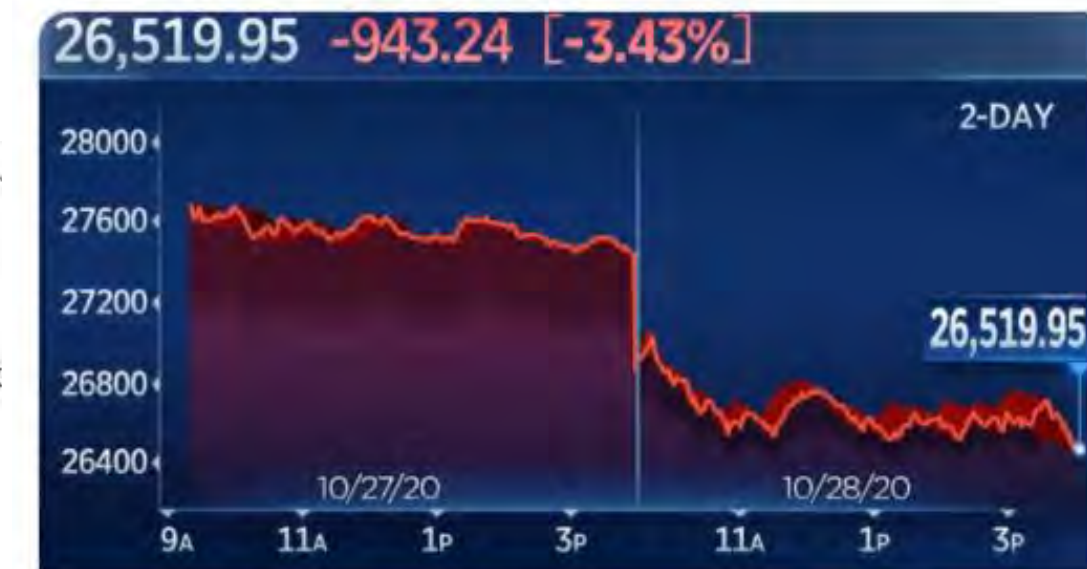
So the option is to not eat out and have the restaurant close and all the employees lose their jobs? That indi is not alone in it's contact with people. If restaurants should close so should 75% of the country

2:27 PM · Aug 1, 2020 · [Twitter for Android](#)



RunningMom
@RunningResister

Dow sinks 800 points as investors fear rise in Covid cases could halt economic recovery



Dow sinks more than 900 points for its worst drop since June amid risi...
U.S. stocks fell sharply amid concerns over the latest increase in coronavirus infections and its potential impact on the global economy.
cnbc.com



Doctor Why
@The_Doctor_Why

The tax cuts didn't pay for themselves. We're 7 trillion dollars more in debt since the Trump administration started. Trickle down economics is the lie we don't believe anymore.

11:10 PM · Nov 1, 2020



Alok Tripathi
@Annntst

229000 Americans dead. Unemployment at 8.5%, highest in last 9 YEARS. Job growth doesn't exist in USA. Steel & Coal workers duped by @realDonaldTrump lies. #TheyKnew #JaredisEvil. All @SenateGOP @HouseGOP @GOP knew tRump is racist leader of terrorists. @LindseyGrahamSC go to hell



OCashburn
@OCashburn

In a poll conducted from March 27-29th among 2200 adults with a margin of +/-2%. 41% of adults do not have savings to last 3 months if they experienced job loss. Are most Americans living paycheck to paycheck?...
[instagram.com/p/B_DMC6VBbno/...](https://www.instagram.com/p/B_DMC6VBbno/)

1:17 PM · Apr 16, 2020



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@Sergio_Septum

Trump's economic record:

8,000,000 fallen into poverty
12,600,000 unemployed
40,000,000 risking eviction
12,000,000 who have lost health care

6:00 PM · Oct 19, 2020

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Jackie Speier @RepSpeier · Jul 18

There's something fundamentally wrong that within the same week that @POTUS continues to talk about how great the economy is & Wall Street posts billions in profits, 1.3 million Americans file first time unemployment - leaving many on the brink of poverty & homelessness.

Capital + Labor /news

We don't need to rely on complex statistical calculations to see the harm being done to some workers. Simply look at how employers have reacted. A decade ago, Crider Inc., a chicken processing plant in Georgia, was raided by immigration agents, and 75 percent of its workforce vanished over a single weekend. Shortly after, Crider placed an ad in the local newspaper announcing job openings at *higher* wages. Similarly, the flood of recent news reports on abuse of the H-1B visa program shows that firms will quickly dismiss their current tech workforce when they find cheaper immigrant workers.

“Immigration redistributes wealth from those who compete with immigrants to those who use immigrants—from the employee to the employer.

But that's only one side of the story. Somebody's lower wage is always somebody else's higher profit. In this case, immigration redistributes wealth from those who compete with immigrants to those who use immigrants—from the employee to the employer. And the additional profits are so large that the economic pie accruing to all natives actually grows. I estimate the current "immigration surplus"—the net increase in

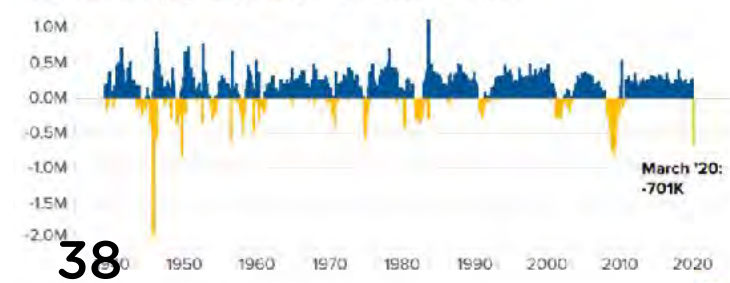
ECONOMY

US payrolls plunge 701,000 in March the start of a job market collapse

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Monthly job gains and losses
Total nonfarm payrolls, change from previous month



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics. Data is seasonally adjusted.

CNBC

Though weekly jobless filings remain very high, last week's data marked the third straight weekly decline, raising hopes that the worst may be over. Weekly claims appeared to have peaked at a record 6.867 million in the week ended March 7.

Nonetheless, the report adds to a growing pile of increasingly bleak economic data, it also comes amid rising protests against nationwide lockdowns to control the spread of COVID-19, the potentially lethal respiratory illness caused by the virus.

President Donald Trump, who is seeking a second term in the White House in November's general election, has been anxious to restart the paralyzed economy. Trump on Wednesday applauded steps taken by a handful of Republican-led states to begin reopening their economies, despite warnings from health experts of a potential new surge in infections.

"The U.S. economy is hemorrhaging jobs at a pace and scale never before recorded," said Scott Anderson, chief economist at Bank of the West in San Francisco. "It compares to a natural disaster on a national scale."

Last week's claims reports covered the period during which the government surveyed business establishments for the uniform payroll commitment of April's employment report. Economists are forecasting as many as 2.5 million jobs were lost in April after the economy surged 701,000 positions in March, which was the largest decline in 11 years.

DAILY BREEZE

THE BIG IDEA

Yes, Immigration Hurts American Workers

The candidates tell drastically different stories about immigration. They're both skipping half the truth.

By GEORGE J. BORJAS | September/October 2016

POLITICO MAGAZINE

Trump's New Budget Proposal Is Incoherent Yet Immensely Dangerous

Submitted by Chris Taylor on 2/10/20

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News from EPI

Number of striking workers surged in 2018 and 2019

Data show largest two-year average in 35 years

Press Releases • February 11, 2020

Trump keeps focusing on the economy, but what about the deficit? | COMMENTARY

By ALEXANDER R.M. BOYLE
FOR THE BALTIMORE SUN | FEB 14, 2020 AT 3:42 PM

Mr. Trump could perhaps take some credit if the \$3 billion of increased debt since he took office were responsible for the benefits of economic growth record does not support this claim. Indeed once economy had recovered from the collapse of 2009, economic growth has remained relatively at the 2% to 2.5% level under both Mr. Obama & Trump. Recently released data from the Labor Department shows that over 500,000 fewer jobs were added in 2018 and 2019 than originally thought, making 2019 the weakest year of job growth in the past eight years. Job growth has been gradually slowing since it peaked in 2014. The public does not seem aware that Mr. Trump's tax relief has done little other than widen income inequality and raise our annual deficits and debt.

THE BALTIMORE SUN

THE ROANOKE TIMES

Ellerbrock: What do Americans value most?

Mike Ellerbrock Ellerbrock is director of the Center for Economic Education at Virginia Tech, vicariate deacon for the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, and appointed member of the Virginia Governor's Advisory Council on Environmental Justice.

Feb 5, 2020 7

Since the recovery began in late 2009 and 2010, our Gross Domestic Product has maintained a steady rate of annual growth. The S+P Stock Market significantly improved in 2009. To date, it has not grown any faster under Trump than it did under Obama in 2013. Trump is riding an economic growth wave initiated by his predecessors.

Dig a little deeper into equity — which citizens are reaping the most benefits from our growing economy? By the GINI index (which measures income inequality) America's rich are getting richer and poor getting poorer, a widening income gap exacerbated by Trump's tax and trade policies.

Trump touts historically low rates of unemployment under his leadership. Yet, it is a mixed bag. Some under-employed people accept low-wage jobs, lowering the unemployment rate without personally getting ahead. Others are so discouraged that they quit looking for jobs, thereby opting out of the labor force, which also lowers the unemployment rate.

ECONOMY

Job growth smashes expectations for February as unemployment falls back to 3.5%

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The Labor Department reported Friday that the U.S. economy added 273,000 new jobs during the month, while the unemployment rate was 3.5%, matching its lowest level in more than 50 years. An alternative measure of joblessness that counts those not looking for work and holding part-time jobs for economic reasons edged higher to 7%.

The January and February gains tied for best month since May 2018.

Economists surveyed by Dow Jones had been looking for payroll growth of 175,000 and a 3.5% jobless level. Average hourly earnings grew by 3% over the past year, in line with estimates, while the average work week, considered a key measure of productivity, nudged up to 34.4 hours.

There was more good news for the jobs market: The previous two months' estimates were revised higher by a total of 85,000. December moved up from 147,000 to 184,000, while January went from 225,000 to 273,000. Those revisions brought the three-month average up to a robust 243,000 while the average monthly gain in 2019 was 178,000.

"Even though we are 10 years into an economic recovery and the unemployment rate is under 4%, working people are still not seeing the kinds of robust wage growth that those at the top have seen for decades," said EPI Policy Director Heidi Shierholz. "The increase in strike numbers shows that workers understand that joining together in collective action remains an effective way to raise wages and benefits, and improve working conditions."

In 2019, there were 10 work stoppages involving at least 20,000 workers, the largest number since 1993, when BLS began providing data that made it possible to track work stoppages by size. The largest strike involved nearly 50,000 workers walking out of General Motors factories across the country with the goal of preserving job security, improving wages, and retaining health care benefits. The six-week strike ended with a United Auto Workers contract that improved wages, stayed health care costs, and committed investments for American factories.

30,000 workers also went on strike in 2019 at Stop & Shop, a New England-based grocery chain, over a drastic increase in health care costs. The 11-day strike concluded with the United Food and Commercial workers and Stop & Shop agreeing to a contract that preserved health care benefits, increased wages, and maintained time-and-a-half pay on Sunday for current employees.

"The resurgence in recent strike activity has occurred despite current policy that makes it difficult for many workers to effectively engage in their fundamental right to strike," said EPI Policy Associate Margaret Poydock. "Corporate influence has eroded labor law and allowed worker protections to stagnate. We need fundamental labor law reforms like the PRO Act in order to bring worker protections into the 21st century."

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Record U.S. jobless claims wipe out post-Great Recession employment gains

by Reuters
Thursday, 23 April 2020 12:31 GMT



Safety Net

Government programs to mitigate the systemic effects of poverty take center stage in often abstract discussions of need, cost, efficacy, efficiency, and trade-offs.

People in poverty: are victims of circumstance, who rely on a social safety net to survive

What will solve poverty: more effective, efficient, well resourced social programs

Tone: informative to advocating



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Lauren Underwood @LaurenUnderwood
US House candidate, IL-14

.@ewarren and I have the same belief: everyone deserves quality, affordable healthcare. So honored to be endorsed by Senator Warren and @TeamWarren, and proud to have a partner to lower healthcare costs for working families.

WARREN DEMOCRATS
IS PROUD TO ENDORSE
LAUREN UNDERWOOD
IL-14

"Lauren is a trailblazer in Congress. At a time when health care is the most pressing issue for so many families, it's critical that we have her accountable, compassionate leadership."

WARREN DEMOCRATS



Rep. Barbara Lee @RepBarbaraLee

Almost 50 million people have filed for unemployment in the past six months. Many face the threat of eviction.

This is a national crisis.

Bernie Sanders @BernieSanders

If you live paycheck to paycheck and you lack paid sick and medical leave, staying home is not an option even when you are feeling sick. That is unfair to the employee and to people they may come in contact with. We must ensure paid leave for every worker.

11:01 AM · Apr 24, 2020

22K 3.9K people are Tweeting about this

Robert Reich @RBReich

GOP says expanded unemployment benefits keep people from returning to work. They're dead wrong. Expanded benefits during this pandemic, when there are few jobs, keep families from being evicted and going hungry.

Pass it on.

11:57 AM · Jul 2, 2020

17.6K See the latest COVID-19 information on Twitter

Jason DeParle @JasonDeParle · Jul 20

The food stamp rolls have grown at a record pace, adding more than 6m people during the pandemic. The program is the closest thing the US has to a guaranteed income.



mid a Deadly Virus and Crippled Economy, One Form of Aid ... the first three months of the coronavirus pandemic, more an six million people joined a program the Trump ... nytimes.com

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Boycott Rent @rent_strike

May 1st is Friday & for 40+ million renting households in the US, where 26+ million filed unemployment claims in the past 5 weeks, rent cancellation is urgent NOW & people must be protected from eviction after the crisis with a renters debt relief bill or else we must #RentStrike

1:52 PM · Apr 27, 2020

58 46 people

Nomoregames @NoMoreGames100

Wisconsin upped food stamps for March and April so far. We usually get \$43 a month. We got our first payment a second one is coming out the end of the week.

larry mondo @larrymondo1

Nope. He's in the courts right now still trying to kill it. Still trying to slash medicare and medicaid and preexisting illnesses and food stamps. Guess he doesn't know we have a crises going on and the exact things he's trying to kill, people, us desperately need them. Monster!

Chris Murphy @ChrisMurphyCT

Right now, people are struggling with food insecurity and restaurants are hurting. That's why today, I introduced the SNAP CARRY Act with @RepJimmyPanetta to expand SNAP's restaurant meals program.

SNAP CARRY ACT
FIGHT HUNGER.
HELP RESTAURANTS.

6:11 PM · Apr 28, 2020

Boycott Rent @rent_strike

May 1st is Friday & for 40+ million renting households in the US, where 26+ million filed unemployment claims in the past 5 weeks, rent cancellation is urgent NOW & people must be protected from eviction after the crisis with a renters debt relief bill or else we must #RentStrike

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OrangeWatchDog @OrangeWatchDog

The US healthcare system needs an urgent reform. The poor, homeless, minorities, elderly were hit hard. Precisely the ones not having access to the healthcare system & unable to afford medicine & treatments. Healthcare cannot be tied to employment, but been seen as a human right.

11:39 AM · May 2, 2020

See OrangeWatchDog's other Tweets



Sen. Debbie Stabenow @SenStabenow · Jul 28
Senate Republicans' COVID-19 plan:

- no food assistance
- no eviction protections
- drastic cuts to unemployment benefits

Struggling Americans deserve better.

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Tennessee Department of Human Services @TNHHS

We've extended the deadline to apply for Pandemic EBT assistance until July 27. The program is available to families with children who qualify for the National School Lunch Program and provides assistance to buy food. Apply online. [tn.gov/humanservices/...](https://tn.gov/humanservices/)



9:40 AM · Jul 13, 2020



Ed Markey @EdMarkey
US Senate candidate, MA

As we face the highest unemployment rate since the Great Depression, it is clear that we cannot tie health care to employment. We must pass Medicare for All and ensure that every person gets the medical care they need.

3:09 PM · Sep 15, 2020

1.7K 383 people

Kyle Griffin @kylegriffin1

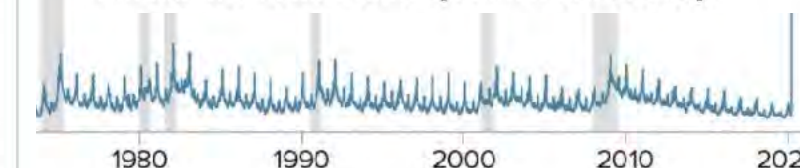
In light of McConnell's bankruptcy remarks: Nearly a third of Kentucky's labor force has filed for unemployment insurance, the largest share of any U.S. state.

CUE Inc @cueincsa

Nearly 28 million workers applied for unemployment insurance benefits in the last six weeks: Congress must act to mitigate harm from unprecedented joblessness | Economic Policy Institute

Barron's @barronsonline

• Seeing older people homeless and impoverished during the Depression led to Social Security—now the major source of income for many retirees. The crisis could bring similar pressure to provide health care and paid sick leave, and to remake the health-care system more broadly.



Workers applied for unemployment insurance benefit...

Safety Net /news

Trump's \$4.8 trillion budget proposal revisits rejected cuts

By ANDREW TAYLOR Associated Press | FEBRUARY 10, 2020 — 4:25PM

StarTribune

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Indeed, Trump's proposed cuts to Medicaid and subsidies for so-called Obamacare health insurance policies total almost \$1 trillion over 10 years, according to calculations by the liberal-leaning Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, whose president, Robert Greenstein, called the Trump plan "stunningly harsh."

Trump would also revive a plan, rejected by lawmakers in the past, to cut food stamp costs by providing much of the benefit as food shipments instead of cash. He's also proposing work requirements for safety net programs like Medicaid, food stamps, and federally subsidized housing.

Other cuts, outlined in an annual "Major Savings and Reforms" volume that's ignored every year, include eliminating heating subsidies for the poor and \$405 million worth of grants to boost community service work by senior citizens, along with plans to dramatically slash legal aid to the poor, the National Endowment for the Arts, and subsidies to states such as California saddled with high costs for jailing criminal migrants who enter the country illegally.

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Schumer: You Know, Trump's EOs 'Belittle the American People'

Townhall, by Beth Baumann

[Original Article](#)

Posted By: [ladydawgfan](#), 8/10/2020 3:00:31 AM

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) on Sunday told ABC News' George Stephanopoulos that he took issue with the four Wuhan Coronavirus Executive Orders President Donald Trump signed on Saturday. Specifically, Schumer takes issue with the president's EO dropping unemployment benefits from \$600 a week to \$400 a week. States will kick in \$100 a week towards a person's unemployment benefits. "Unfortunately, the president's executive orders described in one word could be parliamentary, in three words unworkable, weak and far too narrow," Schumer said. "The \$600 a week has been very successful. It's kept millions of people out of poverty. It's pumped more money into the economy," he explained.

Record editorial: Utah lawmakers should back efforts to increase access to contraceptives

Opinion [FOLLOW OPINION](#) | February 13, 2020

Community News

Coronavirus: Concord enacts limits on evictions, rent increases for those affected by COVID-19 outbreak

temporary order will run until at least May 31

How Trump's budget cuts could slam New Jersey

Updated Feb 11, 2020; Posted Feb 11, 2020

"President Trump's budget represents yet another massive redistribution of wealth from low-income and working class families to the top 1 percent," said Raymond Castro, health policy director for New Jersey Policy Perspective, a progressive research group.

"His budget proposes devastating cuts to health and social programs — possibly the largest cuts proposed by a president in the nation's history — and threatens to push far too many families into poverty. Meanwhile, wealthy individuals would receive a windfall as the budget makes the 2017 tax cuts permanent."

Louisiana Estimates 31K Impacted by New Food Stamp Work Rule

Louisiana's social services agency says as many as 31,000 of the state's food stamp recipients could lose their benefits under a new Trump administration rule starting April 1.

The food stamp changes are the Trump administration's latest attempt to scale back social safety net programs. The USDA estimates the new rule will save about \$5.5 billion over five years by cutting benefits for hundreds of thousands of people. The rule imposes stricter criteria states must meet in order to issue waivers.

Attorneys general in nearly 20 other states have sued. They are attempting to block the rule, saying it could lead to increased homelessness and health problems.

Louisiana's waiver for the 14 parishes will last one year, through March 31, 2021. The state could seek waivers for additional parishes later if they reach the federal requirement of having an unemployment rate of 6% or higher and meet other high unemployment benchmarks.

Because of the federal changes, Gov. John Bel Edwards is rescinding a 2016 executive order that enacted some job training requirements for non-working, childless adults in Louisiana who receive food stamps. The federal rule is stricter than those requirements.

NEWSONE

Andrew Cuomo Has Stepped Up For New York, But Black Folks Should Still Be Leery

Not everyone is enamored with New York's governor even amidst the high praise for his leadership.

One of the biggest criticisms is about the state budget released in late last month and issued by a Governor Cuomo-appointed board that calls for **\$400 million worth of cuts** to hospitals over the next year. This report was issued during the current pandemic. The purpose of the board was to "redesign" **Medicaid (the healthcare low-income populations rely on)** and figure out how to rein in a projected \$4 billion budget gap.

Additionally, Governor Cuomo signed into law measures that roll back recent bail reform measures. The reforms were "designed to prevent people charged with mostly misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies from being locked up before their trials simply because they can't afford to pay bond," according to **MotherJones**.

This means that judges can go back to keeping low-income people accused of misdemeanors in jail for longer periods of time. Those who can not afford cash bail will now once again face the possibility of going to jail before their trials, a prospect that is particularly risky amid this pandemic and would potentially fuel more COVID-19 cases in New York's jails.

However, with two bills up for consideration that would expand access to contraceptives for low-income women, state lawmakers have opportunity to take a major step in the right direction.

Robin Hood

Finger pointing at businesses and billionaires who pile up profit, while the 99% struggle, suffer, and raise their voices to “eat the rich.”

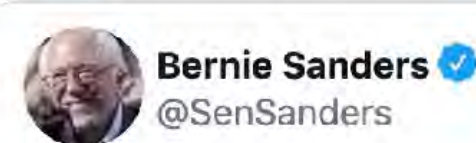
People in poverty: are unable to access necessary resources hoarded by the 1%

What will solve poverty: redistributing wealth through tax, higher wages, direct stimulus

Tone: indignant to contemptuous



Robin Hood /twitter



Bernie Sanders @SenSanders
\$3.7 billion in a single day. That's how much 3 members of the Walton family saw their wealth increase. At a time of massive wealth and income inequality, when so many of our people are hurting, that is morally obscene.

It's time to tax billionaires and expand Medicare to all.



Americans For Tax Fairness @4TaxFairness

Yesterday, as millions faced threats of eviction, three members of the Walton family each saw their wealth grow by \$3.7B.

A 60% tax on their wealth growth since the pandemic began would raise \$26B to help families pay for out-of-pocket medical costs.
americansfortaxfairness.org/issue/walton

10:26 AM · Sep 3, 2020



Kamala Harris @KamalaHarris

45 million Americans lost their jobs.
U.S. billionaires gained \$584 billion.

This pandemic is highlighting why income inequality is one of the most pressing issues of our time.



Vladimir Sanax @VSanax
You see how fragile is the life is? Few weeks of lockdown! Who is affected the most? Homeless stays homeless, rich stays rich, everyday working people, who are producing are hurting the most! Pure and rich have no idea! And middle class support them both!

11:21 AM · Apr 14, 2020



'Extreme inequality was the preexisting condition': How COVID-19 wid...
As 45 million Americans lost their jobs, U.S. billionaires got \$584 billion richer.



Biden For Florida @BidenForFL

"The only people truly better off than they were four years ago are the billionaires that got Trump's tax cuts.

In the meantime he has not been able to manage extending relief millions of families who can't pay their rent right now."
- President @BarackObama #ObamainFL



blackbird SR71 @WHYCANTWEO24
All true. And they love the economic system they built. Keeping folks paycheck to paycheck is an easy way to control the masses. They exploit the US Tax system then find confusing ways to explain away the obvious theft. \$ is most powerful, destructive force the world has known

7:43 AM · Aug 17, 2020

See blackbird SR71's other Tweets



Yolo Choi @CosmoQueen_
CHOI JONGHO'S BODYGUARD.

Poverty is fucking evil. And every rich person, and politician has blood on their hands.



Strictly Count All The Votes @christoq

Poor people in this country SUFFER! No one hears their voice because they don't have any political power. That small voice is drowned out by the wealthy and powerful.



Robert Reich @RBReich

Since the start of the pandemic:

- Jeff Bezos' wealth has grown by \$73,000,000,000
- Mark Zuckerberg's wealth has grown by \$31,000,000,000
- 30,000,000 Americans are unemployed
- 29,000,000 Americans are at risk of eviction

Break up Big Tech. Tax the rich.



not feeling well? STAY HOME @ChrissSpringer

Replying to @WhiteHouse

😂 not for middle American income earners. Nope not a chance in hell. Oh and corporations do not invest tax savings but pad the pockets of their investors - usually wealthy white greedy men.



Jaylen Hackett @jaylenh_ · Nov 2, 2020
Replying to @jaylenh_

I also believe healthcare is human right. Allowing more Americans access to healthcare can lead to more preventative and prenatal care and cut down on the disparities in health faced by those in low-income communities.



Jaylen Hackett @jaylenh_

The income inequality in America is outrageous and continually increasing which points to the fact that the wealthy are not paying there fair share and the reallocation of wealth has not been executed properly. For these reasons, I am in favor of tax increases on the wealthy.

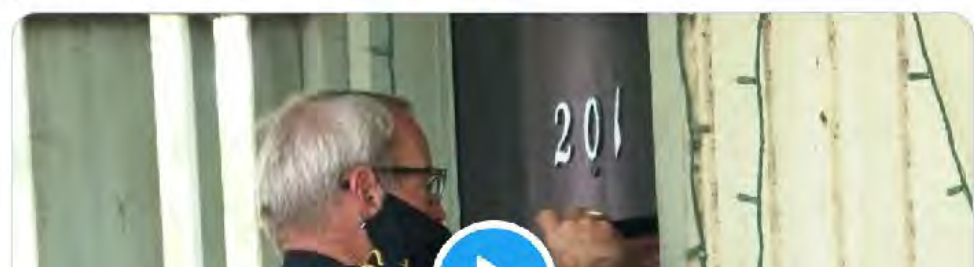
10:24 PM · Nov 2, 2020

See Jaylen Hackett's other Tweets



Mona Eltahawy @monaeltahawy

This is unconscionable. A country that evicts people during a pandemic has failed. An economy in which billionaires are wealthier and workers are poorer or unemployed during a pandemic is criminal. #COVID19



Tombaan @Tombaan66

The richest 400 Americans sit on \$3 trillion—the size of the entire UK economy.
The billionaire class now pays a lower tax rate than people living paycheck to paycheck.
At what point do we say enough and tax them

9:00 PM · May 31, 2020

411 256 people are Tweeting about this



Mike E @Neuroglyph
#defundthepolice

And the government bailout money comes from taxes paid by previously employed Americans, who are now out of work due to the #TrumpPandemic and needing food from the food bank.

Our govt facilitates corporate greed while Americans suffer and die.

#GOPCorruptionOverCountry

3:01 AM · Apr 12, 2020



DavidW @Davidwheeler66

That is really sick. What a horrible mob we have in power at present. How about money for welfare housing the homeless, etc., etc. not prop up the rich, 🤬🤬🤬🤬

1:54 AM · Oct 28, 2020

Robin Hood /news

Bloomberg

There's a battle brewing for your \$1,200 government relief check

Jenny Surane and Robert Schmidt · 3/31/2020



The world's largest payment companies are fighting for their own piece of the U.S. coronavirus stimulus: an assignment to help distribute some of the relief money that will be sent to millions of Americans in the coming weeks.

“Essential” Workers Are Dying

America's underclass is becoming more visible in the coronavirus crisis.



Billionaires are failing us when we need them most

With coronavirus pushing the US economy to the brink of disaster, the ultra wealthy have an obligation to step up and use their money and power for the greater good. As the people who benefited the most from a decade of economic growth, the hundreds of billionaires in America are in a unique position to do a great deal of good at a pivotal moment. But so far, they're failing to do so.

‘Dollar signs with heartbeats’: How for-profit schools blazed a trail of pain in America

After the Financial Crisis, for-profit schools prospered across America at the expense of students saddled with thousands of dollars in debt, employees abandoned or implicated, and the government swindled out of taxpayer money.

A Florida-based for-profit school called Fast Train (FT), which maintained seven campuses across the state from Clearwater to South Florida, exemplified the greed and shady tactics behind the boom.

Aol: Overwhelming majority of New Yorkers support taxing the ultra-rich

With the state facing a projected \$6 billion budget gap, advocates have been pushing for increasing taxes on rich New Yorkers and calling on the state to use the funds for progressive programs including a guaranteed right to housing for all New Yorkers, an expanded Green New Deal and other ambitious plans that would transform the state.

The Washington Post

Uber drivers and other gig economy workers were promised unemployment benefits. It may be a long wait.

America's Cities Are Unlivable. Blame Wealthy Liberals.

Just look at San Francisco, Nancy Pelosi's city. One of every 11,600 residents is a billionaire, and the annual household income necessary to buy a median-priced home now tops \$320,000. Yet the streets there are a plague of garbage and needles and feces, and every morning brings fresh horror stories from a “Black Mirror” hellscape: Homeless veterans are surviving on an economy of trash from billionaires' mansions. Wealthy homeowners are crowdfunding a legal effort arguing that a proposed homeless shelter is an environmental hazard. A public-school teacher suffering from cancer is forced to pay for her own substitute.

'I'm Mad as Hell, and I'm Not Going to Take This Anymore'

But the rest of us (the working people of America) are willing to take the risk; to keep our businesses alive; to save jobs; to save the economy; to prevent a Great Depression; to prevent mass suicides, alcoholism, drug addiction, poverty and misery.

Townhall



yahoo!finance

The New York Times

Equity Gap

Intersectional stories of race and gender disparity illustrate how some people are more vulnerable to poverty and focus blame on inequitable systems.

People in poverty: are marginalized and don't have fair chances

What will solve poverty: everyone gaining access to the same resources, e.g., education, jobs, wealth

Tone: earnest, advocating justice

The Guardian



Equity Gap /twitter

OrangeWatchDog @OrangeWatchDog

The US healthcare system needs an urgent reform. The poor, homeless, minorities, elderly were hit hard. Precisely the ones not having access to the healthcare system & unable to afford medicine & treatments. Healthcare cannot be tied to employment, but been seen as a human right.

11:39 AM · May 2, 2020

See OrangeWatchDog's other Tweets

Studio Glibly @NoTotally

Feels important to note that Black Americans are 105x more likely to utilize payday loans than any other race because of a holistically predatory, anti-Black system

Bill Pascrell, Jr. @BillPascrell

The hostility trump and his goons have for regular Americans has no bottom. Now they're trying to make it easier for Americans to fall prey to predatory payday lenders. twitter.com/nickconfessore...

5:54 PM · Apr 29, 2020

71 27 people are Tweeting about this

Voto Latino @votolatino

There are 91,000 houseless folks in Los Angeles county. 39% are Black 25% are Latino 55% have disabilities COVID-19 has only exacerbated the housing crisis, inequality, and lack of access to health care.



How COVID-19 Is Affecting LA County's Homeless + How You Can Help "In the long run, we have an obligation to capture the urgency of the pandemic crisis and use it to end the homelessness crisis." remezcla.com

9:21 AM · Apr 28, 2020

10 See the latest COVID-19 information on Twitter

Bruce Adamson @Bruce_Adamson

Food insecurity, digital exclusion, inadequate housing and other aspects of poverty mean that this pandemic has a disproportionate impact on children and young people whose rights are already most at risk @CYPICS



BCNPHA @BCNPHA

#Indigenous women in particular are experiencing the most profound forms of housing need in all parts of the country, and disproportionate levels of violence, the research shows. ow.ly/73tl50Aldvx #homelessness #cdnpoli

5:50 PM · Jul 2, 2020

11 See BCNPHA's other Tweets

Margot Roosevelt @margotroosevelt


Overall joblessness ticked down last month, but for black Americans it got worse. A staggering 16.8% of the African American labor force was out of work, up a notch from 16.7% in April.



TIME'S UP @TIMESUPNOW

THREAD: How #COVID19 is disproportionately impacting women.

Women make up 1/2 of essential workers and are overrepresented in jobs where workers are at higher risk and often don't have protections like paid sick days.



MARIA TERESA KUMAR #WearAMask @MariaTeresa1

Latinos, who've been the hardest hit by the nation's coronavirus-related economic crisis, once again led all groups in joblessness this month, with 17.6% of Latinos unemployed.



Aj Kshatriya @AjKshatriya

The sad thing is, as I am riding Nj / NYC transit, I can't but help notice the majority of people that are riding are low income earners, of black and Latino descent. When the tide goes out, we really know whose working to survive and whose working to self actualize.

7:32 PM · Apr 19, 2020

See Aj Kshatriya's other Tweets

Charles Obijel @lamObj


We will be forced to reopen soon. The folks who will suffer the most are low income folks, African American communities, and the homeless communities.

9:09 AM · Apr 17, 2020

1 See Charles Obijel's other Tweets

TIME @TIME

From limiting access to food stamps and reducing Native Americans' lands, here are 12 ways the Trump Administration has deepened inequality



12 Ways the Trump Administration Has Deepened Inequality From reducing Native Americans' land to limiting access to food stamps time.com

Movement for a People's Party @4aPeoplesParty

With the national unemployment rate dropping from 14.7 to 13.3% in May, the racial disparity was a different story. "Joblessness among black workers, however, rose to 16.8 percent". This is what a #RiggedSystem looks like. #Economicinequality

The Hill @thehill

Job gains show signs of widening racial divide hill.cm/sp/9f96b



Clint Smith @ClintSmithIII

Again, any articles, people, or politicians talking about Black people being disproportionately impacted by this virus w/o talking about housing segregation, environmental racism, food insecurity, lack of medical access, or medical discrimination, is being irresponsible. Period.

11:08 AM · Apr 11, 2020

7.7K 2.3K people are Tweeting about

Pearl Low | 盧寶珠 @Fumi_chun

PSA: fighting anti-Black racism doesn't begin and end with addressing police brutality. We haven't even hit:

- The health system
- The education system
- Gentrification & city planning
- Pay gaps
- Workplace culture
- AND MORE.

4:22 PM · Jun 15, 2020

6.3K 3.7K people are Tweeting about this

Chan Zuckerberg Initiative @ChanZuckerberg


A8: Community members with disabilities and housing/homelessness advocates can use their shared voice to ask our officials for what both groups need: more stable housing in every corner of our region and affordable rent #HousingAccess4All

The Kelsey @TheKelseyMore

Q8: There is a need for the disability rights and the housing/homelessness advocacy communities to work together more. In what ways would you like to see disability rights and housing/homelessness communities work closer together? #HousingAccess4All

Denise Oliver-Velez @Deoliver47

Black women slammed hardest by coronavirus joblessness, new survey finds



Elizabeth Warren @SenWarren

I'm glad the Massachusetts legislature is considering steps to address predatory debt collection and its disproportionate impact on people of color. I have a plan with @SenSherrodBrown to provide broad consumer debt relief. medium.com/@SenWarren/con...

Black women slammed hardest by coronavirus joblessness, new survey... In the thick of the deadly coronavirus pandemic, Quintina Moore-Caraway, a Black woman working as a ramp agent at a Houston airport... dailykos.com

12:22 PM · Apr 15, 2020

21 See the latest COVID-19 information on Twitter

Manuela Tobías @manuelatobiasm

Undocumented farmworkers (about half the total farm lab force) face the toughest time adjusting to #COVID19. The don't qualify for unemployment and have been excluded from many of the safety net programs rolling out in response to the outbreak.



San Joaquin Valley farmworkers fear working — and "With our workers, fear is probably our biggest enemy." fresnobee.com

6:10 PM · Apr 13, 2020

Equity Gap /news

One officer at George Floyd's fatal arrest spotlights another racial divide

"When you are put into this situation, and you live amongst other poor black and brown folks with very little resources, there is that piece of strain between communities that must fight for the same resources," Vaj said. "There isn't enough for all of you."

New Trump housing rule to increase discrimination against minorities, say advocates

Why women veterans are more likely than civilian women to commit suicide

Kate Henricks Thomas and Kyleanne Hunter

August 14, 2019



salon

Trump's darkness: White supremacy, Christian nationalism and the coronavirus

This pandemic has brought out the worst in Trump — and in his most racist and fanatical followers

For example, black Americans are much more likely to be both hospitalized and die from the coronavirus than are other groups in the country. There are many factors which explain that disproportionate outcome.

These include the relationship between stress, racism and negative health outcomes, and the history of racial housing segregation and related exposure to pollutants and toxins. Black Americans are also far more likely than whites to work in "essential" jobs in the public sector or the service industry, where they do not have the luxury of working from home and must risk exposure to the coronavirus every day.

Black Americans also experience economic insecurity at higher rates than other groups. So they are less likely to have access to health care and are very likely to continue working even when sick because of a lack of savings and other financial resources.

Instead of trying to lessen this dramatic social inequality — which affects the working class and poor more generally — the Trump regime is continuing its efforts to overturn the Affordable Care Act and related programs. Public health experts have repeatedly shown that decreasing access to health care will make the coronavirus pandemic and its long-term society-wide impact much worse. This is especially true for nonwhites, poor and working-class Americans, and other groups who rely upon the Affordable Care Act.



BREITBART

KAMALA HARRIS: OUR TICKET CAN SAY 'BLACK LIVES MATTER' WHILE TRUMP IS 'SOWING HATE'

During an interview with "The 19th," presumptive Democratic vice presidential nominee Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA) compared the Democratic and Republican presidential tickets.

Harris said, "Black women pay attention to the issue issues. Black women are motivated to vote for the people who represent their priorities and their needs. And so when you look at everything that relates to what we've discussed in terms of childcare when you look at what we're talking about in terms of jobs, health care when you look at what we need to do to address racial and not only disparities in terms of the healthcare system and in terms of the economy and education system, we need to speak about systemic racism, and when you have one ticket that can say the phrase Black Lives Matter and another who has full-time sowing hate and division in our country, those are the things that are going to motivate black women to vote. a point in pride about a black woman being on the ticket, it takes more than just that to motivate black women to vote."

MilitaryTimes

As women move into the civilian world, existing challenges are compounded by the limited services and care systems, both non-profit and government, available to women. Women veterans also report that they leave the military with less of a very important factor: social support. Social support provides astonishing protective health benefits, to include lowered stress hormones, lowered risk of suicide and better overall physical health.



The New York Times

How Minneapolis, One of America's Most Liberal Cities, Struggles With Racism

The Midwestern city that has been the site of unrest views itself as embracing multiculturalism. But it also struggles with segregation and racial gaps on education.

Yet a shift in influence and representation has been slow coming. In 2018, Minnesotans elected Representative Ilhan Omar, a Somali-American and Muslim who is the first woman of color to serve the state in Congress. And disparities in employment, poverty and education between people of color and white residents are among the worst in the nation.

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Grondahl: Homecoming of love for leader of The Brothers

Van Dyke was a working-class African-American hero in Albany in the late-1960s who stood up for the oppressed and gave voice to the voiceless. He became a beloved figure among poor blacks because he battled for their causes, fighting vigorously against racial inequality and job discrimination. He called out the entrenched political machine for its obstructionism and carried the banner of the civil rights movement.

CNN

A guide to how you can support marginalized communities

By Harmeet Kaur, CNN

Helping Hands

The heroes are the helpers in these feel-good, food-focused, sometimes religiously inflected accounts of people “giving back” to a proverbial, persistent “poor.”

People in poverty: just need a little helping hand from everyday heroes

What will solve poverty: communities meeting basic material needs, though poverty will always be with us

Tone: hero worship-y, heartwarming

THE DAILY GAZETTE



Helping Hands /twitter

TASK & the Boys #BlackLivesMatter @UpToTASK · Jul 29
Kudos to this teacher but there should never be such a thing as a "school lunch debt".

Kotaku @Kotaku · Jul 29
Teacher raises \$16,000 on Twitch to wipe out school's lunch debt: bit.ly/2X14jPW



Ashley Bennett @AshleyNicholeB · Jul 23
PS @MitchOFarrell - @GroundGameLA / @MutualaidLA's outreach team is currently caring for 4 other families who were unhoused in CD13 with NO help from your office, or the city. But we don't feel the need to make videos every time we do one good thing

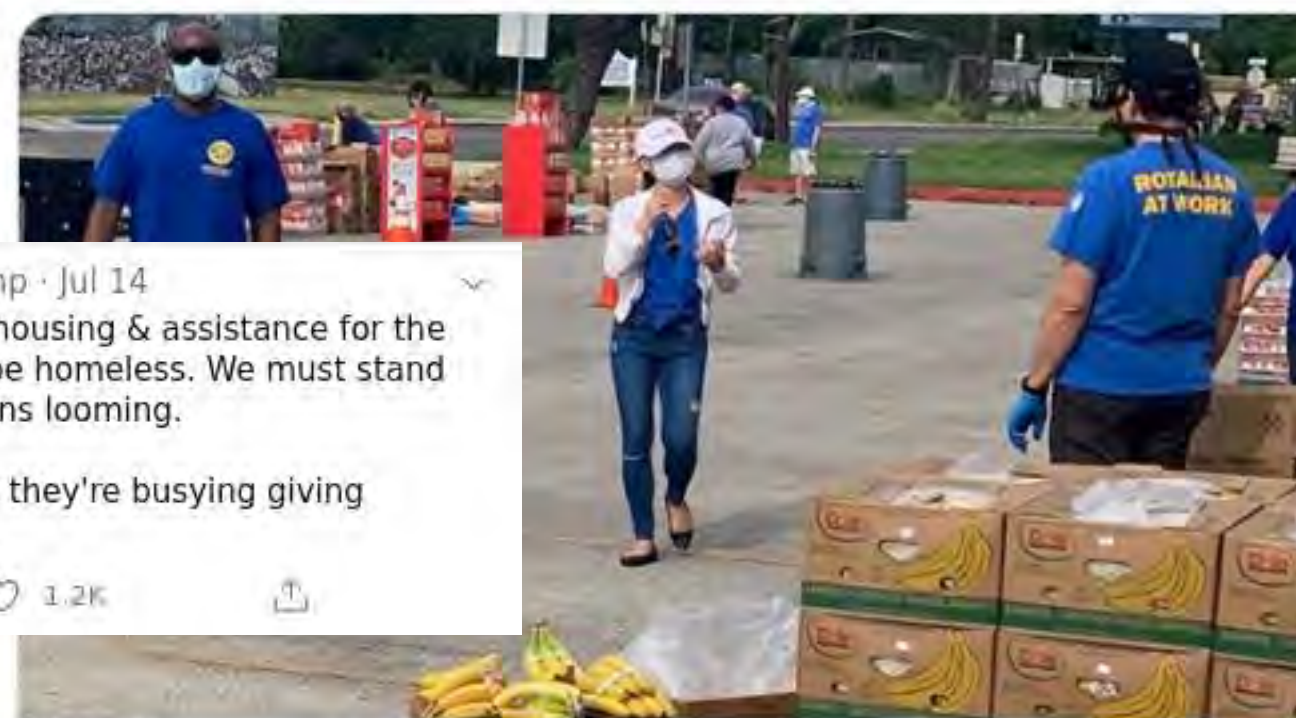


Scott Heins @scottheins · Jul 18
The looming eviction wave is the next great brutal and unnecessary public health crisis of 2020. If you clapped and donated to healthcare workers you need to support and donate to housing organizers and legal aid attorneys. You need to send money to keep people in their homes

Charlie Jane Anders *on hiatus* @chariejane · Jul 20
Now is a really really good time to donate to anti-eviction and tenants' rights organizations in your local area, if you can spare the cash—because evictions are about to go thru the roof.

Rotary International @Rotary · Jul 18
The Rotary Club of San Antonio, TX is working with their local food bank to serve the needs of their community. Through their third weekly distribution, they have delivered over 100,000 pounds of food. on.rotary.org/3gXBs6x

#RotaryResponds



Lee Camp [Redacted] @LeeCamp · Jul 14
People should start preparing group housing & assistance for the millions of Americans who will soon be homeless. We must stand together. There are 28 million evictions looming.

Sorry the government can't help, but they're busying giving trillions of \$\$ to big banks & Wall St.

Discovering the power of Rotary during a pandemic
By Nathan Rizzo, Rotary Club of San Antonio, Texas, USA I have been a member of my club for two years, but it was in the mid..
blog.rotary.org

Northside ISD @NISD · Jul 18
#NISDFamily- next Friday, July 24, @safoodbank is hosting another mega distribution event at Gus Stadium. Families must register in advance on the Food Bank's website- safoodbank.org/cvresponse/get...



Wesley Hunt @WesleyHuntTX · Jul 16
US House candidate, TX-7
Thank you to all the amazing #TeamHunt interns who came out to support Houston by volunteering at the Houston Food Bank - You are showing great leadership through service.

Right now, we can all do our part to help our neighbors and strengthen our communities.



WMolina @willettanadine · Jul 13
We are all supporting Goya foods!!! Who are you to tell us what to do!!!! We need to Boycott AOC!!!!
Virginia man raises \$77K to donate Goya products to food pantries: 'Say no to cancel culture' | Fox Business



Virginia man raises \$77K to donate Goya products to food pan...
"Americans are fundamentally generous people," says organizer Casey Harper.
foxbusiness.com

Gayle Letherby #BlackLivesMatter @gletherby · Jul 25
As a child my family experienced hardship, including food poverty and homelessness.

I am grateful to live a more comfortable life now & acknowledge my privilege.

I have time to volunteer & the resources to donate to some causes & individuals & regularly do both. 1/4

HELPING HANDS is a mainstay of local news, filed under "society" or "business," and surprisingly prevalent on Twitter too. Politics rarely plays a role.

Mami Wata @BeingRejoice · Jul 27
the amount of burden and uncertainty we've been faced with this year, has been a norm for low income and underprivileged communities. What's a bad year for us, is a cemented lifetime for others. we would be remiss to not use our privilege to better the lives of others

Helping Hands /news

Soup's on at Waterford church

Ashley Taylor
[More from Ashley Taylor](#)

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NORFOLK & NEWS
TILLSONBURG

"It's as much for the social interaction as it is for the soup," said Stover. "People eat alone too much of the time. Here they sit with friends, and make new friends."

"We have a few people that we send extra soup home with because they need it," said Snively.

The pair added that the free meal is for anyone interested in attending. The monthly event is about community building, which is done through all different members of the community participating.

creations for the city's homeless and food-insecure.

They call their program Too Many Cocks in the Kitchen for Good, and with additional food donations, they are preparing meals for three homeless shelters.



IMPACT YOUR WORLD
CNN

Detroit mom-and-pop restaurants, forced to close due to coronavirus, now cook meals for homeless

By Lauren Lee, CNN
Updated 8:47 AM ET, Tue March 31, 2020

THE LOWCOUNTRY NEWS LEADER

De La Reguera's Dramedy 'Ana'

Veronica Villafaña Contributor @ Hollywood & Entertainment
I'm an expert in the Hispanic media industry.

Forbes

in touch with my family and friends," she shares. "What really concerns me is how many people are suffering and need help."

The actress, who created two foundations, VeracruzAna, which helped rebuild homes after a hurricane hit her home state of Veracruz, and OneChildren's Foundation, which provides assistance to low-income people along the Mexico border and also in Los Angeles.

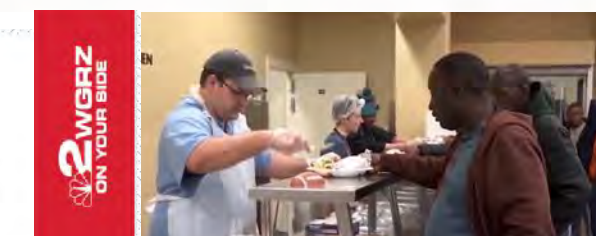
Dream Center feeds Buffalo families in need during pandemic

"We wanted to bring hope and encouragement to our community, because there's so many families facing so many difficult situations right now. We feel like that is our job and our commitment to the community, to bring hope and encouragement to the community," Pastor Michelle Johns said.

People and businesses donated to add to the food that comes in from Feedmore Western New York.

Since that program began last month, the Dream Center has given groceries to more than 3,200 families around the city.

If you need help or want to help them out, the number to call is (716) 854-1001.



2 WGRZ ON YOUR SIDE

Local community members host drive-thru food bank for those in need

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"Our main priority is to try and help the elderly people, the people that cannot come out of their house, that are disabled and people that have a lot of children," said Evangelisto.

Evangelisto says they've even gotten checks and food donations from small business owners and folks just driving through.

The group is now able to offer delivery to those who cannot leave their homes.

They say they'll keep giving until they can't anymore,

To utilize the services or donate the number to call is (814) 201-2277 or 814-502-9616.

They're open from 10 am to 2 pm

"It's fun. I just want to see everybody happy," Xavier Vereen said as he prepared a table.

The party not only served as a good deed to the homeless, it was evident that it meant just as much for the staff that were attending. Robert Taylor, a pastor and a recovering drug addict arrived at the Durham Rescue Mission not too long ago.

"Even though we're here at the mission we don't look at it as a mission, but being one big house, one big family and loving brothers pulling together to make our lives better and different," said Taylor.

Lowcountry Strong: Woman starts Charleston COVID-19 network of 6,000+ people

LOWCOUNTRY NEWS

Orth also runs a non-profit called The Stone Soup Collective which organizes people to make soup for those in need, especially the elderly and the homeless. During this pandemic, she has been dropping off donated ingredients to volunteers' homes. Once the soup is made, volunteers pick it up and deliver it to people around the Lowcountry.

"I love food," volunteer Denise Fugo said. When asked why she helps with The Stone Soup Collective, she got tears in her eyes.

"I interview homeless people and it's just tragic that our country allows this. We have starving people and we have people that don't get to sleep in a bed every night and don't have the right to go to the hospital," she added. "That's why I do it."

SOCIETY
THE DURHAM RESCUE MISSION
abc NEWS

Durham Rescue Mission throws Super Bowl party for homeless

By Tim Pulliam
Sunday, February 2, 2020

LOCAL NEWS

Drive-thru food bank helps hundreds



"Things are really bad and we need to make sure we're looking out after each other and looking out for our neighbor and checking to see who needs what so there is no one in our community going hungry," said Salvation Army Major Mark Turner.

"When a crisis comes around it's at the front of people's minds and they're starting to

Ray's cooking up a 'soup-er' treat for Leslie locals during lockdown

by Neil Henderson
April 29 2020, 8:22am

f t w i n e

It was the challenges of the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic that got Ray thinking about what they could do to help those most in need in his area.

He decided his love of cooking would best suit, with the help of his wife Christine, twice-weekly soup-making sessions for his elderly neighbours and local vulnerable families.

"With the current uncertainty and the government advising vulnerable people to stay

North Texas Giving Tuesday Now Is May 5 Nonprofit Food Truck Helps Feed Impoverished Coloradans During Coronavirus Pandemic

The online giving campaign on May 5 sup

By Kimberly Richard • Published April 17, 2020 • U

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The Grind

Dispatches from a daily struggle to “touch money” chronicle first-hand the trials and tribulations of repeatedly reaching for financial well-being.

People in poverty: should be doing whatever it takes to transcend poverty

What will solve poverty: perseverance, hard work, plus a little luck to “make it big”

Tone: aspirational, resolute, aimed at prosperity



The Grind /twitter



Went from working 4 days a week to just 1 and Mfs still mad I'm going to work for that one day. Not even worried about how I'm making rent ??

2:05 AM · Oct 27, 2020



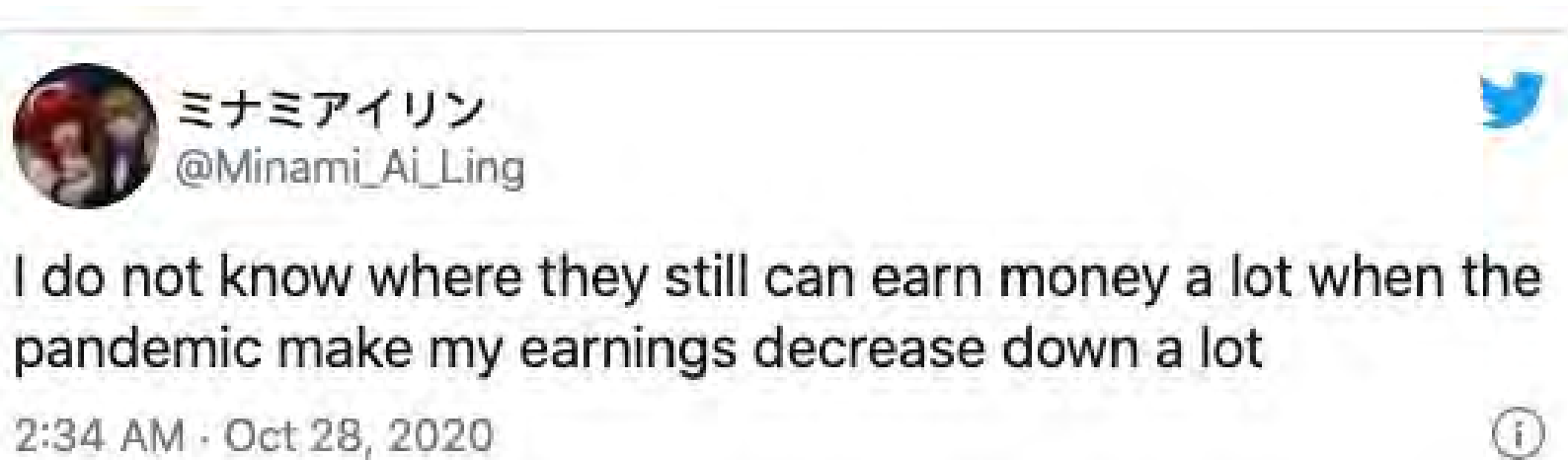
Entrepreneurship isn't for everyone

Lots of early mornings and long nights without pay, living off nothing but a dream

It'll test your relationships, and destroy you mentally if you're not careful

The only thing you have is your "why", and YOU HAVE TO cherish that

4:10 AM · Oct 28, 2020 from Atlanta, GA



2 ⚡ See the latest COVID-19 information on Twitter



so sorry i have to work my ass off for scraps, so sorry i wasn't born rich, so sorry my parents didn't make enough to cover my rent if i get sick. I wish we had all gotten a check d been told to stay home, but instead i have to hope i stay althy while bringing another shot



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NEVER FOLLOW THOSE THAT HAVE NO DESTINATION

👉 Be decisive

👉 Be quick, accurate and timing in your actions* 🏃 🏃 🏃

👉 Always align with the right team(people) 🧑 🧑 🧑
And most importantly 🏃 don't ever procrastinate in making Moves that could bring a total financial freedom to life

3:00 AM · Nov 1, 2020

The Grind /news

Upsides for Some Remote Workers; Lost Pay and Security for Others

Working from home creates economic winners and losers. It can benefit highly skilled employees but depress others' wages and make it hard to organize.

The changes that remote work is accelerating "are a disaster for low-skilled labor and could be a good thing for high-skilled labor," said Gerald F. Davis, a professor of management and sociology at the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business who has written extensively about shifting work arrangements. "I anticipate it having this centrifugal effect."

Many workers could see an increase in disposable income and flexibility, but others could be pushed into contracting arrangements that lower their wages and make their livelihoods more precarious. Even highly skilled workers may find it harder to band together to improve their pay and working conditions.

Q&A on Oregon's faulty employment claims system: What's a laid-off worker to do?

"I would say I probably couldn't pay any more than another two to three months," Viar said.

Thousands, perhaps tens of thousands, of Oregonians find themselves in the same predicament – out of work, without benefits checks and unable to get answers from the state about their claims status.

State awards raises to nursing and group home staff

April 25, 2020 10:04 a.m. by



Hard work is in her background Iohud.

Bartiromo grew up in Brooklyn, the granddaughter of Italian immigrants; her father owned the Rex Manor, a restaurant in Brooklyn, which he inherited from his father.

"It was named after the Rex, the ship that brought my grandfather from Italy to America in 1919," she said. Maria and her sister got jobs as coat check girls at the family-owned restaurant.

"My vision of my father is that he was always behind the stove, sweating with a bandanna around his head. He worked hard. My mom worked hard, too, so I have an upbringing of just watching my parents work so hard and that shaped me," she said.

Residents protest 'Stay at Home' order on Central Coast

"I can't sleep, where am I going to get my next meal? I need to pay my car payment, where am I going to get money to pay my rent? I filed for unemployment March 16 and I still haven't received a penny," expressed Tammy Spriggs, a dental assistant.

Why Aren't More Women Working? They're Caring for Parents

DUNWOODY, Ga. — Aisha Adkins would rather have her own place, instead of living with her parents. She would also like a job, a car, a master's degree and savings. But at 35, a decade after graduating from Georgia Southern University in Statesboro with a specialty in social services, she has had to put off those goals.



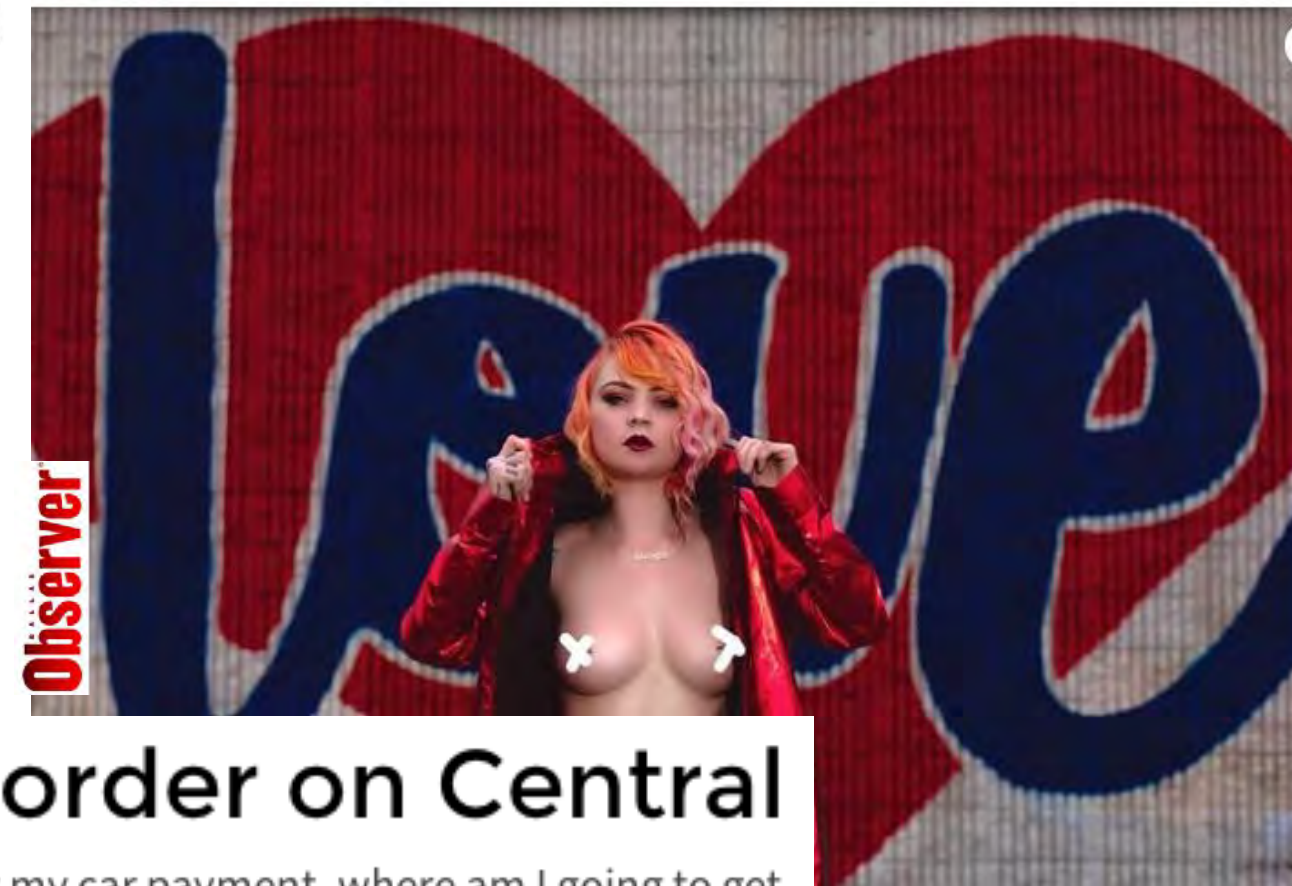
"Everyone is saying healthcare workers are heroes. That's true. But healthcare workers have been heroes all along, and all along have not received the kind of treatment heroes should be receiving," said Adanjesus Marin, the lead organizer of union 1199.

He has experience in home care. He said the work is labor intensive and low paying.

"You could make the same amount of money working at the corner store and not have to deal with a lot of the pain and hard work that you have to deal with when working in a nursing home," said Marin.

Service Industry Workers Strip Down to Raise Money for Furloughed Workers

ALEX GONZALEZ | APRIL 23, 2020 | 4:00AM



Coronavirus: Association for the Blind, employees at odds over furloughs, pay

Sixty-five employees with the non-profit organization Cincinnati Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired were let go from work earlier this month. Two-thirds of those employees are legally blind or have vision impairment.

While 17 of the workers have returned to work in some capacity, the majority of those still out of a job are blind, the organization said.

"It's very stressful. It's hurtful, it's painful," said Patrick Richardson, 48, of the layoffs.

Richardson, who has worked as a maintenance technician with the agency for three years, isn't legally blind but says being unemployed doesn't help him pay bills nor support his two children.

"I'm being forced to choose between my health and my job": Georgia's controversial reopening plan, explained

Georgia's governor is determined to reopen the state's economy, ready or not.

The problem is a question of fear. Americans fear spreading or contracting infection, so much so that they've overwhelmingly participated in social distancing measures. They tell pollsters by wide margins that they fear lifting those restrictions too soon much more so than too late. They're willing to stay put even if it harms the economy.

They also fear economic hardship. That's led prudent people, even those left relatively unharmed by the downturn so far, to delay nonessential purchases, like new cars, appliances, clothes, and other goods.

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Innuendo, association, and coded rhetoric conspire to cast people in poverty as bogey men threatening society from a shadowy otherworld.

People in poverty: are sick, criminal, dirty, addicted, homeless, foreign, or otherwise not like “us”

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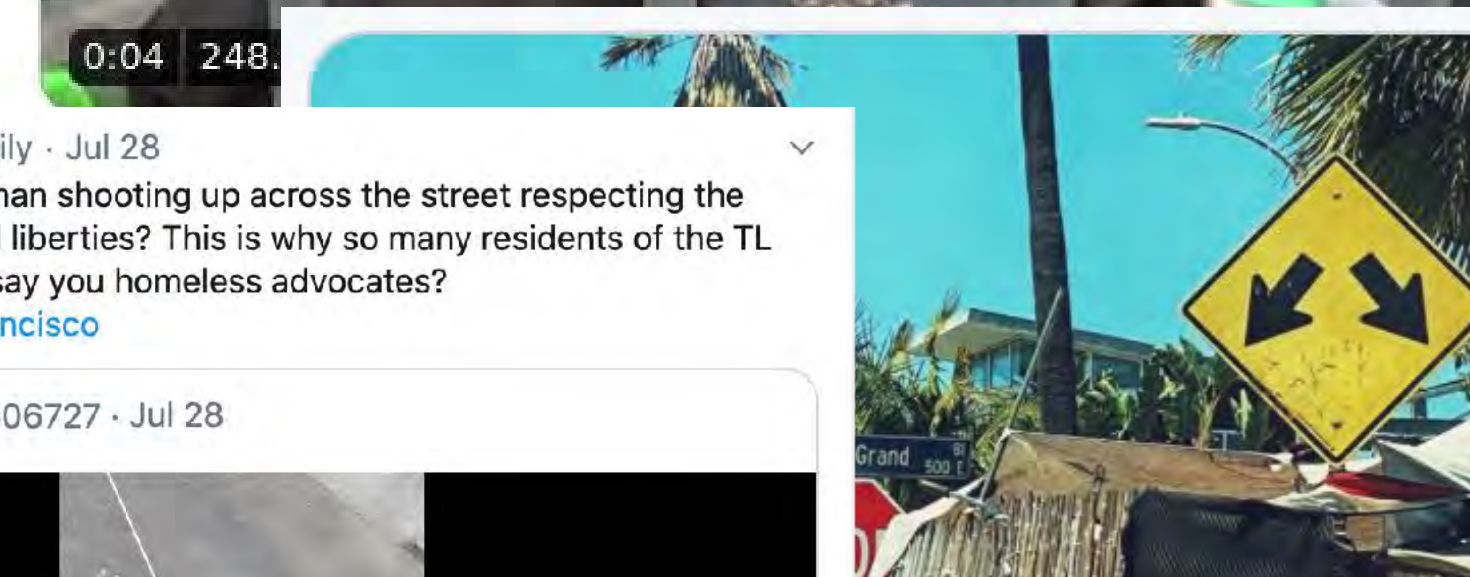
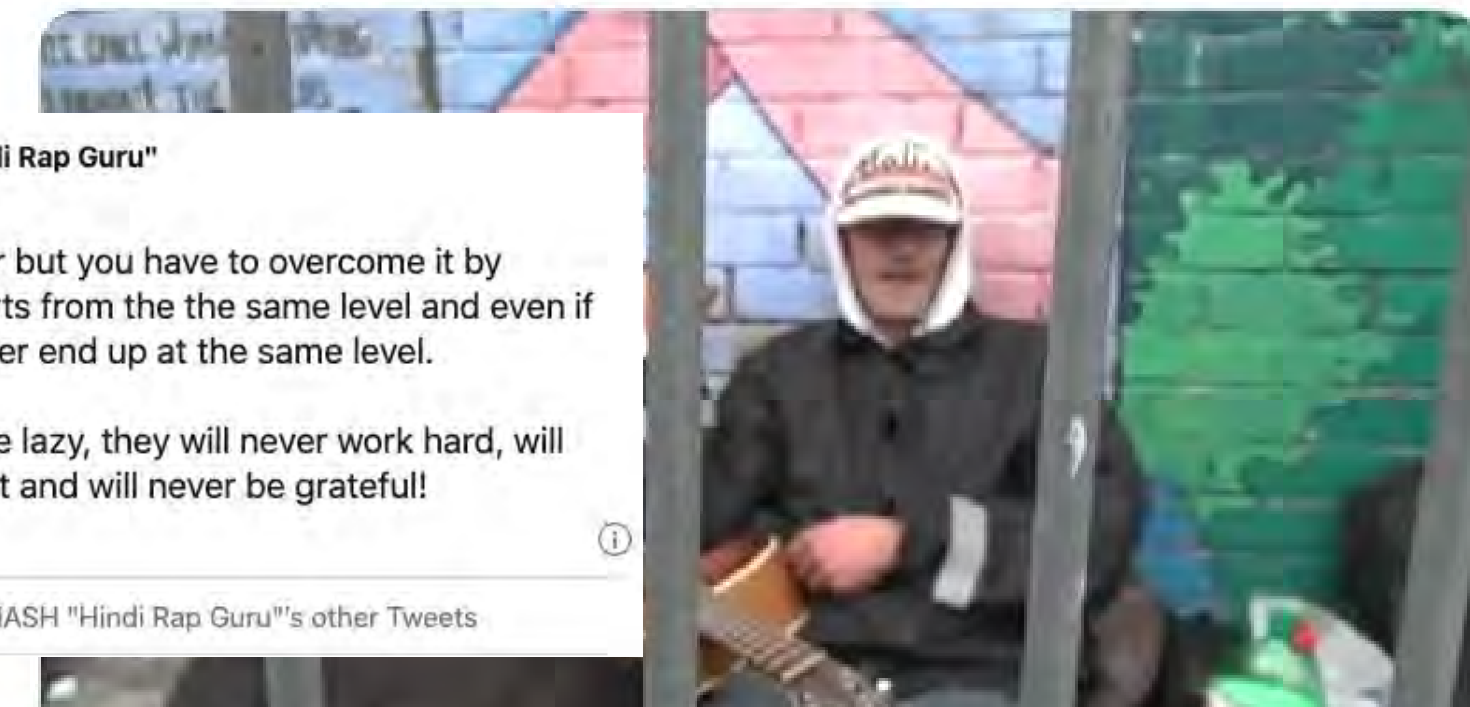
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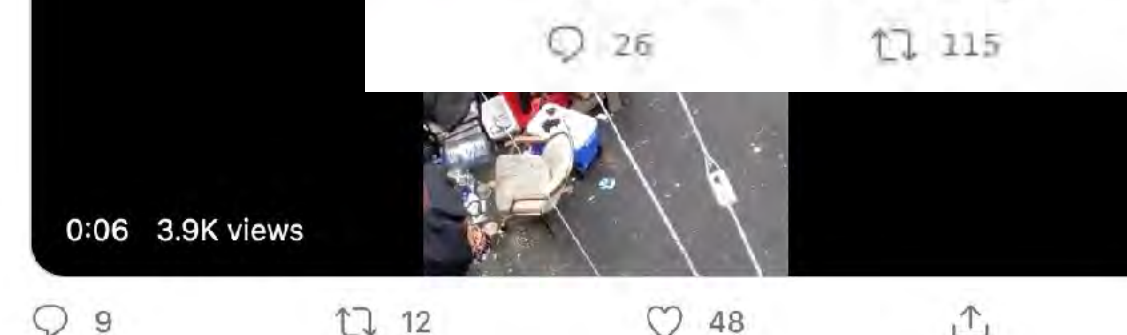
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DGN @DGN86606727 · Jul 28

David Benjamin @thetoyman1 · Jul 26
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Caleb55 @SoapBox21 · Jul 22
What does huge homeless population create in a city environment? What does burning down buildings and not collecting trash/leaving perhaps dead bodies lying around create? What have the people of NY been saying about the prevalence of rats? What Plague did CO/China Just Mention?

Jennifer Van Laar @jenvanlaar
In addition to cutting the homeless patrol, which I'm in favor of, the "air support, robbery and homicide and gang and narcotics divisions" will see big cuts and "station desks will be manned only during weekday hours." Let's see how all of THAT works out!



LAPD to dramatically downsize special units, focus on patrol as budget cut
The Los Angeles Police Department in coming months will downsize its

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What happens under [@GovofCO](#) [@MayorHancock](#) rein of incompetence. Colorados capitol is now a homeless camp. Streets littered with human feces, needles, trash, and the homeless. Taxpayers are not able to enjoy the city or feel safe. [#goodjob](#)

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so why aren't there piles of dead homeless in the streets? They don't social distance, wear masks, wash their hands all the time...

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Ah, if you get into money problems and can't afford to pay for "protection" and live in shorty neighborhoods that threaten to kill you, just stay there, America doesn't give a shit about your safety, just jobs. minimal wage jobs that lazy fucks fight for but don't actually work in

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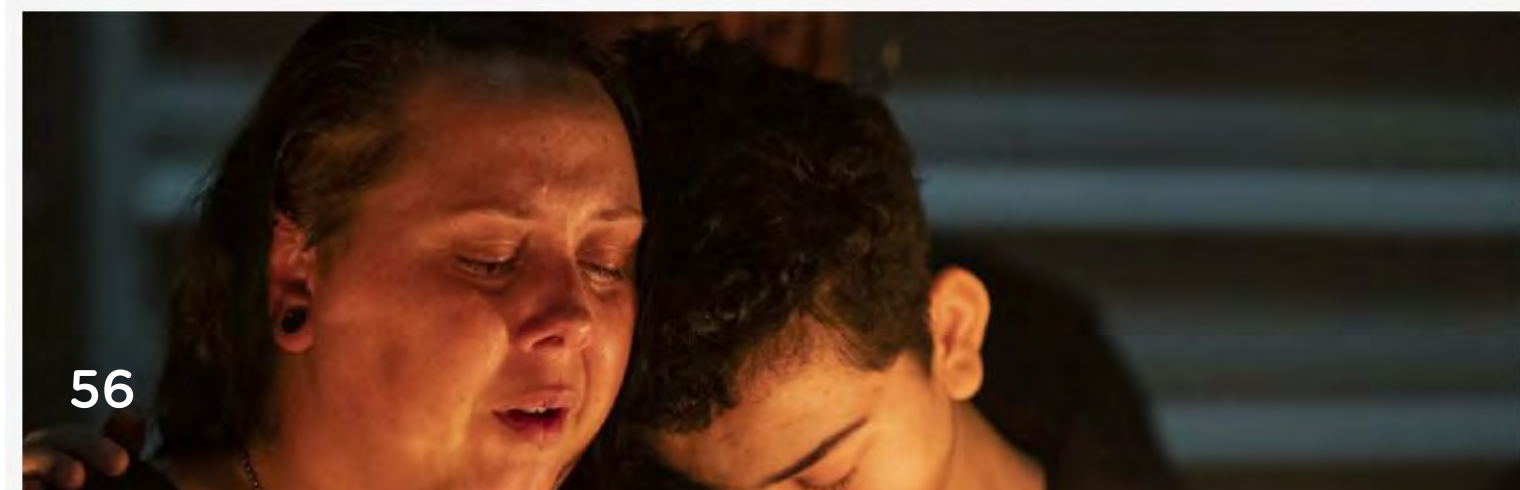
Texas governor picks new fight over homeless after attack

By PAUL J. WEBER January 7, 2020

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Republican Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said Tuesday that last week’s seemingly random knife attacks by a homeless man at an Austin shopping plaza magnified a “sense of lawlessness” in the liberal state capital city, whose mayor has accused the governor of demonizing people living on the streets.

Since the attacks Friday, which included the fatal stabbing of a restaurateur, Abbott has sought to draw a link to relaxed camping ordinances that have made homelessness more visible in one of the nation’s fastest-growing cities. After Austin Mayor Steve Adler accused the governor of characterizing homeless people as criminals.

“What Austin has done over the past half year is to perpetuate a sense of lawlessness in the city about the homeless,” Abbott told reporters in the Texas Capitol. He urged the city to step up enforcement, “So that nobody else is going to lose their lives because of these modified rules that have been adopted by the city of Austin.”



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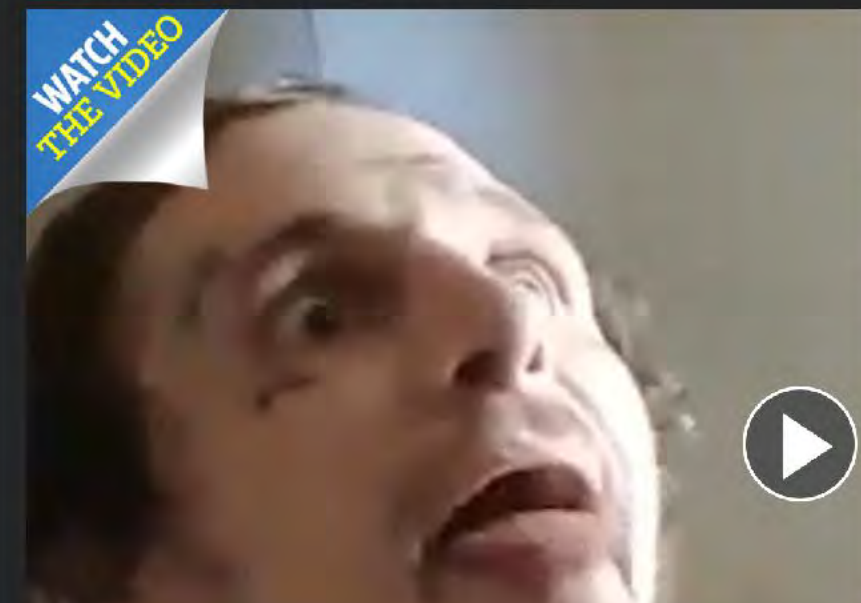
Carson was optimistic, saying we should “use this as an impetus to get rid of homelessness in the country altogether.”

But unlike the indoor approach currently being used in Los Angeles — where Mayor Eric Garcetti is converting recreation centers in residential neighborhoods to emergency homeless shelters — Carson said the best solution was to build tent cities on public lands, where the spread of coronavirus would be less likely:

There are some federal lands, and some state lands, that can be contributed, and we can put up various types of structures that can be put up relatively inexpensively, which give people a clean bed, a safe environment, a place where their basic medical needs can be taken care of, where we can deal with the drug addiction, where we can deal with the illness, and also “wraparound” services, because many of these people are very salvageable, and can be returned to a state of self-sufficiency. But if we don’t concentrate on doing that, what we will do is accumulate more and more and more dependent people, and pretty soon the total will be so great we will not be able to

ZOMBIE DRUG Harrowing effect of ‘cannibal’ drug Flakka that causes victims to gouge each others eyes – as it claims first Brit life

Miranda Knox
Feb 3 2020, 11:55 ET | Updated: Feb 4 2020, 10:21 ET



In 2012, Rudy Eugene, thought to be high on the drug, chewed the face and eyeball off homeless Ronald Poppo in Miami.

Eugene was naked when he attacked and maimed Poppo in an 18-minute encounter which saw him take off his victim’s pants and bite off most of his face, leaving him blind in both eyes.

BEN CARSON: BUILD HOMELESS TENT CITIES OUTSIDE, SOLVE PROBLEM NOW

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Denver Park Where Homeless Camp Closed Because of Rats

A park across from Colorado’s state Capitol where homeless people have been camping has been shut down because officials say it’s become infested with rats.

By Associated Press, Wire Service Content Jan. 15, 2020, at 5:49 p.m.

Hundreds of rats are currently living in Liberty Park and could spread diseases through their feces and human contact, among other ways, Tammy Vigil, a spokeswoman for the Denver Department of Public Health and Environment told The Denver Post.

“The reason the rats are so big is because of all the food that’s left there — all the food waste that’s not thrown away,” Vigil said.

The closure is likely to last weeks, Ann Cecchine-Williams, the department’s deputy executive director, said.

The number of tents in the park grew in recent weeks after a Denver County judge ruled that the city’s urban camping ban amounted to cruel and unusual punishment. Police have not been enforcing the ban in the two weeks since the ruling but City Attorney Kristin Bronson has said she planned to tell police to resume enforcement sometime this week.

OPINION · Published June 7, 2019

Jason Chaffetz: Congress doubles down on incentivizing illegal immigration



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Rare in news, NOT LIKE US does sometimes occur in tabloid-type publishers, and as a strategy for showcasing a threatened “Main Street America,” especially in the context of immigration.

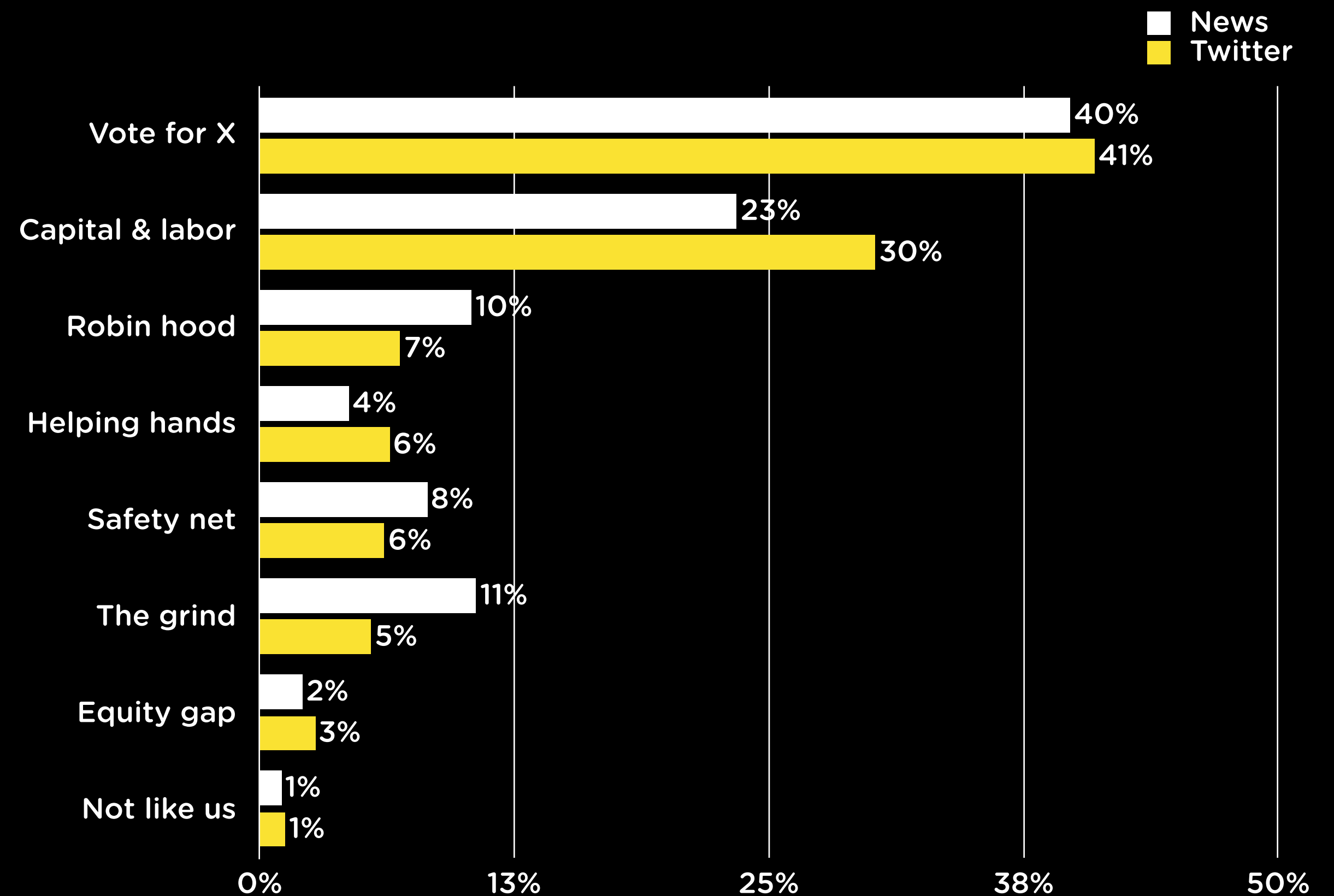
So in addition to incentivizing migrants to bring children (not necessarily their own) on the dangerous trek, now Democrats also want to reward migrants to bring with them pregnant women or physically disabled people, not to mention the mentally disabled who are more likely to end up becoming part of our massive homeless population.

Narratives summary

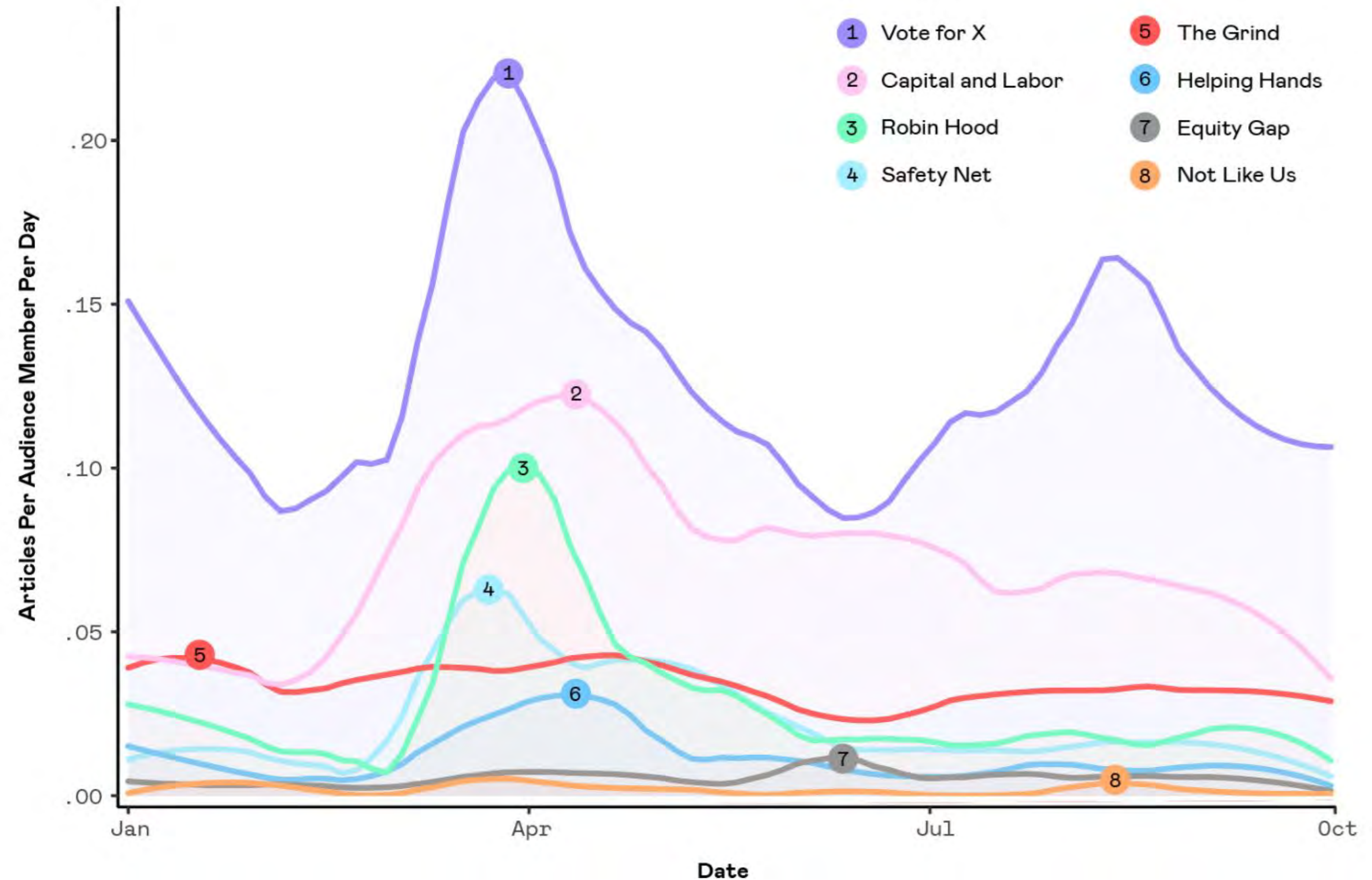
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	Arguments for and against economic conditions and policies are rendered through the lens of electoral politics, with parties and candidates center stage.	An implied causal chain between a growing economy, abundant jobs, high wages, and individual financial well-being spotlights macro-economic indicators.	Government programs to mitigate the systemic effects of poverty take center stage in often abstract discussions of need, cost, efficacy, efficiency, and trade-offs.	Finger pointing at businesses and billionaires who pile up profit, while the 99% struggle, suffer, and raise their voices to “eat the rich.”	Intersectional stories of race and gender disparity illustrate how some people are more vulnerable to poverty and focus blame on inequitable systems.	The heroes are the helpers in these feel-good, food-focused, sometimes religiously inflected accounts of people “giving back” to a proverbial, persistent “poor.”	Dispatches from a daily struggle to “touch money” chronicle first-hand the trials and tribulations of repeatedly reaching for financial well-being.	Innuendo, association, and coded rhetoric conspire to cast people in poverty as bogey men threatening society from a shadowy otherworld.
PEOPLE IN POVERTY	hardly figure, except as instruments in political agendas	don't have good enough jobs, due to economic factors	are victims of circumstance, who rely on a social safety	are unable to access necessary resources hoarded by the 1%	are marginalized and don't have fair chances	just need a little helping hand from everyday heroes	should be doing whatever it takes to transcend poverty	are sick, criminal, dirty, addicted, homeless, foreign
WHAT WILL SOLVE POVERTY	the policies of a particular party or candidate	businesses booming out an abundance of high-wage jobs	more effective, efficient social programs	redistributing wealth through tax, higher wages, stimulus	everyone gaining equal access to resources	poverty will always be, but we can meet basic material needs	perseverance, hard work, plus a little luck to “make it big”	“poor people” just disappear: they get locked up, deported
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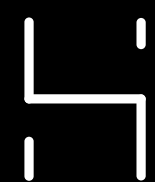
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