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Emilee Reid
Dear Professor Stringhini,
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-Alex Goldmann

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Joel Dunn <joelkdunn@gmail.com>
Fri 09/06, 23:20
Stringihi, Gianluca

Flag for follow up. Completed on 10 June 2017.

A) you're in IT but are trying to be a sociology major.
B) you're clearly trying to overblow and be uber-dramatic about what 4chan is.
C) 4chan is people having discussions amongst themselves. Since you don't like or agree with the subject matter or the views of those who spend time communicating on 4chan (because you're an obvious HIV+ fan that you are attempting to persuade people to believe that free speech is bad, racism is a completely invalid human reaction to danger, etc.
D) the harder people like you try to silence those who you disagree with the more obvious you make it to people that it is in fact you who are wrong.
E) F you. You're an idiot. Enjoy wasting all of your time wrapped and coddled by academia and then getting raped and murdered by a retard.

You're a terrible educator.

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Yesterday, 10:45
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By Kristen V. Brown

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Misogyny, death threats and a mob of trolls: Inside the dark world of video games with Zoe Quinn - target of #GamerGate

Police warn of homophobic 4chan cyber attack on LGBT+ Pride month celebrations

HIV fundraising event forced offline by 110 spam bots
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We see attacks like these happening 2-5 times a day
How can computer security people help?
What are we going to see today?
What is 4chan?

• An image board
• Conversations grouped into threads
• Fixed number of threads alive at a given time
• New replies bump a thread to the top of the page

Anonymous

Ephemeral (median thread lifetime: 47 min)

Over a period of 3.5 years, we collected 134M posts

Paper + dataset (ICWSM 2020)
Threat model

Call for attack  Coordination  Delivery  Harm

Organization thread

Twitter

YouTube

Email

Instagram
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Identifying raided videos on YouTube

Videos showing a high degree of synchronization with 4chan threads tend to attract comments that contain more hate speech.
What to do about raids?

Our measurement allowed us to collect a ground truth dataset of raided videos.

Can we predict which videos will get raided and help moderators?

Our approach can determine the likelihood that a YouTube video will be raided at upload time with AUC 0.94, allowing for proactive moderation.
Our entire lives have moved online
The latest threat - zoombombing

Call for attack | Coordination | Delivery | Harm

Organization thread

Paper (Oakland 2021)
Measuring zoombombing

10 meeting services
- Zoom
- Meet
- Hangouts
- Webex
- Teams
- ...

- 434 threads on 4chan
- 3,500 tweets

218 calls for zoombombing
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- 93% target meetings happening in real time
We need to rethink our defense mechanisms

- Passwords don’t help
- Waiting rooms don’t help

Only two services allow one-time unique links for each participant
Does deplatforming work?

People can move to alternative an unmoderated communities
• Will they become more toxic?
• Will they get radicalized?
• Will they come back under false identities?
Conclusion

Looking at cross-platform activity can help identify raids early

Defense mechanisms need to be developed against insiders

More research on deplatforming is needed
Thank you!

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