What happened in 2017?



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What's happened since?

- 1. "This works, let's scale it"
- 2. Fear and loathing in San Francisco
- 3. Bigger divide between data-informed publishers and others
- 4. FB attempting to reduce the gap
- 5. Further polarisation
- 6. Filter bubbles became Filter prisons

Spreading information has never been easier

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"Personally, I think the idea that fake news on Facebook -- of which it's a small amount of content -influenced the election in any way is a pretty crazy idea,"

Business

Obama tried to give Zuckerberg a wake-up call over fake news on Facebook



https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/obama-tried-to-give-zuckerberg-a-wake-up-c all-over-fake-news-on-facebook/2017/09/24/15d19b12-ddac-4ad5-ac6e-ef909e1c1284_story.html

During 2016 US **Election period** entire media landscape changed rapidly

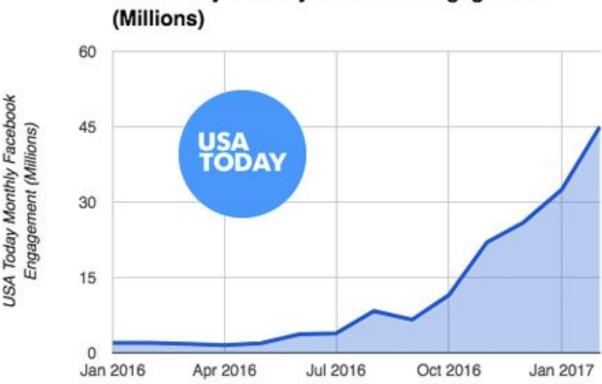
USA Today Bragged About Having 10M Facebook Followers—Millions of Which Were Fake

The Observer discovered USA Today quietly took down an old article boasting about its Facebook following

By Sage Lazzaro • 05/04/17 7:45am



Jan: 2m Feb: 2m Mar: 1.8m Apr: 1.5m May: 1.9m June: 3.7m July 3.9m Aug: 8.3m Sept: 6.6m Oct: 11.5m Nov: 22m Dec: 26m Jan: 32.5m Feb: 45m



USA Today Monthly Facebook Engagement

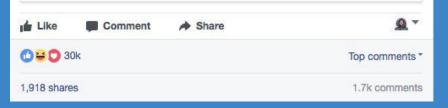


Obama: "You really bought him tickets to Hamilton?" Biden: "I told him it might broaden his-" Obama: "Joe, I'm not mad. I'm impressed"



Silver lining? 'Hamilton' controversy inspires new Biden memes Humor, Because we need it.

USATODAY.COM



From 41k **To 30k** Likes



The plane was carrying three pilots and 10 other personnel.



Indonesian military plane crashes in Papua, killing 13 An Indonesian military Hercules C-130 transport plane crashed Sunday in bad weather in the easternmost province of Papua.

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From 30k **To 13k** Likes



Forewarned is forearmed.



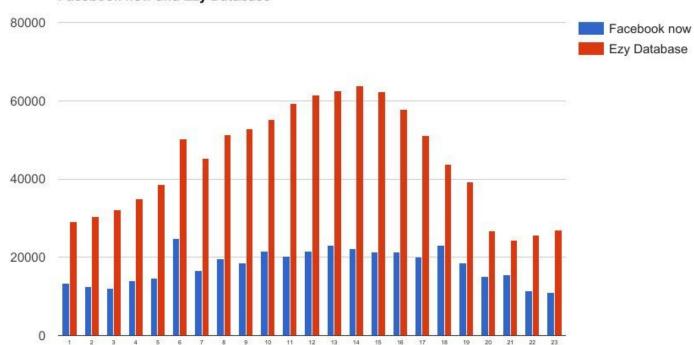
Think cyberthreats are bad now? They'll get worse in 2017 with 'spear phishing'

"Spear phishing" will continue to be the Achilles' heel of cybersecurity in 2017. USATODAY.COM



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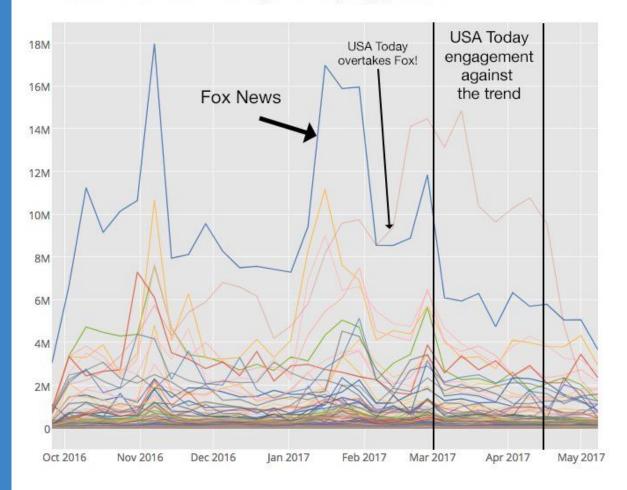
Facebook now and Ezy Database

March 12th 2017

USA Today Engagement since then



US General News Facebook Pages: Weekly Engagement



Social platforms are open to manipulation

Extreme, controversial and fake news is rewarded by design

Most Popular stories, last 4 days, posted on all platforms, from United States, in Controversial

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Farmer Plants Thousands Of Oak Trees To Honor Late Wife. 17 Yrs Later, Aeria... After losing his wife of 33 years, he planted thousands of oak trees in a six-acre field... Translate



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I Stared At This Picture For Hours And Couldn't Find The Hidden Panda. Can... A new illustration is sweeping across Facebook, leaving every single person wh... Translate







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REVOLT! Democrat Senator Diane Feinstein Calls for Investigation into... If you want to see Obama, Lynch, & Hillary in prison, please 'Like' and 'Share' Translate







WOW! TEXAS MAN Pays For AWESOME Billboard Slamming ABC Over Fake... WOW! TEXAS MAN Pays For AWESOME Billboard Slamming ABC Over Fake Russia.. Translate



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Trump Breaks Two-Decade WH Tradition, Skips Ramadan Dinner... The year after Islamic terrorists bombed the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.. Translate





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Lawmakers Are Pushing To Place Ban On Wearing Head Coverings In Public.... Do you support this law? Yes or no? Translate



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Look Whose Dead Body Just Washed Up On a Beach 24 Hours Before Exposing... Look Whose Dead Body Just Washed Up On a Beach 24 Hours Before Exposing... Translate



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Can these Vietnam Veterans get a 'God Bless'? AMAZING! 55 Year old grandma uses "Censored Biblical Weight Loss Method"... Translate

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Riots About To Erupt After Minnesota Just Handed Full Control To Muslims To.. Riots About To Erupt After Minnesota Just Handed Full Control To Muslims To Take... Translate



1	DavidAvocadoWolfe	Baby Boy Suffers From Seizures After Getting Vaccines	https://www.facel	204372
2	I fucking love science	Unvaccinated children could be banned from attending preschool or daycare centers.	https://www.facel	129693
3	I fucking love science	Go Italy!	https://www.facel	65511
4	I fucking love science	Under policies introduced last year, parents that do not vaccinate their children lose their child benefits.	https://www.facel	61752
5	I fucking love science	Everyone else should see it too, to be honest.	https://www.facel	60303
6	NowThisNews	An experimental vaccine therapy left HIV patients without any detectable virus (via NowThis Future)	https://www.facel	55948
7	NPR	One expert in the book joked to me if we relied on the current medical market to deal with polio, we would never have a polio vaccine. Instead we would have iron lungs in	https://www.facel	55673
8	Scary Mommy	"This pediatrician is not putting up with it. Never have, never will."	https://www.facel	47746
9	ScienceAlert	Yes!	https://www.facel	46893
10	Beckham	Amazing to think that this time last year I was walking out onto the pitch at Old Trafford for the Match for Children. It was an incredible end to an epic journey to every corner	https://www.facel	45687
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12	DavidAvocadoWolfe	Dangerous Vaccine Gardasil Begins Trial On Babies	https://www.facel	41822
13	NPR	Breaking: The vaccine works within four or five days, so it could be given even after a person is exposed to Ebola.	https://www.facel	41545
14	I fucking love science	None	https://www.facel	41225
15	DavidAvocadoWolfe	On November 4th, President Obama quietly signed an Executive Order which will advance the execution of forced vaccination, globally. \n\n"CDC may enter into an agreement	https://www.facel	39508
16	georgehtakei	He's calling the shots now. And apparently the authorities.	https://www.facel	39259
17	ScienceAlert	We're closer than ever to an HIV vaccine.	https://www.facel	30177
18	NowThisFuture	An experimental vaccine therapy left HIV patients without any detectable virus	https://www.facel	30104
19	NPR	An oddly delightful though also serious piece by an infectious-disease specialist married to a pediatrician who's all but tearing his hair about the RFKJr./Trump ties.	https://www.facel	30013
20	NaturalNews.com	The Amish, who don't get vaccinated, rarely get autism, cancer, or heart disease - coincidence? http://bit.ly/2iDWIGq	https://www.facel	27936
21	georgehtakei	We can breathe a bit easier knowing this treatment is coming.	https://www.facel	27587
22	I fucking love science	Everything you know is a lie.	https://www.facel	27370
23	ScienceAlert	Yes!!	https://www.facel	27164
24	I fucking love science	Shame on you Robert De Niro!	https://www.facel	26475
25	Upworthy	Let's get the facts on autism and vaccines.	https://www.facel	26007
26	NowThisFuture	An experimental vaccine therapy left HIV patients without any detectable virus	https://www.facel	25673
27	Scary Mommy	To vaccinate or not to vaccinate is NOT a personal choice. A personal choice does not affect hundreds, thousands of people, entire communities.	https://www.facel	24094
28	NPR	The measles virus - which kills almost 400 kids each day worldwide - is hitting Europe hard this year. It's the most contagious disease on Earth. But vaccine coverage has	https://www.facel	23966
29	I fucking love science	Over one million people die from malaria every year. This could save so many lives.	https://www.facel	23639
30	NPR	Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a skeptic of childhood vaccinations, said Tuesday after meeting with Donald Trump that he'd be heading up a Trump-requested commission on vaccin	https://www.facel	22491
31	ScienceAlert	Show this to anyone who asks why they need to get vaccinated.	https://www.facel	19533
32	cctvnewschina	The Ministry of Health has launched a 15-day measles vaccination campaign, aiming to inoculate those most at risk - children between the ages of nine months and 15 years	https://www.facel	19335
33	CNN	The benefit of vaccines is not a matter of opinion. It is a matter of fact, writes Dr. Sanjay Gupta	https://www.facel	17327
	natgeo	Before vaccines, millions of children died horrific deaths from whooping cough, polio, and measles. So why are people across the world rejecting the life-saving shots?	https://www.facel	16807
		Think twice before you vaccinate your children.	https://www.facel	16434
	CNN	President-elect Donald J. Trump met with notable anti-vaccine activist Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., further stoking unfounded fears about vaccine safety	https://www.facel	16363
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French Presidential Election revealed an organised distribution network to amplify specific messages across FB



Facebook posts	Reactions Comments Shares			
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What's happening now?

Fastest stories, last 12 hours, posted on all platforms, from United Kingdom, in Controversial, in English

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Soros Launches 'Media Blitz' Against Hungary

George Soros, the billionaire open borders campaigner, has launched a "media blitz"... Translate



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No guarantees as EU eyes more money from May

The bloodsuckers at the EU will meet with Theresa May and try and squeeze another... Translate



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LEAVE EU - I voted LEAVE





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'Exit from Brexit': German plot to STOP 'lose-lose' divorce & keep UK in EU with... 'Exit from Brexit': German plot to STOP 'lose-lose' divorce & keep UK in EU with ne... Translate





Paul Joseph Watson

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Video: Grown Men Squabble Over Toy Car on Black Friday » Alex Jones' Infowars:... Four grown men squabble over a toy car. This sums up the utter mindlessness of... Translate



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Men and Women please WAKE UP! https://goo.gl/WM6Hyi Translate



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Mother demands her son's school take Sleeping Beauty off the curriculum... Mother demands her son's school take Sleeping Beauty off the curriculum becaus... Translate



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BREAKING: Bomb and gun attack at mosque leaving 'at least 75 injured' Initial reports indicate at least 75 are injured Translate









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There is an immigration crisis

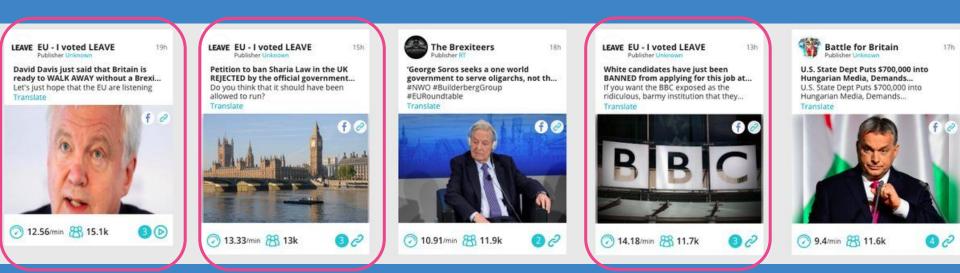
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White candidates have just been BANNED from applying for this job at t... **BBC - DISCRIMINATING AGAINST WHITES** FOR A IOB VACANCY ? Posted to the jobs... Translate





Entanglement of Islamophobic and 'white victimisation' narratives with political pro-Brexit stance.



ISIS Calls for Barron Trump's Assassination Location of First Son's school revealed. Translate



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Tommy Robinson

I have so many messages from Polish people thanking me for my report on their ... Translate



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Mike Cernovich CNN BUSTED! Becky Anderson Fakes A News Report In London Translate



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Alex Jones Breaking: Massive Nuclear Disaster In Russia Poisons Europe >> Learn more:... Translate

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Tommy Robinson Publisher Unknown

Breakfast at Tommy's: 865,894 Non-EU **Migrants in ONE YEAR!** Did you know we gave permanent residency status to almost 900,000 non-EU migrants...





We Need to Talk About Creepy Uncle Joe » Alex Iones' Infowars: There's a war on... Huff Post says loe Biden running for president in 2020 would be a "terrible idea... Translate



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Paul Joseph Watson CREEPY UNCLE JOE

In what world is this normal? Translate



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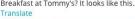
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Breakfast at Tommy's: Is This the End for Merkel? Did you catch this morning's episode of Breakfast at Tommy's? It looks like this...





Alt Right spokespeople become publishers

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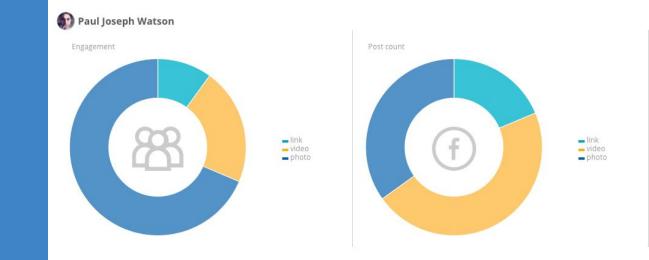
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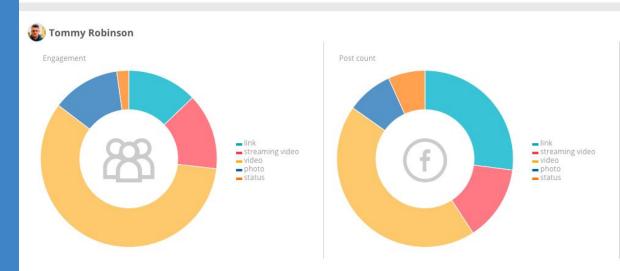
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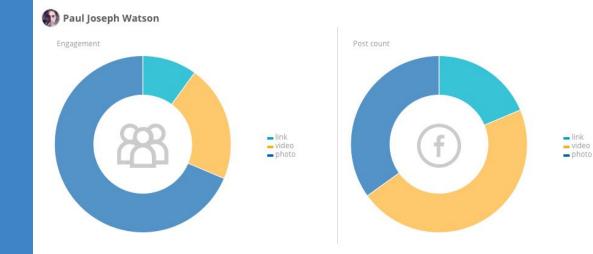
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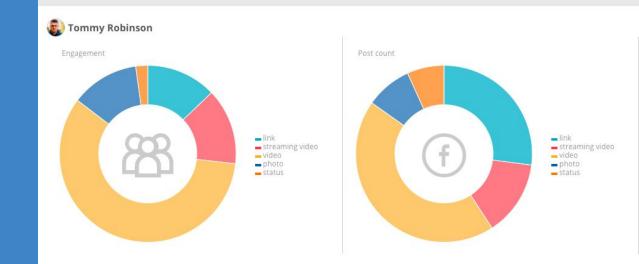
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Further reading:

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