THE INTERNET IS DARK AND FULL OF TERRORS

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Today, we will be discussing topics that are disturbing. Many of the terms and language we will be using may often be described as “inappropriate.” But for the purposes of this panel, they are wholly authentic and accurate.
• **Social Media** – The Usual Suspects

• **Message Board** – An online method for people to ask questions, start discussion topics, and communicate with each other.

• **Reddit** - An extremely popular message board. Number 3 in U.S. Internet traffic. Number 6 in the world. It’s important.

• **4chan** – This message board has six categories and started off as a way for fans to talk about Anime. It allows anonymous posting.
- **Twitch.tv** — A live-streaming video service that caters to gamers and gaming culture.

- **Tweet / Retweet / Follow / Block** — Make a post, share a post, follow someone on social media, block all communication with someone on social media (in that order).

- **DMs** — Short for “Direct Messages,” these are typically private conversations between two individuals.

- **Common Targets for Harassment** — LGBTQ+, People of color, Women, Children, Teens, Religious minorities, all marginalized populations.
DEEPER DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE
THE ALT-RIGHT

Illustration by Matt Furie / British Broadcasting Corporation
WHAT IS THE ALT-RIGHT?

The Alt-Right traces back “...to a speech given by an obscure right-wing philosopher, Paul Gottfried, shortly after the election of Barack Obama in 2008.

In it, Gottfried called for "an independent intellectual Right, one that exists without movement establishment funding" and declared: "Our group is also full of young thinkers and activists, and if there is to be an independent Right, our group will have to become its leaders."

WHAT IS THE ALT-RIGHT?

Metastasized into “an ideological grouping associated with extreme conservative or reactionary viewpoints, characterized by a rejection of mainstream politics and by the use of online media to disseminate deliberately controversial content.”

https://www.lexico.com/en/definition/alt-right
SYMBOLS OF THE ALT-RIGHT

• **Snowflake** – used to describe entitled people or social justice warriors (SJWs)
• **Cuckservative or Cuck** – Derived from Cuckold, used to describe ineffective males
• ((( Triple Parenthesis ))) – placed around a name to suggest someone is Jewish, often in a derogatory way
• “It’s OK to be white.” – a saying with a covert or tinge of white supremacy
• **Red Pilled** - converting to alt right views, to see the truth *(The Matrix)*
• **Dog Whistle** – Use of coded language that only racists can hear
BELIEFS OF THE ALT-RIGHT

• Alt Right adherents identify with a range of different ideologies that put white identity at their centers.

• Many claim themselves as Identitarians, who espouse racism and intolerance under the guise of preserving the ethnic and cultural origins of their counties.

• Others identify as so-called radical traditionalists, people who want to preserve what they claim are traditional Christian values but from a uniquely white supremacist perspective.

• Others in the Alt Right simply identify as white nationalists, who want to preserve the white majority in the U.S., claiming that whites losing their majority status is equivalent to “white genocide.”

• A number of Alt Righters are also blatantly anti-Semitic and blame Jews for allegedly promoting anti-white policies such as immigration and diversity.

https://www.tolerance.org/magazine/toolkit-for-what-is-the-altright
https://www.adl.org/resources/backgrounders/alt-right-a-primer-about-the-new-white-supremacy
REAL WORLD EVENTS

- Charlottesville, North Carolina
- “Unite the Right” Rally
  - Sparked by the planned removal of a confederate statue.
  - Included a mix of Neo-Nazis, Neo-Con federates, Alt-Right, Neo-Fascists, White Nationalists, militia groups, and counter-protestors.
  - White Supremacist James Alex Fields, Jr rammed his car in to a group of counter-protestors, killing Heather Heyer and injuries scores of others.

All of the extremist killings in the US in 2018 had links to right-wing extremism, according to new report

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- A mass shooting in El Paso, Texas, has reignited a nationwide conversation on white nationalism and right-wing violence.

- A January 2019 report shows all the extremist killings in the US in 2018 had links to right-wing extremism.

- The report's findings are consistent with other fairly recent studies on extremism in the US, which have shown right-wing extremism and violence are on the rise.

- There were at least 50 extremist-related killings in 2018, according to the report, making it the fourth-deadliest year on record for domestic extremist-related killings since 1970.

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• Collection Development
THE INCEL MOVEMENT

Elliot Rodger

Most of the world was introduced to incels in 2014 when Elliot Rodger killed six people and injured 14 more at University of California - Santa Barbara. Rodger wrote a long manifesto blaming women for not having sex with him, and it made him a hero among some incels. On message boards and forums, they joke that they’re going to “go E.R.” In April, Alek Minassian, 25, drove a van into a crowd in Toronto, killing 10 people. He’d praised Rodger on Facebook.
WHAT IS AN INCEL?

- Incels are members of an online sub-culture.
- Almost made entirely of heterosexual males, this group believes that they are “involuntarily celibate.” – or “Incel”
- “Incels believe that 20 percent of men are “Chads”—handsome and charming guys who have sex with about 80 percent of the women in the world. Because feminism has removed some of the stigma on female sexuality, the theory goes, women will sleep with countless Chads, leaving incels sexless. Some incels are “blackpilled,” meaning they think this is their lot in life, and it cannot be changed. Others try to “looksmax,” meaning make themselves more attractive by getting plastic surgery or doing exercises to make their necks thicker.”

https://news.vice.com/en_us/article/7xqw3g/this-is-what-the-life-of-an-incel-looks-like?utm_source=vicefbus&fbclid=IwAR2Cm-G2ChakXnPAhubOu5yHEkkoKIIm-63_PtbBoh6aM3cyDznkFgFjqM
Important to note that the term “Involuntary Celibate” was started by a woman in the 1990’s who had experienced difficulties in dating. She thought she would be “forever alone.” In reality, and by her own admission, she was having difficulty connecting with men because she was queer. Only after self-discovery did she better understand her own identity. She has claimed that she is horrified by what her terminology has morphed in to, comparing it to a scientist that inadvertently creates a military weapon.

https://news.vice.com/en_us/article/7xqw3g/this-is-what-the-life-of-an-incel-looks-like?utm_source=vicefbus&fbclid=IwAR2Cm-G2ChakXnPAhubOu5yHEkkoKtiM-63_PtbOh6aM3cyDznkFgFjqM
 SYMBOLS OF THE INCEL MOVEMENT

- Black Pilled – You will forever be an incel
- Femoids – combination female and humanoid – a personified sex object
- Stacys – We have a wonderful graphic
- Beckys – We have a wonderful graphic
- Chads – Muscular men with many sexual partners.
- Elliot Rodger – Significant figure in the incel movement, referenced as hero

SYMBOLS OF THE INCEL MOVEMENT

The Becky
- feminist
- needy
- needs to be dominant one in relationship
- average 6/10

will likely die hair green, pink or blue after attending college
friends are white knights that defend her stupid opinions online
Post provocative pictures because she needs attention

The Stacy
- hates basic bitches like becky
- always had attention, enjoys alone time
- Let's Chad dominate her
- Lushes natural blonde hair
- Cucks every man she ever knew when Chad shows up
- shows off body online because she knows she can make big money off virgin losers

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SYMBOLS OF THE INCEL MOVEMENT

“The Virgin Walk”
- Hair seems to overreact to wind
- Head craned forward
- Sometimes uses headphones to escape potential conversation or mitigate agoraphobic symptoms
- Back slouched
- Stiff, straight arms
- Little arm movement
- Bonus: Clothing is all neutral colored
- Weirs running shoes
- Only wears black coats
- Stands with a weird posture is insecure about how he walks
- Long strides
- Compulsively needs to pass anyone walking slightly slower than him
- Walking pace/ form lacks fluidity because he struggles to "autowalk"—analogous to always manually breathing
- Walks too fast

The Chad Stride
- Hair has been firmly fastened to never react to wind or any laws of physiques
- Head is at a perfect verticle angle at all times
- Doesn’t register the emotions of others at all
- Does not a look everyone in the eye at once at all times
- Has figured out how to make his own path
- Has never heard a song in his entire life
- Intentionally slaps and betters incoming traffic to make his own path
- Hands always prepared to grab nearby fertile pussy
- Walking form is posed like a Greek statue, perpetually in contrapposto
- Rapidly toes around like in "going to the store"
- Does not need to pass anyone because he’s already brutalized everyone nearby into submission
- Tiny beetle-like stride
- MANDATORY: Wears visually-painful bright neon attire
- $3000 highlighter boots from Giuseppe Zanotti

• It is going to be hard to spot anti-social behaviors in a public library setting.
• The best way to help alleviate anti-social behavior is by creating social events that are fun, low-pressure.
• Family members may approach librarians looking for guidance in helping or supporting someone exhibiting anti-social tendencies.
DOXXING
The term "dox" (also spelt "doxx", and short for "[dropping] documents") first came into vogue as a verb around a decade ago, referring to malicious hackers' habit of collecting personal and private information, including home addresses and national identity numbers. The data are often released publicly against a person’s wishes.

Users leave digital traces behind, registering on more than one site with the same email address, posting under the same username on multiple forums, or even using similar phrases in different contexts.

http://theconversation.com/what-is-doxxing-and-why-is-it-so-scary-99848
• Everyone from celebrities, to politicians, to regular internet users have had their personal information leaked.
• Reddit has admitted that it helped to fuel "online witch hunts." The debacle has sparked debate about how far such speculation should go in the future.

WHAT WAS #GAMERGATE?

• #Gamergate was a controversy surrounding Zoë Quinn and the release of her game “Depression Quest.”
• An ex-boyfriend published a document detailing intimate details about their relationship and claiming that Quinn’s new relationship with a video game reviewer fostered positive reviews (there was no relationship).
• A horde of internet users believed that Quinn had completely bluff’d her way on to the platform Steam and they were determined to expose this “conspiracy.” They used the hashtag #gamergate to coordinate their efforts.

WHAT WAS #GAMERGATE?

- They utilized doxxing and other forms of harassment to punish Quinn.
- When social media platforms removed comments that were against Terms of Service, opponents claimed they were being censored.
- Brianna Wu was another video game developer targeted by internet trolls. In retaliation, she created a $11,000 bounty on doxxers. This halted their efforts pretty quickly.
Adults, Teens, Tweens, and the Internet
Digital Privacy - Social Media, Gaming, Discord
Be careful about sharing information online!
Library Advocates / Activists need to be safe on Twitter and other Social Media
SWATTING

Illustration by Robert Sammelin / New York Times
WHAT IS SWATTING?

• Swatting is the making of a prank call to emergency services in an attempt to bring about the dispatch of a large number of armed police officers (SWAT team) to the address of a target.
• Hackers can make calls to 911 that appear to be local, but can come from anywhere around the world.

Ohio gamer sentenced to 15 months prison in 'swatting' case

Casey Viner of Ohio, one of the three men accused of orchestrating a swatting call that ended with a 28-year-old man being killed by a Wichita, Kan., police officer last December, was pictured in federal court in Wichita in this file photo dated Wednesday, June 13, 2016. (AP Photo/Bo Rader, The Wichita Eagle via AP)

Roxana Hegeman, The Associated Press
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WICHITA, Kan. -- An Ohio gamer upset about a $1.50 bet while playing Call of Duty: WWII online was sentenced Friday to 15 months in prison for recruiting a prankster to make a bogus emergency call that resulted in the fatal shooting of a Kansas man by police.

Casey Viner, 19, of North College Hill, Ohio, also is restricted from gaming activity for two years while he is on supervised release after serving his prison term, U.S. District Judge Eric Melgren said in announcing the sentence.
REAL WORLD EVENTS

• In December 2017, Kansas man Andrew Finch was shot and killed by police who were responding to a fake 911 call. The assailant was motivated by an online gaming dispute and mistakenly believed the person he was feuding with lived at Finch’s address. (The perpetrator was playing on his Public Library’s Wifi)

• One swatter, a 16-year-old boy known online as “Obnoxious,” used the crime as one aspect of a campaign of serial harassment against dozens of women. Numerous female Twitch streamers across the United States have found heavily armed police at their doors, looking for assailants that didn’t exist

• A 2016 Illinois law introduced harsher penalties and says that anyone found responsible must reimburse the agency for all reasonable costs of the emergency response, up to $10,000.

https://www.dailydot.com/layer8/what-is-swatting/
Swatting Incident Causes Elmhurst Library To Be Evacuated

December 15, 2018 at 8:00 pm

Chicago (CBS) — Shortly before 10 a.m. Saturday, police received a call reporting a threat at the Elmhurst Library, which led to an emergency evacuation.

Following a lengthy search, police determined the building was safe.

But due to the nature of the investigation, police kept the library closed for the rest of the day.

Residents who were turned away from the library said senseless pranks like these are disappointing.

"I don’t think they really think of the consequences ... and people’s lives get disrupted," Elmhurst resident Pat McGowan said. "To see the library like this now, empty, it’s really unbelievable."

In Illinois, swatting is no laughing matter: A 2016 law introduced harsher penalties and says that anyone found responsible must reimburse the agency for all reasonable costs of the emergency response, up to $10,000.

Elmhurst police said detectives are reviewing phone records and video to aid in the investigation.

“The Dark Web”

The Dark Web is a collection of thousands of websites that use anonymity tools like Tor and I2P to hide their IP address. While it's most famously been used for black market drug sales and even child pornography, the Dark Web also enables anonymous whistleblowing and protects users from surveillance and censorship.

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Internet Privacy, especially in Gaming Communities

GROOMING

Robyn Byrd

Robyn Byrd via Buzzfeed.com
WHAT IS GROOMING?

• When a sexual or other kind of predator sets the stage for abusing another, such as a child or other person (as in the case of sex and theory human trafficking).
• Trust: May give toys and/or other gifts and favors to the intended victim to gain trust.

WHAT IS GROOMING?

- Alienation: Settings the stage for the intended victim to become alienated from their primary caregivers/circles or family and community.
- Fear/dependency: Sets up a power dynamic in which the victim feels too afraid to report the abuse, perhaps by involving the victim in activities their friends and family might judge the victim negatively for, such as drug use (or even the abuse itself).

“Robyn Byrd and Katie Rice were teenage Ren & Stimpy fans who wanted to make cartoons. They say they were preyed upon by the creator of the show, John Kricfalusi, who admitted to having had a 16-year-old girlfriend when approached by BuzzFeed News.”

The Disturbing Secret Behind An Iconic Cartoon: Underage Sexual Abuse

By Ariane Lange, March 29 - 2018 - www.buzzfeednews.com
• Public Computer Policy
• Digital and Internet Safety (Discord, Fortnite voicechat)
• Adults, Teens, and Tweens
• Be aware. Talk to Teens & Tweens.
THANK YOU!

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QUESTIONS?