Politiwatch

PolitiTweet: Summary of Joe Biggs' Encounter

PolitiTweet's Initial Statement

At 7:45 PM on December 24th, 2016, PolitiTweet posted one of Joe Biggs (Twitter @ramboriggs) deleted Tweets. Biggs promptly responded to the report, and due to the subject matter of his tweet, announced to his followers that PolitiTweet was pro-ISIS. Over the next 24 hours, PolitiTweet's statements would be seen over 50,000 times.

Our initial tweet:



Journalist @Rambobiggs deletes tweet talking about posting photos of #ISIS fighters he killed.

polititweet.org/tweet?account= ...



Joe Brigg's Response

Shortly after PolitiTweet posted Biggs' deleted tweet, he <u>responded</u> "ok". He then continued to escalate the situation, resulting in him posting multiple top-level tweets to his followers (~362,000 at the time) about PolitiTweet. His statements are objectively false.



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Continued Activity

Biggs' comments about PolitiTweet continued to resonate through Biggs' following, resulting in large amounts of attention and anger being directed at PolitiTweet. There were over 150,000 interactions with PolitiTweet-related tweets. While most of the tweets were extremely negative towards PolitiTweet (as they were defending Briggs from a perceived attack), PolitiTweet benefitted greatly from the publicity, quickly gaining 300 followers.

Negative Consequences

Among the Tweets directed at PolitiTweet were numerous death threats, suicide promoters, an indirect bomb threat, and multiple threats to stalk the PolitiTweet staff. Below is a brief collection of the more threatening tweets.

@polititweetorg Why don't you take a long walk off a short pier?

@polititweetorg only dead isis is good isis. You support isis? You know the rest. Pull da triger ;)

(referring to PolitiTweet) @Rambobiggs @polititweetorg The hunt is ON.

@Rambobiggs @polititweetorg Your sense of smell is strong with you Joe:) Go sik em!!

@Rambobiggs @polititweetorg Kill as many as you can

@not_a_marxist @Rambobiggs @polititweetorg kill them all like bugs Joe!

@J_Ro8675 @polititweetorg I put a gun in thier mouth until they pissed everywhere and cried

@Rambobiggs @polititweetorg Yes Joe I am mad, because they should have been in body bags.

@Rambobiggs @polititweetorg Fuck those goat fuckers, I hope you ended many of them.

@Rambobiggs @polititweetorg It offends me that he's not dead.

(referring to his relationship with PolitiTweet) @PIZZAGATEisFAKE @polititweetorg your worst nightmare

@Rambobiggs @polititweetorg It does offend me. You should have executed the piece of shit.

(referring to ISIS and PolitiTweet, which the poster views as the same entity) @Rambobiggs @polititweetorg ps I'd love to see those dead motherfuckers

@Rambobiggs @polititweetorg no... it makes me mad that they're standing there breathing

@polititweetorg If you knew who I was, you would be more concerned about YOUR personal privacy.

@JacinthRare @polititweetorg @Rambobiggs Seriously these guys need to be unmasked.

In addition to these tweets, Politiwatch received two targeted death threats in its public email accounts which are not included in this document.