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Executive Summary

With the rise of AI and social media, democracies across the world are facing ever more sophisticated influence operations. While their operators and objectives might differ, the methods they use and vulnerabilities they exploit can often be the same.

In this report, democracy defenders from the Asia Pacific and Europe joined forces to understand the techniques being used and vulnerabilities being exploited by two nearly identical operations.

While the target of the operation might differ, it's in the best interest of maintaining a high-integrity information environment to identify this style of low-quality content and patch the vulnerability that enables it. Democracies worldwide face a deluge of low-quality political content, and cross-national and even continental collaboration is essential to effectively tackle this problem.

This report documents a coordinated influence operation on YouTube consisting of at least two closely related networks of accounts publishing large volumes of AI-generated geopolitical content. In total, the operation involved more than 29 accounts and over 7,300 analysed data points from videos published between March and December 2025.

The network relies heavily on automated video production using the InVideo platform. Videos typically combine AI-generated narration, synthetic thumbnails, stock footage, and templated video formats. Channels publish at a high frequency, generally producing approximately two videos per day. The case is similar to the influence operation [Shadow Play](#) in that it rapidly produces content on YouTube and pushes narratives around specific geopolitical topics.

Analysis identified two main clusters. The first cluster appears to target Canadian audiences, often publishing content critical of U.S. tariff policies toward Canada. The second cluster consists of channels using "Hub" or "Updates" naming patterns that focus on a broader range of geopolitical topics.

Across both clusters, recurring narratives include claims about the growing strength of BRICS, portrayals of the European Union as weakening, and geopolitical coverage related to the Philippines and regional tensions in Southeast Asia. In some cases, the channels circulated false claims, including videos alleging naval clashes between the Philippines and Malaysia that were publicly

denied by both navies. Content from these channels is frequently redistributed beyond YouTube, particularly on Facebook and external blogs, extending the reach of the narratives across platforms.

As of April 2026, four of the accounts have been inaccessible since this investigation began, and one channel has changed its name. Overall, the activity documented in this report exhibits multiple indicators of coordinated inauthentic behaviour. While the precise motivation behind the network remains unclear, the scale of automation and the synchronised publishing patterns suggest a deliberate operation that warrants further investigation.

Not addressing AI-enabled content laundering likely puts YouTube in breach of its DSA obligations. As a Very Large Online Platform, it must identify systemic risks (Article 34) and mitigate them effectively (Article 35).

This qualifies as a systemic risk because it manipulates recommendation algorithms and enables coordinated inauthentic behaviour at scale. Since the same techniques were already documented in the Chinese "Shadow Play" influence operation, YouTube should have anticipated them.

Crucially, removing accounts is not enough: AI enables new channels to be created almost instantly, so YouTube needs broader, systemic countermeasures such as detecting semantically equivalent content and identifying coordinated posting patterns across accounts.

Key Findings:

- At least 29 coordinated YouTube accounts were identified.
- The network published over 7,300 videos between March and December 2025.
- Channels used automated AI video generation tools (InVideo, AI voiceover, templated visuals).
- Accounts uploaded roughly 2 videos per day per channel.
- Content was frequently amplified on Facebook and external blogs.
- Several videos promoted verifiably false geopolitical claims.

Methodology

Accounts were identified through a combination of pattern analysis and manual review. Researchers looked for similarities in channel names, profile images, channel descriptions, and publishing schedules. Metadata from more than 7,300 videos published between March and December 2025 was scraped and analysed. We used the Coordinated Inauthentic Behaviour Tree to analyse the level of coordination between the varied accounts.

Narratives were initially categorised based on video titles and then verified against the content itself when videos were available. Videos were also examined for signs of automated production. Indicators included visible InVideo watermarks, AI-generated voiceovers, synthetic thumbnail imagery, stock footage identifiers, and repeated titles or narratives appearing across multiple channels.

Case study 1: Updates and Hub Cluster

We refer to this as the “hub” and “Updates” cluster. Within the “hub” and “updates” clusters, the profile names and pictures of these channels follow highly similar patterns, as do their creation dates and descriptions. These channels all use either “updates” or “hub” as the final word in their names, feature a similar pattern yet not identical profile pictures, and have highly similar channel descriptions, none of which state a location.

For example, five channels - [QUICK SCOPE UPDATES](#), [NEW DESK UPDATES](#), [ALERT HUB UPDATES](#), [PULSE POINT UPDATES](#), [Globe Flash Updates](#) - were all created on June 23, 2025, and posted their first videos at almost the same time, two days later. All channels from the “Hubs” and “Updates” cluster were created between June and August, focusing mostly on the Philippines in their videos.

The content across these channels also appears to be highly similar, indicating further evidence that they are a coordinated network. Most videos display clear indicators of automated production, including AI-generated narration, synthetic thumbnails, stock footage, and visible InVideo watermarks. Furthermore, the channels follow a consistent upload frequency of two to three videos per day.

Account Details

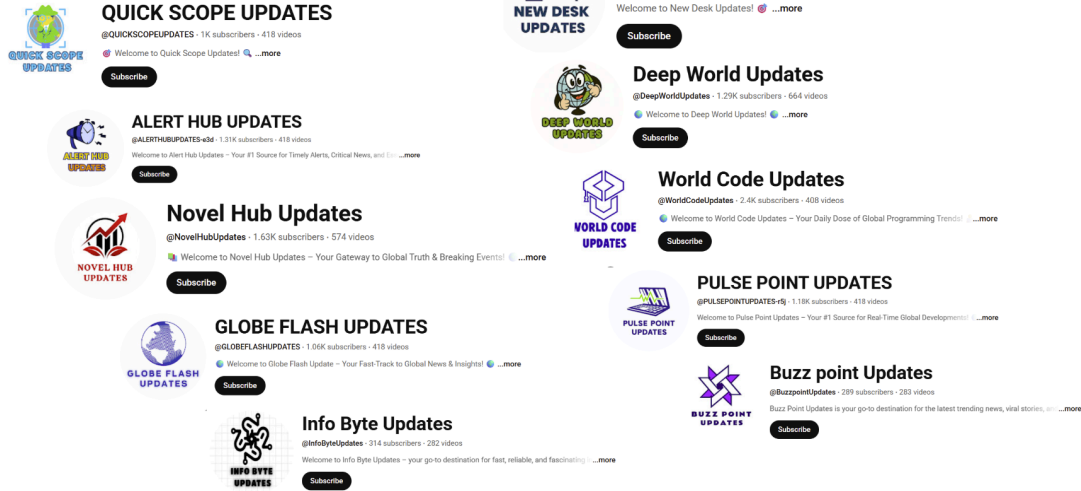


Figure 1: An overview of all of the “update” profiles

Content

To better understand the narratives promoted by these channels, we conducted a content analysis of the collected video dataset. We scraped 4953 data points from August to December 2025 for these clusters and categorised the topics based on the video titles in order to better understand the main themes of the content.

The data show that “Philippines,” “China,” “Trump,” and “Canada” are the most frequently mentioned terms in the video titles of these channels (see table 1 screenshot of the top 10 keywords).

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
ALERT HUB UPDATES	Deep World Updates	World Code Updates	Big 24 updates	PRIME UPDATE	PULSE POINT UPDATE	GLOBE FLASH UPDATE	QUICK SCOPE UPDATE	NEW DESK UPDATES									
china	121	canada	159	philippines	258	philippines	90	china	64	china	127	china	134	china	137	china	137
philippines	85	trump	133	china	158	china	37	philippines	60	philippines	97	philippines	85	philippines	95	philippines	85
trump	68	china	131	philippine	79	trump	25	philippine	27	trump	76	trump	72	trump	77	trump	76
canada	59	philippines	116	new	66	why	25	sea	26	canada	57	canada	52	canada	51	canada	55
court	45	global	57	why	58	war	24	why	21	breaking	49	court	47	court	47	court	45
america	39	new	51	sea	52	class	23	new	19	court	46	world	39	supreme	40	global	42
brics	37	world	51	japan	49	trade	22	south	18	supreme	41	new	38	brics	39	what	37
supreme	37	with	48	navy	40	philippine	20	us	18	global	39	supreme	37	trade	38	supreme	36
breaking	32	trade	46	south	34	japan	18	world	18	move	39	brics	32	world	35	trade	36
trade	31	america	42	military	28	move	18	vs	16	brics	35	america	31	what	33	brics	34
what	31	court	42	world	26	tariffs	18	with	15	trade	33	trade	31	new	31	world	32
new	29	move	37	west	23	warships	18	billion	14	shock	30	move	25	power	30	move	26
world	29	brics	35	warships	22	us	16	canada	14	world	30	breaking	24	decision	29	america	25
move	28	breaking	34	with	22	vs	16	trump	14	new	29	what	24	could	26	could	25
global	25	philippine	34	power	21	canada	15	war	14	america	28	global	23	move	26	new	24
just	24	supreme	34	warship	21	new	15	breaking	13	tariff	25	tariff	22	america	25	tariffs	24
tariff	24	could	33	what	21	navy	14	2025	12	what	24	power	21	why	25	why	24
why	24	massive	33	class	20	explained	13	deal	12	tariffs	23	canal	19	global	24	decision	23
with	22	power	33	against	19	military	13	global	12	canal	22	from	19	breaking	22	tariff	23
shock	21	after	32	asia	19	naval	13	navy	12	just	20	massive	18	canal	22	eu	19

Figure 2: The most common keywords in the “Hub” and “Updates” cluster

Other frequently appearing keywords include “BRICS,” “Hungary,” and “EU” (see Figure 5). These keywords are often linked to narratives claiming things like “Hungary leaving the EU to join BRICS.”

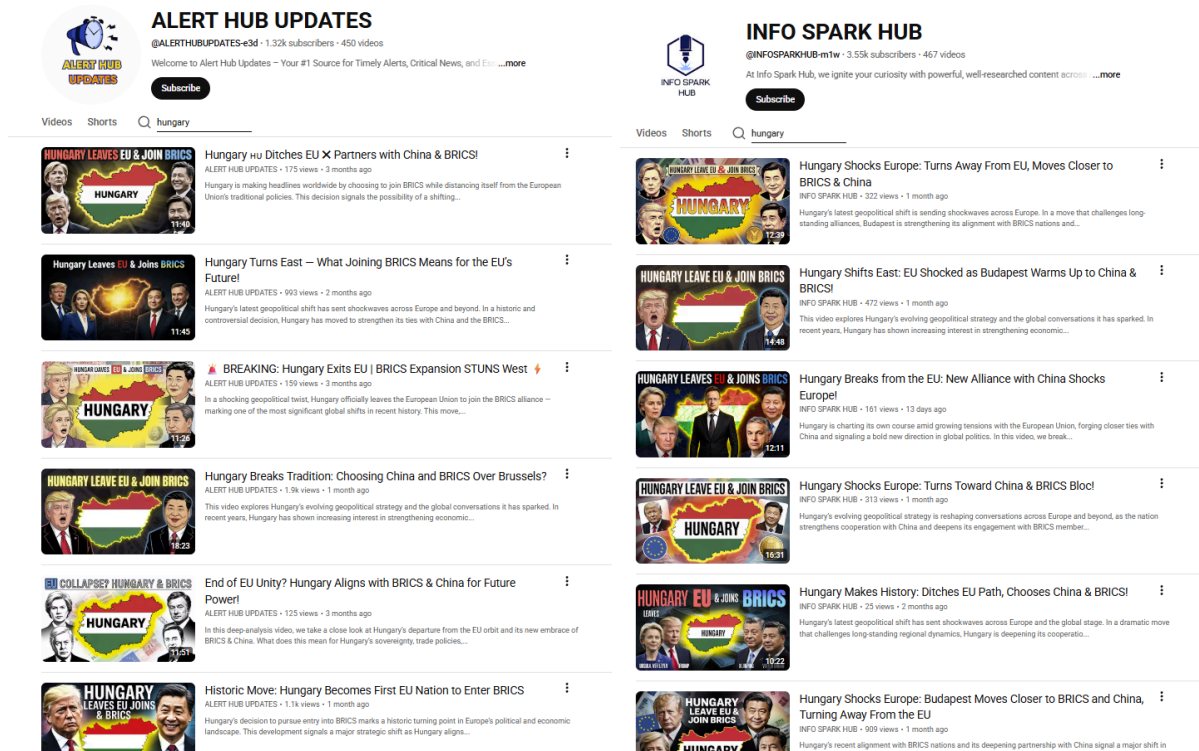


Figure 3: Thumbnails from the “Hub” and “Updates” cluster that demonstrate similarity between content

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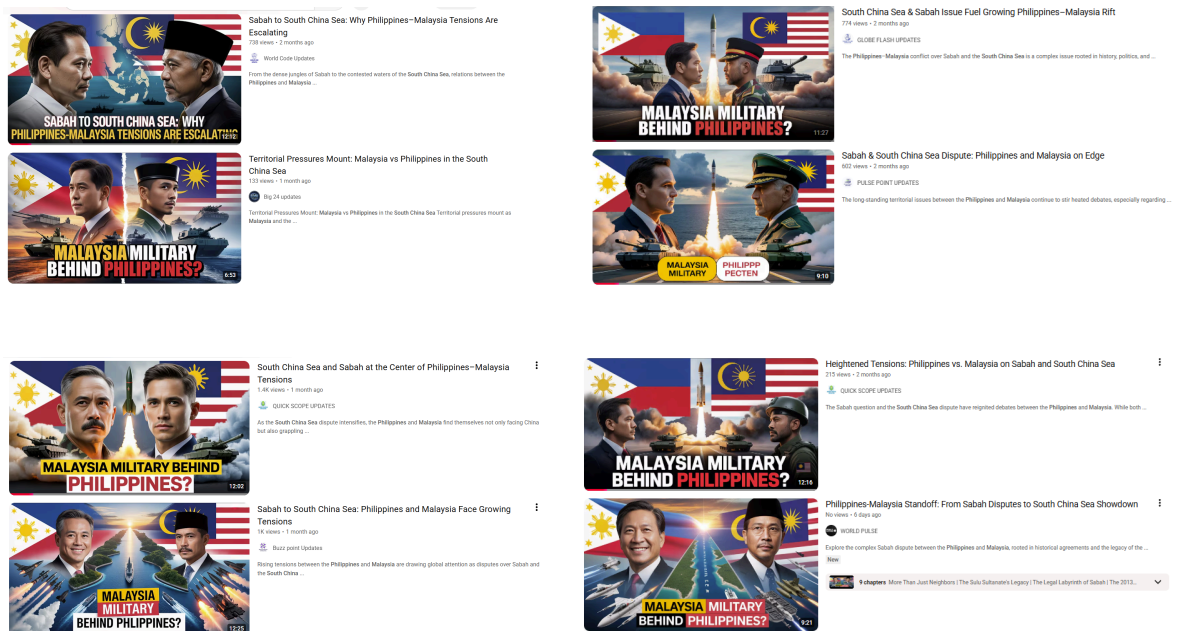
Figure 4: Thumbnails from the “Hub” and “Updates” cluster that demonstrate similarity between content

Among the keywords scraped from the video titles, the Philippines appears to be the primary topic across these channels (screenshot below). However, a closer examination of the videos related to the Philippines shows that while the titles often present positive or even glorifying narratives about the country’s geopolitical or military position, the video content itself does not convey clear or coherent narratives.

Channel	philippine	trump	brics	china	japan	canada	hungary	eu	n
Global Report24	26	190	34	190	16	121	2	45	
ALERT HUB UPDATES	89	62	32	103	13	45	13	24	
GLOBE FLASH UPDATES	90	63	30	111	14	41	13	19	
NEW DESK UPDATES	85	61	28	110	15	40	13	24	
QUICK SCOPE UPDATES	93	65	31	112	13	38	12	22	
World Code Updates	290	8	4	132	49	12	2	6	
Deep World Updates	142	121	30	114	30	145	4	29	
PULSE POINT UPDATES	96	67	31	110	16	43	13	24	
INFO TECH HUB	78	29	10	82	19	21	4	16	
INFO SPARK HUB	78	88	35	102	16	59	13	30	
Big 24 updates	100	25	0	31	15	14	0	2	
PRIME UPDATE	79	14	4	59	11	13	2	6	
Core Updates Hub	55	47	7	73	2	17	0	8	
Hype Current	14	14	0	11	0	6	0	0	
The Infostream	10	12	0	7	1	4	0	0	
	1325	866	276	1347	230	619	91	255	

Figure 5: Frequency analysis of various keywords across different YouTube channels

In the “hubs” and “updates” cluster, there are at least two videos on each channel about the Philippines that involve its neighbouring country, Malaysia, claiming that tensions between the two countries have risen due to the South China Sea issue, including alleged clashes between military ships. However, these claims are unverified, as both the Philippine and Malaysian navies have denied the claims.



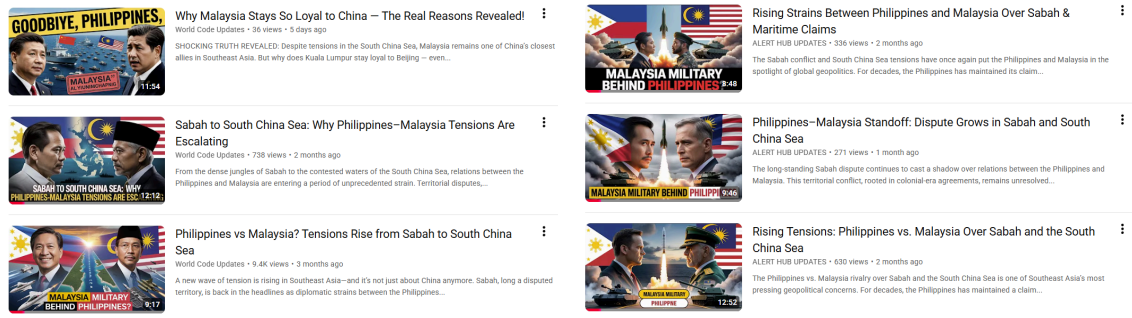


Figure 6: Screenshots from “Hubs” and “Updates” YouTube channels taken, which demonstrate the similarity of content

Amplification

The YouTube channels of the “Hub” and “Updates” cluster posted about two videos daily. The usual subscriber range was between 1-4K. Many videos received up to 20K views, some up to 100K. The videos received up to 1K likes.

As in the Canadian cluster, videos with similar titles, thumbnails, and stories were shared on different YouTube channels within a few days. Some of the videos uploaded on these channels are similar to videos of the Canadian cluster (see figures 10 and 11). It is likely that the operators are creating the scripts and having them laundered across different channels, obfuscating the origin of the content.



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2.2K views · 2 months ago

Figure 10



Canada Breaks Silence With Gripen Move That Stuns Washington and...
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Figure 11

Source Figure 10: NEW DESK UPDATES. (2025, Dec 27). *Breaking: Canada's Gripen Decision Disrupts U.S.-NATO Plans* [Video]. YouTube. Retrieved March 24, 2026, from https://web.archive.org/web/20260324121515/https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u15iYWW_alk

Source Figure 11: Canada Pressroom. (2025, Dec 17). *Canada Breaks Silence With Gripen Move That Stuns Washington and NATO!* [Video]. YouTube. Retrieved March 24, 2026, from <https://web.archive.org/web/20260324121110/https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OoEaXgD-QYg>

Case Study 2: The Canadian Cluster

A network targeting predominantly Canadian and some US audiences contained 20 accounts. They had similar narratives in terms of criticising the Trump tariffs. The strongest indicator that they are part of a network is that their creation was all within 2025. The YouTube channels had similar content and behaviours like AI-generated thumbnails, AI voiceover, Invideo logos and stock footage providers present in the videos. Each channel produced multiple videos per day. Some had Canadian-specific names like “Canadian Bulletin”, “Canadian Pressroom” or “Canadian Times”.

Based on the large volume (2-3 posts per day), the amount of AI-generated content, and the similarity of the content, it appears likely that they may have been entering a prompt into a video generator and receiving slightly different output, which they would later post.

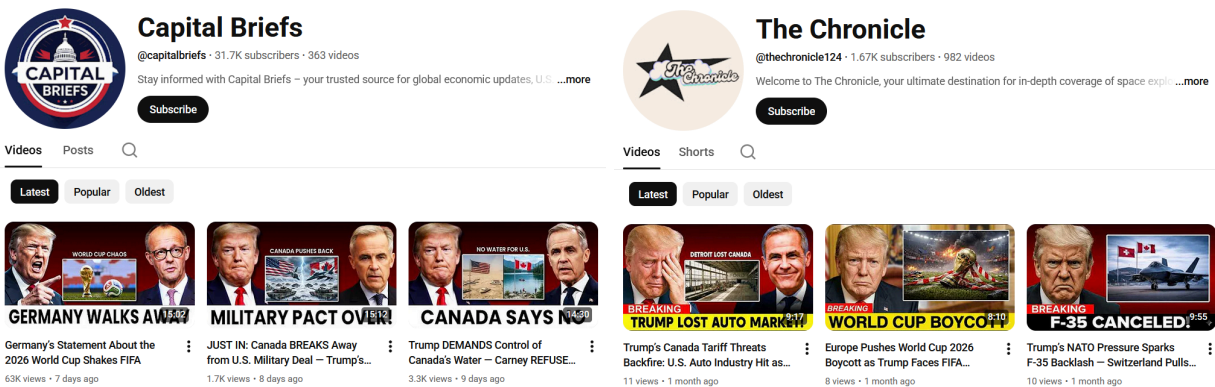


Figure 12: Screenshots from the YouTube channels Capital Briefs and The Chronicle demonstrating similarities

Content

As in Case Study 1, we conducted another content analysis of the video data set of the Canadian cluster to analyse which narratives are being promoted.

Based on more than 2,300 data points, it can be concluded that the videos from the YouTube channels from the Canadian cluster mainly address Trump, Canada, and China, trade, and the US' tariffs (see Figures 13 and 14). A slightly less popular but still relevant topic in this cluster is Europe (see Figure 14).

We put the terms into context by going through the channels manually and summarising the results in the CIB tree. On the YouTube channels of the Canadian cluster, Trump and his tariffs are put in a bad light, but according to these channels, Canada and China respond effectively to the tariffs. Generally, it can be said that the US and its economy, as well as Europe, when mentioned, are shown off as weak, while Canada and China are shown off as strong.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1	Canada Next		The Chronicle		Canada Daily Report		Canada Pressroom		Global Report24		MoneyW		Capital Briefs	
2	canada	85 trump		434 canada		61 canada		101 china		206 trump		62 trump		176
3	trump	63 canada		315 trump		26 trump		55 trump		191 canada		42 canada		122
4	carney	42 china		229 just		23 just		46 canada		125 trade		41 tariffs		49
5	breaking	36 tariffs		116 deal		15 carney		22 court		121 china		31 america		41
6	just	31 trade		106 carney		12 deal		19 supreme		117 tariffs		31 carney		39
7	why	24 america		93 gripen		12 after		17 trade		66 global		29 just		39
8	america	17 us		78 america		11 tariffs		17 major		65 how		26 china		36
9	what	16 with		70 sweden		9 alberta		13 just		56 carney		22 deal		33
10	billion	15 tariff		89 tariffs		8 bombshell		13 ruling		56 tariff		21 trade		26
11	everything	13 just		65 with		8 with		13 tariffs		56 impact		14 over		25
12	shocking	13 back		61 breaking		7 america		12 with		53 industry		13 tariff		23
13	did	12 global		60 new		7 china		12 new		52 war		13 after		21
14	shock	11 war		58 world		7 that		12 global		51 policy		11 goes		21
15	us	11 collapse		57 washington		6 breaking		11 0		48 american		10 us		21
16	deal	10 billion		54 after		5 collapses		11 nationwide		45 are		10 billion		19
17	china	9 deal		50 from		5 shocks		10 after		44 breaking		10 furious		18
18	t	9 oil		49 global		5 down		9 industry		43 crisis		10 panics		18
19	this	9 strikes		45 mexico		5 drops		9 america		42 demands		10 collapse		17
20	trade	8 after		43 no		5 massive		9 decision		41 auto		9 stunned		17
21	world	8 carney		43 off		5 overnight		9 second		40 strategy		9 exports		16

Figure 13: The most common keywords in the Canadian cluster

Channel	trump	canada	china	tariff	america	trade	carney	EU	Europe
Canada Daily Report		26	57	#N/A	8	11	2	12	1
Canada Next		62	84	9	6	21	8	42	3
Canada Pressroom		54	96	12	21	16	8	22	2
Capital Briefs		163	117	35	71	42	26	39	9
Global Report24		190	121	190	85	52	66	18	45
MoneyW		62	42	28	51	18	40	22	1
The Chronicle		425	307	225	183	123	105	43	68
		982	824	499	425	283	255	198	129
									73

Figure 14: Frequency analysis of various keywords across different YouTube channels of the Canadian cluster

Amplification

In the Canadian cluster, YouTube channels have a few thousand to 30K subscribers. They spread their narratives continuously by posting between 1 and 4 videos daily, and some channels post up to 9 videos daily. The videos received many views, most of them between 1-100K and some reaching up to almost 1M views (see figures 15 and 16). The videos gathered further prominence through likes. While some videos received up to 100 likes, others received up to 1K or even 15K. Videos with similar titles, thumbnails, and stories were shared on different YouTube channels within a few days (see figures 18-19).

Many of the videos published by the identified YouTube channels were shared on Facebook (see figure 20) and dubious news blogs, further distributing the same narratives. Some of these Facebook posts received several thousand likes, hundreds of comments and shares (see figure 21).

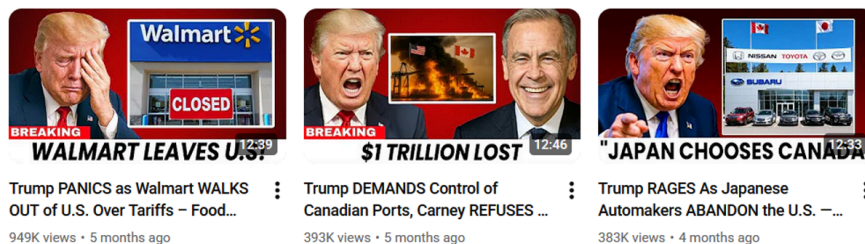


Figure 15: Canada Pressroom receiving up to 500K and almost 1M views on videos

Source: *Canada Pressroom* [YouTube channel]. YouTube. Retrieved March 24, 2026, from <https://web.archive.org/web/20260324120640/https://www.youtube.com/@canadapressroom>

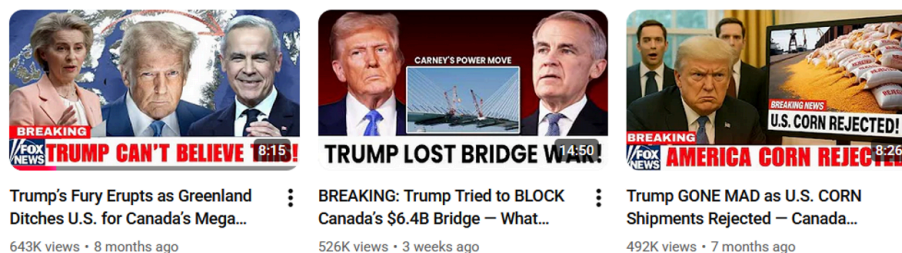


Figure 16: Capital Briefs receiving up to 700K views on videos

Source: *Capital Briefs* [YouTube channel]. YouTube. Retrieved March 24, 2026, from <https://web.archive.org/web/20260324120209/https://www.youtube.com/@capitalbriefs>



JUST IN: Toronto Builds NATO's GlobalEye — Bombardier Creates...
6.4K views • 5 days ago



JUST IN: Toronto Builds NATO's GlobalEye as Bombardier Creates...
9 views • 5 days ago



Toronto Builds NATO's GlobalEye: Bombardier Creates 2,000 Jobs...
14 views • 4 days ago

Figure 17

Figure 18

Figure 19

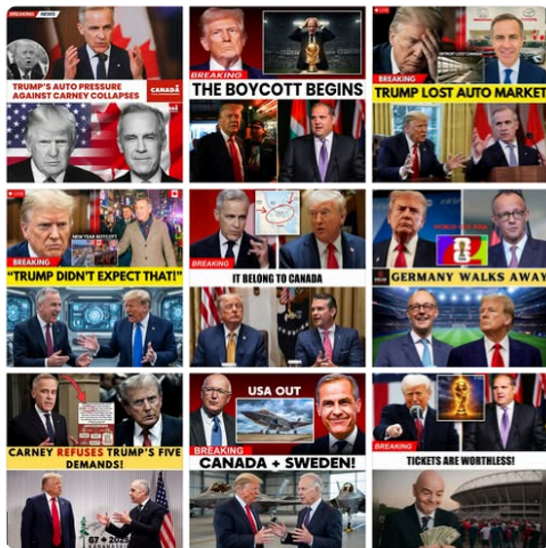
Source Figure 15: Canada Pressroom. (2026, Mar 5). *JUST IN: Toronto Builds NATO's GlobalEye — Bombardier Creates 2,000 Jobs Without U.S. Control!* [Video]. YouTube. Retrieved March 24, 2026, from <https://web.archive.org/web/20260324115555/https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G1SO8kbjY0&t=378s>

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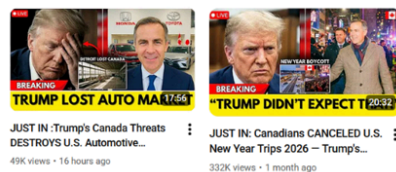
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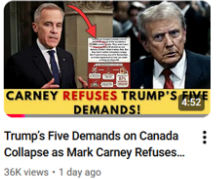


Figure 20: Posts published by the Facebook page The Federal Angel (left) have the same thumbnails as several videos on YouTube channels from the Canadian cluster (right).

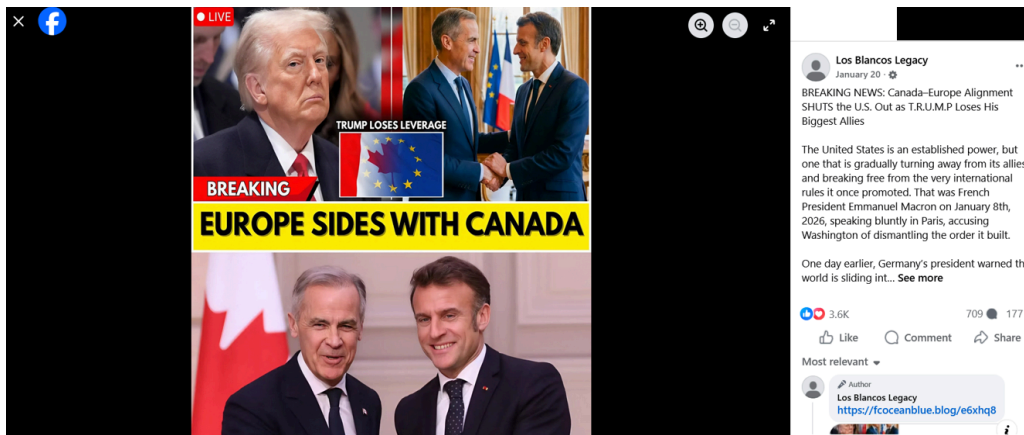


Figure 21: Facebook post in detail. Received thousands of reactions, and hundred comments and shares.

Source: Los Blancos Legacy. (2026, Jan 20). BREAKING NEWS: Canada–Europe Alignment SHUTS the U.S. Out as T.R.U.M.P Loses His Biggest Allies [Post]. Facebook. Retrieved March 23, 2026, from <https://www.facebook.com/login/?next=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fphoto%2F%3Ffbid%3D869372922536321%26set%3Da.675749358565346>

General Behaviour Across Networks

Although the accounts operate in two separate clusters, they share several consistent technical and editorial characteristics. Most videos appear to have been created using the InVideo platform. In many cases, the InVideo logo and the account’s username remain visible within the video itself. Across the networks, videos typically feature AI-generated narration combined with automatically generated subtitles. Thumbnails frequently use synthetic images of political leaders or public figures, often with exaggerated expressions designed to attract attention. Video titles follow a click-driven style intended to maximise engagement. Accounts also publish at a high rate, generally producing around two videos per day.

A notable feature across both clusters is the similarity between videos posted by different channels. Many videos contain almost identical narratives and visuals, with only small variations in wording or imagery. This pattern is consistent with prompt-based mass generation, where slightly different outputs are produced from the same underlying template.

Conclusions

YouTube is currently experiencing large-scale flooding of synthetically generated geopolitical content of low editorial quality. While the exact motivations behind these networks remain uncertain, the coordination patterns, indicators of automation, and synchronised deployment strongly indicate deliberate networked behaviour. We cannot fully attest to the strategy or agenda of these pages; whether they are established to generate revenue or to try to influence people is difficult to establish. We can recommend that YouTube investigate and try to mitigate the inauthentic and covert mass production of content.

Previous observations have shown that such channels are typically saturated with content promoting nation-state agendas, with narratives opposing the West and its allies. However, the networks identified in this instance appear to diverge from this pattern, instead focusing on specific regions and current events without exhibiting a clearly discernible geopolitical alignment. At present, there is no conclusive evidence linking the networks to a particular state actor.

One plausible hypothesis is that the threat actors are producing large volumes of content to manipulate platform algorithms. By doing so, their videos are more likely to be recommended when users search for keywords related to these regions or events. This strategy may serve to pre-establish distribution pathways, which could later be leveraged once targeted narratives are introduced. Given these uncertainties, continued monitoring of these accounts will be essential to assess their evolution and to validate these preliminary hypotheses.

The increasing accessibility of AI video generation tools significantly lowers the barrier of entry for such operations. Without platform-level detection and mitigation measures, similar networks are likely to proliferate. The operation demonstrates how generative AI tools can be used to scale the production of influence content at low cost. Rather than relying on high-quality narratives, the network appears designed to flood platforms with large volumes of loosely structured geopolitical content.

The use of AI-enabled content laundering, systematically reproducing identical content across multiple videos with minor variations to evade detection, could have implications under Articles 34 and 35 of the Digital Services Act (DSA).

Under the DSA, YouTube, as a Very Large Online Platform, is obligated to identify and assess systemic risks (Article 34). They must take reasonable, proportionate, and effective measures to mitigate them (Article 35).

AI-enabled content laundering constitutes such a systemic risk as it:

1. Artificially amplifies specific narratives by circumventing duplicate-content detection mechanisms;
2. Simulates organic diversity of content, misleading recommender systems into treating coordinated messaging as authentic voices;
3. Facilitates coordinated inauthentic behaviour, especially as the networks distribute semantically identical content across multiple channels.

Considering the increasing availability and known use of generative AI tools for information laundering, these types of manipulative techniques should have been predicted. Especially considering that they have previously been identified as being used by a Chinese influence operation, [Shadow Play](#). A failure to account for these techniques in risk assessments may therefore indicate a lack of due diligence under Article 34.

Under Article 35 DSA, VLOPs must put in place reasonable, proportionate and effective mitigation measures, tailored to the systemic risks identified pursuant to Article 34.

In the context of AI-enabled content laundering, appropriate countermeasures may include:

- Detection of near-duplicate or semantically equivalent content across formats;
- Identification of coordinated dissemination patterns across accounts or channels;
- Implementation of safeguards against evasion of content moderation systems.

Where a platform fails to implement such measures, despite the foreseeable nature and potential impact of these practices, it may be found in breach of its obligations under Article 35.

This needs to be viewed in the context of other cases, as the same techniques were used by Shadow Play, which was taken down by YouTube in 2023-2024. Account-based intervention is not an

adequate response when AI-fueled automation enables rapid creation of new channels. YouTube must take more systemic measures to mitigate these types of operations.