DonaldsArmy.US and BASEDMedia

Overview

On the evening of December 19, 2020, Donald Trump posted a tweet continuing his claims around election fraud during the 2020 Presidential Election, as well as a call to action for his followers to rally to a protest in Washington, D.C. on January 6th. Following the tweet, we started to see some activity on the forum TheDonald.win (a forum connected to r/TheDonald and The Donald Discord server, and one that we have been watching since the election for potential violence escalation) about the call to protest.

Donald J. Trump ✔
@realDonaldTrump

Peter Navarro releases 36-page report alleging election fraud 'more than sufficient' to swing victory to Trump washex.am/3nwaBCe. A great report by Peter. Statistically impossible to have lost the 2020 Election. Big protest in D.C. on January 6th. Be there, will be wild!

⚠ This claim about election fraud is disputed

Peter Navarro releases 36-page report alleging election fraud 'more than suf...
Director of the Office of Trade and Manufacturing Policy Peter Navarro published a lengthy report Thursday outlining several examples of voting ...
🔗 washingtonexaminer.com

10:42 PM · Dec 18, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

A flag in the General Discord HQ server in the TnS channel also led us to the section of TheDonald.win where Discord invite links were being posted to the DonaldArmy.US server along with some concerning

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messages that seemed to indicate that violence would be either expected or planned as part of the protest.

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DonaldsArmy.US Server

https://admin.discord.co/guilds/782208430773239828

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SERVER ID
Redacted

SERVER SINCE
November 28, 2020

MEMBER COUNT
2471

OWNER ID
Redacted

BASEDMedia

https://admin.discord.co/guilds/779163204114186260

BASED

Redacted

SERVER ID
Redacted

SERVER SINCE
November 19, 2020

MEMBER COUNT
456

OWNER ID
Redacted

Online Presence

- **Donald's Army Website:** https://donaldsarmy.us/
- **BASEDMedia Website:** https://donaldwon.com/

News on The Server

- A Twitter thread by, Kyle Ehmke, a threat intelligent researcher which details some of the history / development of the Based network, who its made up of, its mission statement, etc.

Moderators and Administrators

Owner (of both servers)

- https://admin.discord.co/users/164131599674245121

Additional Moderator Accounts

- 68 accounts with administrative privileges on DonaldsArmy.US https://chartio.com/discord/sandbox-casey-wong-deluxe-edition-server-ban-wip/?SERVER_ID=782208430773239828
- Admins on both DonaldsArmy.US and BASEDMedia:
  - https://admin.discord.co/users/776645291545722892/audit-log
  - https://admin.discord.co/users/777378623065686025/audit-log
  - https://admin.discord.co/users/746465732182671360/audit-log
  - https://admin.discord.co/users/470784964171005963/audit-log

Related Servers w/crossover users

- DataBASED https://admin.discord.co/guilds/773968455270400051
- Audit The Election https://admin.discord.co/guilds/774358225112924190
- Election Integrity https://admin.discord.co/guilds/774093445286330379
- The Donald: https://admin.discord.co/guilds/623317844611825665

Timeline of Reports

- 10610930 **** - **December 19, 2020**
- 10613040 - **December 19, 2020**
- 10612651 **** - **December 19, 2020**
- 10612552 **** - **December 19, 2020**
- 10607689 - **December 19, 2020**

Example Content on DonaldArmy.US

Server channels and roles organized by locations, active organizing and recruiting

Channels

NAME	ID
Redacted	Redacted

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Roles

ID	NAME
Redacted	UT
	TX
	TN
	SD
	SC
	RI
	PA
	OR
	OK
	OH

Channels

NAME

Redacted

ID

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Channels

NAME

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ID

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Fliers for the January 6th protest in D.C.

#dc-rally-flyers

SERVER NAME
Redacted

SERVER OWNER
Redacted

SERVER SINCE
November 28, 2020

MEMBER COUNT
2423

VERIFICATION LEVEL
NONE

FEATURES

NSFW GATE
❌

∨ Search by CDN or Message Link

CDN OR MESSAGE LINK

Message Results

THE
STEAL
IS
REAL

SCAN ME

Are you ready? Together, we will stand up for our freedom and the future of the Republic. It is time.
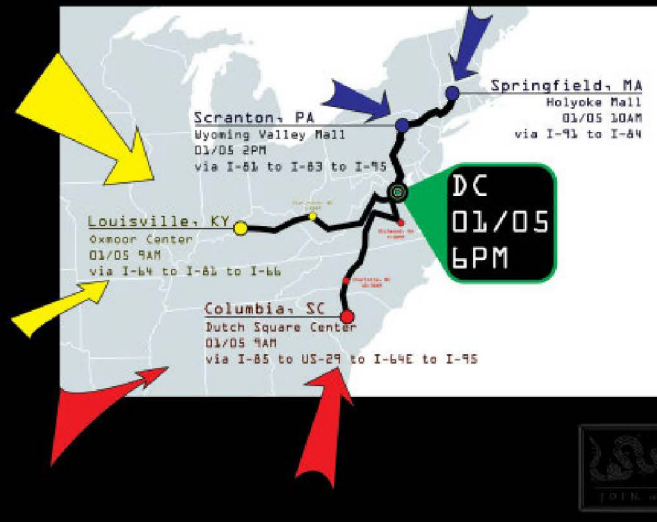
The only thing necessary
for the triumph of evil
is for good men
to do nothing.

DO SOMETHING
WASHINGTON DC
1 / 6 / 2021

Organized recruitment to Discord/off-platform planning

#email-script

Message Results

Edit messages

SERVER NAME
Redacted
SERVER OWNER
Redacted
SERVER SINCE
November 28, 2020

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Text in Screenshot

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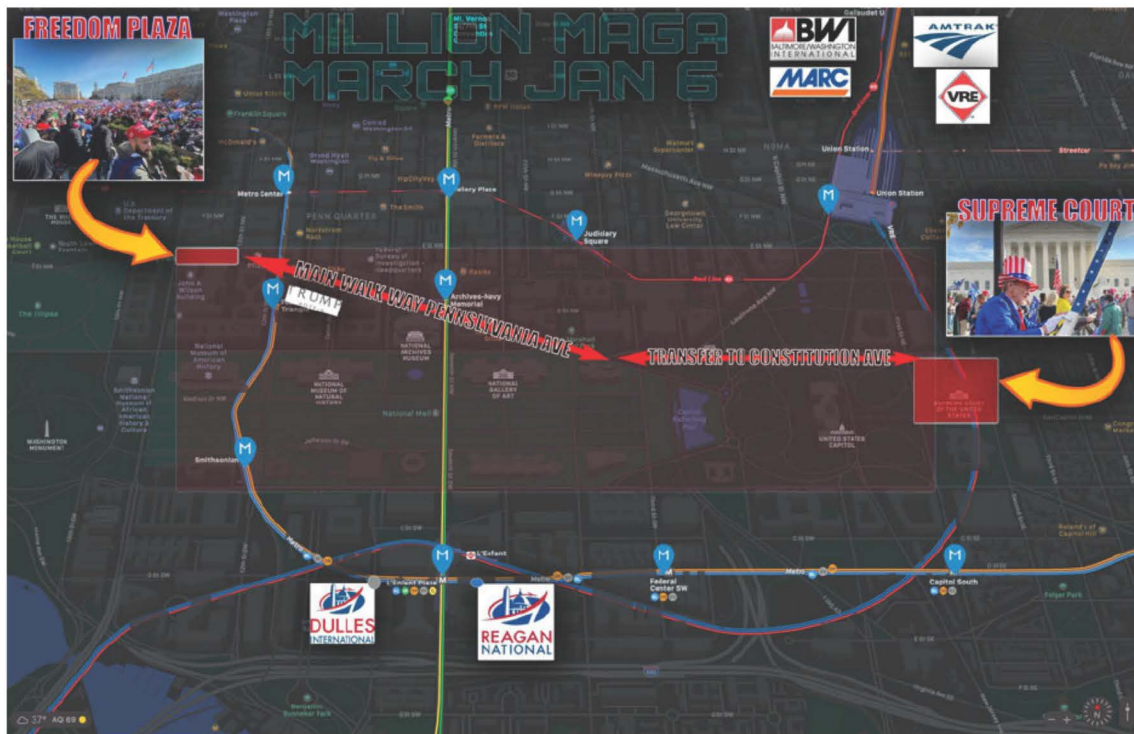
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Discussing travel plans/on-the-ground strategies/arming with weapons as part of preparation

Example Message Links in DonaldArmy.US

https://admin.discord.co/messages/782212629695037491/790296085339439115/20/

https://admin.discord.co/messages/790004567819026462/790061429415215154/35

https://admin.discord.co/messages/784933224483913768/789939011401023548/35

https://admin.discord.co/messages/784933224483913768/789980179279642685/35

https://admin.discord.co/messages/784933224483913768/789961194911825940/35

https://admin.discord.co/messages/784933224483913768/789985539339321344/35

https://admin.discord.co/messages/784933224483913768/789985913638748170/35

https://admin.discord.co/messages/784933224483913768/790027799993647125/35

https://admin.discord.co/messages/784933224483913768/790028216558813196/35

https://admin.discord.co/messages/784933224483913768/790310824509046855/35

Example Content on BasedMedia

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BASED ★★★ MEDIA
DONALDSARMY.US

Sample Message Links in BasedMedia

https://admin.discord.co/messages/779188634330857492/78414166194913 2871/20

https://admin.discord.co/messages/779192582071779338/783688173855309875/20/

Recommended Action

DonaldsArmy.US - *Delete Server with All Members*

Rationale

It is clear that the DonaldsArmy.US server is a highly organized planning server being to organize a January 6, 2021 protest in Washington, DC. While not all members of this server or movement may be planning for violence, there are numerous conversations in the various state-organized chats where users are discussing the weapons they plan to bring to the protest (firearms or otherwise) with no apparent moderation happening around those discussions.

The organizers of the server and planning also appear to identify themselves and the group/movement around the notion that force or violence is a tactic they are willing to used, based on the fact that they refer to themselves as "an army" and in one of the organizer's advertised "Email script" offered to members for use in recruitment, they explicitly mention that they will implement "guerrilla-style deployment"

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In addition to the content found on the server, the clear links of the server and the movement to TheDonald.win and the comments left on that forum with both implicit and explicit calls to violence indicate that the event being planned in the DonaldsArmy.US server has the high potential to result in real-world harm. For this reason, we are recommending to **delete the server with all members** and will heavily monitor ban appeals coming in to correct any false positives.

BASEDMedia - *Delete Server*

Rationale

We did not find as explicit organizing and planning occurring in the BASEDMedia server, but the space is clearly being used by the server owner and some of the organizers of DonaldsArmy.US to try and recruit others to their plan to build an "army" of protestors.

The clear connection between this server and its owner and the DonaldsArmy.US server leads us to conclude that taking down this server is imperative to ensuring that the organizers of DonaldsArmy.US do not use the space as an easy place to regroup. Because this server is *not* heavily involved in the organizing outside of the admins, we are recommending to **delete the server without all members**, with the expectation that users who are active participants in both servers will be banned with the DonaldsArmy.US server ban.

Follow-Up Steps

- Monitor Extremism ban appeals for potential false positives (users who joined the server to report it, were in the "wrong place, wrong time") and to potentially review server lists of some of the organizers for other potentially problematic servers

- Ensure that tickets of this nature are not auto-solved out and are instead escalated to HP: https://hammerandchisel.zendesk.com/agent/tickets/10610930

- Work with the On Point team to ensure that future escalations like this get a ping and eyes on them immediately
  - The situation and server were escalated in the TnS chat in the HQ Server, but an additional ping for the concern of violence would be very helpful for next time https://discord.com/channels/21154681615024128/270701888050167808/789923345240031263

- Watch the following servers for potential regrouping activity or further escalation:
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  - Audit The Election https://admin.discord.co/guilds/774358225112924190
  - Election Integrity https://admin.discord.co/guilds/774093445286330379
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