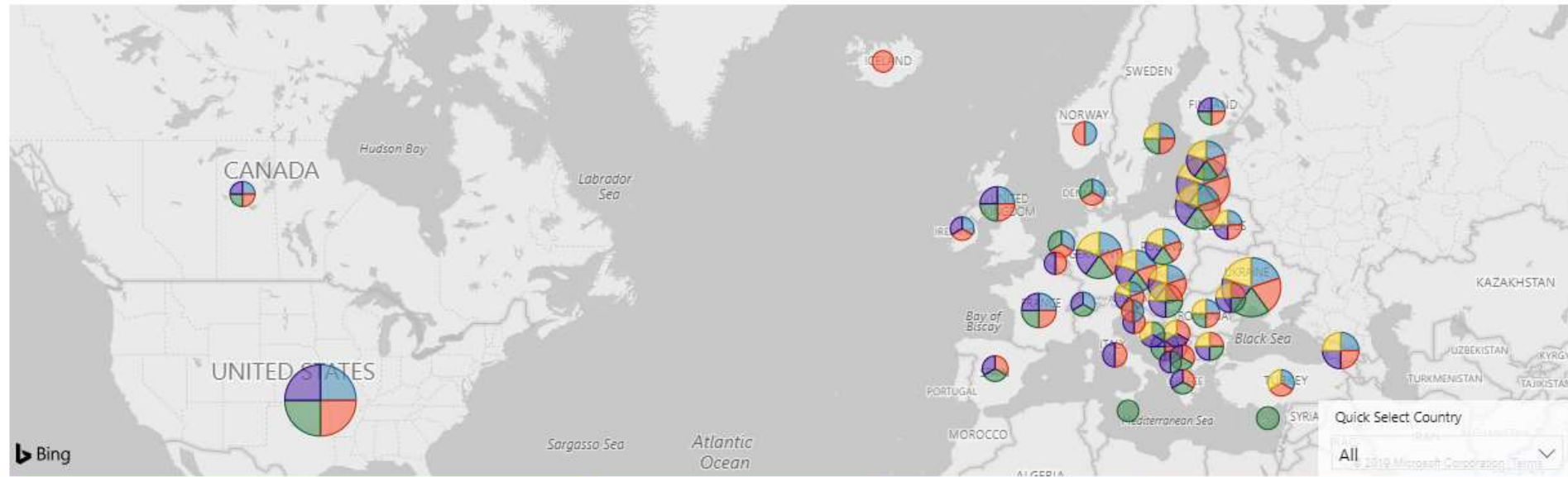
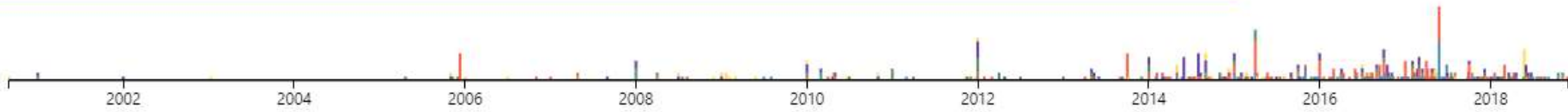




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# Information Operations – Covert Tactics

## Internet Research Agency



The IRA bought U.S. political ads on social media without disclosure or detection in 2016, including \$100,000 spent on about 3,000 ads on Facebook that may have helped IRA content reach roughly as many U.S. viewers as actually voted in the election.

## Sputnik employees posing as news sites



Facebook removed 364 pages linked to Sputnik employees who were pretending to be independent news agencies. They paid \$135,000 for advertisements and had about 790,000 followers in Eastern Europe and elsewhere, posting in issues such as anti-NATO sentiment, protest movements, and anti-corruption.



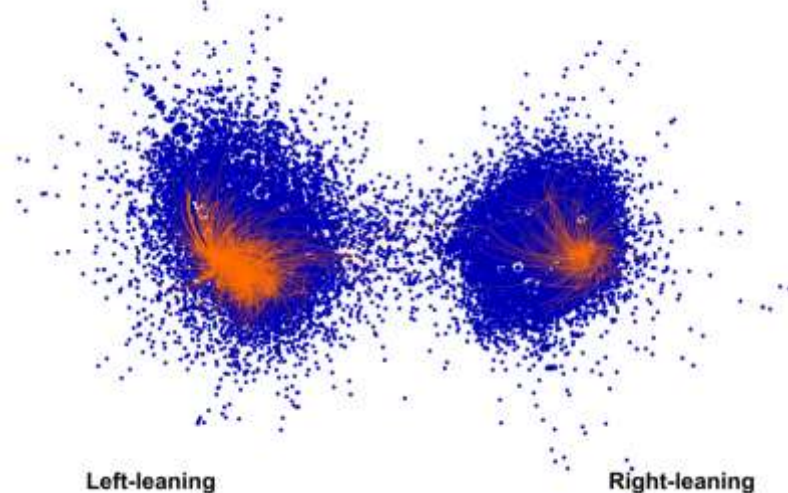




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Public - Hosted by [Resisters](#) and 5 others



Information operations often seek to **coopt legitimate social movements by impersonating activists, engaging with organizations and businesses on the ground, and even organizing and funding protests.**



***Pulling Conversation to extremes:*** Retweet network graph of accounts discussing #blacklivesmatter and #bluelivesmatter, including IRA accounts (orange) mapped over normal accounts (blue)

\*Graph via [Kate Starbird](#)

# What Happens Online Doesn't Stay Online



Heart of Texas added an event.  
May 5 at 6:44am · 📍

**MAY 21, 2016 / 12.00 P.M.**  
**STOP ISLAMIZATION OF TEXAS**

**MAY 21** Stop Islamization of Texas  
Sat 12 PM · Islamic Da'wah Center 201 Travis S...  
79 people interested · 16 people going

★ Interested



United Muslims of America shared their event.  
Sponsored · 📍

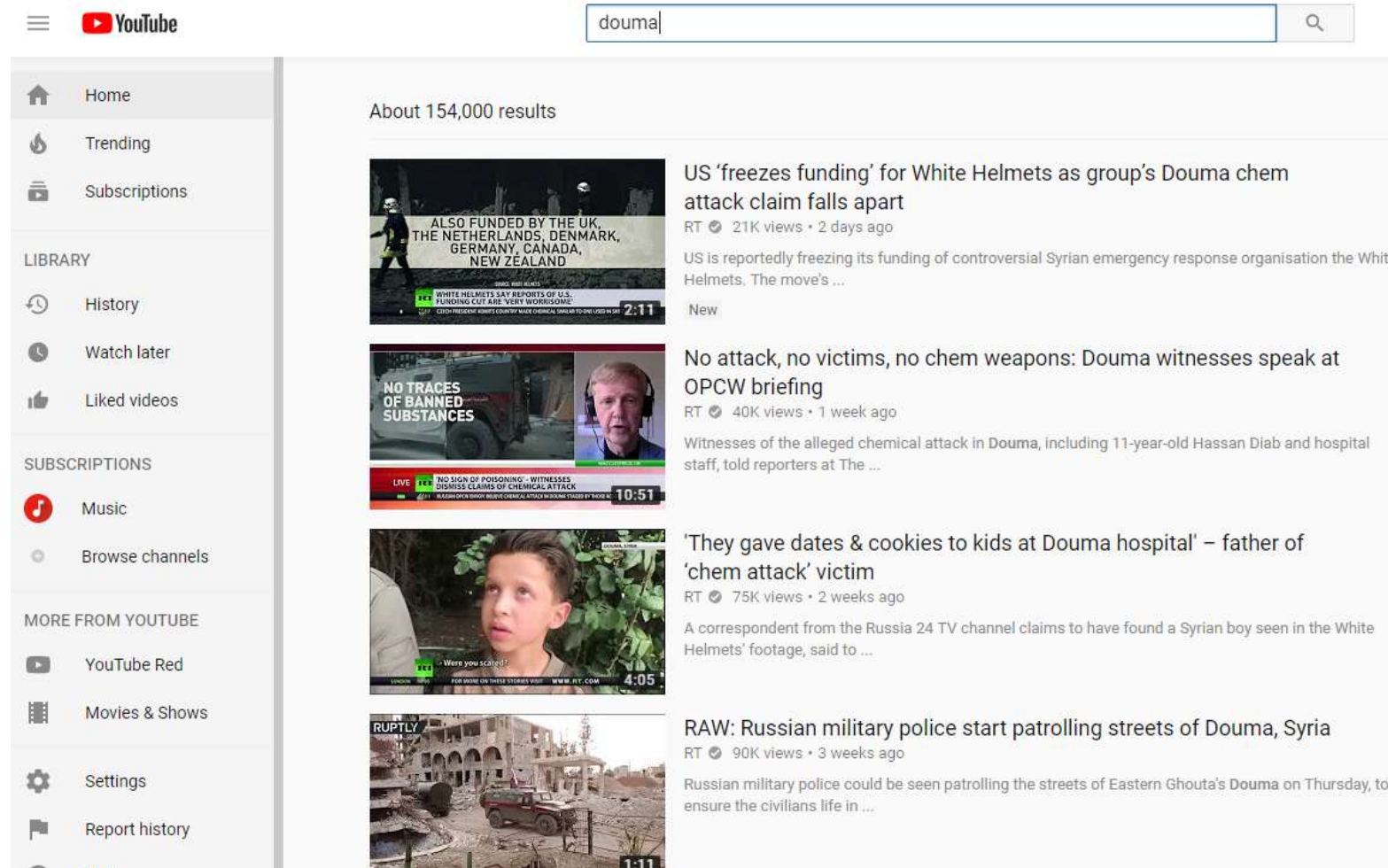
It's been only a month since Library of Islamic Knowledge at the center in Houston is open

**SAVE ISLAMIC KNOWLEDGE**  
May 21 at 12:00 PM, Houston TX

**MAY 21** SAVE ISLAMIC KNOWLEDGE  
Sat 12 PM · Islamic Da'wah Center 201 Travis St.,...  
42 people interested · 18 people going

★ Interested

# Information Operations – Algorithmic Exploitation



The screenshot shows a YouTube search results page for the query "douma". The search bar at the top contains the text "douma" and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar, it indicates "About 154,000 results". The left sidebar contains navigation options: Home, Trending, Subscriptions, LIBRARY (History, Watch later, Liked videos), SUBSCRIPTIONS (Music, Browse channels), and MORE FROM YOUTUBE (YouTube Red, Movies & Shows, Settings, Report history). The main content area displays four video results:

- US 'freezes funding' for White Helmets as group's Douma chem attack claim falls apart**  
RT 21K views • 2 days ago  
US is reportedly freezing its funding of controversial Syrian emergency response organisation the White Helmets. The move's ...  
New
- No attack, no victims, no chem weapons: Douma witnesses speak at OPCW briefing**  
RT 40K views • 1 week ago  
Witnesses of the alleged chemical attack in Douma, including 11-year-old Hassan Diab and hospital staff, told reporters at The ...
- 'They gave dates & cookies to kids at Douma hospital' – father of 'chem attack' victim**  
RT 75K views • 2 weeks ago  
A correspondent from the Russia 24 TV channel claims to have found a Syrian boy seen in the White Helmets' footage, said to ...
- RAW: Russian military police start patrolling streets of Douma, Syria**  
RT 90K views • 3 weeks ago  
Russian military police could be seen patrolling the streets of Eastern Ghouta's Douma on Thursday, to ensure the civilians life in ...





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When the bombs rain down, the White Helmets rush in. Unarmed and neutral they've saved 114431+ lives and counting. Support them now.



## White Helmets

Syrian Civil War

The White Helmets, officially known as Syria Civil Defence, is a volunteer organisation that operates in parts of rebel-controlled Syria and in Turkey. [Wikipedia](#)

**Founder:** James Le Mesurier

**Founded:** 2014

**Volunteers:** 3,000 (with monthly stipend)

**Motto:** "To save a life is to save all of humanity."

**Purpose:** Civil defense

**Number of volunteers:** 3,000 (with monthly stipend)



# It's Not Just Russia



On the right, the legitimate accounts for Republican midterm political candidates Maria Livengood and Jineea Butler. On the left, Iranian inauthentic accounts. Via [FireEye](#)

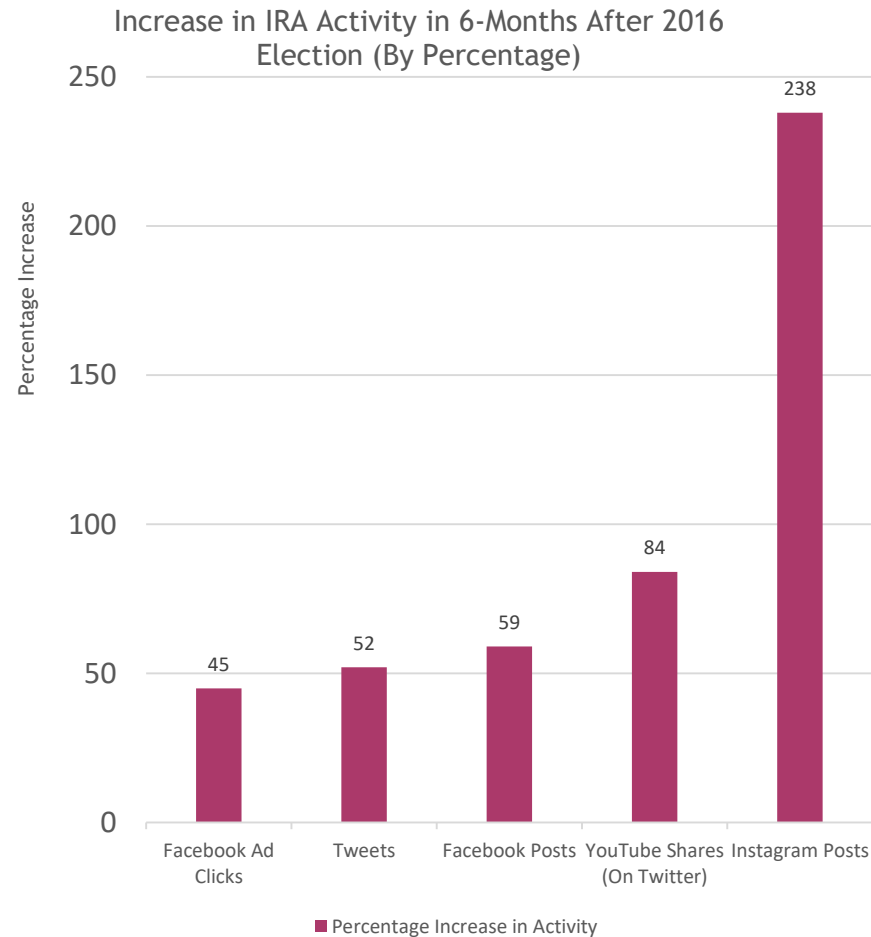
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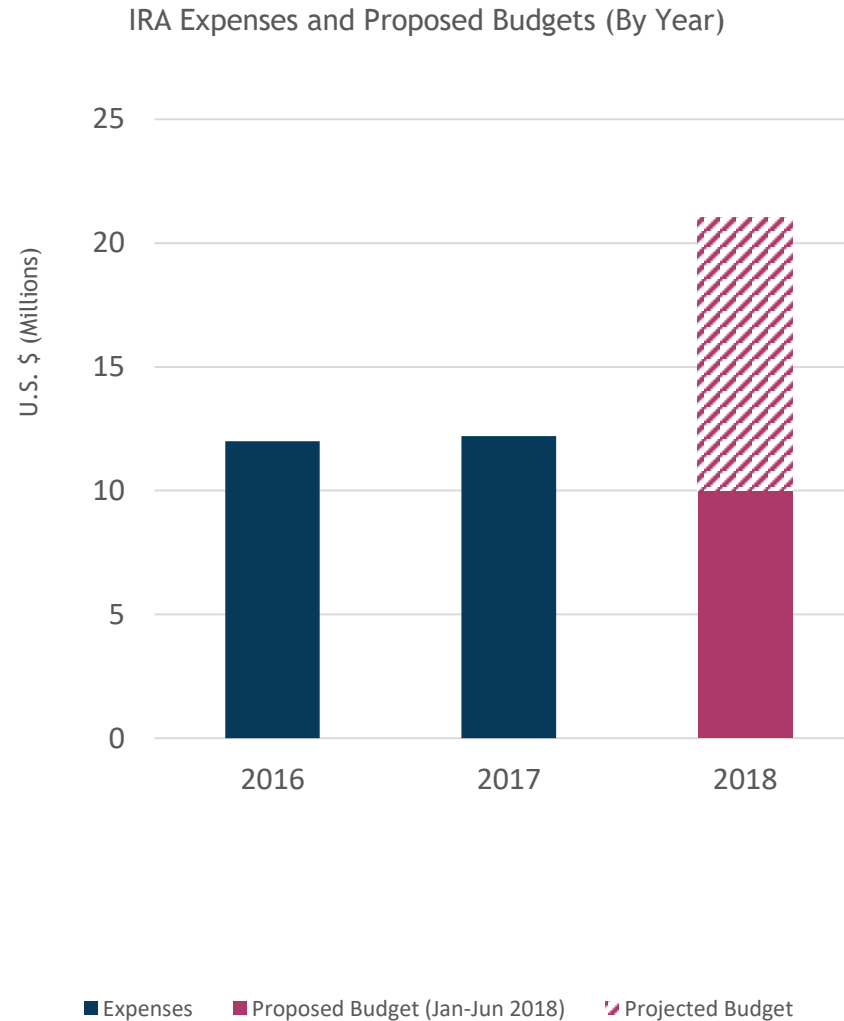
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# Information Operations – Not Just About Elections



Data: [Oxford University/Senate Select Intelligence Committee](#)



Based off Data Provided by the Department of Justice