



# TELEGRAM TRACKER

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**689**  
CHANNELS  
TRACKED

From June 1, 2017, to May 1, 2018, Program on Extremism researchers tracked, analyzed, and coded<sup>1</sup> 689 pro-Islamic State (IS) channels that contained English-language content on the messaging application Telegram.<sup>2</sup>

1. For more information on the method researchers used, click here.  
2. Note: Telegram is not responsible for and does not endorse IS-related content on its application.

ABOUT THE TRACKER



TELEGRAM FAQ



**65.2%**

OF CHANNELS

WERE PRIVATE (INVITE-ONLY). 34.8% WERE PUBLIC CHANNELS.



**156**



The average number of channel members was 156. The most popular channel had 3,891 members.

## WHAT PERCENTAGE OF CHANNELS DISCUSSED THESE POPULAR TOPICS?<sup>3</sup>

**57%** discussed IS military activities in Syria and Iraq.

**43%** discussed IS affiliates' activities in other areas of the world.

**16%** discussed news and events in Europe or North America.

**14%** discussed cybersecurity or information security.

**12%** discussed IS non-military activities (infrastructure, governance, etc.).

**10%** discussed IS attacks in Europe or North America.

<sup>3</sup> English-language content only.

## IS SUPPORTERS SHARED:



**56,230 PHOTOS**



**23,048 FILES & DOCUMENTS**



**18,161 URL LINKS**



**10,084 VIDEOS**



**3,308 AUDIO RECORDINGS**



**622 VOICE MESSAGES**

## THE FIVE MOST-USED EXTERNAL FILE-SHARING SITES:

1. Archive.org
2. Youtube.com
3. Justpaste.it
4. Top4top.net
5. Drive.google.com

**37%**

Shared links to other pro-IS Telegram channels



**35%**

Shared religious material in English



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