



TELEGRAM TRACKER

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713

CHANNELS TRACKED

From June 1, 2017, to August 31, 2018, Program on Extremism researchers tracked, analyzed, and coded¹ 713 pro-Islamic State (IS) channels that contained English-language content on the messaging application Telegram.²

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



64.7%

OF CHANNELS

WERE PRIVATE (INVITE-ONLY). 35.3% WERE PUBLIC CHANNELS.



160



The average number of channel members was 160. The most popular channel had 3,891 members.

WHAT PERCENTAGE OF CHANNELS DISCUSSED THESE POPULAR TOPICS?³

57% discussed IS military activities in Syria and Iraq.

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

15% 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.

³ English-language content only.

IS SUPPORTERS SHARED:



69,167 PHOTOS



25,324 FILES & DOCUMENTS



20,947 URL LINKS



11,118 VIDEOS



3,868 AUDIO RECORDINGS



974 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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