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Covid-19 Weekly Consumer Insights

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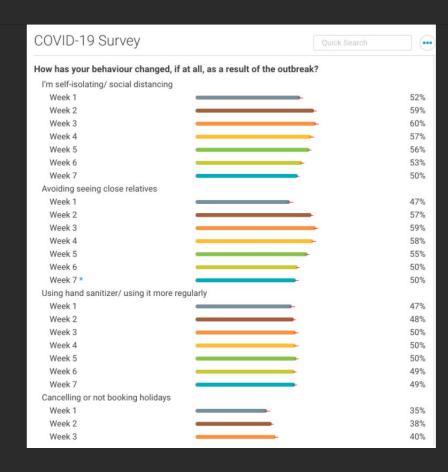
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Want access to our survey data?

We'll provide you with a login to our Qriously survey platform, giving you handson access to all questions and answers from each wave of our Covid-19 survey.

You can filter by week, age, gender or country (we're live in 8 markets).

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Our Goal

As the Covid-19 pandemic continues to evolve, there are many sources for news, statistics and health guidance. Brandwatch is in a unique position to provide data and insights about the impact on the hearts, minds and daily lives of consumers around the world. We're leveraging our best-in-class technology and people to deliver weekly reporting that looks at both online discussion and survey responses.

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What We Analyzed

This study includes data from 8 countries (UK, US, China, Germany, Italy, Spain, France, Australia) and 6 languages. Survey data includes 1,000 interviews per country in field between May 18 and May 24 using programmatic sampling via mobile phones. For access to the complete set of survey questions/answers, contact info@brandwatch.com.

Social data includes ~30 million posts from Twitter, Reddit, forums, blogs, and more that appeared between May 18 and May 24. News has been excluded to better isolate consumer opinion but media engagement metrics have been included. Content is analyzed holistically and by market, topics, and sectors.

Some Of The Questions We'll Address...

- What are consumer perceptions of and reactions to Covid-19 over time?
- How has the virus impacted daily life and the way we work, learn, parent and socialize?
- What is the impact on mental health?
- What are concerns about financial futures collectively and personally?
- What is the short- and long-term impact of the pandemic on plans, events and purchases?
- What are reactions to how businesses have/have not adapted to the needs of consumers or employees?

Key insights at a glance



Health & mental health

People are talking online about the new symptoms of Covid-19 emerging in different countries. (slide 12)

Many are reacting online to news about the possible connection between cannabis and the prevention and treatment of Covid-19. (slide 13)



Home & family life

There was a drop in survey respondents reporting they are social distancing in the most tracked markets. The exception was China, where people are actively concerned about a second wave. (slide 17)

Garage revamps are surfacing in online discussion. While many are talking about decluttering, others are creatively repurposing into gyms or workspaces. (slide 20)



Work life

Unemployment rates continue to dominate work discussion across markets. Many people voice frustration about lack of access to unemployment benefits. (slide 23)



Government

People are posting about the mixed messages coming from government leaders.

Many are frustrated with Dominic Cummings breaking lockdown rules and with Donald Trump for not wearing a mask during his visit to Ford Motor plant. For many, these events are sparking discussion about the need for government to follow the rules they help to create. (slide 25)

Key insights at a glance



Pharma & healthcare

People are reacting to the CDC announcement that coronavirus does not spread easily on surfaces. Some are discussing what information is credible given that guidelines are often changing. (slide 30)

Hydroxychloroquine is resurfacing in discussion after Trump indicated he was taking the drug as a preventative measure. (slide 29)



CPG

After dying their hair in quarantine, many are now seeking products to repair hair health. Millennial women especially are sharing photos highlighting a 'less is more' approach to makeup. (slide 34)

As summer approaches, more consumers are opting for **low carb alcoholic beverages** and **plant-based meat alternatives**. (slide 36)



Media & entertainment

Gamers say they are dusting off old consoles like Sega Genesis or Nintendo Game Boy. People are saying playing these games brings back positive childhood memories. (slide 40)



Retail

Consumers posting online are excited about buying masks from fashion retailers. Some are saying branded masks are quickly becoming the next hot fashion trend. (slide 45)

As nearly one-third of survey respondents across tracked markets say shopping safely is a challenge, photo and video sharing online continues to showcase crowded retail spaces where shoppers feel at risk. (slide 46)

Key insights at a glance



Technology

Permanent work from home policies from companies such as Twitter, Square, Facebook and Shopify are driving positive online discussion. (slide 52)

noting People are excited about news of the world's fastest internet speed, that lockdown life would be easier with faster broadband. (slide 51)



Financial services

After learning that unemployment often pays more than what workers would earn on the job, many are talking about living wages.(slide 56)

People are sharing news about restaurants, retailers, tourist attractions, and transportation companies accepting only contactless payments. Many are talking about a cashless society as the new normal. (slide 57)



Travel & hospitality

People are talking about coverage of a Memorial Day party at an Ozarks, Missouri pool bar. Images and videos from the event have gone viral, prompting outrage. (slide 60)

Uncertainty about air travel continues. Seventeen percent of survey respondents said they would not travel domestically or internationally once the pandemic ends.. (slide 62)



Topic | Health & Mental Health

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Closer to home, ... people began suffering from symptoms of coughing, difficulty breaking, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, loss of taste or smell. Allergies? or Covid-19? The subject is endlessly fascinating, as new symptoms emerge.

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23 May 2020 | 23:10



katherinemrohan (katherine mary rohan) @katherinemrohan

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a high temperature, a new, continuous cough and a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. but there are many other symptoms. If you have any of them, stay home Stay home .Stay home

Twitter

23 May 2020 | 08:50





North_Nova (Graham Johnston)

New NS Covid-19 symptoms: Fever Cough, worsening of previous cough Sore throat Headache Shortness of breath Muscle aches Sneezing Nasal congestion/runny nose Hoarse voice Diarrhea Unusual fatigue Loss of smell or taste Red, purple or bluish



rbdirectservice (Roger Bernard)

josepharbia Why UK only being added now? "Loss of smell and taste validated as COVID-19 symptoms in patients... ...clinicians should include sensory impairment as standard screening measure Date:April 13, 2020Source:University of Cali

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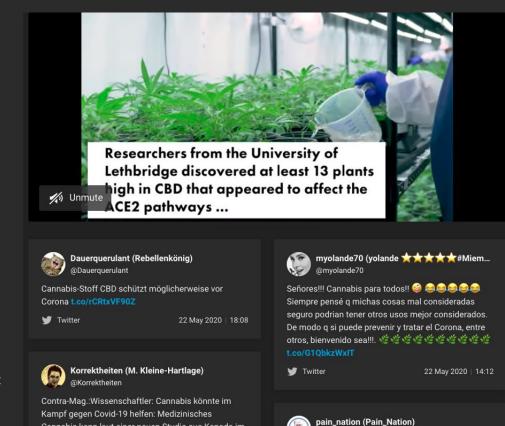
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Searches for information about new Covid-19 symptoms increased 800% last week. People are talking about new symptoms such as diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain and swelling of the skin. News of a possible mutation of the virus in China with delayed symptoms also triggered discussion.

Some people are asking how to differentiate allergy symptoms from Covid-19 symptoms.

People are posting about using cannabis to fight Covid-19, citing its antiinflammatory, anti-anxiety and anti-viral properties (21K posts). Some recommend using marijuana to treat anxiety triggered by the pandemic.

A New York Post article, Scientists Believe Cannabis Could Help Prevent, Treat Coronavirus, has generated 2.3M social engagements to date.



Cannabis kann laut einer neuen Studie aus Kanada im

Parents are posting online about concerns for children's safety in schools and childcare centers.

People are **negatively responding** to reports of 70 new coronavirus cases in France as a result of partially reopening schools. Some are saying that **the question should not be when but how in terms of implementing protective protocol.**

Parents are voicing online that they **refuse to let their children become an experiment** as the risks are too high. More parents in the US are saying **home schooling remains the safest and best option** (90k posts).



Childcare surfaced as an emerging theme in online discussion this week (2k posts).

People are engaging online with reports that many childcare centers may not reopen post-pandemic. Parents are worried about securing childcare as they get back to work and advocating for government support for these centers.

As with schools, some parents are questioning the protective measures in place for childcare centers, and whether these are a viable and safe option for their children.



Perhaps you should be assisting #childcare centers in PA, yet they remain largely ignored and financially strangled despite being the biggest advocates and best resource for our youngest Pennsylvanians.

Twitter

24 May 2020 | 13:47



MHagkull (Molly Hagkull)

I am an #earlychildhood worker. I make less today than I did as a 1st year elementary teacher 20 years ago. #Preschool and #childcare centers are already operating on extremely thin margins. That's why I'm calling on @senrobportman to #FundChildcare and

₩ Twitter

23 May 2020 | 16:50



sjessenhoward (Steven Jessen-Howard)

With some child care centers closed permanently, a lack of options is keeping some people-mostly women-from getting back to work.

■ Twitter

22 May 2020 | 13:55



MurthaLeanne (Leanne Murtha)

@MurthaLeanne

QuancyClayborne Child care centers are opening under the same guidelines. We are the test subjects.

■ Twitter

22 May 2020 | 00:25



amandakhurley (Amanda Kolson Hurley)

@amandakhurley

Been wondering about child care centers and how many will be left when people feel confident to send their kids back to them. They operate on slim margins as it is.

₩ Twitter

21 May 2020 | 22:15



AMcDScott (Amanda McDScott)

Furthermore, due to #COVID19, a light is being shined upon #childcare and the lack of access to it, which is only being made worse due to the pandemic.

Child_Success produced a report recently showing the dire need of attention to child care centers so that families may..

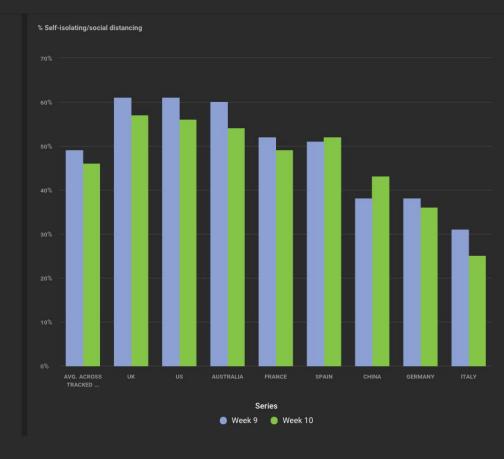
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Survey question | How has your behaviour changed ... as a result of the outbreak?

There is an ongoing decline **in social distancing in the majority of markets,** according to survey respondents as lock down restrictions ease. The only notable exception is China, where people are actively concerned about a second wave.

Online discussion also notes a **lack of physical distancing** as people start to venture out in public again. For this reason, many are saying they're **afraid to leave their homes**. Some are speculating that everyone will soon be back in lockdown as a result.



Despite discussion highlighting crowded public spaces, there is an **increase in positive discussion** about social distancing this week.

People are sharing videos and photos of circles created in **New York City parks**, saying they are pleased to see "inventive methods" that **encourage the safe use of outdoor spaces**. Google searches for "New York park circles" increased by 2,350% in the last week. **Many are advocating for the same to be applied in the cities where they live**.

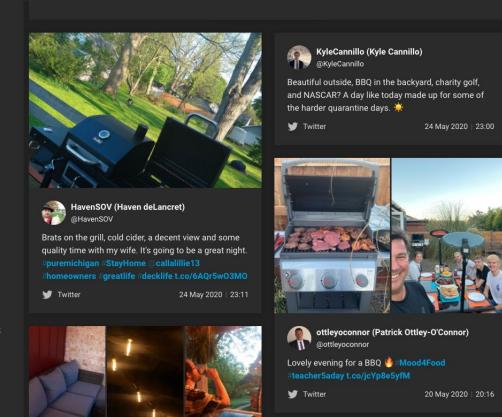




As lockdown restrictions ease, people are discussing **BBQs on patios or in backyards** (11k posts). Many are posting **recipes** while some are getting **BBQ meal kits available from local stores and restaurants**.

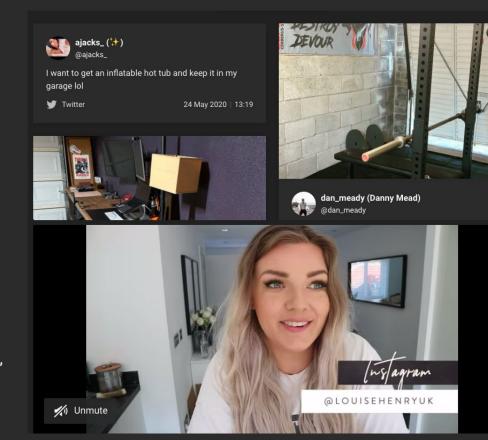
People are enjoying BBQ gatherings with friends, family, and sometimes neighbors during the weekends, or to mark special occasions such as birthdays or anniversaries.

In alignment with the social data, there was a **decrease in survey respondents across tracked markets saying they are avoiding seeing close relatives**. The largest drops week-on-week were in continental Europe, with China a notable exception.



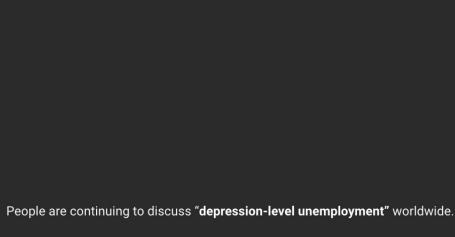
Garage revamps are surfacing online as lockdown continues in many places (2.6k posts).

While many are talking about **reorganizing and decluttering their garages**, others are **creatively repurposing** them into **work spaces**, **dining areas**, **gyms**, **indoor pools**, **or even ice rinks**. People are proudly showing off their garage makeover DIY project photos online.

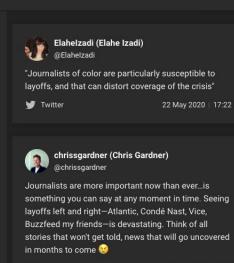


Unemployment rates continue to dominate discussion across markets.

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News that The Atlantic newsroom laid off 20% of its workforce is driving discussion and engagement. People online are upset that these jobs are being eliminated as journalists are needed now more than ever. Meanwhile, small businesses and start-ups are advertising job opportunities for newly laid off iournalists via Twitter.





We've made a directory of people who were affected by the layoffs at Uber and opted in to share their info. So if you're hiring, feel free to reach out to those folks. Please reshare widely to help them land a job quickly. t.co/PZAdnf9dJM

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20 May 2020 | 14:03

21 May 2020 | 18:59





Mayo Clinic's income plunged 88% in latest quarter due to the shutdown, 23,000 at the Clinic have been laid off or seen a reduction in hours. We need to be VERY careful of this slippery slope to socialist government run healthcare. LAST thing we need in a time like this.

Twitter

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21 May 2020 | 18:27



osiliana (Iliana Limón Romero)

3 JOURNALISM TRAINING OPPORTUNITY: 3 If you're a journalist who has been laid off, has lost freelancing opportunities, has struggled to find job, want to be ready if you ever lose your job or just want great journalism advice, this NAHJ webinar is for you!

Unemployment benefits form a controversial topic this week (30k posts). People are expressing frustration online about limitations in benefits, as well as complaining applications were turned down.

Meanwhile, retail workers are voicing that it's unfair they are earning less than people receiving unemployment. Many are questioning how this makes sense, and why anyone with these benefits would go back to work.



Online discussion reflects **mixed messages** about safety guidelines conveyed by government leaders.

Some people are posting about government leaders ignoring their own safety guidelines, saying that the rules should apply to everyone.

Brits are frustrated with **Dominic Cummings**, a senior advisor to the British Prime Minister, who broke lockdown rules by traveling hundreds of miles from his home. Many are calling for Cummings to be fired or to step down from his position.

President Trump's choice to forgo wearing a mask when visiting a Ford Motor plant in Michigan also sparked controversy.



Peston (Robert Peston)

This is the lockdown law that came into force shortly before Dominic Cummings travelled with spouse and son from North London to Durham. I have read it several times and can't find how his 260 mile journey is consistent with it. What am I missing?

■ Twitter

24 May 2020 | 12:07



lewis_goodall (Lewis Goodall)

Labour spokesperson: "We are still waiting for a clear explanation from No 10 about Dominic Cummings's actions. The public have made extraordinary sacrifices during this pandemic and the lockdown. It cannot be one rule for those who set them and another for the British people."

Twitter

23 May 2020 | 09:22



TheMendozaWoman (Kerry-Anne Mendoza) @TheMendozaWoman

If Neil Ferguson was forced to resign for breaking lockdown rules, then Dominic Cummings has to go too. End of story.

Twitter

22 May 2020 | 22:44



Ianblackford MP (Ian Blackford)

@lanblackford_MP

Following the news that Dominic Cummings travelled from London to Durham during lockdown and his behaviour was investigated by the Police, his position is completely untenable - he must resign or be sacked.

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22 May 2020 | 20:42



HPeremen (Hochu Peremen)

@HPeremen

How does this make sense? #POTUS45 is visiting a plant making equipment to fight the Coronavirus, while he refuse to use the fucking equipment "Nonsense GOP #maga #Republicans Trump Briefly Dons Face Mask At Ford Plant, Away From Media View



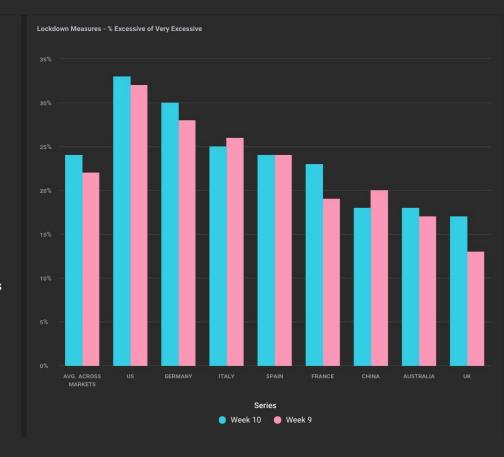
CNN (CNN)

"This is not a joke... He's conveying the worst possible message to people who cannot afford to be on the receiving end of terrible misinformation." Michigan AG Dana Nessel reacts to Pres. Trump's refusal to wear a face mask in front of cameras during a tour of a Ford

Survey question | What do you think of the quarantine measures....?

Survey respondents in the US and Germany are more likely to say they think quarantine measures are excessive or very excessive than the average across markets.

Germans are expressing mixed reactions online to the upcoming end to mandatory safety restrictions, such as wearing masks. Some post that it's still too soon while others say that the curve has been flattened and restrictions should be lifted.

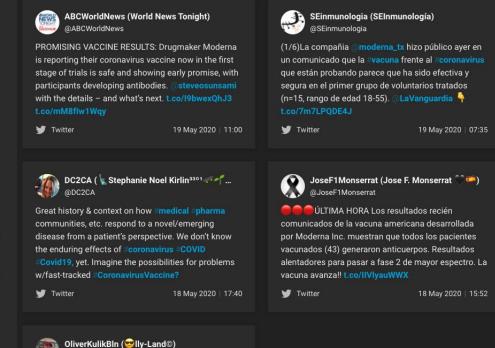


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The **development of a Covid-19 vaccine is driving discussion,** as is the use of **hydroxychloroquine** as a preventative treatment.

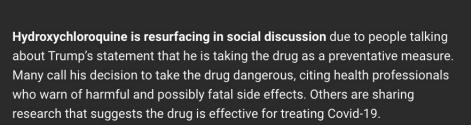
People online are talking about a COVID-19 vaccine, sharing links to coverage about promising trial results by Moderna Therapeutics, and updates on vaccine development efforts in China, the UK and elsewhere (324K posts). Google searches for "How long does it take to make a vaccine?" increased 500% in the US this week.

Some are expressing concern that a fast-tracked vaccine with rushed testing could have potential risks. Others question whether pharmaceutical companies will even be able to create a vaccine.



Früherer #WHO-Bereichsdirektor: ""Coronavirus könnte verschwinden, bevor #Impfstoff entwickelt

wurde" t.co/8Fo6wYxkCo via @welt





"For those receiving hydroxychloroguine and an antibiotic - the cocktail endorsed by Trump - there was a 45 percent increased risk of death and a 411 percent increased risk of serious heart arrhythmias."

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michelleinbklyn (Michelle Goldberg)

WSJPolitics (Capital Journal)

A study found chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine given to 15,000 coronavirus patients raised the risk of

heart problems while not helping fight Covid-19

Side effects of hydroxychloroquine include paranoia,

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hallucinations and psychosis t.co/CVuH9Qel7p ■ Twitter 18 May 2020 | 21:32



kevinhaddad08 (kevin haddad)

@kevinhaddad08

I've been watching the news on TRT HABER (the Turkish News) Hydroxychloroquine is used wisely and it's making big impact on Covid19 patients, the number of recovered patients in Turkey are 114990. Total cases 153548. This inexpensive medicine works. Big Pharma doesn't like it

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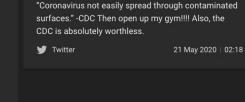
DrLeanaWen (Leana Wen, M.D.) @DrLeanaWen

There is NO evidence for hydrochloroquine being effective in treatment of #covid19 or prophylaxis to prevent the disease. This is a medication that has serious side effects. I am very concerned about

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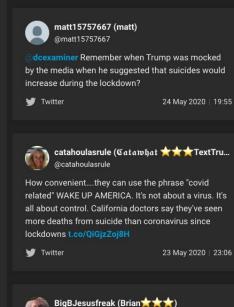
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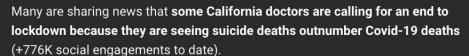




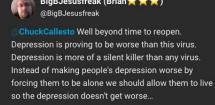
People are engaging online with news that the CDC announced coronavirus does not spread easily on surfaces (+5M social engagements to date). Some are asking what the finding means for reopening businesses such as gyms. Others express frustration with the changing guidelines on how Covid-19 spreads and the protective measures needed.

Sector | Healthcare





Many are sharing articles without adding comments. Some say mental health and domestic violence concerns are more important than the threat of Covid-19.



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Twitter



Doctors in Northern California say they have seen more deaths from suicide than they've seen from the coronavirus during the pandemic. t.co/33T58grLCR

Twitter

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JackMaxey1 (Jack Maxey)

@JackMaxey1

OPEN IT!!!! #WarRoomPandemic California doctors say they've seen more deaths from suicide than coronavirus since lockdowns t.co/MCKtKAzSXv

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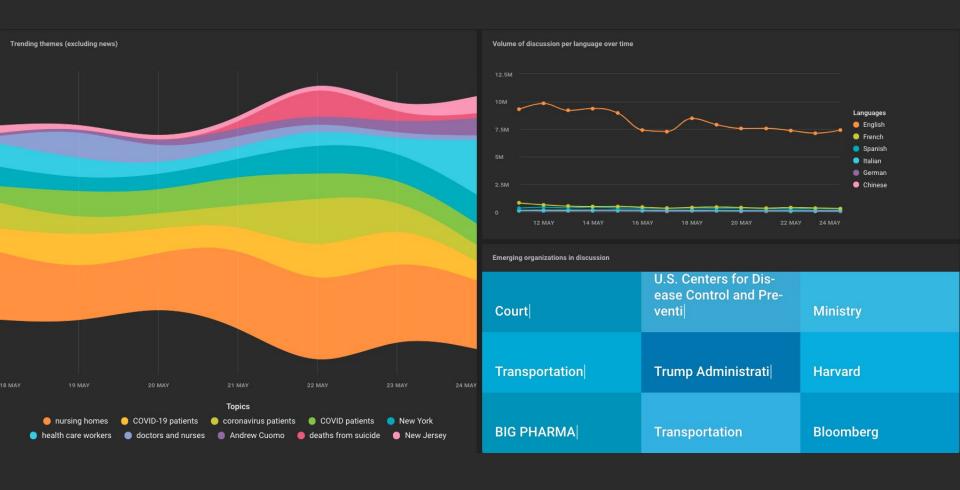
ChuckCallesto (Chuck Callesto)

@ChuckCallesto

BREAKING REPORT: California doctors say they've seen MORE DEATHS from SUICIDE than coronavirus since lockdowns. "The numbers are UNPRECEDENTED," Dr. Mike DeBoisblanc told ABC 7: he's seen a "year's worth of suicides" in the LAST FOUR WEEKS alone. IS IT TIME TO FULLY RE-OPEN?

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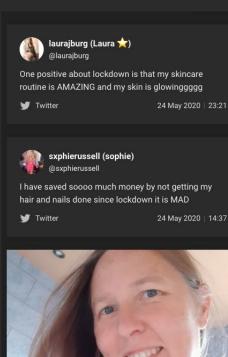
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Consumers are **discussing healthier choices** for food and beverages and personal care as summer approaches.

While a minority online discuss saving money doing their own nails at home, many women are saying they're ready to get their nails done professionally. Google searches for "nail salon open near me" have increased 90% in the last week.

In skincare, millennial women are sharing photos highlighting their natural glow and healthy skin without makeup. Because they have adjusted to using less makeup in lockdown, they're saying their skin is looking better than ever. This poses an opportunity for brands to emphasize natural personal care products, aligning with this 'less is more' approach to makeup.







always do a 5-step skincare routine, and that my fiends is self-care

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Can now do gel nails, and trim/style my husband's hair. Got hair dye ready to freshen up my own hair too... lockdown providing me with lots of moneysaving skills

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Honestly im loving this lockdown look.. all natural, no makeup, nothing..dont care what people think either



21 May 2020 | 11:36



People continue to share about having their **hair trimmed or styled at home** (38% of posts). Most share they are happy with the results and are recommending it as a fun experience others should try.

Pink and orange hair dye are on trend thanks to celebrities like Lady Gaga and Dua Lipa. After dying their hair in quarantine, **many are now seeking products to repair hair health** such as hair serums and masks. **Olaplex** is the most mentioned brand.

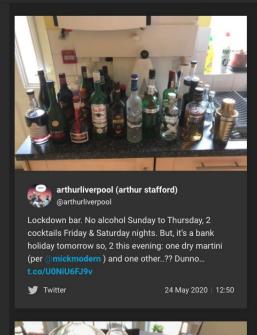


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color of your hair without the commitment

As summer approaches, those who drink alcohol are talking about **healthier beverage options** (50k posts). **Low-carb beers** such as Michelob Ultra Light and Good Behavior IPA are generating discussion. Social insights indicate there is opportunity for alcohol brands to position **natural and low-calorie choices**.

People are posting on social about enjoying more **cocktails during the weekends**, and often share recipes and reviews online. Millennials say they love **mixing liquor and homemade juices** such as watermelon or lime. **Bacardi's launch this week of ready-to-drink rum cocktails** is generating excitement among consumers.







ListeningToFilm (Carl)

@ListeningToFilm

I guess one thing I've learned during this pandemic is how to make a pretty damn good whiskey sour t.co/FX0wFU7IL4

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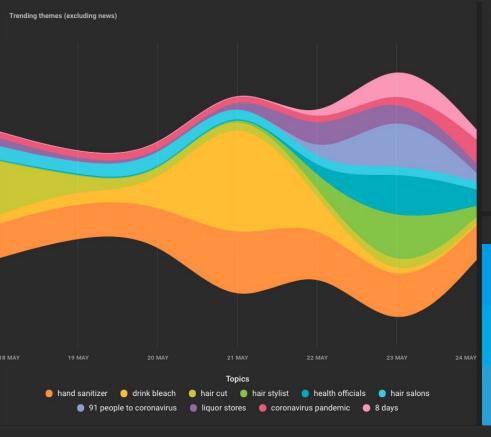


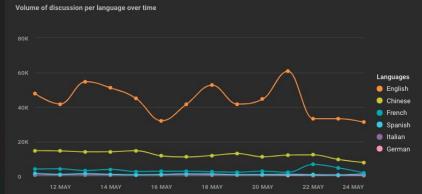
Due to recent meat shortages, consumers are discussing **plant-based diets and alternatives** (1.9k posts). Some say plant-based diets will **end animal exploitation**, which is reportedly perceived by many to be the root cause of this pandemic.

Many are saying they feel **healthier and happier** as a result of shifting to plant-based eating, with some also mentioning **stronger immune health.** Videos featuring plant-based recipes are resonating on YouTube, presenting a **prime opportunity for food brands to engage with consumers**.









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Retro gaming options are becoming a popular choice to **entertain families at home**.

Retro gaming is making a comeback, judging by online conversation this week (~2k posts).

Gamers are dusting off old consoles like **Sega Genesis** or **Nintendo Game Boy**. The **Sonic Series, Pacman Adventures, and Pokémon** are mentioned most often. People are saying playing these games **brings back positive childhood memories**. Media and entertainment brands **that tap into nostalgia will connect** with **consumers**, especially parents sharing experiences with their children.



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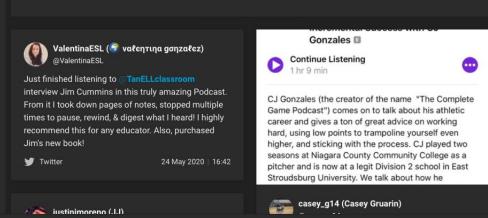
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People are talking online about **Spotify signing a multiyear licensing agreement with Joe Rogan** for his podcast. Most are amazed by the \$100m deal value, stating their expectations for great content from the collaboration are high. Many are saying the announcement makes them want to start their own podcast.

The most shared podcast genres include politics, religion, music, business, health, and sports. Listeners are primarily recommending podcasts that help them learn and/or keep them entertained.

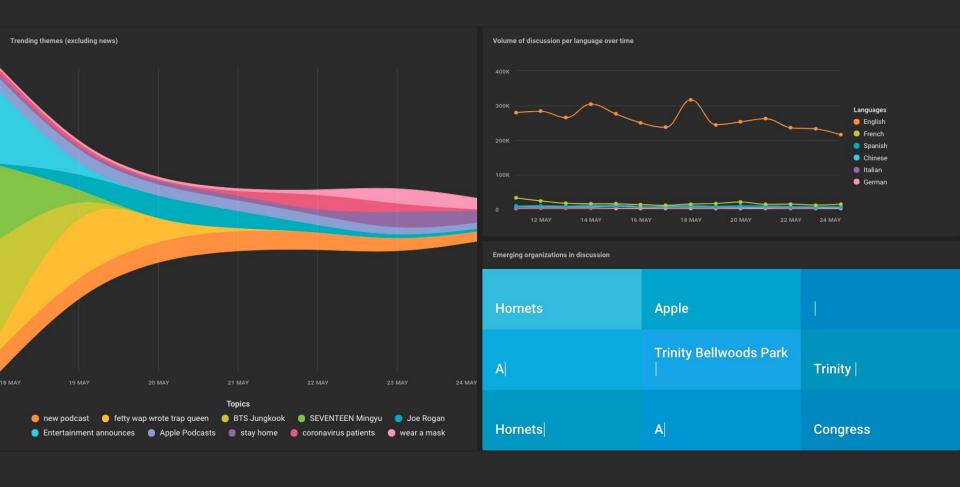


Drive-in movies remain popular in online discussion this week. Google searches for "drive in movies near me" increased 400% this week.

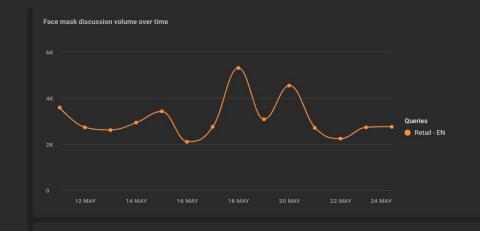
Following discussion about drive-in concerts last week, people are engaging with news featuring **drive-in festivals** this week. Most are expressing excitement saying this will become the **next hot trend post-pandemic**. Others remain skeptical about safety and say they will not be participating.

While people are open to innovation in entertainment experiences, **they're** seeking both connection and safety. Events that can unpick and meet these needs simultaneously will remain relevant.





Conversation about masks increased this week, driven by people **discussing** masks as a fashion accessory.





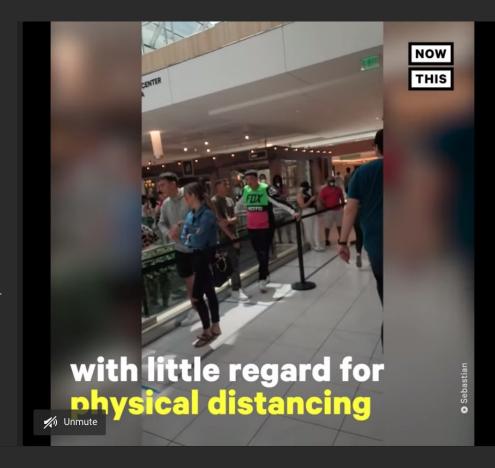
People are saying they intend to **purchase child and adult masks** from fashion retailers. Consumers are saying they're willing to buy the masks from brands they already buy from, provided they're safe.

Some are saying branded masks are quickly becoming the **next hot fashion trend,** presenting an immediate opportunity for retailers.

As nearly one-third (31%) of survey respondents across tracked markets say shopping safely is a challenge, photo and video sharing online continues to showcase **crowded retail spaces where shoppers feel at risk.**

A video of a **Costco employee confronting a customer without a mask** went viral with 7.5k retweets. The hash tag **#covididiots** is emerging to describe rule-breaking customers.

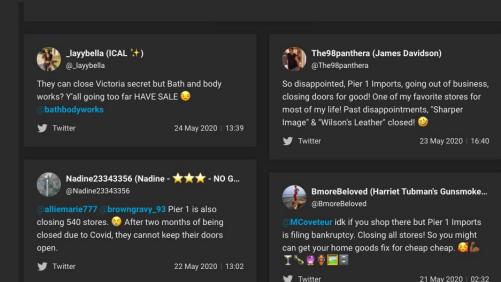
People are advocating for safe reopening measures like **control pedals in elevators or lane cleaning after each customer transaction**. Shoppers are insisting on the need to "feel safe" both for themselves and retail workers, otherwise they're choosing to **stay at home and shop online**.



Many people online are sharing coverage about retailers closing locations due to Covid-19. The most mentioned brands are **Pier 1 Imports, Victoria's Secret, and Office Depot**.

While some are saddened by the news, many others are looking for discounts and opportunities for "last chance" orders.

The data indicates that **bargain shopping is increasing in popularity**, and that now more than ever, **people are looking for** and taking advantage of **sales and deals online**.

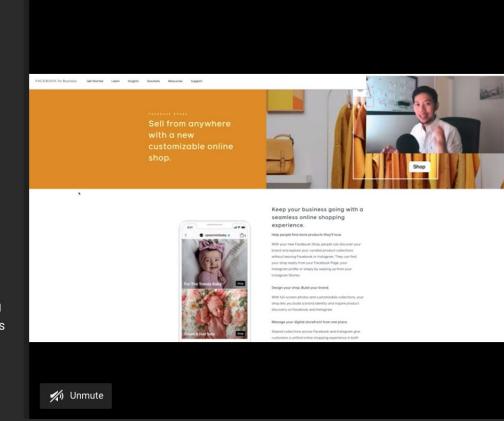


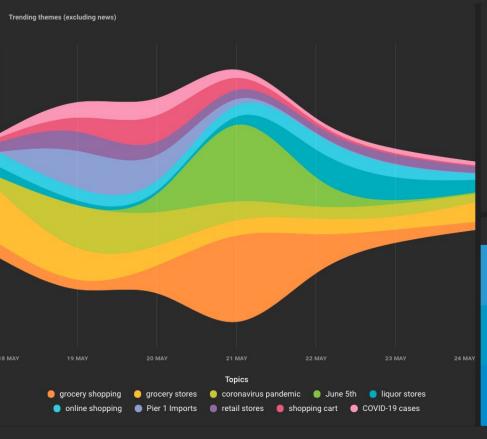
Why is Pier 1 going to shutdown 540 of its stores during the Pandemic even though things are beginning to stabilize...? It looks like to me like almost all these businesses listed were having financial problems Before the virus. Pier 1 Imports to Close t.co/08ClbmEnnT

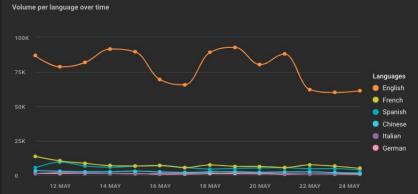
People are talking about e-commerce innovations this week (4.2k posts), driven by the Shops collaboration from Facebook/Shopify.

Most people are positive about the news, suggesting the platform has the potential to save small businesses during the pandemic. Some are sharing tutorials about how sellers can leverage the upgrade for their companies.

Nearly half (46%) of US survey respondents say they're having difficulty buying items they normally would buy (vs.a 27% average across markets). Consumers are seeking smooth online shopping experiences, and expectations are high. Retail experiences prioritizing availability, customer service, and seamless delivery will resonate with consumers.

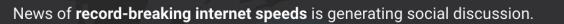






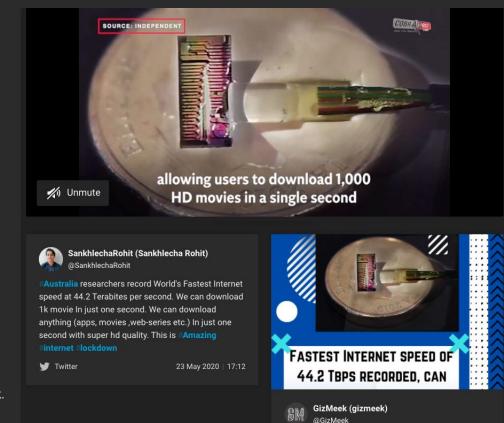
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People are sharing news that **Australia recorded the world's fastest internet speed** (+200k social engagements to date). People are talking about how this speed could enable 1,000 HD movie downloads in a single second.

Many say that internet speeds this fast would make life a lot less frustrating during lockdown. Nearly 1-in-5 survey respondents across markets say that poor internet connection is one of their biggest lockdown challenges this week.



Following the lead of companies such as Twitter and Square, remote working announcements from Facebook, Shopify and others are driving discussion (19k posts). People are wondering which companies will be next.

#homeoffice is trending in Germany. People are planning upgrades and improvements given home work spaces may become a more permanent need.

Facebook's announcement about wage adjustments based on location is generating controversy. Many are saying the policy is a way to cut employee salaries in some areas for the same amount of work.



Instead of punishing #WFH or #remote staff by salary cuts, you should actually pay them a bonus. Cause they will be higher motivated, more productive and less sick, #facebook #NewWork #GreenNewDeal

Twitter

22 May 2020 | 21:38



Anne_Michels (Anne Michels)

Following "Twitter, "Facebook will also let some employees work from home indefinitely. Who else will follow their example? t.co/LVZnszLB4p

₩ Twitter

22 May 2020 | 21:00



czechboy0 (honza dvorsky)

This is brilliant. Facebook pretends they are a company who cares about their employees by letting them work remotely, while it's really just a way to cut their salaries and get the same exact labor for less money. Genius.

Twitter

22 May 2020 | 03:02



Aaroth (Aaron Roth)

This week, Twitter, Square, Facebook, and Shopify have all announced that they will move to have a permanent work from home/remote work option. Shopify says "most" positions will be remote. t.co/aNRJR19pm5 Facebook is making most job listings eligible for remote. 1/2

Twitter

21 May 2020 | 22:03



davepedigo (Dave Pedigo)

Twitter, Facebook and Shopify have all created permanent work from home policies. Get at it **#AVTweeps.** Create high performance home offices (and yes I am taking credit for that phrase - please excuse my ego).

Twitter

21 May 2020 | 21:10



FabCityCrissy (Crissy Ditmore)

Facebook announced future #WFH includes "normalizing" pay to reflect *localized* cost of living. Plz explain legitimacy behind paying ppl less for skill based on where they live. Definitely a way to ensure poor communities stay poor. Is expertise worth less based on location?

Sector | Technology

//) Unmute

be_like_kofi (#factsnotfear)

<u>AfricaFactsZone</u> <u>othe_law_himself</u> This is amazing but its also feels a bit unethical. Healthcare workers dont only serve meds and check temperature. They give care, they communicate, they assess, they touch etc all these are vital for patient care

₩ Twitter

20 May 2020 | 14:41



@AfricaFactsZone Best technology to send your citizens to an early graves how can those robots be able to attend patients in intensive care?
Europeans, Western countries and Asians refrain from applying such technology because they respect Humanity.

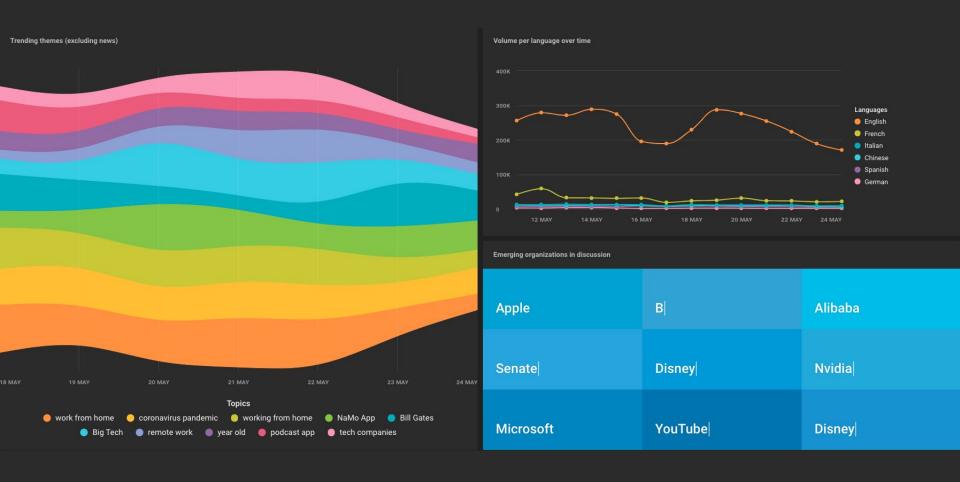
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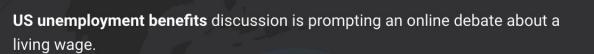
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Stories about using robots to combat Covid-19 continue to prompt discussion in social channels. News that **Rwanda is leveraging robots to facilitate mass temperature screenings** has drawn 132k social engagements to date.

Although many are favorably responding to the use of **technology to enforce health safety measures**, some criticize the use of such devices, saying they **take the humanity and care out of healthcare**.





The relaxation of lockdown restrictions is prompting discussion about how some Americans will earn less money returning to their jobs than they currently make on unemployment. As a result, many are calling for an increase in the minimum wage.

Statements by Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, about unemployment benefits ending for employees who reject offers to return to work, promoted high social engagement (+1M to date).



TCooks17 (Taylor♥)

Every single person I know that is on unemployment is making more than what their regular wage yet the national minimum wage is \$7.25??? Where's the consistency? Why doesn't America make sense at all? Can y'all just let us survive comfortably for once?

Twitter

23 May 2020 | 23:45



lannantuono58 (Matty Ice∰) @lannantuono58

I just wanna know why the government is paying people 600 dollars a week, on top of their unemployment checks?!? People are making more money sitting on their ASS... So what incentives do they have that are going to make them want to go back to work TO MAKE LESS MONEY... LMAO

₩ Twitter

19 May 2020 | 20:27



cobertops (cody I think)

Every day I see someone post about how it's bullshit that a lot of essential workers are making less than people on unemployment but I wish the take was "essential workers should be paid more" and not "people on unemployment should make less"

₩ Twitter

19 May 2020 | 11:24



marley_bray (Mo \$ 11)

I'm making more on unemployment than any job I have ever had????

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19 May 2020 | 05:43



all_s_n (Allison 🌚)

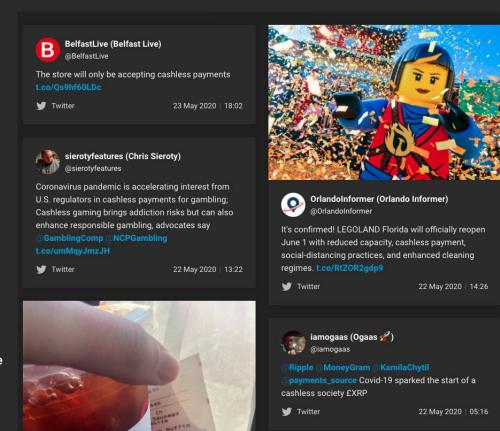
So this whole thing has made me realize I need to find a better job with better pay and go back to school and get a degree bc I'm making way more on unemployment rn than I did regularly working

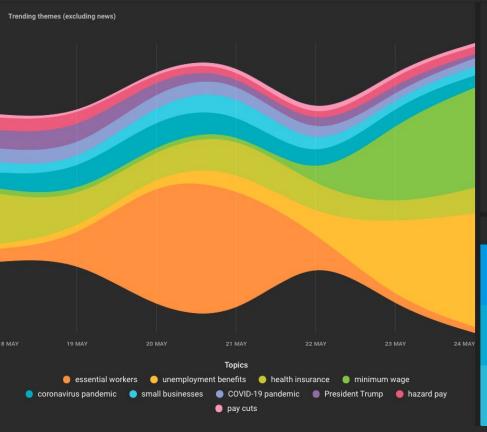
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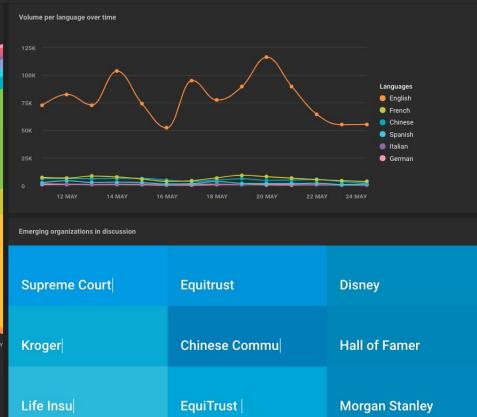
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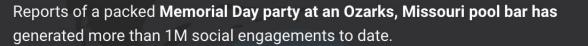
Many are posting about the need for a cashless society, speculating that Covid-19 is speeding adoption of technologies.

People are sharing information about restaurants, retailers, tourist attractions and other businesses that are now only accepting contactless payments. Some consumers say that using contactless payment for purchases and tipping makes them feel safe.









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As the U.S. death toll from COVID nears 100.000, this

is how people spent Saturday at Lake of the Ozarks in

tomfolanmd (Tom Folan, MD)

Current US death toll: 97,414 Incubation period: 2-14

Missouri. t.co/EBZKCQjRKf

₩ Twitter

CROWDS GATHER AT LAKE OF THE OZARKS **Unmute** TheRickWilson (Rick Wilson) markmobility (Mark Elliott) @TheRickWilson @markmobility Images of a crowded lakeside pool bar in the Ozarks, Missouri sparked heated

and sarcastic commentary; many said the attendees were reckless.

they would feel safe going to a restaurant after lockdown ended.

Some on social media say that these people did not reflect the actions of most

Americans who are still observing social distancing guidelines. Survey results align with that perspective; only 34% of US survey respondents this week said WWE Ozarks: COVID vs Chlamydia

Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri an diesem

sascha_p (Sascha (潘賞世) Pallenberg)

Wochenende. Eine 2. #COVID-19 Welle wird es nicht

geben, denn die erste kann so niemals abebben! Ich

bekomme es einfach nicht auf die Kette. Die USA

24 May 2020 | 18:33

₩ Twitter

days Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri - today 🖣 #COVID

24 May 2020 | 11:01

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22 May 2020 | 06:57

hlopez_ (Hector Lopez)

@AnnaliseReports

Chuck E Cheese selling pizzas though a different

perception is everything. Genius marketing move.

AnnaliseReports (Annalise Johnson)

restaurant name is a great marketing lesson,

Hollywood_Alyxx (Alex)
@Hollywood_Alyxx

@UberEats nice to know you let restaurants sign up to you app under totally different name than the name they ACTUALLY are. Food quality was absolutely shocking, waste of money and a masquerading restaurant. I wouldnt have order from the restaurant if I know it's true name.

Twitter

23 May 2020 | 22:37

actually Applebee's. t.co/L6ClYdwcGV #restaurants

Twitter

MarcHurBoston (Marc Hurwitz)
@MarcHurBoston

@MarcHurBoston

New post – the Applebee's chain is now delivering some of its food to customers under a different name.

Ordered from "Neighborhood Wings" lately? Yeah, it's

Ordering Pasquale's Neighborhood Pizzeria on a delivery app? Double check the name of the restaurant, or you may end up with a different pizza than what you were expecting. t.co/pITSQAxNla

20 May 2020 | 19:34

Twitter

People online are frustrated with **chain restaurants using a different business** name to sell their food on delivery apps.

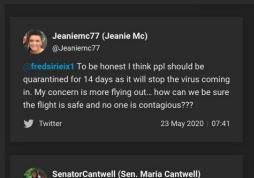
Some indicate that they feel deceived by both the restaurant chain and the delivery app, particularly in cases where it appears that the restaurant chain is trying to pass itself off as a local, small business.

Uncertainty about air travel continues. Seventeen percent of survey respondents say they will not travel domestically or internationally once the pandemic ends.

Google searches for "Is flying safe right now" rose 300% this week.

People are talking online about how airlines are enforcing safety measures and suggest precautions be standardized across the industry. **Some are wondering about what the protocols are if passengers are coughing or appear sick.**

Airlines that provide detailed travel safety information and FAQs with answers to specific safety concerns may help people feel more comfortable with air travel.





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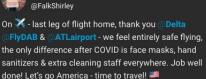
During a 100 yr pandemic, airlines are losing their shirts. The best way to attract the flying public back is to have firm, science-driven health safety standards without exception. Like...requiring masks.

t.co/c4cuORc4Px

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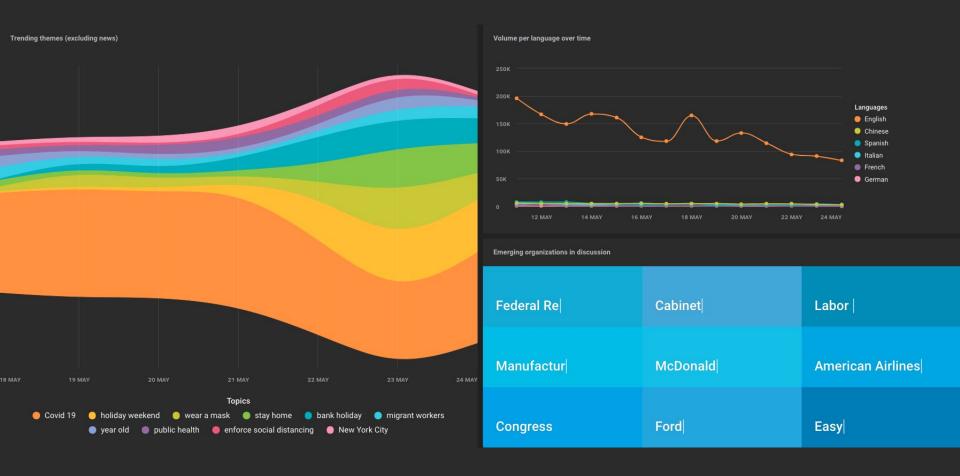
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FalkShirley (Shirley Falk)

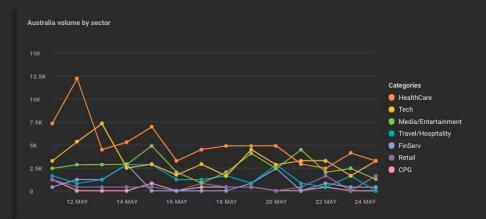
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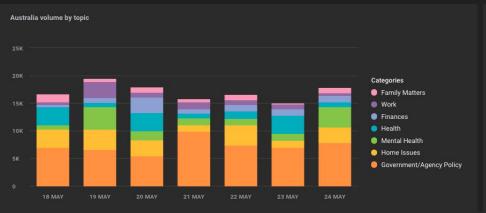


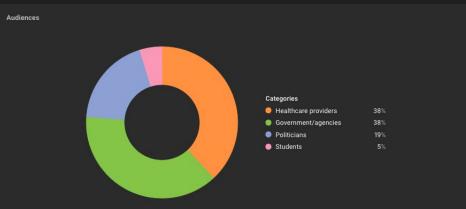


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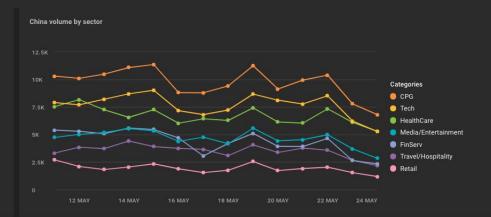


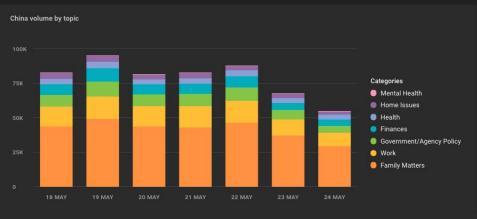
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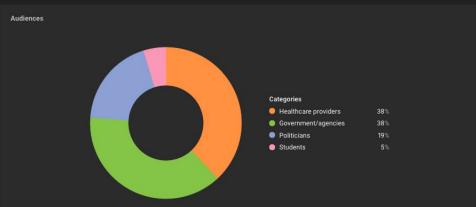
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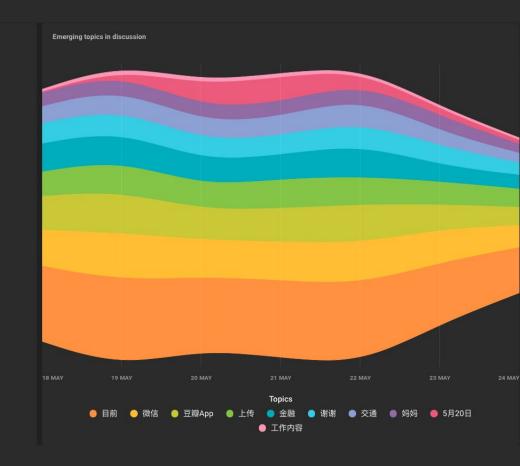
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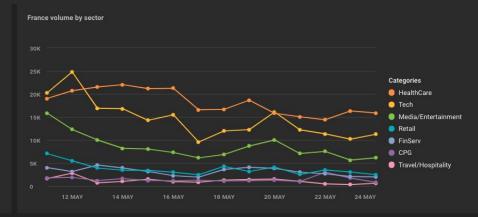


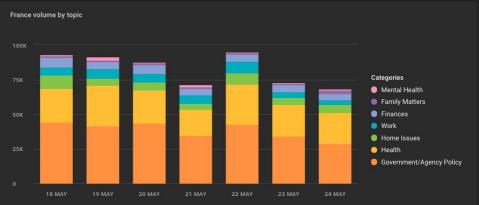
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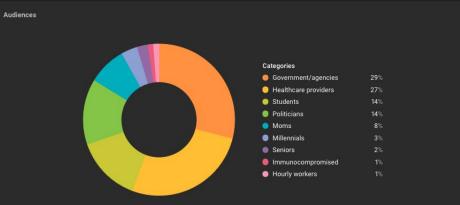


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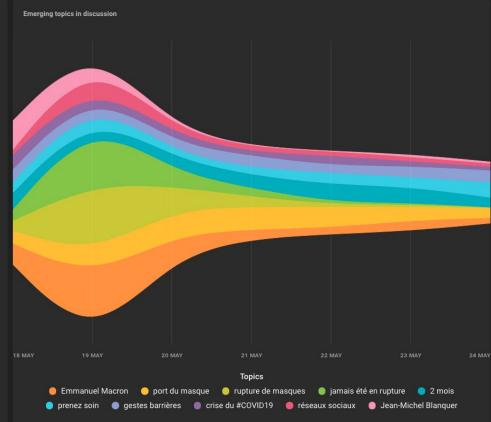






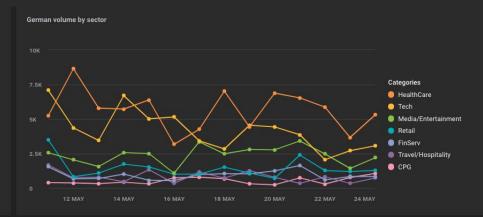
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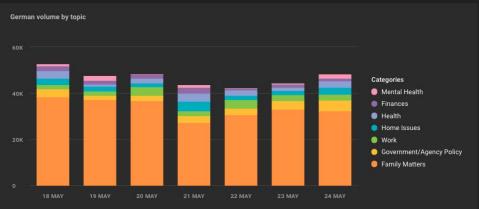


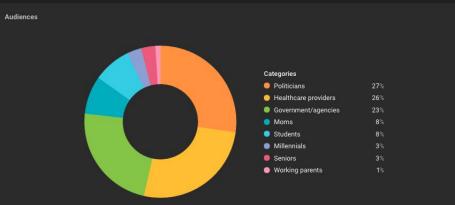


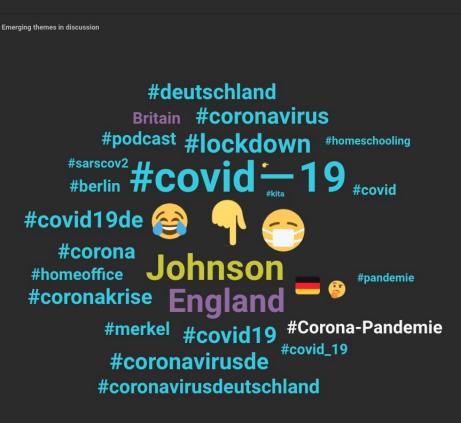
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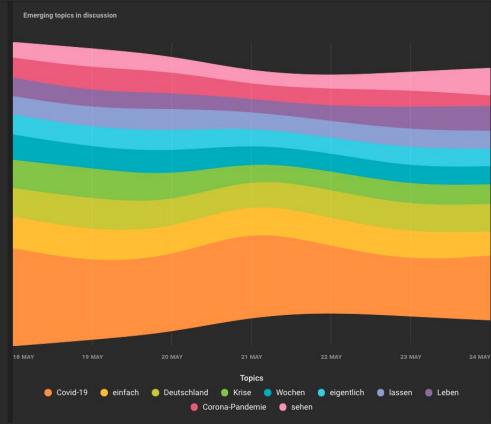
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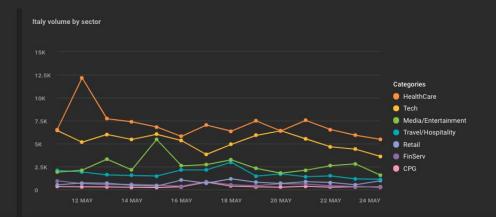


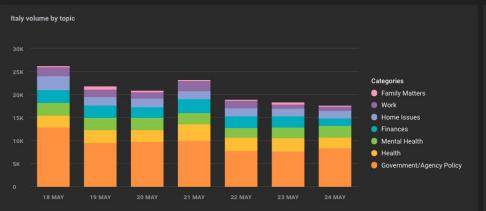


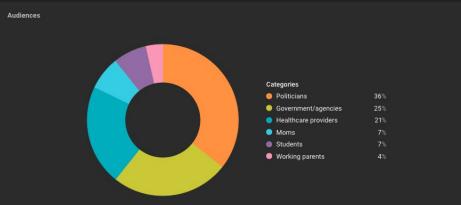




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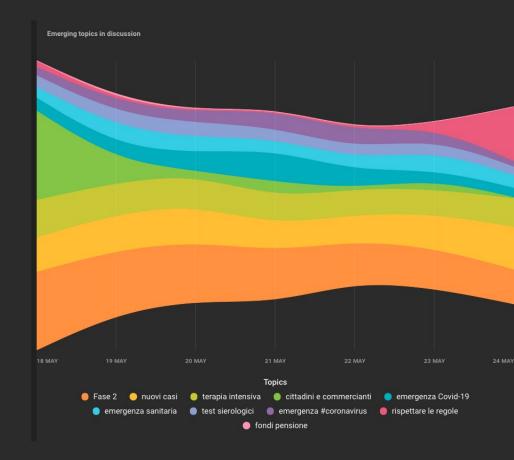




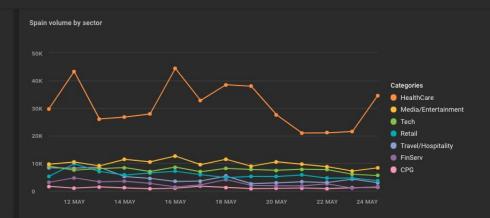


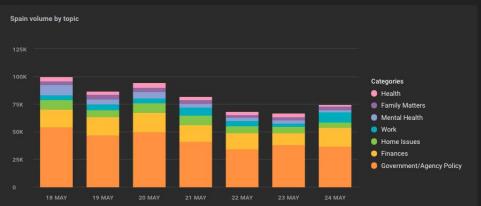
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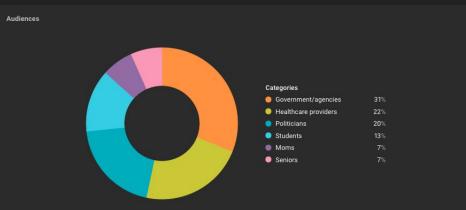
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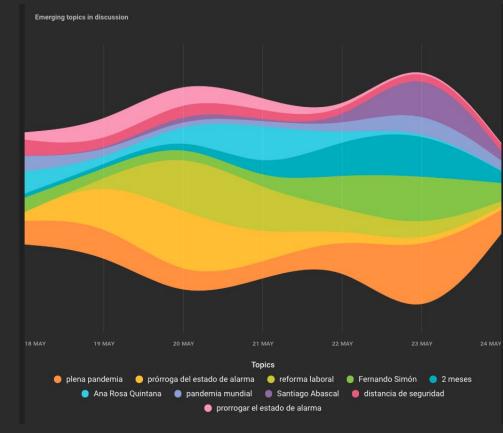




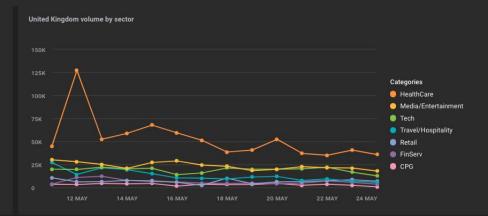


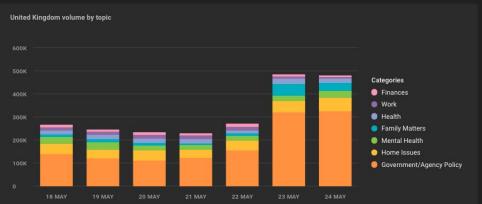
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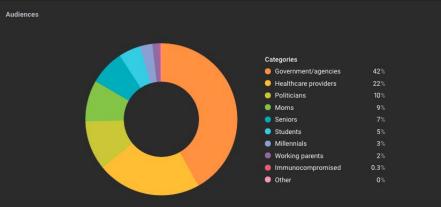




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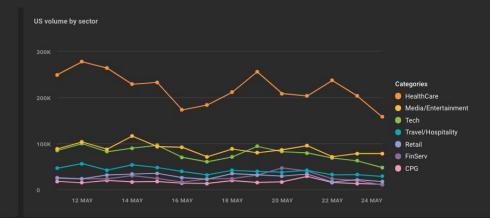
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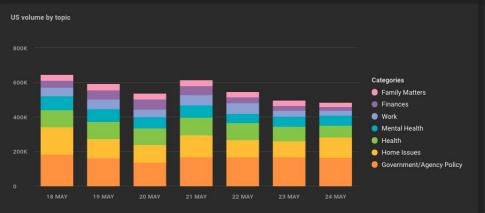
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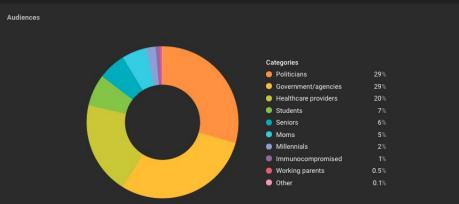
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Trending Questions Asked Online

Questions around life after Covid were prevalent this week.

- What comes after Covid-19?
- Will the coronavirus pandemic reshape mobility and transportation?
- When will Covid-19 be gone?
- Will the coronavirus be forever? Has it permanently changed the world?
- How do you think Covid-19 will permanently change industries?
- Will Social Distancing Be Permanent?
- How will corporate travel be fundamentally changed after Covid-19 passes over?

Work

19 pandemic?

- How are you guys networking during Covid-19?
- Is it a valid reason for a company to make someone redundant during Covid-
- Will Covid-19 cause a job crisis for the Indian Middle Class?
- Pay-Cut during Covid-19 Is that the wrong attitude?
- how are your finances?

• For those who have kept their jobs and worked from home during Covid-19,

• How did/is your company handling the Covid-19 situation?

Forum members are asking about the potential of a second wave.

Mental Health

What second wave of coronavirus?

• What should we be doing to prepare for a 2nd wave of Covid-19?

• Are we in the second wave of Covid-19 yet?

· What are the odds of a second wave of coronavirus happening?

get through the day?

my own head?

· Have you become "obsessed" with anything since the coronavirus, stay in place, and lockdowns have taken place?

• Feeling mentally drained due to coronavirus - Am I just too much in

• How has the Covid-19 crisis affected your mental health?

• Little indulgences in the age of Covid-19 - What little things help you

• How did The New York Times compile an alleged list of Covid-19

Media

deaths with HIPAA laws and all?

• In the early months of the Covid-19 pandemic, why did the media

• For those of you who live outside of the United States, how is America being portrayed in news/media regarding politics and Covid-

19?

• What would be the biggest stories in the news right now if the headlines weren't being dominated by Covid-19?

keep telling us that wearing a mask was not effective?

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