Q&A from The 764 & Online Radicalization Webinar

Is there a trend of using AI to create CSAM images of their victims if the victims don't provide them images?

Unfortunately yes, there are AI image generators that have zero parameters. So it is possible to create CSAM material if you have the right tools. The FBI has already made arrests of those in possession of AI created CSAM material, and it is still treated the same.

I see some sonenrad's in those seige masks pictures too.

Yes, those common symbols like the Sonnenrad are very typical in relation to hate-based symbols.

Are you able to provide an example of one of your reports?

If you are interested in seeing a sample report, especially in your own district, please send us an email to <u>info@saferschoolstogether.com</u>. We would be happy to provide you with either a redacted report, or work to provide a sample report for your district.

Have heard that 764 network members are mainly teens and very young adults? Have you heard this?

Yes, because they're vulnerable—and extremists know it. The 764 network and adjacent spaces often target teens and young adults who are already engaging in dark humor or violent fantasy online. It's part of a broader trend of extremists leveraging youth culture and irony to recruit or radicalize.

So to clarity, the extremists recruit the vulnerable teens to become members to victimize others.

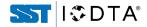
Yes, that tactic has been observed in these groups.

I don't mean this politically, however with the new changes in immigration with current admin, has there been any rise in some other ideations or factions due to this that you have seen?

Not really. It's been more of a steady rise since the "Great Replacement" theory started gaining traction around 2017. The momentum hasn't spiked in direct response to recent political changes—it's just continued along the same trajectory.

Do you work with Canadian schools?

Yes! We work throughout North America. Our home base is in BC.



Has your data and risks, been communicated to gaming platforms that these issues are rising and do exist on their platforms?

Gaming platforms are aware of the role that these groups play, and they do their best to moderate content. however, if no one reports, then they won't be made aware. Their responses are usually reactionary rather than proactive. It's an uphill battle, but we are starting to work with other social media companies in regards to building a trusted flagger program.

Does FBI monitor these activities, the reason I ask is a highschool student joked about shooting up her school to avoid doing exams and they informed our service about it which led to charges

Yes. The FBI, along with other federal agencies, collaborates with law enforcement and both public and private organizations to identify and mitigate threats like this.

What information do you need in order to research a student's online presence? Do schools need specific usernames/account platforms or can you proceed with just name of student and location? What are the confidentiality limits re schools sharing student information?

Great question. To keep a long answer short, even if you have limited information on an SOC, there are still ways of gathering the digital baseline. Our <u>Digital Threat Assessment</u> <u>Training</u> goes into more detail. As for the information sharing, at the end of the day, safety is going to override privacy. If one of your students is engaging with these online communities, you'd most likely want to know.

Is there a database or resource that investigators can access to see if these are being used in situations we are working?

Yes in some instances. Access to such databases can only be made by LE. I would recommend reaching out to local FBI Field Office and/or local fusion center to inquire about additional information.

I don't know If you know this or if it's been discussed, but is all of this leakage considered a psychological cry for help or like a "someone stop me!" thing?

Absolutely. That's usually our first hypothesis, is that can this behavior be categorized as a cry for help? Its about identifying what are the risk factors, and what are the protective factors for this youth, which ultimately lets us decide what the best strategies for intervention and management are.

Have you seen any 764 incidences/ associations in BC?

Yes, in fact one of our most complex cases right now involving 764 is a British Columbia case.



Is Soyjack meme based on Patrick Crusius or just a coincidence?

Coincidence; however, we have observed Soyjack memes that reference Crusius and the El Paso shooting.

Is Pepe the frog prevalent too?

Yes, the Pepe meme is regularly utilized in extremist memes and forums

Have you seen 764 operate in the South? (e.g., Mississippi)

Yes, this network is transnational and has been observed around the globe. Recently, there was a large sting that resulted in the arrest of 10 individuals in TN.

https://www.wbir.com/article/news/local/10-arrested-19-victims-tennessee-child-exploitation-sextortion-operation/51-9ab808d3-d983-4f09-9c64-974eb0bdbd08

