

share information not panic!

Let's begin by reflecting on some good song lyrics by Thievery Corporation, this is part of the song called "Culture of Fear."

Seems to me like they want us to be afraid man
 Or maybe we just like being afraid
 Maybe we just so used to it at this point that it's just a part of us
 Part of our culture
 Security alert on orange
 It's been on orange since '01 G
 I mean what's up man
 Can't a brother get yellow man
 Just for like two months or something
 God damn
 Sick o' that

Don't succumb to this culture of fear

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appreciative of the work from the Twin Cities Workers Defense Alliance creating posters like this one for sharing intel on hostile groups, we can expand on this work by dealing with fascism-related info more generally

Spread Information NO PANIC

When reporting or signal boosting potential threats: provide as much information as possible:

S.A.L.U.T.E.



Strength

Source

Address

Location & Direction

Informants

Time & Date of Observation

Equipment & Weapons

Not a useful tweet: "proutboys spotted"
 "Where? When? What are they doing? How Many? What are they carrying?"
 Use your judgement!

do you know the source?
 are they trustworthy?
 why should your network believe this?

is it an immediate threat to life and limb, or can we take a calmer approach?

Have you touched grass recently?
 ... eaten some food?
 ... had a talk with a friend?

is this about a risk or a reality?

are we dealing with the "is" or the "could"?

is this about the here and now?

Some things to consider when sharing out alarming information

we can also take inspiration from librarian Sarah Blakeslee

C	Currency: The timeliness of the info
R	Relevance: How the info fits your needs
A	Authority: The source of the info
A	Accuracy: Reliability and correctness of the info
P	Purpose: The reason the info exists

this CRAAP is more about vetting info you find while researching.

S - STOP. Pause. You might have feelings, you might have opinions, just sit with it for a moment.
 I - Investigate. What's being said? By whom? Try Wikipedia.
 F - Find another source for the information. Is it reputable/reliable?
 T - Trace the origin of the information. Especially if "no one is talking about it." Why? Look for the original source and context.

SIFT, inspired by Mike Caulfield, is pretty close to what we are looking for!

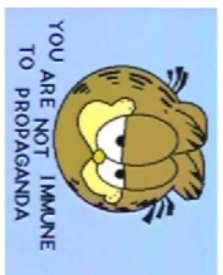
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and we don't need a journalism degree to know that it's useful to include more information when sharing an alert with our friends.

who
 what
 where
 when
 why
 how

Journalism has the 5 W's and the H.

please be careful of disinformation!



"psyops" sounds silly but I mean -

you "know" you make worse decisions under stress.