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# Facebook Groups

## Background note

The Shift carried a series of investigative pieces between May, 2018 and June 2018 in relation to a number of Partit Laburista (PL) linked super-sized Facebook groups.

The articles are all available here: <https://theshiftnews.com/category/investigations/labour-online-hate-groups/>.

The background to this investigation was existing local research showing both Malta's Facebook addiction<sup>1</sup> as well as extensive academic research on Facebook's predisposition to create "echo chambers" or "filter bubbles"<sup>2</sup> and how this can be further amplified through the use of closed or even secret groups.<sup>3</sup>

Put very simply, Facebook's algorithm shows you, based on your interactions on the platform, what it believes you want to see, and it thinks you will react to the most. The trend is therefore for Facebook to further reinforce the user's beliefs and isolate the user from differing views. With groups, users are placed into wider 'bubbles' with a wider reach for their social media posts (a Facebook user's post are limited by number of friends and interactions by friends but in a group the reach is extended to the size of the group). If the group is "closed" (i.e. new members need to be approved by an administrator) then its membership is curated according to the group's rational (e.g. a far-right Facebook group will group users with similar beliefs, with critics being inevitably kicked out of the group) and, as a result, content in the group becomes less diverse. Further, given Facebook's predisposition to promote content which is more engaging, the more extreme posts (gathering more "likes", "reactions" or comments) will inevitably gain more exposure in the group - Facebook's echo chamber effect on steroids but which can though the intervention of group administrators or moderators be curated. Facebook groups can also be "secret" meaning that not only are persons not allowed to see what happens in the group unless approved as a member, but the existence of the group is hidden from public view altogether.

The Shift was also aware that, just a year earlier, Facebook had announced a further tweak to its algorithm (the black box that determines what each person sees) in that Facebook would be further promoting content posted in groups to members.<sup>4</sup>

Anecdotal reports showed: (a) that online discourse in Malta was (and is) increasingly becoming polarised and abrasive, (b) politicians including government officials were (and are still) increasingly using Facebook to disintermediate the press and spread counternarratives, and (c) instances of mass trolling or outright online threats through Facebook were becoming more frequent.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.icon.com.mt/publications/social-media-report-malta/> (2016)

<sup>2</sup> <https://science.sciencemag.org/content/348/6239/1130.full> ("Exposure to ideologically diverse news and opinion on Facebook", 2015)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/craigsilverman/how-facebook-groups-are-being-exploited-to-spread>

<sup>4</sup> <https://money.cnn.com/2017/06/22/technology/facebook-zuckerberg-interview/index.html>

The Shift accordingly set out to analyse the local landscape with particular emphasis on groups linked to the major political parties.

The investigation involved research over the course of approximately nine months.

It should be borne in mind that (a) The Shift is an investigative journalism outlet accordingly its end product is not intended to be an academic study and (b) analysing and reporting on Facebook activity is not easy given the sheer volume of content produced online particularly in larger groups some of which have existed for over nine years now.

## Summary of Findings

Whilst both political parties, Partit Nazzjonalista (PN) and Partit Laburista (PL) appeared to have Facebook groups with supporters (including closed and secret groups) there were stark differences, foremost among which was the difference in size. PN's largest group (presently "Team PN – Team Success") topped out at just over 3,000 members with the average group size across the groups analysed between 500 to 1,000 members. PL's groups on the other hand topped out at 20,000 members ("Laburisti Sal-Mewt." being the largest) with an average size of ten times PN's groups' average.

What set the PL groups apart (besides sheer size) and which turned the PL groups into the focus of The Shift's reports were:

- (a) The involvement of government officials and public service employees (alongside PL party officials) in actively administering and moderating the groups including screening members for PL membership and curating content by removing critical views;
- (b) The membership and participation in the groups by Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries as well as the President of the Republic;
- (c) The larger groups changed composition of administrators and moderators (as well as posting settings e.g. requiring pre-approval to post) in times of elections or disquiet showing a high degree of control and co-ordination; and
- (d) The high proportion of hyper-partisan and abrasive content in the groups at times verging onto potential criminal offences ranging from hate speech to trading in influence.

Toxic online discourse, particularly in relation to partisan interests, is an unfortunate reality in Malta (and elsewhere) but when those partaking in such discourse and in certain instances curating the topics (by excluding for example differing views) are government officials and public service employees, this creates a host of concerns not least over the separation between Party and State, a cornerstone of democracy.<sup>5</sup>

Details of the main findings are included in The Shift's article "Investigating Joseph Muscat's online hate machine" published on 14 May, 2018<sup>6</sup> with follow ups on 23 May, 2018 ("Manufacturing consent: How secret online groups feed the cycles of spin"<sup>7</sup>), 24 May, 2018 ("Behind the scenes: How Labour online groups reacted to Daphne Caruana Galizia's

<sup>5</sup> See 5.4 of the OSCE Copenhagen Document: "a clear separation between the State and political parties; in particular, political parties will not be merged with the State".

<sup>6</sup> <https://theshiftnews.com/2018/05/14/investigating-joseph-muscats-online-hate-machine/>

<sup>7</sup> <https://theshiftnews.com/2018/05/23/manufacturing-consent-how-secret-online-groups-feed-the-cycles-of-spin/>

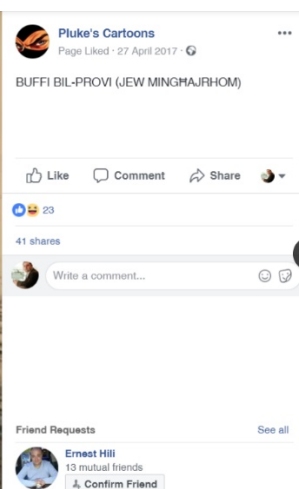
assassination”<sup>8</sup>) and on 3 June, 2018 (“Il-King ta’ Malta: Muscat worship and Labour hate groups”<sup>9</sup>), amongst others. Printouts are included in Annex A.

Some examples of vitriolic content are included below by way of example as well as in annex (Annex B) the first 54 pages of results in just one of the largest groups for the search term “DCG”. Also included (Annex C) is one chain of comments under just one post in the Groups relating to activist Tina Urso before this became an episode of mass online harassment (presently in court) (this was covered in the first article by the Shift<sup>10</sup>).

#### Examples of content (Daphne related pre and post 2017)



- 8 <https://theshiftnews.com/2018/05/24/behind-the-scenes-how-labour-online-groups-reacted-to-the-assassination-of-daphne-caruana-galizia/>
- 9 <https://theshiftnews.com/2018/06/02/il-king-ta-malta-muscat-worship-and-labour-hate-groups/>
- 10 <https://theshiftnews.com/2018/05/14/investigating-joseph-muscats-online-hate-machine/>









**Michelle Maria Tabone** ► **LABURISTI SAL-MEWT.**

4 June 2017 at 11:29 · 🌐

Min jaf il FRUSTRATED BLOATED MENOPAUSE BITCH [DCG](#) xi tkakki tahta!



3 comments



**Charles Vassallo** [DCG](#)...itlaq il-barra int issa!!





Pierre Pulis shared a link.  
18 May 2017



INNEWSMALTA.COM

**L-Avukat Pawlu Lia: "Daphne Caruana Galizia hija blogger li tinstiga l-mibeghda"**

161

46 comments

Like

Comment



Brian Farrugia dak kif induna, looooooooooooooooooooool

Like · Reply · 2y



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Mario Meroni Spiteri MALTA U GHAWDEX JAF XINI DIN IZ-ZIBEL IL PRBLEMA HIJJA WAHDA HADD MA JAGHMELA XEJN MA NAFX X GUSTIZA HUWA TAHALUWA TAGHMEL LI TRIDLIL DIN IL HMIEG.

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Chantelle Clint Cassar shared a post.  
2 October 2017



Hello im daphne the witch....  
everything is ok here ???



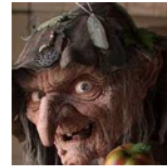




**Carmen Caruana** ▶ **LABURISTI SAL-MEWT.**

20 January 2012 at 17:27 · 🌐

DCG Anyone who seeks our praise and our vote should also expect our criticism – yes, even criticism of his hair, speech, food choices, house, car and clothes. "



6

2 comments



**Mario Coleiro**

21 April 2015



Boycott!!

Hbieb, Daphne Caruana Galizia kitbet tghajir u zebliet fil-konfront ta' missier il-partner ta' Jeffrey Pullicino Orlando li ilu mejjet 3 snin!

Din il-hdura kontra bniedem mejjet ghas-sempli raguni li kien Laburist, anke jekk kien irrispettat minn kulhadd!

Ghajjret tfal b'dizabilita ghax missierhom inzerta Ministru Laburista!

Ghajjret 2 tfal innocenti ghax missierhom inzerta l-Prim Ministru!

Li l-hdura taghha u l-mibgheda hi bla limitu, jaf kulhadd!

Li ma`jafx kulhadd hu li fuq il-blog taghha, jirreklamaw biex isostnuha l-McDonalds u Alf. Mizzi & Sons.!

Ghamlu boycott lil McDonalds u l-prodotti u servizzi kollha ta' Alf. Mizzi & Sons biex nuruhom li min joffendi l-mejtin, lil persuni b'dizabilita u lit-tfal innocenti, mhux ser jiehu centezmu minn ghandna!!!

Ghamlu "Share u mexxu l-kelma!!

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120

88 comments



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**Twanny Bugeja** ma xbiza

Like · Reply · 4y



**Hilda Mallia** alba kera daqs wicca

Like · Reply · 4y

## Current Status

The groups remain active with pick ups in activity last seen during May 2019 elections.



# Online Harassment & Disinformation

Whilst the Facebook groups are just a technology tool (abused of), it is the content including the persons posting same and the ends sought to be achieved that is most deserving of focus.

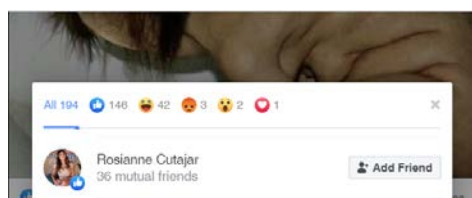
We briefly group these into two headings:

- (a) Online harassment / incitement of critics by government officials; and
- (b) Disinformation.

## Online Harassment / Incitement

Some notable examples of accounts and posts by government officials / consultants:

### 1. **Neville Gafa (then OPM – Ministry of Health co-ordinator)**



**Neville Gafa** is with Sonya Abela and 7 others. · 2 December 2016 · 🌐

Believe it or not, this is what Daphne Caruana Galizia advised the Health Minister - "If you want to tackle obesity, Fearn, lead by example and start with the cabinet".

Definitely, DCG is leading by example.



👍👍👍 Carmen Borg, Ritienne Caruana and 174 others · 83 comments · 5 shares

👍 Like · 💬 Comment · ➦ Share

**Neville Gafa** is with Sonya Abela and 6 others. · 9 December 2016 · 🌐

L-oddju u d-dwejjaq ta' DCG ma jgharfxu limitu.  
L-ahhar vitma taghha hija hadd hliet Moira Della. Mara ta' success u dejjem bit-tbissima fuq wiccha.  
Tghid x'inhi r-raguni?



👍👍👍 Connie Vella and 107 others · 77 comments · 11 shares

👍 Like · 💬 Comment · ➦ Share

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**Assunta Oiantar**



Like · Reply · 3y

**Edgar Cassar** Ghira għall min hu sabieh ja wicc ta xitan

Like · Reply · 3y

**Neville Gafa** is with Jesmond Chetcuti and 17 others. · 18 February 2017 · 🌐

Illum għal habta tas-1pm inbeda l-warming up għall-Protesta Nazzjonali ta' Simon, DaphnePN u shabhom, li ser tinzamm għada fil-Belt Valletta.

Il-mixja bdiet minn hanut tal-kafe' fit-Triq Nofsinhar u baqgħet sejra sa Kastilja, fejn ta' kuljum johlmu li jidhlu tal-PN.



👍👍👍 105

39 comments · 6 shares

**Neville Gafa** · 15 October 2017 · 🌐

X'ahna romantici. Jonqos biss biskuttin 🍪



👍👍👍 76

27 comments · 2 shares

👍 Like · 💬 Comment · ➦ Share

**Frans Zammit** Dawn minhuma ?

Like · Reply · 2y

**Neville Gafa** Tal Bidnija

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## 2. Glenn Bedingfield (OPM employee later also MP)

Glenn Bedingfield ran a blog, [www.glennbedingfield.com](http://www.glennbedingfield.com) (since taken down) between 2015 until later 2018. Parts of the blog are available on web-caches such as <http://web.archive.org/web/20160220055653/http://glennbedingfield.com/>.

Malta's Mrs Bucket attended the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations



GLENN BEDINGFIELD

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### Bidnija Bogan ġejja toqgħod il-Birgu?

March 14, 2017 /



GLENN BEDINGFIELD



### Very high class butt cleavage alert

April 23, 2016 /



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### Daphne's timeless and tranquil nature

May 30, 2017 /



### 3. Josef Caruana (Editor of it-Torca, OPM employee from 2017)

Excerpts from June 2017 editorial by Caruana in it-Torca:

Sadanittant ma' saqajna għad għandna l-midja falza u gurnalisti devjati bħal Pierre Portelli, Neil Camilleri, Ivan Camilleri, Jacob Borg u oħrajn, li pprovaw iqarrqu bil-poplu. Huwa sewwa u xieraq li issa jgħibu minn professjoni li rnexxielhom jinfettaw bl-istess jivvintati u tghawwig tal-fatti tagħhom. Il-jum tal-gudizzju u l-kant tad-dies iraq, dies ille għandu jidwi wkoll lill-midja li jirrapprezentaw – it-Times u l-Malta Independent – li wkoll għamlu minn kollox biex ifixklu l-progress Malti. Kif qal tajeb Joseph Muscat, ilkoll irridu nġinuh biex issehh għaqda nazzjonali u jkollna soċjetà gusta, li mhux biss tkun l-aqwa fl-Ewropa, iżda l-aħjar fid-dinja. Ma nistgħux nilhqu dan l-għan nobbli jekk ikun għad fadal mazzri bħal tradituri u establishment djaboliku.

In-nies qalu LE għal *blogging* tal-oġġu u għal dawk it-taparsi gurnalisti ddetati mill-agenda Nazzjonalista ta' mibegħda. Rajna d-qghufija ta' gurnalisti bla sinsla li kienu kuntenti rekin fuq il-karru, li jimxi biss b'qerq u mibegħda fil-qala (flok riħ), bħal Daphne Caruana Galizia, Ivan Camilleri, Jacob Borg, Mario Frendo, Neil Camilleri u Pierre Portelli. Dawn u oħrajn, li kellihom agendi iżjed personali, bħal Joe Borg u David Thake, iridu jbaxxu rashom quddiem il-verdett u jsparixxu mill-gurnalizmu. Il-poplu tkellem u għazel ... u għandu jiġi rispettat. Il-poplu jagħmlek u l-poplu jwarrbek. Hu l-waqt li l-lifgħat ma jkomplux jisqu veleni lil gensna. Issa żmien ta' rikonċiljazzjoni u għaqda. Qabel dan issehh, irid jibda l-proċess ta' tindif. B'hekk nibqgħu mexjin lejn l-aqwa żmien.



### 4. Tony Zarb (OPM / Ministry of Tourism consultant)



**Tony Zarb**  
30 July 2018 · 🌐

**It-Tfal tal Blogger jikkonfermaw li huma Ulieda għax hliet Hdura min halqhom ma tohogx.**

👍👍👍 Carmen Borg, Patrick Camilleri and 355 others · 48 comments · 3 shares

👍 Like    💬 Comment

**Willie Grech** mela l-ahdar mhux ahdar jioqa!!!!???? Sadattant, it-tifel tagħha għadu ma wegħib għala halla l-karozza ta' ommu barra fil-lejl qabel inqatlet.   
Like · Reply · 1y

**Mario Fenech** Jekk flok halo gew misqija valenu xi trid li johrog minn halqhom   
Like · Reply · 1y

**Vince Lanzon** Issa la ix xikluna jsir kardinal jagħmel lil bicca blogger u issa giddieba qaddisa   
Like · Reply · 1y

**Lina Muscat** Nahseb wasal iz zmien li lill dawn it tip ta nies ninjorawhom kompletament għax ha jibqaw għadejn bija u qegħdin nahlu hafna energija fuq dawn it tip ta kummenti u nies li ma jafhux jamghlu mod lehor   
Like · Reply · 1y

**Stella Dimond** Mathew caruana galizja hu il laptop għand il puluzija Maltja xint tahbi   
Like · Reply · 1y

**Edward Falzon** għax ma jispjegax għalfejn halla il karozza iparkjata il bghod mid dar lejli qabel inqatlet ommu   
Like · Reply · 1y

**LABURISTI SAL-MEWT.**  
Private group

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**Tony's post**  
Announcements  
Members

**Tony Zarb** shared a post.  
Conversation starter · 9 December 2019

**Tony Zarb**  
9 December 2019

F'Pajiz Demokratiku il Poplu italla Gvern. Dawk li hemm Kastja u barra kolha jikkellmu b'ingliz u gabu Midja barranija biex jfmuhom. Dawn Peter BISS imiedu.

👍 6

👍 Like    💬 Comment

**Kemm Se Nsibu Laburisti Fuq Facebook ?**  
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**Tony Zarb** shared a post.  
Conversation starter · 15 January at 11:31

**Tony Zarb**  
15 January at 11:30

**Euro News Jew Euro (Fake) News dwar Malta. L'istess DNA bhal dawk il qatta "Teroristi Politici" f'Malta.**

👍👍👍 44

15 comments

**Kemm Se Nsibu Laburisti Fuq Facebook ?**  
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**Tony Zarb** shared a post.  
Conversation starter · 27 December 2019

**Tony Zarb**  
27 December 2019

**Lovin Malta u Newsbook issa rriedu kunu jafu għala Prim Ministru mar Dubia illum. Jibqaw jipersekutawh, Anki il bierah waqt il gurnata ta Solidarjeta Qazzew lil min halaqhom b'attakk kuncertat fuqu mil midja tad dlam.**

👍👍👍 61

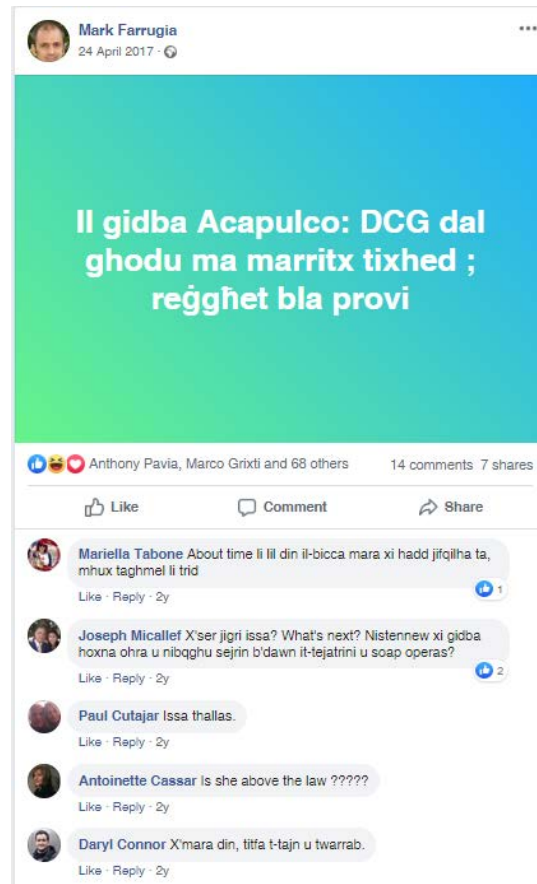
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## 5. Mark Farrugia (Deputy OPM Chief of Staff)







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Laburisti Fuq  
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Mark Farrugia shared a post.

28 August 2017

Mark Farrugia

28 August 2017

Fil-mira ta' Caruana  
Galizia issa anki Jean  
Pierre u Kirsty Debono ...  
L-akkuza ? Li qed jahdmu  
ghal Delia



19

4 comments

Mark Farrugia

25 October 2018 ·



ONE.COM.MT

Iċ-Chief of Staff tal-Prim Ministru jirbaħ €5,000 f'danni f'kawża ta' libell kontra TMI – storja li bdiet mill-blog ta' DCG

Jason Bonnici, Nikhail Karl Spiteri and 61 others · 11 comments · 2 shares

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John Buttigieg

Aktar verita tiela' fil-wicc.

Like · Reply · 1y

Rose Falzon

Ara l-gideb tal-pn tiela' fil-wicc. Mur safra cruise minn fuq daharhom Keith talli ghamlulek u tfewwaq ghalihom.

Like · Reply · 1y

## 6. Jeffrey Pullicino Orlando (MCST Executive Chairman)

**Jeffrey Pullicino Orlando**  
12 January 2016 · 🌐

Tghajjar lill-morda bil-kancer, lill-mejtin, lis-Sinjura Michelle Muscat u t-tfal taghha, lit-tfal b'dizabilita.....il-portavoce tal-PN - Daphne Caruana Galizia . Ara vera " kieku l-gemel jara hotobtu, jaqa' u jmut zopptu". Fit-talb taghkom illejla ftakkru fir-ragel taghha, Peter. Miskin! Kos - lill-frodista maghruf Patrick Spiteri, dak li xtralha l-karozza 'convertible' qatt ma sabet xi tghid fuqu! Rega ssemma fl'ahbarijiet illum.

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 Connie Vella, Michael Mizzi and 236 others

105 comments 50 shares

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**Vincent Busuttil** il putta taghha kien fis serviz, Jeff ?  
4y

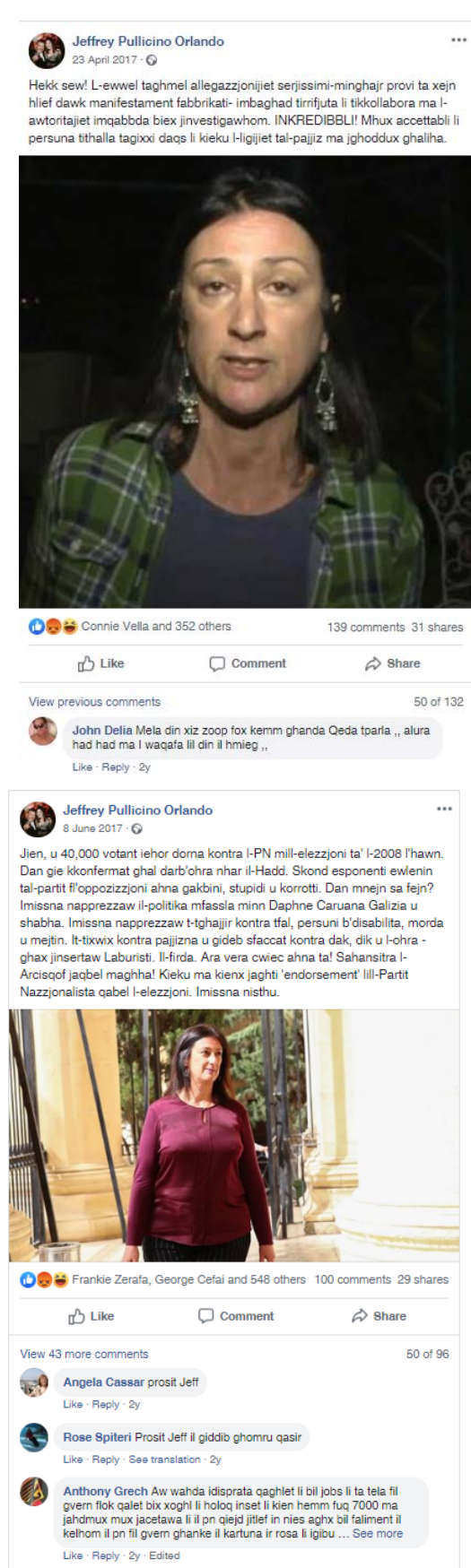
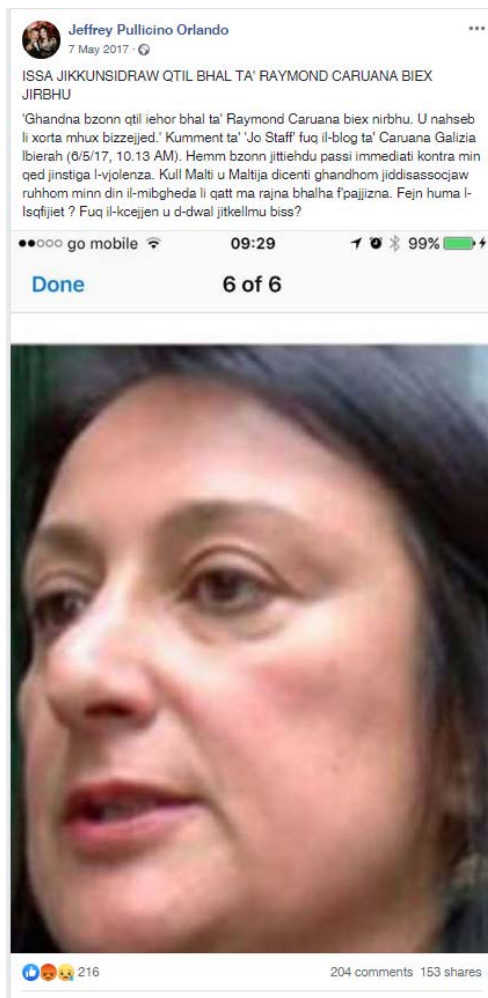
**Golu Spagnol** IMMA LIL DIN XTISTA TAJDILA JEKK MA TUZAX KLIEM BHAL MA TAJD LIL HADD IHOR JIEN GHLIJA XEJN INQAS MIN MIZBLA DEMEL IMQALBA.  
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**Pierre Zammit** Jeff qed tistenna xi platt gej ghalik.....  
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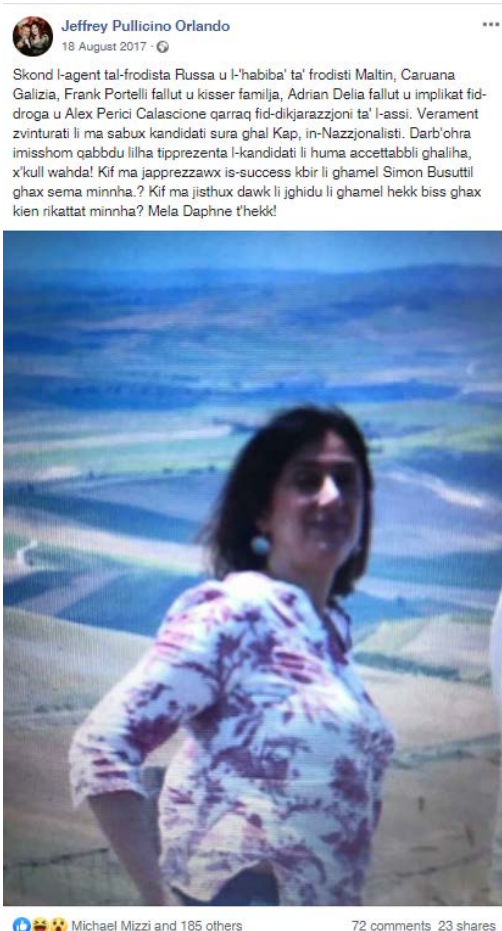
  Jeff Pullicino Orlando replied · 1 reply

**Joseph Buttigieg** ara lahwa ghax ma naghmlux petizjoni bix neziljawa  
[See translation](#) · 4y

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**Jeffrey Pullicino Orlando** · 5 September 2017 · 🌐

Delia's supporters aren't proper Nationalists.....they're scum and rubbish like the Laburisti. Daphne Caruana Galizia



👍 🗨️ 🔄 Chantelle Clint Cassar and 85 others · 109 comments · 20 shares

👍 Like · 🗨️ Comment · 🔄 Share

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**Lizio Farrugia** jekk nidajja zgur li ma naqax baxx aktar minnha. din apposta taghmel imma biex joqodu jghidu fuqha.  
Like · Reply · 2y · Edited

**Charlie Mamo** Ilunfanta hobla  
Like · Reply · 2y  
👤 Charlie Mamo replied · 6 replies

**Richard Zahra** Jien nahseb din lis skuza ta creatura ghad tnehhi ruha bi ideja xi dwejjajq ghanda povra familja u min jejx mahha  
Like · Reply · 2y

**Charlie Sammut** L-ahwa araw lil min kien jiprotegi il-caremaker. Imsomma zibel bhala  
Like · Reply · 2y

**Joey Vella** Iltla fuq lixkupa u tir sahhara kera  
Like · Reply · 2y

**Jeffrey Pullicino Orlando** Adrian Delia hamallu ghax il-genituri tieghu Laburisti. Daphne Caruana Galizia  
Like · Reply · 2y

**Lorraine Azzopardi** Zibel int hu min jghid li mintiex  
Like · Reply · 2y

**Jeffrey Pullicino Orlando** · 17 September 2017 · 🌐



#galizaiirrelevanti

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**Maria Vella** Kollox f'wicca baqa ja Sahhara imxajtna.  
Like · Reply · 2y

**Doris Attard** Who won please  
Like · Reply · 2y  
👤 Doris Attard replied · 2 replies

**Jeffrey Pullicino Orlando** <https://www.timesofmalta.com/.../delia-in-the-lead-to...>  
TIMESOFMALTA.COM  
Adrian Delia is the PN's new leader  
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**Jeffrey Pullicino Orlando** is with Lara Boffa.

24 March 2018 · 🌐

...

ISSA HA NIKKASTIGAW LIL MIN INADDAF? KEMM QEDIN SEW!

It-Times qed tirraporta li zewgt irgiel gew interrogati mill-pulizija minhabba 'is-serq' ta' xi xemat u fjuri minn fuq il-monument ta' l-Assedju l-Kbir. Dawn tpoggew hemm minn min irid li dan il-monument jintuza biex titfakkar il-blogger Caruana Galizia. Il-maggoranza assoluta tal-poplu ma taqbilx li jsir hekk.

Min qiegħed inaddaf il-monumenti tagħna għandu jigi kkastigat? Donnu il-pulizija m'għandhomx x'jagħmlu bizzejjed biex joqghodu JAHLU L-HIN jippartecipaw f'din il-farsa! Bl'istess ragunament nista nibda nitlob investigazzjoni fuq min johodli l-borża taz-zibel minn wara biebi kull filghodu!



👍👎👏 185

110 comments 14 shares



Like



Comment



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**Joseph Cutajar** Dawn jiprovakaw qiegħdin xejn aktar , 25 sena farku pajjiez u abbewh bid dejn imma haga ta liskantament fallaw kif tilfu l gvern , insaqsi tajt li mit taxxi tahna kienu jhalsu ?

Like · Reply · 1y · Edited



1



**Dione Tanti Aron Borg** dan mhux logħob tat tfal kif qiegħed tejt int imma din logħba biex jaqalaw l'inkwiet okay

Like · Reply · 1y



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**Salvu Borg** Tajba din u min qiegħed l hameg il monument tghidlu proset min fejn gejjja din l ordni u fejn hija il Ligi

Like · Reply · 1y



Jeffrey Pullicino Orlando  
18 September 2018 · 🌐

101 🌟👍👎 237 comments 5 shares

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**Mariella Pace** magħtab  
Like · Reply · 1y · 4

**Charle Micallef II - MIZBLA**  
Like · Reply · 1y · 2

**Tony Scerri Filla**  
Like · Reply · 1y

**Mariella Pace** Tony Scerri u kerrah blata bhal dik jew?????  
Like · Reply · 1y

**Tony Scerri** Mariella Pace andek ragun  
Like · Reply · 1y · 1

**Anthony Saliba MIZBLA**  
Like · Reply · 1y · 2

**Joyce Galea** Go ddar centrali .Xejn .xejn meta jharsu lej jjoqghu jfjakra min kissinlihom il partit partit  
Like · Reply · 1y · 1

**Anthony A. Mifsud II** Hal Luqa fuq il roundabout  
Like · Reply · 1y · 1

**Anthony Lautier** Ga gungla Amazon  
Like · Reply · 1y · 1

**Larry Farrugia II** matab taha u ta fenech adami bil lest  
Like · Reply · 1y

**Silvanne Bondin** Just where she is at the cemetery u min jrid jmur jjoqgi fjuri u xemghat kemm jrid bhall ma jghamel kulhadd .  
Like · Reply · 1y · 7

**Joyce Darmanin** Sa fejn naf jien min imut b'incident jghamlulu Lapida fejn ikun miet,allura isir lapida fejn mietet.  
Like · Reply · 1y · 4

**Antoine Mallia** Manikku At bicerija  
Like · Reply · 1y

**Joseph Micallef** Kemm kienet persuna importanti mela? X'qatt ghamlet ta' gid ghall-pajiz?  
Like · Reply · 1y · 2

**Jane Lia** Mai monument ta hal luqa  
Like · Reply · 1y

**Lisa Ciantar II** magħtab  
Like · Reply · 1y · 2

**Tony Attard** Go latrina mimlija hmieg.....Hmieg ma Hmieg  
Like · Reply · 1y

**Mario Cortis** Fil post fejn mietet hekk jew bekk haxix hazin ser jitta hemm  
Like · Reply · 1y · 1

**Ivan Delia** Ic-Cimiterju tal-Addolorata. Jekk tasew iridu jagħtuwa għeħ fil-paci hemm hu l-post idejali. Imma mid dehra mhux għeħ iridu jtuwa imma jiehdu vantagg politiku mill mewt makabra tagħha.  
Like · Reply · 1y · 4

**Frane Galea** II kurja charlie bejru u kumpanija ikuru jistghu jagħmlu qzizat kemm iridu  
Like · Reply · 1y · 1

**Lesley-Anne Gatt II-Magħtab**  
Like · Reply · 1y · 3

**Therese Micallef** Lesley-Anne Gatt Hal luqa ahjar fejn i monument li kienet għamlu Nazzjonalisti 🤔  
Like · Reply · 1y · 1

**Lesley-Anne Gatt** qas jixraqilha ma dak fil-mizbla jixraqilha tal-hdura li kienet tobzoq  
Like · Reply · 1y

**Christine Micallef** At the cemetery like everyone else...  
Like · Reply · 1y · 2

**Damien Falzon II-magħtab**  
Like · Reply · 1y · 2

**Charles Pulis** Hdejn Pilatus Bank IN MEMORY THE BIGGEST FRAM UP EGRANT  
Like · Reply · 1y · 1

**Maria Luana II** panama 🤔🤔  
Like · Reply · 1y

**Joseph Borg** FI infern. Fejn hadet il haddiehor qabel.  
Like · Reply · 1y · 2

**Joseph Mula** l'il Matab  
Like · Reply · 1y · 2

**Marco Aquilina** quddiem xi loki blex tghin lil dak ikun 🤔🤔🤔  
Like · Reply · 1y · 2

**Charle Micallef** Lewel iridu jaqduwa  
Like · Reply · 1y

**Rose Spiteri** quddiem dar tagħha fejn ma jarawhx nies din min hija blex jagħmlu monument ?  
Like · Reply · 1y · 1

**Joseph Azzopardi** Imkien... allahares nagħmlu monument għal kull min jagħmmel il hsara fil pajiz!  
Like · Reply · 1y · 1

**Maria Micallef** Dr Emey Bezzina qallihom sew i bierah erba qlafat u terroristi  
Like · Reply · 1y · 2

**Michel Buttigieg II** mghatab  
Like · Reply · 1y · 2

**Anthony Portelli** I wonder where Casa's monument will be? Barraca entrance, turn left, turn left.  
Like · Reply · 1y

**Carol Bugeja** Bristow II magħtab  
Like · Reply · 1y

**Rita Farrugia** Imkien ... Ma kinietx xi haga speccjali ...  
Like · Reply · 1y

**Joseph Aquilina** dan joqodila perfett

**Roderick Zahra** Lahmar II magħtab xjn għax jin nahdem emek u manic noqot naraha kull jum jaqqq  
Like · Reply · 1y · 2

**Michael Zahra** ikollok fuq min tispara meta tmur għal kacca u ta tara xejn 🤔  
Like · Reply · 1y

**Jane Lia** Naqbel miegħek Joseph jien bhalek nahseb  
Like · Reply · 1y

**Rukku Cutaajar II** magħtab  
Like · Reply · 1y · 1

**Liswed Borg** Mux go lalqa  
Like · Reply · 1y





**Jeffrey Pullicino Orlando**

12 October 2019 · 🌐



Matthew Caruana Galizia:

Why are you regularly spreading falsehoods about your country? Why are you regularly depicting us as a mafia-state? Why are you, for instance, unjustly claiming that your mother was assassinated because the Maltese Government failed to provide her with protection when you know that she refused it? Your pain is understandable. Does it make it any better when you embarrass each and every one of us internationally?

This is what your mother said about police protection:

"I do not WANT even a fixed-point constable at the gate to my home, let alone somebody stuck to my hip and following my every movement while armed or unarmed, because:

I am not a coward (and)... I regard a protection officer as a major inconvenience to be avoided at any cost" (Daphne Caruana Galizia, Running Commentary - 24/11/14 at 8.33pm)

Your personal tragedy has given you a podium which you are merely using to lash out at us all at any given opportunity. Pity.



Mario Sciberras and 83 others

54 comments 17 shares



Like



Comment



Share

## 7. Robert Musumeci (OPM consultant)


**Robert Musumeci**
26 August 2017 · 🌐

### DELIA JNEHHI LIL GALIZIA MINN DAY 1

👍 Michael Scicluna, Chris Zammit and 23 others
10 comments 1 share


👍 Like
💬 Comment
➦ Share


**Robert Musumeci**
2 September 2017 · 🌐

### From Egrant to Soho. #galiziabarra

👍 😄 Anthony Pavia, David Gatt and 45 others
35 comments

👍 Like
💬 Comment
➦ Share



**Paula Cauchi** I'm not quite sure why you're so confident Adrian Delia as kap will mean the end of DCG... I'm sure today's result did not weaken her website clicks. She has outgrown the 'establishment' thanks to all those who are addicted to visiting her blog.

Like · Reply · 2y
👍 8

➦ Anthony Pavia replied · 9 replies


**Joe Scicluna** Spot on Paula

Like · Reply · 2y


**Maria Vella** Iz zmien ghad irrid jaghti il parir u b hekk inkunu nafu biz zmien.

Like · Reply · 2y


**Mark Calleja** if pn stop qouteing her blog people eventually will stop visiting

Like · Reply · 2y
👍 1


**Meggie Azzopardi** If Delia is elected party leader, Daphne will loose all the power given. Both parties will be against her, she will have no choice but leave the country.

Like · Reply · 2y

➦ Larson Agius replied · 1 reply


**Joyce Aquilina Bartolo** Deram on..i belive DCG is here to stay

Like · Reply · 2y
👍 1

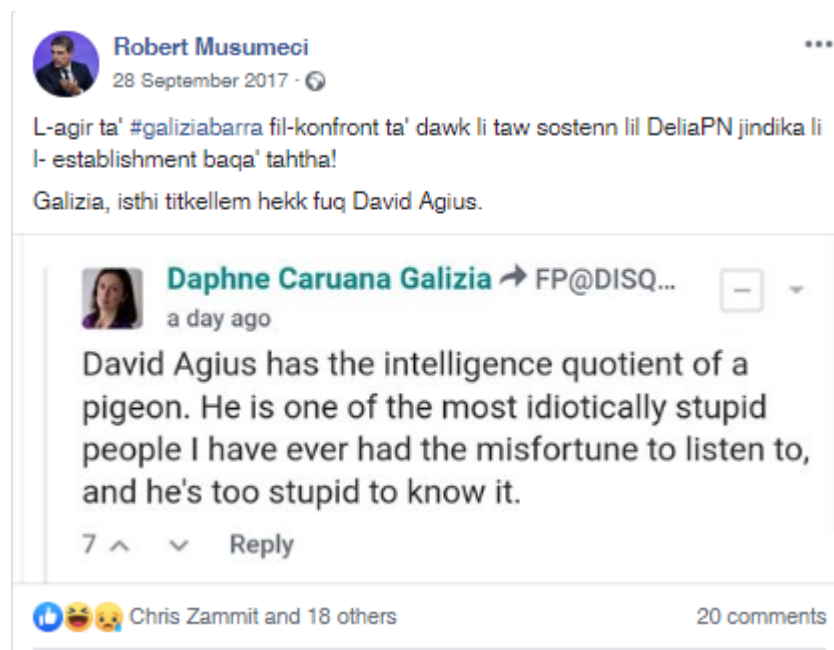
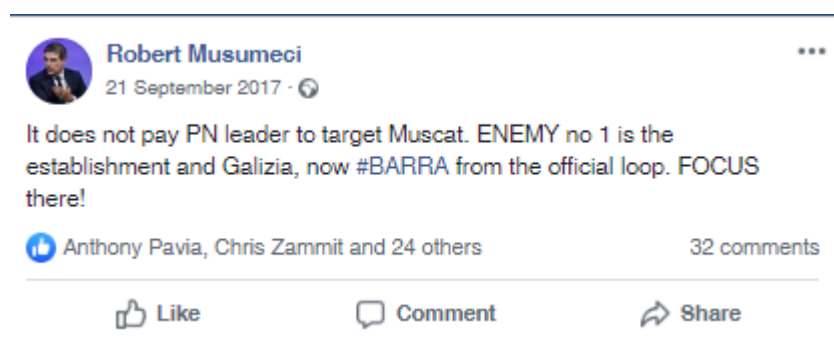

**Anthony Arpa** jidher bic car li DCG ma tanx hi irrispetata la mil kunsiliera u lanqas mil poplu.

Like · Reply · 2y


**Anthony Arpa** jidher ukoll li il poplu ma jinteresahx mil l egrant u lanqas min Soho .

Like · Reply · 2y · Edited
👍 2

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## 8. Rosianne Cutajar MP



Rosianne Cutajar · 16/05/2018

Yesterday [@The\\_Shift\\_News](#) uploaded an article about Labour's hate machines, ironically the only hate machine which people immediately recall is [#DCG's](#) blog.

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Rosianne Cutajar  
[@RosianneCutajar](#)

Replying to [@andrewbriffa](#) [@mcaruanagalizia](#) and [@JosephMuscat\\_JM](#)

I am just saying the truth. Embarrassing is the way you are trying to worship and commemorate a divisive person which was disliked by the great majority.

← Tweet



Rosianne Cutajar  
[@RosianneCutajar](#)

Late [#DaphneCaruanaGalizia](#) harassed hundreds of people w/ her writings including innocent children, family members and private persons. Now her sister is assualting journalists in [#Malta](#).



Rosianne Cutajar  
[@RosianneCutajar](#)

If you were with her when she typed out her last blog, can you please tell us where is her laptop?! [@mcaruanagalizia](#) [#daphnecaruanaGalizia](#) [#NoToObstructionOfJustice](#)

The slain journalist's son was with her when she typed out her final blog post: "There are crooks everywhere you look now. The situation is desperate."

6:46 PM · Apr 17, 2018 from [Malta](#) · [Twitter for iPhone](#)





**Rosianne Cutajar**  
@RosianneCutajar

Replying to @RobertaMetsola and @JuliaFarrugia

How about condemning also late  
[#DaphneCaruanaGalizia](#) too? She referred to me as an  
escort for more than 5 years.

9:23 AM · May 2, 2018 from [Malta](#) · [Twitter for iPhone](#)



**David Thake** @davidthake · Jul 22, 2018

Nobody is blown up for telling lies.

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**Rosianne Cutajar** @RosianneCutajar · Jul 23, 2018

[#DCG](#) was never a truthful journalist/blogger. Her reporting was most of the  
times based on supposition and prejudice. The Egrant allegation is a case in  
point, the biggest political frame up of all times

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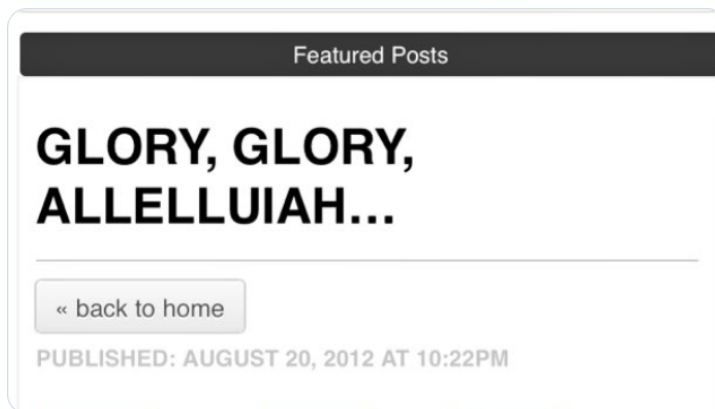


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**Rosianne Cutajar** @RosianneCutajar · Oct 14, 2018

Siccome parla tanto di odio Le suggerisco di leggere il blog di [#DCG](#) pieno  
di insulti verso membri e attivisti del governo laburista, bambini, amici e  
familiari non sono stati risparmiati. A proposito, il blog dove Daphne  
festeggia la morte dell'ex premier maltese l'ha letto?



2

2

3



**Rosianne Cutajar** @RosianneCutajar · Jul 22, 2018

Truth has prevailed, [@SimonBusuttil](#) & [#DCG](#) will always be remembered for  
who they are, liars full of hatred. [#Malta](#)

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Rosianne Cutajar  
@RosianneCutajar

This is not the real #Malta. Shame on whoever wrote this! Malta is a safe & democratic country. No one will tarnish our positive reputation.



Rosianne Cutajar  
November 20 at 10:55 AM · 🌐

Dan hu f'it mill-hafna diskors moqziez li jsir fuqi bil-kunsens ta' Rachel Williams fuq il-pagna ta' FB taghha. Dan huwa l-legat ta' Daphne Caruana Galizia impersonifikat minn nies bhal Godfrey Leone Ganado u shabu.



Robert Busuttil  
Dik mhux playgirl nuxellina  
15 h Like Reply



Robert Busuttil  
Jew sejjir zball?  
15 h Like Reply



Rachel Williams  
qed tghid sew  
15 h Like Reply



Write a reply...



Godfrey Leone Ganado  
Bil-Malti nghidu QAHBA.  
15 h Like Reply



Henry Abela



Write a comment...



personalised services in Catania under the Occlusine franchise?

15 h Like Reply

Edgar Gatt  
No but she is doing the same in Parliament and making much more money

15 h Like Reply

Godfrey Leone Ganado  
Edgar Gatt - well she may perhaps first in Parliament to justify a ministerial post or as an MP to the title of Lady Gatt.

15 h Like Reply







**Rosianne Cutajar**  
@RosianneCutajar



Instead of affixing posters I would have cleared everything. It's about time. The ruthless mastermind behind the Egrant fabrication doesn't deserve being commemorated on a national monument. [#Malta](#) [@IndependentMlt](#) [@Europarl\\_EN](#)

### **Updated: Posters branding Busuttil, Caruana Galizia as 'crooks' affixed to Great Siege monument**

 Monday, 30 July 2018, 11:52  
 Last update: about 39 minutes ago



The above list of examples (or targets) is far from exhaustive.

Based on its own research of the online landscape in Malta, Bloomberg concluded in July 2018 that Malta ought to be included in the list of countries where state-sponsored trolling takes place.<sup>1</sup> It should be noted that so-called state-sponsored trolling comes in degrees or categories of gravity ranging from Category 4 “State-Leveraged or -Endorsed” to Category 1 “State-Executed”.<sup>2</sup> Based on:

- a) past instances of threats and harassment of journalists, activists or even mere critics,
- b) the involvement of senior government officials,
- c) a marked blurring between political propagandists and government functionaries (state / party separation),
- d) Facebook groups involved in trolling / harassment being administered or moderated by public officers, and
- e) lack of official condemnation and enforcement of appropriate laws,

it is not difficult to reach a similar conclusion as Bloomberg.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.bloomberg.com/features/2018-government-sponsored-cyber-militia-cookbook/>

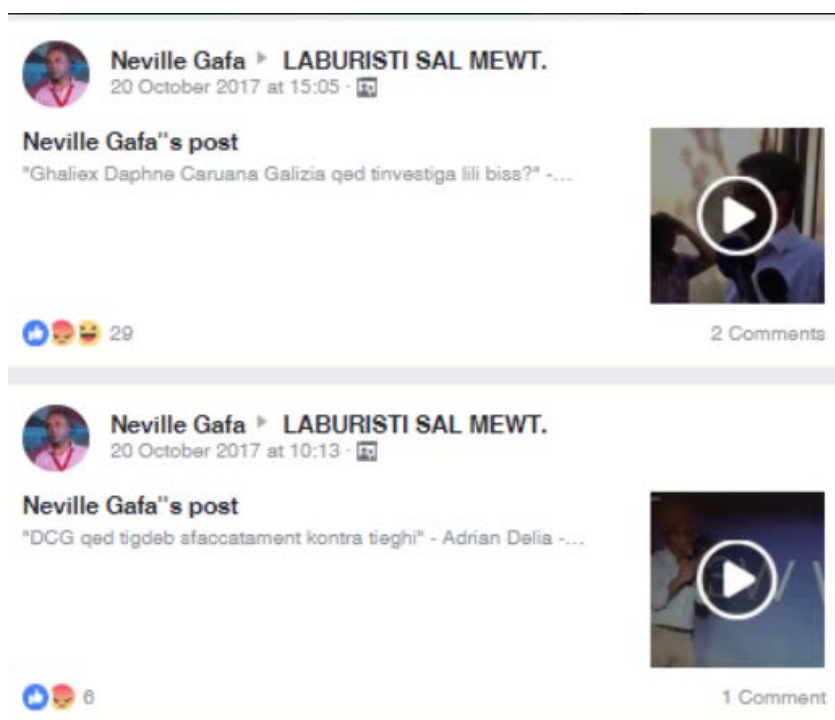
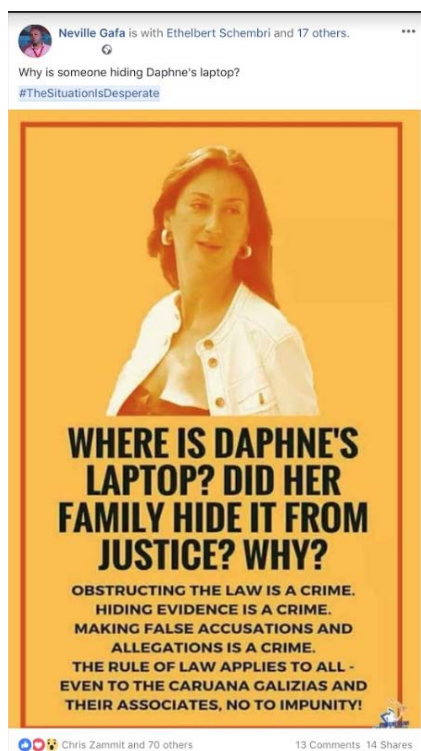
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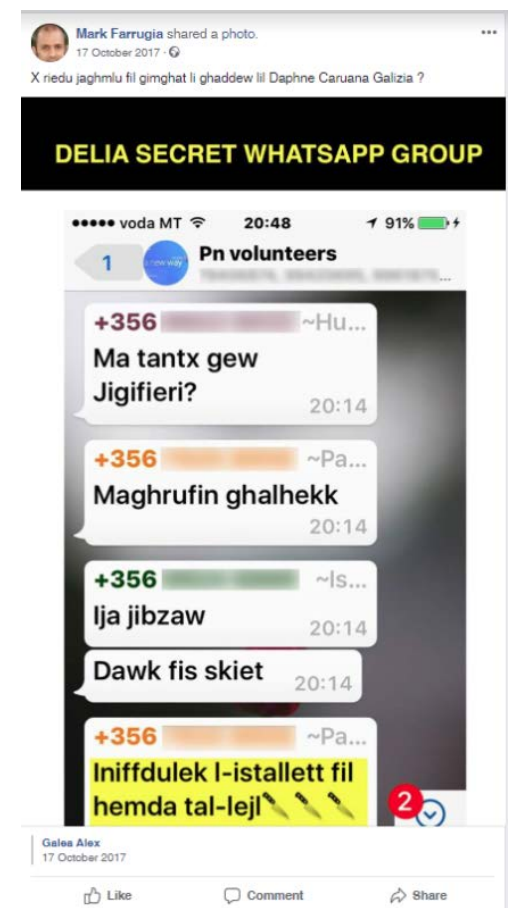


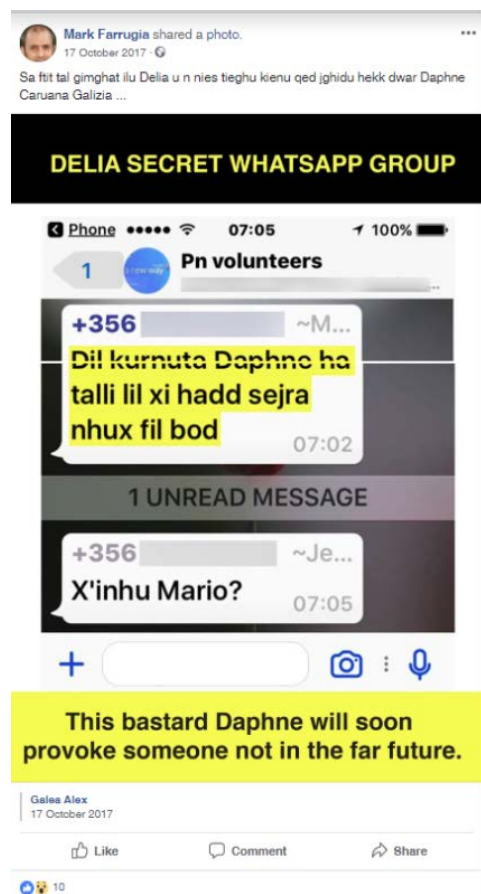
## Disinformation

Besides targeted harassment, the above accounts as well as Facebook groups have been used with alarming frequency to flood online channels with competing narratives, often blatantly untrue or designed to trigger an emotional response.

The Shift extensively covered disinformation as well as tactics used in its series "Disinformation Watch": <https://theshiftnews.com/category/disinformation-watch/>







The above examples relate to the aftermath of Daphne Caruana Galizia's assassination on 16 October, 2017 showing a mix of online counter-narratives, stemming from persons within OPM. The Shift's Disinformation Watch #10 focuses on this in particular.

<https://theshiftnews.com/2018/07/16/disinformation-watch-10-the-blame-game-governments-reaction-to-a-journalists-assassination/>

Perhaps the most disturbing online disinformation wave was the "Truth Project" a professionally created counter-narrative to the Daphne Project which was promoted heavily by persons such as Neville Gafa and distributed through Facebook groups.

The image shows a Facebook post by user Neville Gafa, dated 26 April. The post includes a hashtag #TheSituationIsDesperate and a large graphic titled "DECIDE". The graphic is a black rectangle with white text and two circular profile pictures. On the left, it features a profile picture of Paul Caruana Galizia and the text: "Why drop it now, Chris? We don't want you to". Below this, it says "Paul Caruana Galizia", "twitter", and "23 April 2018". On the right, it features a profile picture of Peter Caruana Galizia and the text: "I don't see why I should have to defend my wife's work", implying that he expected Cardona to drop the case. Below this, it says "Peter Caruana Galizia", "lovinmalta", and "26 April 2018". At the bottom left of the graphic, it says "The Truth Project". The Facebook post interface shows 71 reactions (thumbs up, thumbs down, and a sad face), 17 comments, and 17 shares. At the bottom of the post are buttons for "Like", "Comment", and "Share".





"Dr Caruana Galizia says there was definitely a sense of things closing in on his wife towards the end, because she was constantly anxious and unsettled".

QUESTION:

WHAT CHANGED  
TOWARDS THE END  
?

We must block this woman out

09:01 **Commentary**  
Daphne Caruana Galizia's Notebook

Inifdulek l-istallett fil hemda tal-lejl 20:15

**Here's a little something that people like Adrian Delia need to look at**

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PUBLISHED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2017 AT 2:13AM

Right now I'm getting messages from members of Adrian Delia's rabble, saying – with no punctuation except a lot of exclamation marks at the end – that I'm finished, RIP, take a cyanide pill, and other remarks involving body parts which I have long been accustomed to from Labour supporters.

The **Truth** Project

#occupythelaptop



The **Truth** Project

QUESTION:

ISN'T HER  
LAPTOP  
**ESSENTIAL**  
FOR JUSTICE TO  
BE SERVED

?

#occupythelaptop

# #FACT

maltatoday

## Peter Caruana Galizia refuses to make German brothel allegations against Chris Cardona his own

Peter Caruana Galizia tells court he barely remembers what the allegations against Chris Cardona and Joe Gerada were, as he took the witness stand in the libel case concerning the German brothel escapade

szesbuqe

NOT FOR SALE" AND THE OTHER TWO WERE BEING KEPT AT THE HOTEL SINCE THEY WERE THE STRANGERS WHO WERE

The Truth Project

"The second witness gave more details, and was introduced to the Daphne Project by a **high-ranking member of the Nationalist Opposition** who knew Ms Caruana Galizia."

QUESTION:  
WHO IS THE HIGH  
RANKING MEMBER OF  
THE NATIONALIST  
OPPOSITION

?

The Truth Project





#### CRIMINAL CODE

Suppression, destruction or alteration of traces of crime.

(2) Whosoever, in any case not otherwise provided for in this Code, shall knowingly suppress, or in any other manner destroy or alter the traces of, or any circumstantial evidence relating to an offence, shall, on conviction, be liable -

(a) if the offence is a crime liable to a punishment not less than that of imprisonment for a term of one year, to the punishment laid down in sub-article (1);

(b) in the case of any other offence, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to detention or to a fine (ammenda) of not less than two euro and thirty-three cents (2.33).

Matthew Caruana Galizia is insisting that he does not know where his mother's laptop is and if he knew, he would burn it in front of the police.

#### **Daphne's sister admits family kept her laptop**

Corinne Vella told members of the Daphne Project that the family did not trust investigators with her sister's laptop

QUESTION:  
**IS THIS  
NOT A  
CRIME  
?**

The Truth Project

#occupythelaptop





QUESTION:  
 WHO LIVES  
 300 METRES  
 4 MINUTES  
 400 STEPS  
 AWAY FROM  
 THE BAR  
 ?



**Jason Azzopardi** @AzzopardiJa... · 7h ✓

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The **Truth** Project

#occupythelaptop

# #SERIOUS

JASON AZZOPARDI ALLEGES THAT  
A POLICE SERGEANT TIPPED OFF  
CRIMINALS BEFORE MARSA RAID

THE QUESTION IS  
FROM WHERE DID  
JASON AZZOPARDI  
GET THIS INFORMATION

The **Truth** Project