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Combatting Social Media Mass Surveillance: PANQUAKE Releases WLDragnet App, Free and Open Source

Continuing an impressive track record of promises kept, innovative new social media project PANQUAKE has today published the code for their WLDragnet search tool, free and open source. (FOSS)

The WLDragnet Search tool repository is now available for public review, code audit, download and/or extension.

Panquake Founder and Chief Product Officer Suzie Dawson said "Today's WLDragnet app release is strong confirmation of PANQUAKE's commitment to combining outstanding modern software design with a clear mission to contribute to the public good. The WLDragnet app can be operated in only a few clicks yet produces highly functional and attractive reports. This is indicative of the design quality users will enjoy from all of PANQUAKE's future software releases."

An introduction to the repository reads in part:

"In October 2021, Talk Liberation published WLDragnet - an investigation that included 1500+ reports and a repository of 7,100+ files that prove US military contractors and weapons manufacturers are utilizing open-source intelligence to track and analyze the social media conversations of persons, hashtags, keywords and topics of political consequence… Featured in the target lists are whistleblowers, journalists, activists, and thousands of regular citizens. The files can be onerous to manually search through and difficult to understand, so Talk Liberation created a more high-level and stripped-down view: the WLDragnet Search."

Panquake Chief Security Officer, Yale Privacy Lab Founder Sean O'Brien said "The open source release of the WLDragnet Search app was reviewed and tested by top cybersecurity and privacy experts. The tool is a beautiful and user-friendly complement to the bombshell WLDragnet article but it's much more than that — it's a groundbreaking data journalism tool that demonstrates the ethical design and development skill of the Panquake build team. Each day these devs prove they have the chops, the dedication, and the heart to deliver high-quality Free and Open-Source Software."

Users of the Search tool can look up their own Twitter accounts - or anyone else's - without their searches being recorded by the application. Other noteworthy privacy features of the WLDragnet Search tool include:

- **No cookies** on the WLDragnet.com website
- **No web trackers**
- Search requests (inputted user handles) are **not captured or stored**
- Reports generated via the tool are **not captured or stored**
- **No logging** of browser, device or visitor information
- **Source links go to archived versions** of the files - preventing the entities involved in the social media mass surveillance from tracking WLDragnet users
- Hyperlinks to Twitter accounts in the WLDragnet custom reports lead to Nitter - a free and open source alternative Twitter front-end focused on privacy

This type of privacy-centric design is all too rare and provides as an important example of how software can and should be built - with respect for users and their digital health being the cornerstone of the enterprise.

On this, Chief Security Officer Sean O'Brien said "For too long, corporate profit centers have determined the shape of the internet we all use. Panquake is moving the needle - creating a better online world for the next generation. Not just hoping, but building."

Talk Liberation's unique pairing of deep dive investigative journalism with open source software development sets an exciting new standard for contemporary technology and information security reporting.

The Talk Liberation Substack page offers both free and paid subscription options, and net profits from the Substack are channelled into PANQUAKE's crowdfunding campaign, in order to expedite the release of the BETA.

Thereby reader contributions to the Substack materially support the construction of solutions to the problems that Talk Liberation reports on!

BACKGROUND ON PANQUAKE:

A year since PANQUAKE first discussed a groundbreaking idea of a crowd-funded social media application where the users are the customers – not the product – PANQUAKE's build has achieved a series of major milestones, from network design proof of concept to a functioning prototype interface.

Members of the public have flocked to apply to become PANQUAKE BETA users and PANQUAKE is in its third and final funding phase in order to launch the BETA offering.

Visitors to Panquake.com are

a) joining a community dedicated to the delivery of a product which will bring next generation solutions to a market that is hungry for change

b) successfully crowdfunding to contribute to the product development at https://panquake.com/donate and

c) spreading the word that things can and will be different.

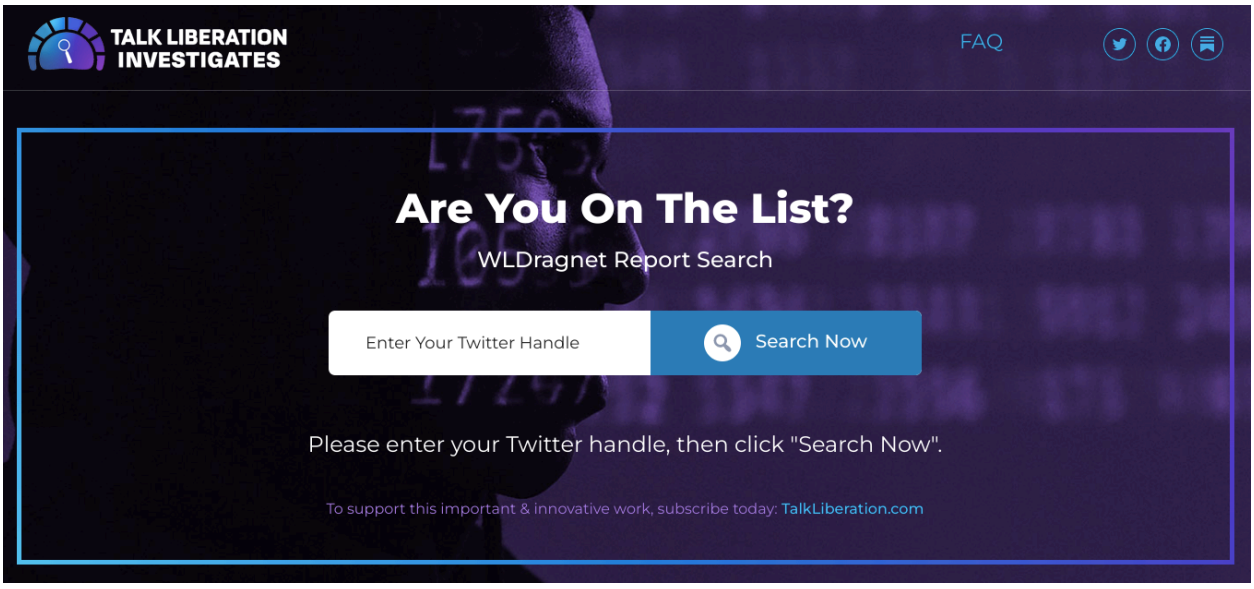
With Big Tech algorithms, AI moderation and massive data breaches rendering outdated, monopoly platforms obsolete, Panquake offers a vital and timely solution.

On The Web

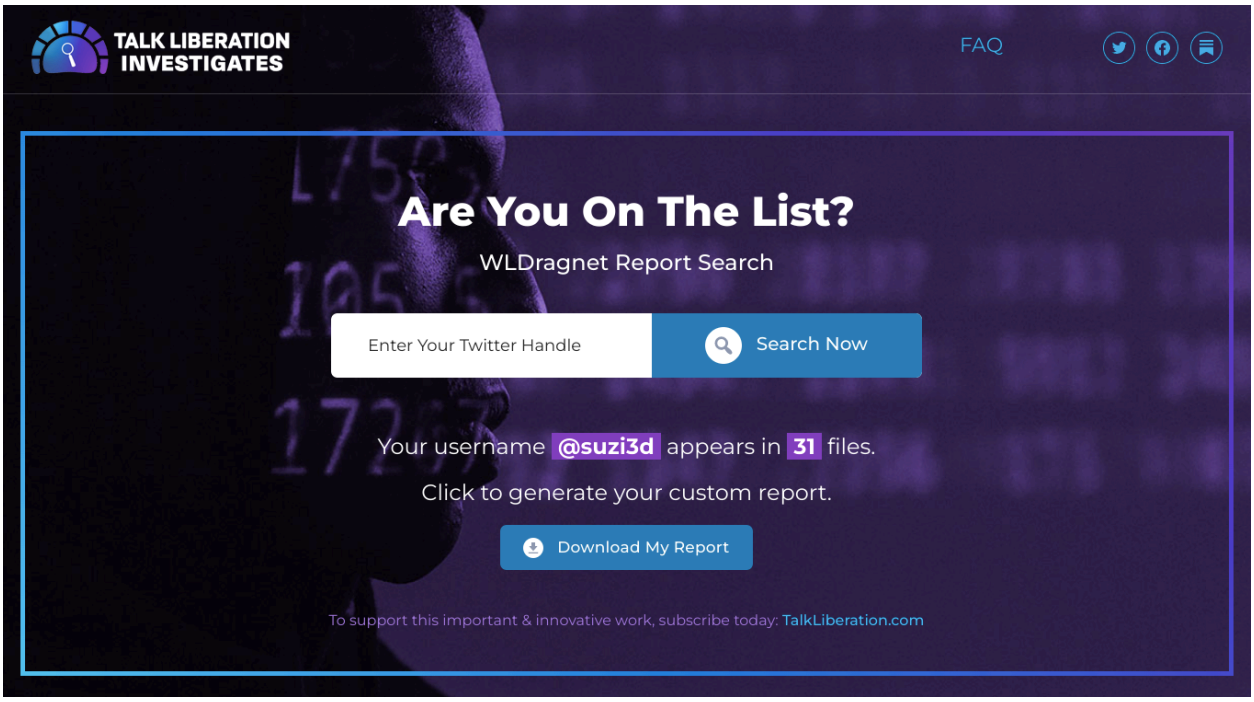
Official Website: Panquake.com
Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/TalkLiberation
Talk Liberation: https://talkliberation.com

MEDIA ENQUIRIES: media@talkliberation.com

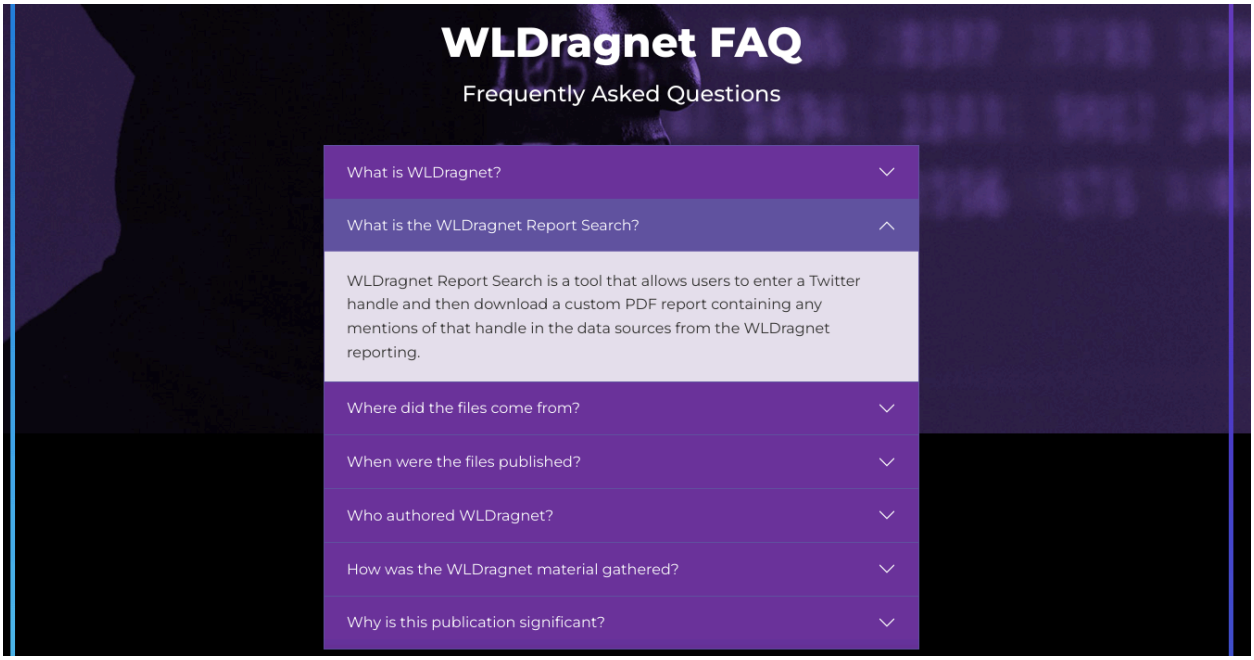
The WLDragnet Landing Page:



The WLDragnet.com landing page; displaying results for PANQUAKE founder Suzie Dawson's Twitter account:



The WLDragnet.com Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page:



The cover page of a WLDragnet.com report: