

## Who Is Twitter-Luring Refugees To Germany?

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Content-analysis of a great number of tweets that triggered the ongoing wave of migration from Turkey to Germany since August this year suggests that these human streams were inspired and channeled from outside of continental Europe.

<u>According to Vladimir Shalak</u> from the Russian Academy of Science who developed the Internet Content-Analysis System for Twitter (<u>Scai4Twi</u>), his study of over 19000 refugeesrelated original tweets (retweets discounted) demonstrates that the vast majority of them mention Germany and Austria as the most refugee-welcoming countries in Europe:

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Counties mentioned in tweets containing #Refugees hashtag, percent

Importantly, 93% of all tweets dedicated to Germany contained positive references to German hospitality and its refugee policy:

- Germany Yes! Leftists spray a graffiti on a train sayin "Welcome, refugees" in Arabic
- Lovely people video of Germans welcoming Syrian refugees to their community
- Respect! Football fans saying "Welcome Refugees" across stadiums in Germany.
- This Arabic Graffiti train is running in Dresden welcoming refugees: (ahlan wa sahlan a warm welcome).
- 'We love Germany!,' cry relieved refugees at Munich railway station
- Thousands welcome refugees to Germany Sky News Australia
- Wherever this German town is that welcomed a coach of Syrian refugees with welcome signs and flowers -thank you.

Analysis of 5704 original tweets containing #RefugeesWelcome" hashtag and a country name lead to even larger gap between Germany and the rest of Europe:

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The next step is to study the source twitter accounts **where the hashtag #RefugeesWelcome + Germany originate**. Next diagram shows the countries of origin of the relevant twitter accounts (where they could be idenfitied): ×

As you see, only 6,4% of all tweets with "#RefugeesWelcome"+Germany came from Germany itself. Almost half of them were originated from UK, USA and Australia! Looks like your remote planetmates are blushlessly inviting guests to visit your home without inquiring your opinion beforehand!

A couple of popular samples:

Lotte Leicht, director of Human Rights Watch's Brussels Office, August 30 (source).

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Washington Post, September 1 (<u>source</u>).

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Further analysis shows that it was only a beginning. A whole army of netbots has galvanized 'hit-the-fan' effect to the topic.

On Aug 27 forty automatic netbots @changing\_news, @changing\_news1,..., @changing\_news39 from the United States simultaneously issued the following tweet at 8:00:33AM:

A new welcome: Activists launch home placement service for refugees in Germany and Austria #News #Change #Help

On Sept 1 the same group of netbots releases same tweets with caps on at 22:30:37:

A New Welcome: Activists Launch Home Placement Service For Refugees In Germany And Austria #News #Change #Help

On August 29 at 11.02PMa group of 80 netbots posts the following:

Thousands Welcome Refugees to Germany at Dresden Rally: Thousands of people took to the streets of the German city of Dresden on Satu...

Another group of fifty netbots from Australia (all created on Feb 14, 2014 between 06:02:00 до 06:24:00AM) publish a post on Aug 31 at 17:26:08:

#hot Football Fans in Germany Unite with 'Refugees Welcome' Message
#prebreak #best

On Sept 1 at 07:29AM 95 netbots owned by Media for Social and Cultural Impact, Dallas, Texas, USA publish the following tweets:

German Soccer Fans Welcome Refugees Amid Ongoing Crisis: As Europe faces the challenge of a wave of migration...

Needless to say that every original tweet was multiplied in dozens of copies and spread Twitter-wide.

Evidently, the logic behind this campaign is to deteriorate social situation in Germany and undermine its economic development. Another target is the social structure of German society. 1 million of refugees coming annually there and supplementing <u>existing 31% of</u> <u>local families</u> having at least one migrant parent, would definitely disbalance the voting structure and secure a loyal leadership in Germany for the decades to come. On the other hand that would instigate ultra-right sentiments within the indigenous population and cause furious clashes between migrants and German radicals. Both processes would result in weakened Germany and diminished EU.

That is the real agenda behind innocent tweeting...

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