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### How To Identify Hate Speech

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# HOW TO IDENTIFY HATE SPEECH



## CATEGORIES & EXAMPLES OF HATE SPEECH ONLINE

### Image Verification:

1. What's wrong with this picture?



A Foxnews.com article described two horrific massacres of civilians in the world's newest nation, South Sudan. The massacres were attributed to government troops. One terrible slaughter allegedly took place in Pajok, Eastern Equatoria, on April 4. The other alleged incident by the seemingly insatiable South Sudan Army, the SPLA, took place in Wau, Western Bahr el Ghazal, April 9. How can you prove the image is fake?

Picture from Fox News: <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/04/13/south-sudans-silent-slaughter-dinka-massacre-unchecked-by-regional-international-groups.html>

Exercise taken from this article: <https://juicyecumenism.com/2017/06/05/fox-news-fake-news-south-sudan/>

## Clues:

- The burning hut in the photo is a Dinka hut, not one that would be in Pajok.
- The city pictured has electric power lines. Pajok does not have power lines.
- About 30% of South Sudan's population has smart phones, yet no other images have surfaced from this incident.
- Out of 200 alleged deaths, the only photo produced is of a man lying next to a motorcycle.
- In the photo showing a fire, people are standing and watching the object burn. No one was running away; no bullets were flying.

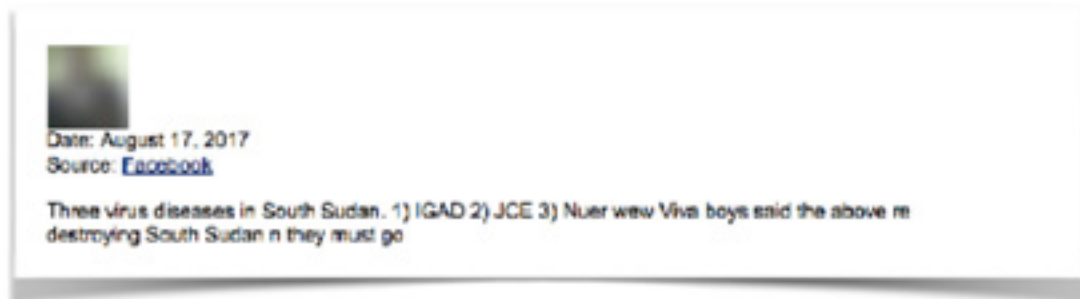
**Hate Speech**

How would you deal with this comment? Discuss



## Ideas:

- Ask for valid resource for this quote
- What is problematic with post? Discuss?



## Ideas:

- Dehumanization (calling ethnic groups viruses)
- Calling for their disappearance ( ethnic cleansing) • Incitement ot violence

**Diaspora Dialogue**

If you find an influencer tweeting biased opinions about South Sudan, how could you get that person involved in a dialogue about South Sudan. Discuss?



Unethical Journalism (regarding the guidelines)

This Fox News article was criticized for violating journalistic standards. Whats wrong with it? <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/04/13/south-sudans-silent-slaughter-dinka-massacre-unchecked-by-regional-international-groups.html>

Idea: Facts Sources



## PEACETECH LAB SOCIAL MEDIA & CONFLICT IN SOUTH SUDAN LEXICON OF HATE SPEECH TERMS

The PeaceTech Lab lexicon can help facilitate a discussion about the specific context of South Sudan, using examples of hate speech terms from these reports.

<http://www.peacetechnlab.org/hate-speech-in-south-sudan/>

The lexicon of hate speech terms includes definitions and contextual information identified by survey respondents. For each term, the 'Definition' section contains information provided by respondents about the term's origins, its general meaning, and related information.

The section 'Why it is offensive and inflammatory' discusses information provided by respondents as to why they believe the terms were offensive and inflame the conflict, including past usages, historical references to past conflict, and other context. The 'Alternative Term' section has terms provided by respondents which they thought could be used in place of the offensive and inflammatory terms or to mitigate or counter those terms. Survey data was supplemented by additional contextual analysis provided by a small, but diverse, group of South Sudanese advisers. These terms were used to develop "monitors" of hate speech in social media platforms using Crimson Hexagon's ForSight social listening platform. The monitors used the lexicon and enabled PeaceTech Lab and partners to explore trends surrounding hate speech in various social media platforms.

### NOTES FOR FACILITATORS

1. Moderators/presenters are not to engage in political opinions in regard to the current conflict
2. Participants should not engage in political debate or hail insults - please strive to remain neutral
3. Time keeper and moderators have the right to stop anyone who diverges from main topic

**PEACETECH LAB HATE SPEECH MONITORING AND CONFLICT ANALYSIS IN SOUTH SUDAN**

Report #5: September 24 – October 9, 2017

**Examples of Hate Speech Terms****Nuer Wew/Nuer Weu**

The term “Nuer Wew” is still actively trending on social media. As initially identified in the Lab’s research, the term has variations in spelling and is most often used by Nuer (and some Equatorians) in the SPLA-IO to insult those Nuer who either stayed in, or rejoined, the SPLA-In Government, such as first vice president Taban Deng Gai. The term portrays the Nuer loyal to President Kiir and his government as money-minded or money-lovers.

Currently, “Nuer Wew” is widely used as the fight for control of the Nuer community and territory by current Vice President Taban Deng Gai and former Vice President Riek Machar and their factions continues. For example, social media users reacted to an incident on September 24 in which SPLM-IO rebels in Akobo allied to Riek Machar were reported to have captured 14 members of a peace delegation, and then refused to release them despite government demands (see sample posts below). This term, at its core, refers to the intended targets’ selfishness and betrayal at the expense of the broader Nuer community.

Additionally, the term “Equatorian Wew” has also emerged online as a variation of “Nuer Wew.” In this case, the term applies in an inflammatory way to Equatorians working in the current political regime. One of its earliest online references can be traced back to 2015. In the comments of one online post, ethnically targeted variants of “Nuer Wew” were used, including terms such as: Chollo wew, Balanda wew, Jur wew and Wurun wew. Although the frequency of the term “Equatorian Wew” is not high, it can gain traction given current tensions between Equatorians who are defecting from the SPLMIO to Thomas Cirillo’s NAS, and some Nuer who view them as traitors. This term is also considered dangerous when it refers to individuals by name, thereby making those individuals and their relatives, friends or family members potential targets for violence.

“Nuer Wew” can be considered inflammatory because it portrays those loyal to the government as tools rather than individuals following their conscience. It also trivializes complex grievances and concerns that people may have by labeling them as people who are motivated by money or paid to betray the Nuer community. Use of the term can indicate that all Nuer think alike and are therefore responsible for the government’s actions.

**Sample Posts:**

Date: September 25, 2017

Source: Sudan Tribune

To Kush and Kwacha

My dear friends you’re dream of their release by force. It can not and will never happen that you will release them by force. They must be investigated of their interfering of Akobo activities which they were not involve to do. Peace for what?? do your peace in Juba with Dinka and Nuer wew don’t attempt to Lou Nuer land or promise land. Torturing them properly they will learnt.

Date: September 26, 2017

Source: Sudan Tribune

Kush/slave

You talk like you can fight without Nuerwew/UPDF right???? Well, we accept your second option. Come and release them at your own risk!!!!

**Food Lovers**

The phrase “food lovers” can be used alongside, or as an alternative to, terms such as “nyam nyam” or “cowards1” in reference to the multi-ethnic groups in Equatorian states.

“Food lovers” was originally used to portray the Equatorians as cowards who cannot withstand the war.

Collectively, the three terms were mostly utilized by Dinka and Nuer social media users to depict the Equatorians as people who are too soft to confront injustices through violence. When the term first emerged, it referred to Equatorians as people whose sole purpose is simply to work, eat, and enjoy life.

More recently, this term is being used by opposition supporters to refer to politicians serving in the government (but mostly Nuer) who are “filling their stomachs” or seen to be personally benefiting from the conflict while oblivious to the suffering of their communities. This term is now more commonly used on social media together with the terms like “Nuer Wew” and “traitor,” while also targeting Equatorians in government.

“Food Lovers” also targets President Salva Kiir’s Nuer allies and Taban Deng Gai’s supporters. The term can also be used to differentiate these groups from “freedom fighters” by referring to them as “food fighters” who enter armed combat against their own communities for their personal gain.

“Food Lovers” is contextually similar to “Nuer Wew” because it targets ideology and political affiliation rather than ethnicity. This term is inflammatory as it does not allow neutral or alternative political opinions. Use of the term squeezes the Nuer community into a binary system in which they are either pro-Machar, and therefore worthy of being called Nuer, or pro-Taban Deng Gai, and thus betrayers of their community.

### Sample Posts:

Date: September 30, 2017

Source: Facebook

Location: Oslo, Norway

My message goes to Ato Thokwath Pal .please uncle Thokwath don't lie on media tells nonsense news about army of Dr Riek are in Pagak are against Ethiopia Government. Those food lovers led by Bol Ruach Roam and Thokwath Pal shouldn't get rich because of blood of Gaatjaak children's. You caused Dr Riek Machar and Nuer community a great deal of damage in favour of Dinka leadership under Salva Kiir Mayardit whom you are materially benefits from him. Believe me you will pay dearly.

Date: September 22, 2017

Source: Facebook

Great men speak from heart, your my friend now. We will suffer from this day to that day but time will come when Nuer will rise against their food lovers and then they will face their enemy. We will get there Thank you very much. Great speech.

Date: September 29, 2017

Source: Facebook

"Ahah haha haha" They will get only Nuer food lovers from their planning. Dinka government will be end very soon "Intercepted"- Jieng Neutralization plan on opposition (s):13, November 2014

It seems like the war is not going to end in our favour unless we take more steps in switching the end results on our favour (Neutralization plan on opposition).

### Kokora

A term identified in the Lab’s lexicon, this term means “division” in Bari. It originated in the 1972 Addis Ababa agreement at the end of the First Sudanese Civil War, which called for reorganization of three southern provinces—Bahr el Ghazal, Equatoria, and Upper Nile—into one southern region. Equatorians subsequently agitated for autonomy, while the other provinces preferred unification. In 1983, Nimeiri responded with a decree that disbanded the union in favor of three provinces and ordered non-Equatorians back to their regions. Consequently, non-Equatorians use this term to disparage Equatorians as not liking people from other regions. Bari-speaking Equatorians use this term to describe Dinkas as land-grabbers, or to refer to landgrabbing grievances more generally.

More recently, the term has been used online to support or push back against Thomas Cirillo’s NAS rebel movement. Since the formation of the NAS movement, some opinion writers have accused Cirillo of being Salva Kiir’s spy, and his movement a tool to destabilize the SPLM-IO. Shifting alliances by Equatorians who feel underrepresented in the government and in opposition groups could cause wider rifts between

Equatorians and Nuer, potentially resulting in violence.

Some social media users have employed “Kokora” to advocate for the move of both the Dinka and Nuer out of Equatoria. Some Dinka and Equatorians oppose this usage by claiming that such division did not work historically and left the southern region weak against Khartoum. Supporters of Kokora are portrayed as anti-South Sudan and anti-unity. Dinka who have previously spoken out against the idea of Kokora have been accused of being afraid to return to their hometowns because they are lazy, or because they rely on other South Sudanese communities to survive. Some Equatorians have utilized the term to warn other Equatorians that the Nuer are also a threat to their communities, and that the Nuer will not allow Equatorians to live in peace once the Dinka are pushed out (suggesting that Equatoria will turn into “Nuertoria”). However, some Nuer have insisted that the main threat is the Dinka, and that Nuer have no need to be in Equatoria.

According to the Lab’s research, “Kokora” can be considered hateful language since it inflames tensions based on historic lessons of division and weakness in the southern region of the country. Furthermore, “This (term) is used to target non-Equatorians, especially Jieng/Dinka. It’s used to initiate violence against non Bari-speaking people. It’s a term that can be used to turn Equatorians against people in Bahr-el Ghazal or Upper Nile.”

### Sample Posts:

Date: September 27, 2017

Source: Facebook

I know him (Gasim) personally even if he did not joint any arm movement. Salva(tore) and the Jenje Council of Elders are finish. Sava(tore) Is crying in public with tears now blaming his tribal army of the killings, rapings, looting, all short of what Dinka tribe did to other tribes of South Sudan . He was thinking the. Ugandan president Mr. Museveni will live for ever as president of Uganda, to save him. But nothing like that. Museveni's days are numbered. Dinka will soon go out of Equatoria States, if UN did not intervene, and make them move out of Juba as UN had suggested in 2015 peace deal between Dr. Riak Machar Teny , UN, IGAD, and their stakeholders. They are Dane. SPLA I.O Greed to be out of Juba and they had wanted to do so, but the JENGE Elders refused. OK let us see. Hon Abel Alier knows better from 1986 the kokora era.

Date: September 27, 2017

Source: Facebook

my friend my mind is not sick to be examined, but my mind is sick of tribalism and Kokora dream, tribalism and kokora has no difference. some times Kokora is even more worst than tribalism. let us not deceived our selve,

Date: September 30, 2017

Source: Facebook

LOMORO.. KAKISTOCRACY THE GOVERNMENT BY THE USELESS AND INEFFECTIVE AND INEFFICIENT IDIOTCRATS...

SEE HERE THE THOMAS CIRILLO BUNCH OF KOKORA ADDICTS OR FANATICS....THESE ARE A BUNCH OF KOKORA ADDICTS WHO FEEL THAT EQUATORIA IS THEIRS AND THEY SHOULD IMPOSE THEIR CLOSET IDEAS ON A FREE NATION....

## HATE SPEECH MONITORING AND CONFLICT ANALYSIS IN SOUTH SUDAN

Report #4: September 8 – September 23, 2017

### Kuethpiny

Generally, kuethpiny is a Dinka name for males meaning “the earth will be full,” while the Nuer version of the word is “bi piny thiang.” Kuethpiny can be used in a baby naming ceremony as a lamentation for the previous dead siblings of a newborn. The term can also represent a prayer for no more death in the family, as well as a prayer that the named child will serve relatives to their satisfaction. The Lab identified this term as inflammatory as part of its research and dialogues with South Sudanese in 2016. One of the earliest uses



of this term in a derogatory manner online can be traced to an article on the South Sudan Nation website in December 2012.

More recently, social media users are using the term as an inflammatory reference to President Salva Kiir, since his grandfather's name was Kuethpiny. Based on different translations and interpretations of the term, it has been repurposed to taunt Kiir and his supporters, and to describe how his closest allies and family members get access to money and power through him.

For example, the term is now being used to describe the "fullness of the earth (stomachs)" of the current president and his regime, portraying Kiir and his allies as incompetent and corrupt with personal interests that have "eaten" and looted from the public, resulting in their "sated stomachs." Kuethpiny can also be used to describe the loss of thousands of lives in South Sudan due to violence that has filled the earth with dead bodies.

The term has similar connotations as more frequently reported terms such as "food lovers," "nyagat" and "Nuer wew." It is considered dangerous because the term has the potential to mobilize people for retaliatory armed action. In some cases, Kuethpiny has been used to taunt members of the Dinka community that have lost people in armed clashes by insinuating that there is nothing that their "sated" leader can do to help them, because he is just a spectator to their suffering. The term is mainly used by Nuer, Equatorians and Dinka who are against President Kiir.

### Sample Posts:

Date: September 18, 2017

Source: Facebook

KARMA

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A Kuethpiny Lual 's fatal crackdown on his own bunch of sycophantic and bootlicking eejits. By so doing, and of course, resorting to the indulged Awanchan decrees, read on the most monopolized SSBC ( formerly SSTV) he (Kuethpiny Lual) relieves his most sycophantic and staunch appeasers; governors of unconstitutionally created states, and that's, the so-called governor of Awanchan state of Gokrial and the so-called governor of Western Bieh ( lately renamed Fangak State) respectively. He subsequently replaces them with seemingly more or less fresh or honest sycophants. The million dollars question is, who is safe to last longer in this turf....where sycophantic and appeasement business is an order of the day?  
Mr. Close

Date: September 18, 2017

Source: Facebook

Kuethping lual is doing recycling for sure by replacing Kong nyuon with Kok Ruei twice <kong &Kok>

Source: Facebook

#.....the tragic aspect of the situation is that the killer Kiir kuethpiny and his cohorts are living in an utter fool's paradise, thinking that they are as strong and all-powerful as before!

#duplicity.

Date: September 19, 2017

Source: Facebook

Kirmayardit has neither supporters nor enemies.Good for him Mr kir kuethpiny Lual.God curse us with this monkeyman.oh God heaven

### Coward(s)

With violent conflict in South Sudan seemingly leaving no community unscathed, the term "Coward" has also changed to encompass many different target groups. This term was previously used by Dinka to portray Equatorians as people who lack the courage to engage in violent conflict. This was based on the perception that many Equatorians did not support the government in the ongoing conflict. In the Lab's first monitoring report, the term gained additional meaning, as it implied Equatorian rebels were using hit-and-run tactics, rather than direct confrontation, to oppose the government forces. This was particularly



relevant in relation to the attacks along major roads leading in and out of Juba. More recently, based on the emergence of new armed rebel movements across the country, some Equatorians have branded other Equatorians as cowards if they continue to side with the government.

During this reporting period, the term is no longer limited to targeting Equatorians. Based on the sample posts below, the current Minister of Information and Communication Michael Makuei and President Kiir are also referred to as cowards.

One post notes, “coward Makuei Lueth who embarrass the whole country in J1...” Another post reads, “Salva Kiir, an insecure coward [who] is known for making things up like 2004...” In 2004, then Deputy Chairman and Chief of Staff Salva Kiir feared meeting up with his former boss, Dr. John Garang, thinking he would be arrested or killed. Some social media users view President Kiir’s current actions, such as detaining Paul Malong, as cowardly.

The term is considered offensive because it can provoke the intended victims to take the law into their hands. For example, some credit the use of the term as a mobilizing factor for Equatorians to take up arms against the government.

### Sample Posts:

Date: September 14, 2017

Source: Facebook

E-Cowards leave our miss south Sudan alone coz pigmies/dwarfs will never be miss south Sudan atleast girls from Dinka, shilluk and Nuer will always compete 4 miss south Sudan for centuries to come

Date: September 10, 2017

Source: Facebook

According to British quotes to sudan-south sudan in 1900's

Said;

DINKA'S are very disobedience, brave and must be leaders.%

NUER are very disobedience, brave, careless and must not be leaders.

EQUATORIAN are very obedience, coward and the can rule through some body hand.

Date: September 17, 2017

Source: Facebook

"...Please take care!!!

Don't be gossipier like Dinka Bor and their old politician Kuol Manyang...

Support the right side like Equatoria...

Don't spread lie and deny the fact like coward Makuei Lueth who embarrass the whole country in J1...

Know your right and fight for it like Shilluk.....

### Jienge/Jenge/Jaang

Previously identified in the Lab’s research, “Jenge” and its variants continue to appear frequently on social media. This term is used by Nuer, or those in Equatoria, to refer to Dinkas.

There are many variations, including in Arabic, Juba Arabic, Murle, and Bari. However, Dinkas also use the traditional term Jieng (“the people”) to describe themselves; the term may have neutral cultural and historical roots related to the pastoralist backgrounds of many Dinkas.

Social media users who are non-Dinka continue to associate the term “Jienge” (referring to Dinka) with animals, nomadism, nakedness, primitivism, and oppressiveness. These references tend to reflect on-going anger and frustration directed at the government, in particular the blurred lines between Jieng Council of Elders (JCE), a self-appointed body that claims to champion the interests of the Dinka, and the President. For some social media users, the JCE, the Dinka people and the President are one and same thing. In this context, the JCE can be considered the mastermind of most of the destructive policies and decisions adopted by

President Kiir. According to a sample post below, “The JCE is the government while Mr. President is just

a puppet. In that case, South Sudanese will never stop pointing fingers to Dinka for the collapse of the government.”

The JCE is also a highly controversial and divisive topic among Dinka on social media. Some Dinka are bitterly opposed to the influential role of the JCE, with some Dinka groups accusing others of favoritism vis-à-vis the JCE. For example, some Bor Dinka have charged the Rek Dinka of Northern Bahr el Ghazal with using the lobby group to empower themselves at the expense of other Dinka.

Historically, the term Jenge can degrade Dinkas by associating them with cattle, and by characterizing the targeted person or group as illiterate, primitive, or barbaric. Current usage scapegoats the Dinka people generally based on the perceived aggressive actions of the Dinka dominated government and armed forces.

### Sample Posts:

Date: September 17, 2017

Source: Sudan Tribune

Jienge Defender General,

Oh yes, if eating monkey intestines has made me more intelligent than a Jienge who feeds on nothing, then so be it. Cows are foolish animals and must be herded and directed and jienges are no different. Did you hear that people kept monkeys like cows? No. A monkey is a free and wukd animal, a cow is kept, whipped and slaughtered and so do Jienges with no independent min

Date: September 15, 2017

Source: Sudan Tribune

Dinka refer to themselves as mony-jang which means "men of men", in the Dinka thinking, they represented the standard of what's ideally human and therefore best," notes historian Francis Deng, Dinkaland is the most beautiful, the Dinka race the perfect example of creation, Dinka cattle the ideal wealth and Dinka was best model of dignity, and in the face of attack, brutality was normal.

Date: September 16, 2017

Source: Sudan Tribune

Anyone who grew up in Juba knows these stories narrated by our fathers, friends and relatives that most jienges from Bor used to look after Bari cows in the late 60s-70s and were given milk in the evenings as reward. They also used to ride on donkeys to fetch us water from the Nile. Chief Anderea Gore used to whip those who dared to come naked to Juba, so the word aryan jienge.???

Date: September 18, 2017

Source: Sudan Tribune

How could any person with a sound mind differentiate between the two while the that same government led by a Dinka president is totally run by an elders so called JIENG COUNCIL OF ELDERS from the same tribe. The JCE is the government while Mr. President is just a puppet. In that case, South Sudanese will never stop pointing fingers to Dinka for the collapse of the government.

### Notes

The terms featured in this report were prioritized based on volume of posts from our social media monitoring and analysis. Please note that we are only able to collect and analyze public social media content, which limits our ability to access a significant amount of posts including hate speech. This is particularly true for South Sudan, given that many of the major platforms for inflammatory comments and posts are largely private, including Facebook and WhatsApp. In our own monitoring, we have seen examples of terms identified in our lexicon of hate speech terms that we have not been able to include as examples above since they are primarily used in private user pages.