

THE TSARNAEV BROTHERS SEEN THROUGH THE SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE ISLAMISTS WEBSITES: WELCOME IN A PARANOID (AND ANTI-WESTERN) WORLD

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Since the identification of the Tsarnaev Brothers as the main (and probably the only) responsables for the attacks in Boston, thousands of messages of support flourished on the social networks as *Facebook*, *YouTube* or *Twitter*. Reactions on well-known Islamists websites and forums are less numerous. Here are some examples.

1) On the Islamists websites

The followers of the Islamists websites and forums don't seem very interested in the Boston attacks. Some messages were posted since last week – most of them being only retransmission of news dispatches of CNN, *Al Jazeera* and others news websites - but they draw, usually, very few comments.

On “*Ansar al-Moujahideen*”, one of the most active Salafists-Jihadists websites, “Gharib Mouwahid” (very active, with 644 messages so far) stated that the two brothers were “*trapped and manipulated*” by the U.S. intelligence services. He said also that the brothers had “*no connection*” with jihadists groups. The same message was posted by the same man on “*Snam alislam*”.

Other messages affirm that the attacks were an “inside job” perpetrated by U.S. Intelligence and...Blackwater.

On *Islammemo*, Mohamed Moosa writes that: “*Boston attacks are a new lie, as were 09/11 attacks. The United states are now ready to launch a war against the Muslims living in their country*”.

Nevertheless, another contributor, “*Jaaabir*” underlined that the bombs were made “*following descriptions published by “Inspire”*”¹ and joked on the fact that “*Inspire continues to inspire*”. He says also that the next issue of this online magazine - “*the most dangerous publication in the world*” - will be published in a very near future and advises readers to perpetrate “martyrdom attacks” (suicide attacks).

¹ Inspire is an English speaking online magazine published by al-Qaeda in the Arabic Peninsula and aiming to mobilize and recruit a western audience (Muslims who don't speak Arabic and converts). Its first issue was published in July 2010.

Again on *Ansar al-Moujahideen*, “Rafia Liwaa al-Izz” (2258 messages posted so far) threatened Hawaiï and Virginia of similar attacks : “*Wait for us in Hawaiï and Virginia*” and, in a second messages: “*Other ferocious lone wolfs will devour you, cross-worshippers...*”

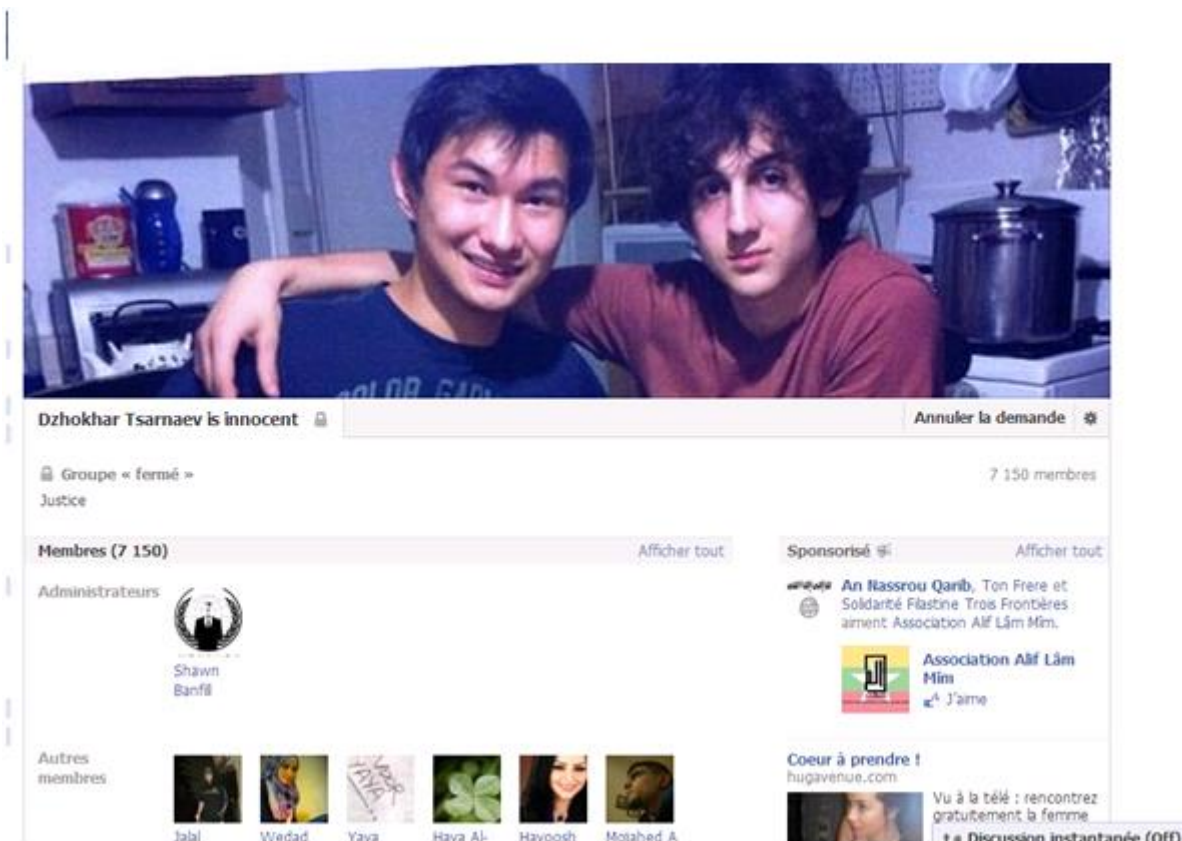
2) On the Social Media

Thousands of messages were posted on various *Facebook* pages those last days. They mainly reflect two opinions: usual conspiracy theories and radical Islamists views.

It must be underlined that **some Islamists contributors feed their “thoughts” by conspiracy arguments...**

The **majority of the messages belong to the « conspiracy sphere »** and their first effect is to make the messages supporting the Tsarnaev brothers less visible.

- A group named « *Tsarnaev is innocent* » registered 12 606 members this Thursday at 04 :00 PM GMT.



- A petition « *To guarantee Dzhokhar Tsarnaev the right to a fair trial*” was already signed by more than 6 600 people (the objective is 7 500 signatures):: <https://www.change.org/petitions/petition-to-guarantee-dzhokhar-tsarnaev-the-right-to-a-fair-trial>
- A Belgian known Islamist, “*Jean Louis Le Soumis*” posted a message saying that the Boston attacks was « a comedy played by actors »...



- A small conspiracy group posted the following image (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BostonMarathonConspiracy/?fref=ts>)



- On *YouTube*, some activists posted a video of a man naked and handcuffed by police officers on Friday morning and presented as being Tamerlan Tsarnaev. **The purpose is clear: Tamerlan was arrested alive and then killed by the police OR he is “an actor”:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u6Te9mMuhag>

YouTube FR

HE WAS HANDCUFFED. HOW HE DIED? AND WHY?

Tamerlan Tsarnaev ? NAKED walking alive !

Hebert D. · 87 vidéos

212 960

S'abonner 154

J'aime

À propos de Partager Ajouter à

Publiée le 19 avril 2013
WE NEED MORE THIS - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=96k9lo...>

BOSTON BOMBING Did you notice this?
de VidTruth
32 057 vues

A retired Lieutenant Colonel in the Army weighs in on Boston.
de conservatusprime
274 359 vues

Watertown Boston. Armed police situation after Boston
de TheeDudeabidez
27 262 vues

Tamerlan Tsarnaev : Was a Boxing Champion & Had
de PatrynWorldLatestNew
9 248 vues

Boston Bombing Suspect: Raw Video of Tamerlan Tsarnaev
de RevolutionNewz
13 095 vues

Boston Tamerlan Tsarnaev dead Dzhokhar on the run
de theback bencher
18 123 vues

Dzhokhar & Tamerlan Tsarnaev
de diaplus
47 478 vues

- ON Twitter ? @FreeJahar has less that 200 followers.
- Here is a classical profile of a Tsarnaev supporter on Twitter:

Résumé du profil

Ummar Hyat Meer
@Ummar_Meer
Muslim
Birmingham! · <http://www.facebook.com/ummar.mirza>

795 TWEETS 160 ABONNEMENTS 104 ABONNÉS

Suivre

Ummar Hyat Meer @Ummar_Meer · 13 min
People acting like there is clear evidence against him, what happened to innocent till proven guilty, unfollow if u want, idc. #FreeJahar
Détails

Ummar Hyat Meer @Ummar_Meer · 15 min
I love @J_tsar for the sake of Allah, it's convenient for a nation to make a young muslim a scapegoat, nothing adds up. #FreeJahar
Détails

Ummar Hyat Meer @Ummar_Meer · 35 min
Proof - Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's Back-Pack was photo-shopped out?
youtube.com/watch?v=7-fDFZ... via @youtube please watch and RT this
Détails

3) A short analysis

We assess that the few reactions on the Islamists websites **underline the fact that the two brothers were not members of a known terrorist organization and probably acted on their own** but also that **the contributors have been called to be “extremely cautious” on what they post** since a few months (to avoid to attract the attention of “intelligence services”).

On the social media, the vast majority of messages come from the conspiracy fans. Most of them are...Americans: unbalanced persons, far-right elements and even “pacifists”.

The Islamists posting on this subject rely on conspiracy theory to explain that Washington wants to “continue its war against Islam”. Most of them seem to be European of Muslim descent or European converted to Islam.

Some Chechen also post message supporting the Tsarnaev brothers only because they are Chechen.

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