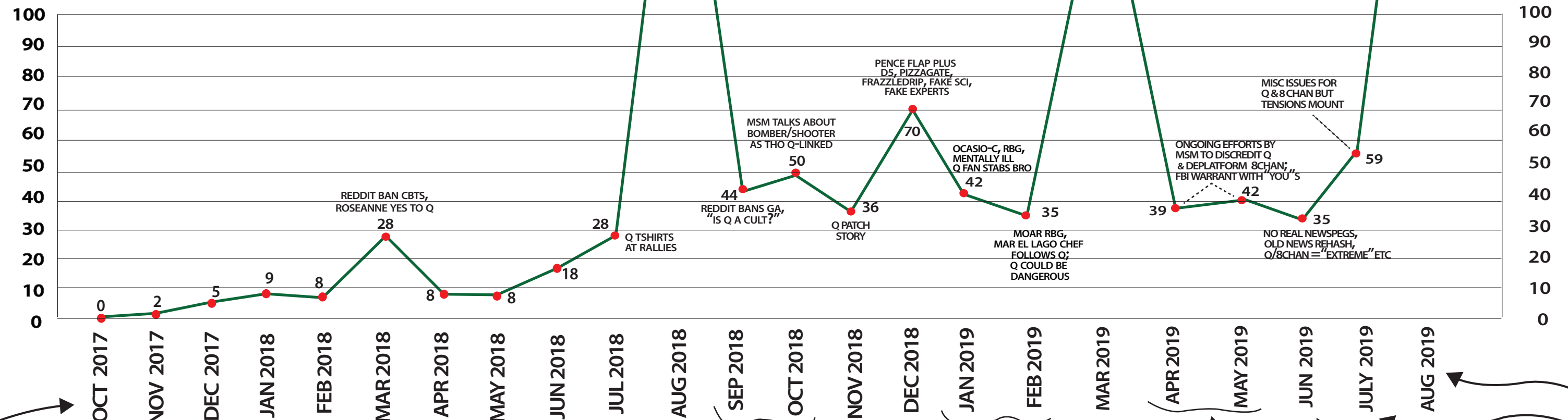


Article timeline

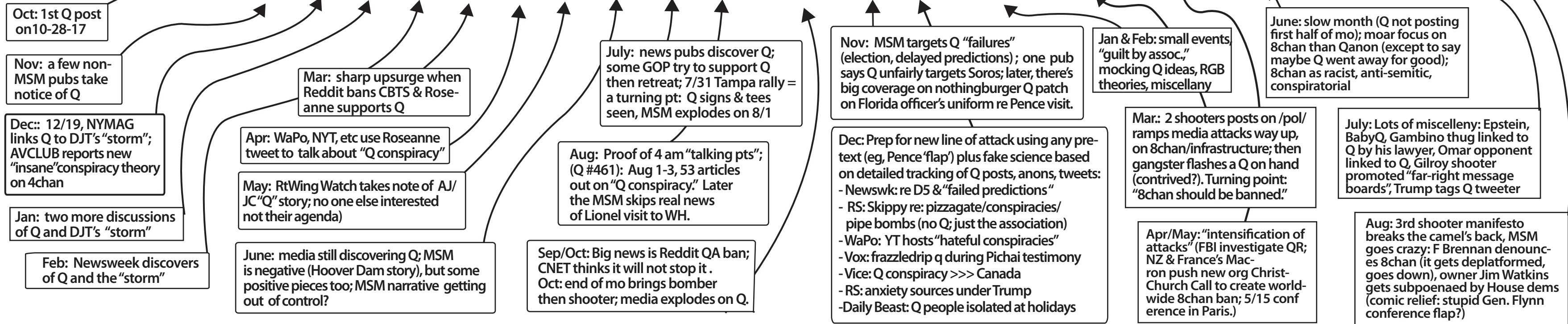
MSM on Q & 8chan

Oct 2017 - Aug 2019

~1350 MSM articles total. (Monthly totals change slightly as articles as new material is found & corrections are made; 8chan tracked since ChristChurch event in Mar 2019)



435 AUG
(Q= 117, 8chan=318)
EVERYTHING COMES TO A HEAD:
("AUGUST IS A HOT MONTH")
GILROY SHOOTING PRIMES THE
PUMP & EL PASO MANIFESTO
LEADS TO 8CHAN DEPLATFORMING/
CONGRESSIONAL HEARING



PHASE I:
Q is barely known; alt-media is curious; when MSM becomes aware in late Dec 2017, they note the connection between DJT "storm" comments & Q; MSM begins selling Q as a larp.

PHASE II:
Media is aware of Q but doesn't know much; MSM mainly uses Q to slam DJT; uses Reddit CBTS ban & Roseanne's support to do the same. Mostly ignores the real news story about AJ & JC because they don't care. Since Q-as-a-larp didn't work, MSM hits harder on conspiracy theme to discredit/dishearten (maybe ridicule will work).

PHASE III:
Q movement keeps growing; MSM aren't sure what to try next. But tees at rallies sparks them into action on 8-1, when nationwide articles appear on Q. Next big spike is after Reddit GA ban in Sept; quiet til later Oct (bomber/shooter news: they try to link to Q).

PHASE IV:
Attacks more precisely-targeted/"scientific":
- insider knowledge of 8chan / psy-ops on board
- juxtaposition of Q with "crazy" things (pizzagate, frazzledrip, etc.,) as tho they are the same.
- use of fake science techniques to debunk Q. WaPo 10/12 article mentions four "experts."

PHASE V:
MSM & others push harder for policies to shut down free speech, stakes are increasing higher close to DECLAS, so in addition to usual ridicule & trivialization tactics, MSM launches full-frontal attack on 8chan/QR using Christchurch, Poway & (finally) El Paso shootings as justification. Fredrick Brennan denunciation of 8chan catalyst for deplatforming followed by House SW Cmte subpoenaing 8chan owner Jim Watkins. See also MS-NBC series "Breaking Hate" (Spring).