

An analysis of the Malaysian Twitter Network of the 2018 Port Dickson by-election.

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The 2018 Port Dickson by-election is seen as a significant move to reinstall formerly jailed Anwar Ibrahim into parliament following his exoneration by the recently elected Malaysian government. We extracted tweets with hashtag #PRKPortDickson and analyzed the complex networks of retweets within the data set. We identified the most important users by comparing different centralities, highlight the main issues discussed and utilized modularity [1] to identify communities in the network such as news media, different of political parties as well as suspected 'cybertroopers' spreading misinformation and fake news.

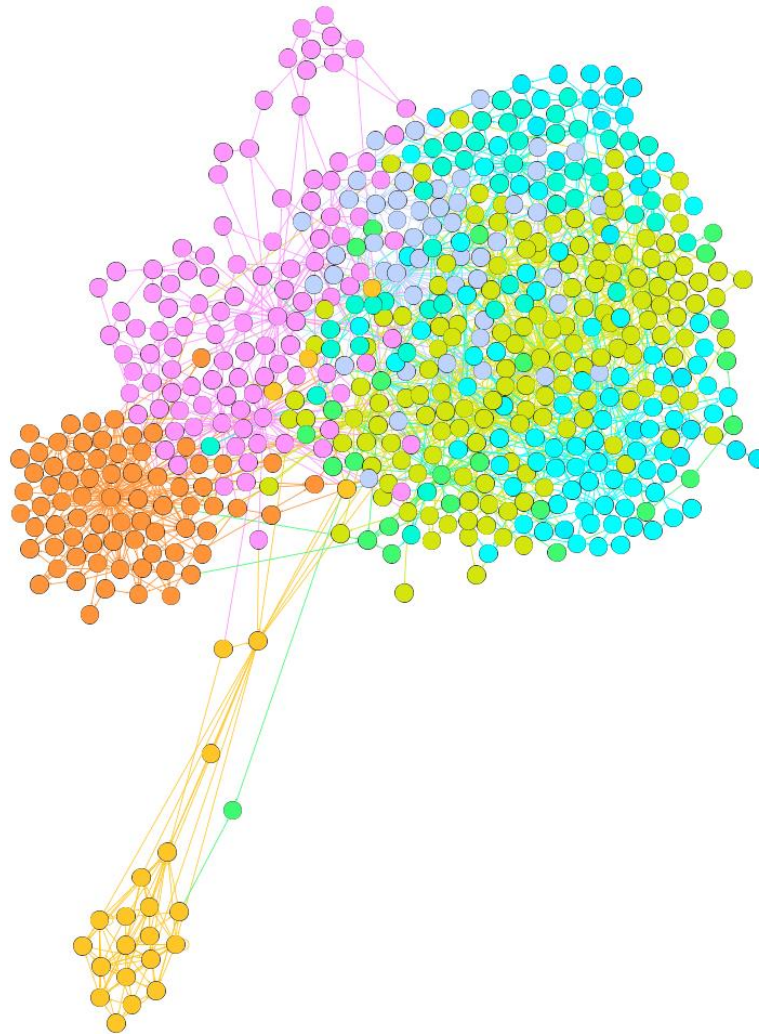


Figure 1: #PRKPortDickson retweet network partitioned by modularity.

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