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Analysis of June 2020 Twitter takedowns linked to China, Russia, and Turkey | Stanford Internet Observatory

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On June 3, 2020 Twitter shared with the Stanford Internet Observatory accounts and tweets associated with three distinct takedowns. These include:

- China: 23,750 accounts that tweeted 348,608 times. Twitter attributes the
 operation to the People's Republic of China (PRC), the same state actor
 responsible for the approximately 200,000 accounts suspended in <u>August</u>
 2019.
- Russia (Current Policy): 1,152 accounts that tweeted 3,434,792 times. Twitter
 attributes the operation to actors affiliated with *Current Policy*, a group of
 social-media accounts primarily engaged in publishing pro-Kremlin, antiopposition, and anti-Western content.
- Turkey: 7,340 accounts that tweeted 36,948,524 times. Twitter attributes the operation to the youth wing of the ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP). The operation, for the most part, targeted Turkish citizens.

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