



## What Congress Should Ask Google at Tuesday's Judiciary Hearing

# Google and Digital Platforms: A Crisis Years in the Making

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Google CEO Sundar Pichai will go before the House Judiciary Committee on December 11 to answer questions about its business practices.

Google has a lot to answer for. Over the last six years, DCA has shown how illicit and/or illegal behavior is widespread and monetized across the company's platforms. Behaviors including:

1. Terrorist/extremist content
2. Opioids and other pharmaceuticals made available without a prescription
3. Malware spyware, and videos of children caught on webcams controlled by threat actors
4. Stolen credit cards and other personally identifiable information

Examples from our research begin on Slide 5 and some contain disturbing and graphic images of violence



# Questions for Google

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- Why does Google allow advertisements purchased by legitimate businesses, including some of the world's most well-known brands, to run next to videos and posts pushing illegal and/or illicit content?
- How much money does Google make on ads that show up next to videos promoting illegal and/or illicit behavior?
- Google has created teams to 1) defend its app store, Google Play, from malicious actors selling bad apps, 2) to stop those promoting payday loans, and 3) to prevent the spread of child pornography. Why doesn't Google apply the same level of priority to all illegal activity on its platforms?
- If Google's algorithm is sophisticated enough to place a relevant ad next to illegal and/or illicit content (for example an ad for an immigration lawyer next to a video promoting fake passports), why doesn't it use the same tools to identify illegal and/or illicit content and remove it?

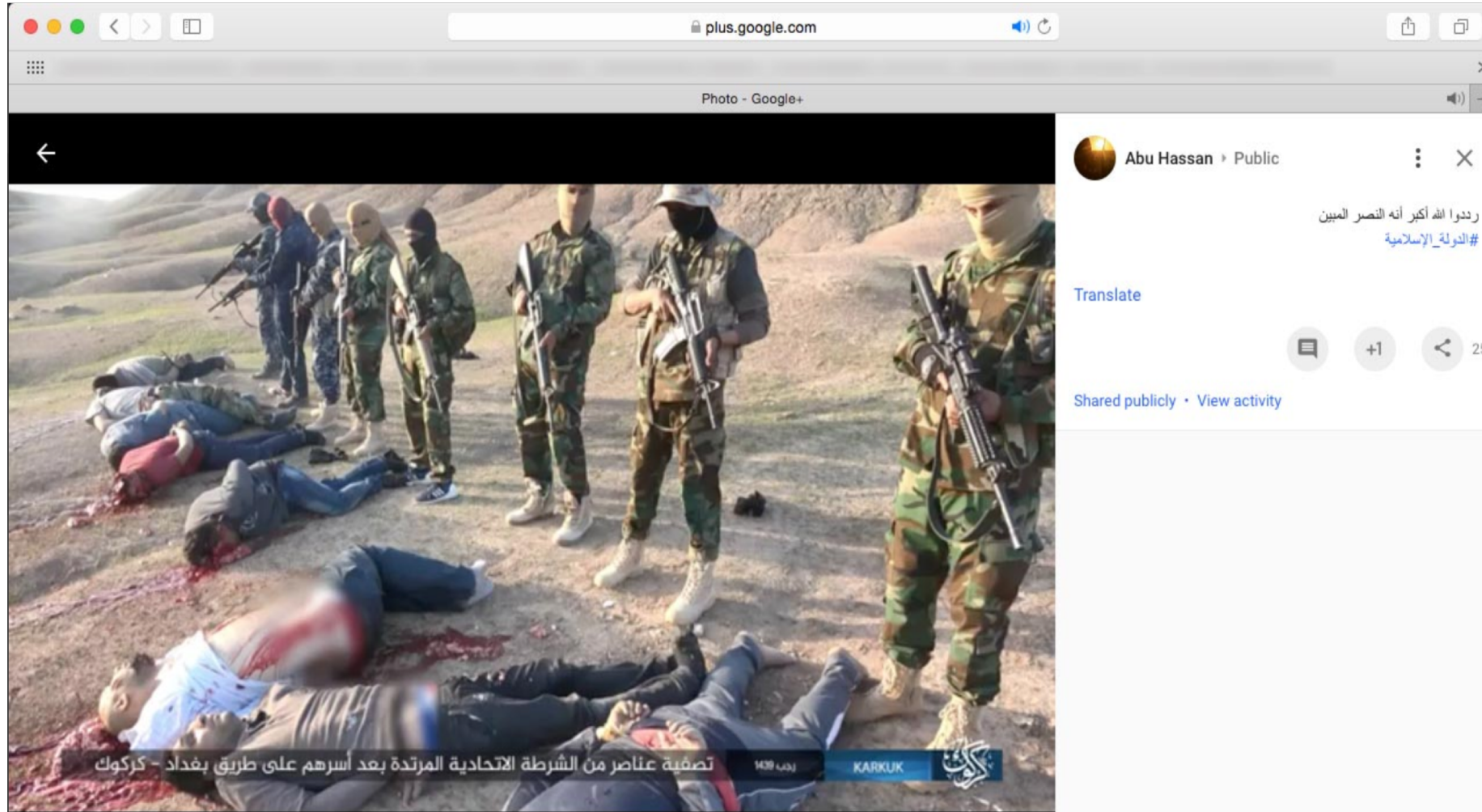
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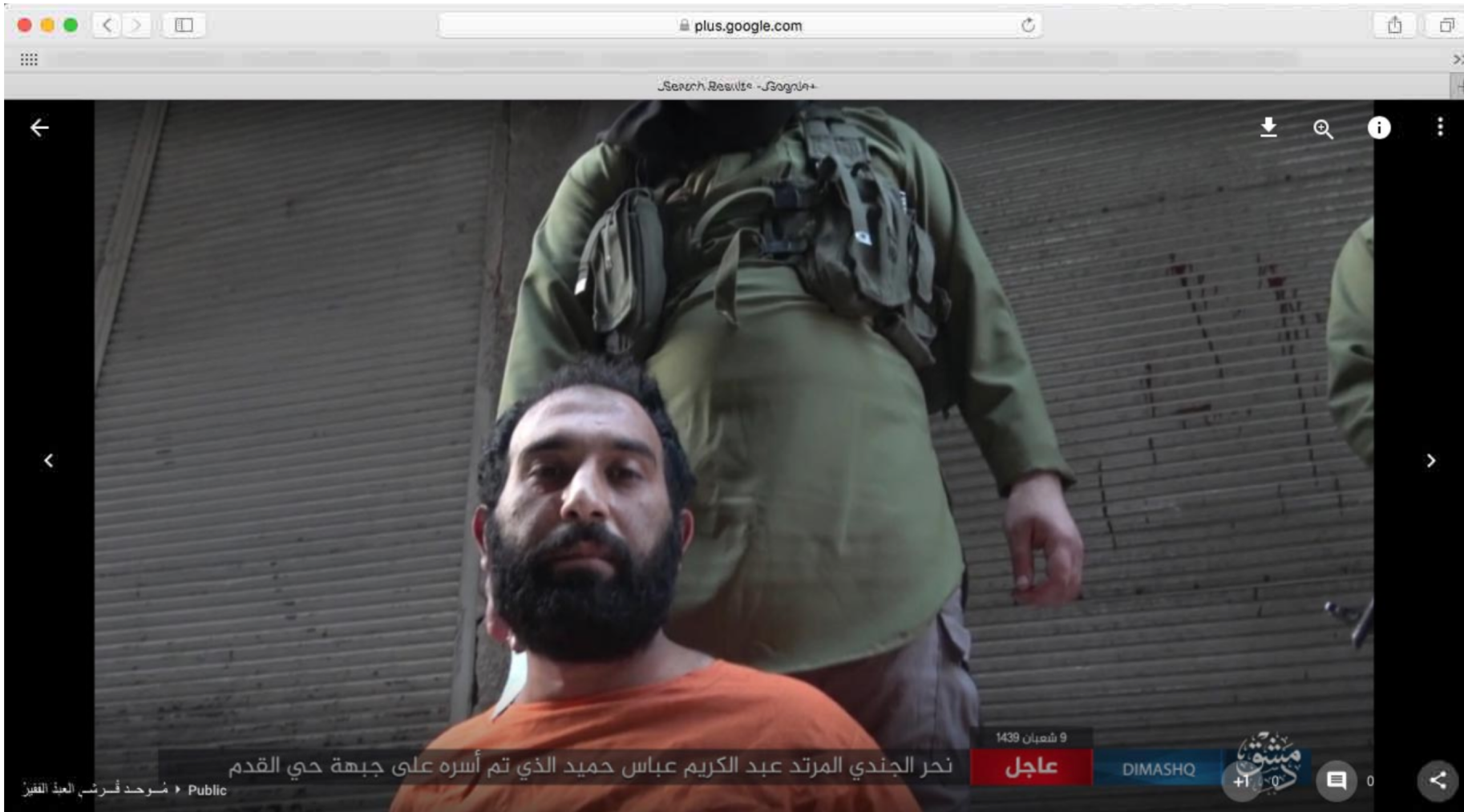
**THIS REPORT CONTAINS DISTURBING IMAGES AND  
LINKS TO VIDEOS AND OTHER CONTENT THAT  
SHOW VIOLENT ACTIONS.**

# Terrorism on Google+



*A group of terrorists pose after executing an unidentified group of men. Researchers discovered this video on Google+ on April 4<sup>th</sup> of this year. As of May 1<sup>st</sup>, the video was still available.*

# Terrorism on Google+



*This image was captured just before terrorists beheaded this man. The images were captured on Google+ in April of this year.*

*To view the full series of photos, visit the gallery on our site:*

<https://www.digitalcitizensalliance.org/main/jihad-album#gallery-210>



# Opioids & Pharmaceuticals on YouTube

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by 7NEWS

9,212 views

Buy Oxycodone, Hydrocodone, Methadone Online

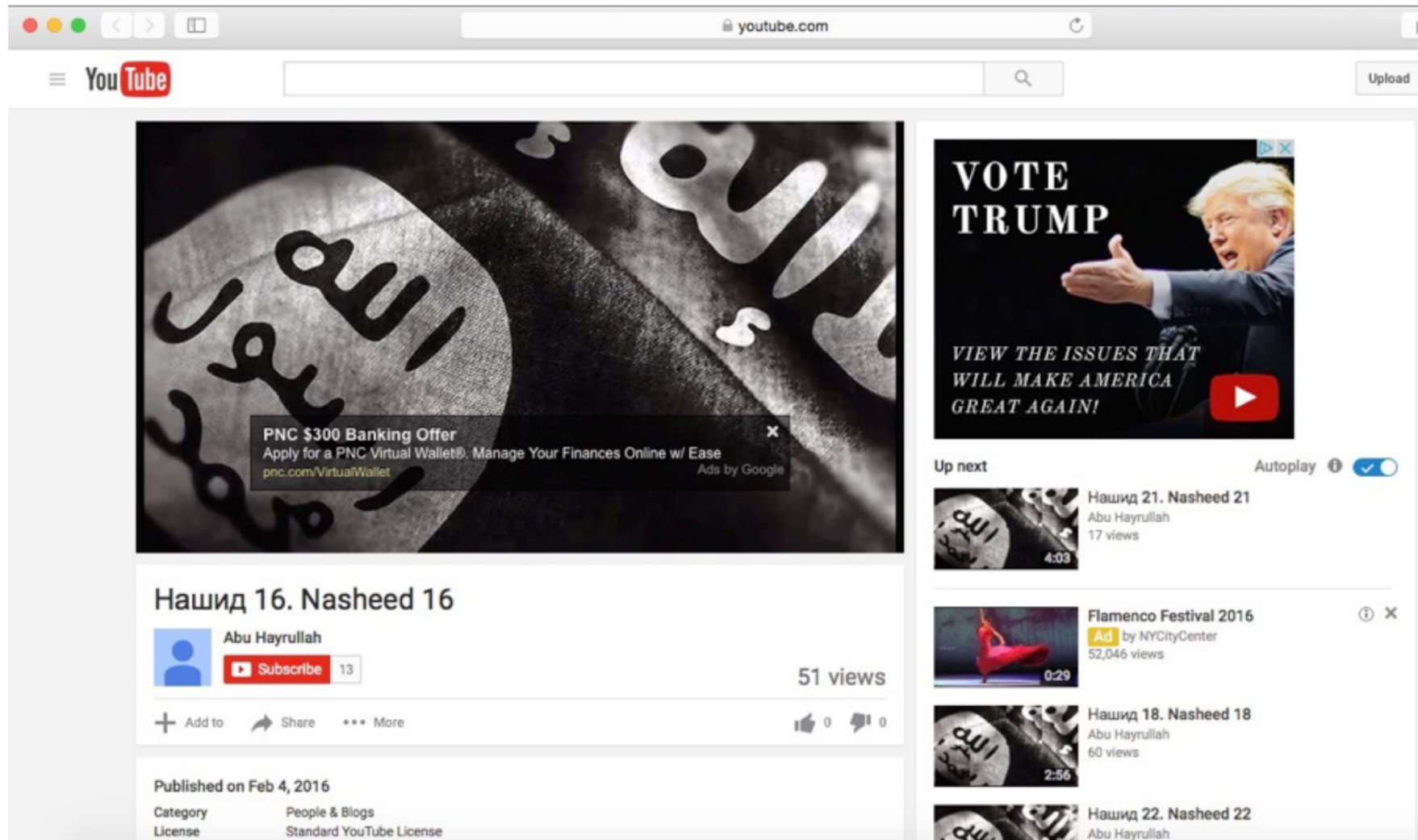
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*Here is a YouTube video promoting the sale of Oxycontin and Roxicodone without a prescription. Note the 2014 Olympics ad on the right.*

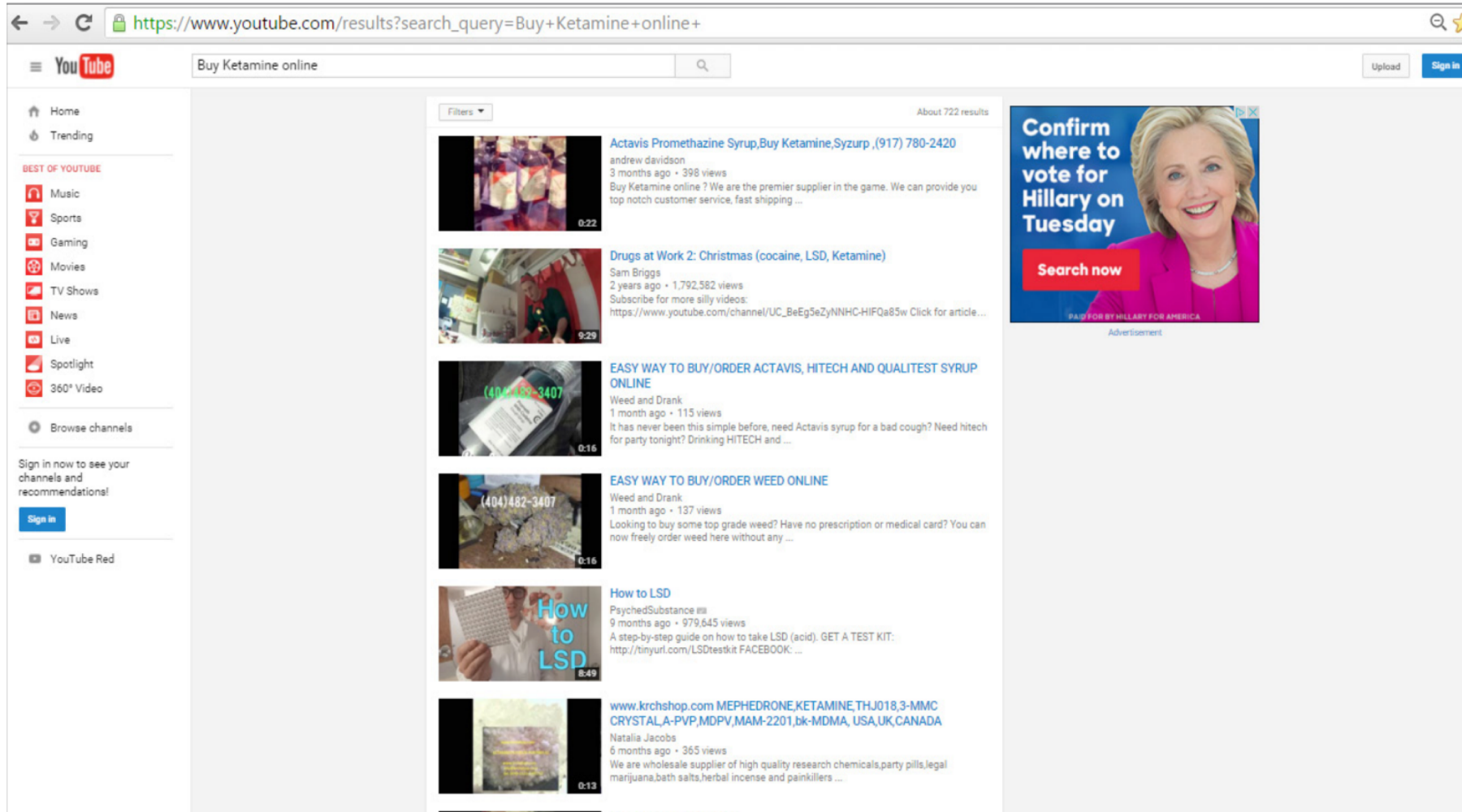


# Extremist Content & Political Ads on YouTube



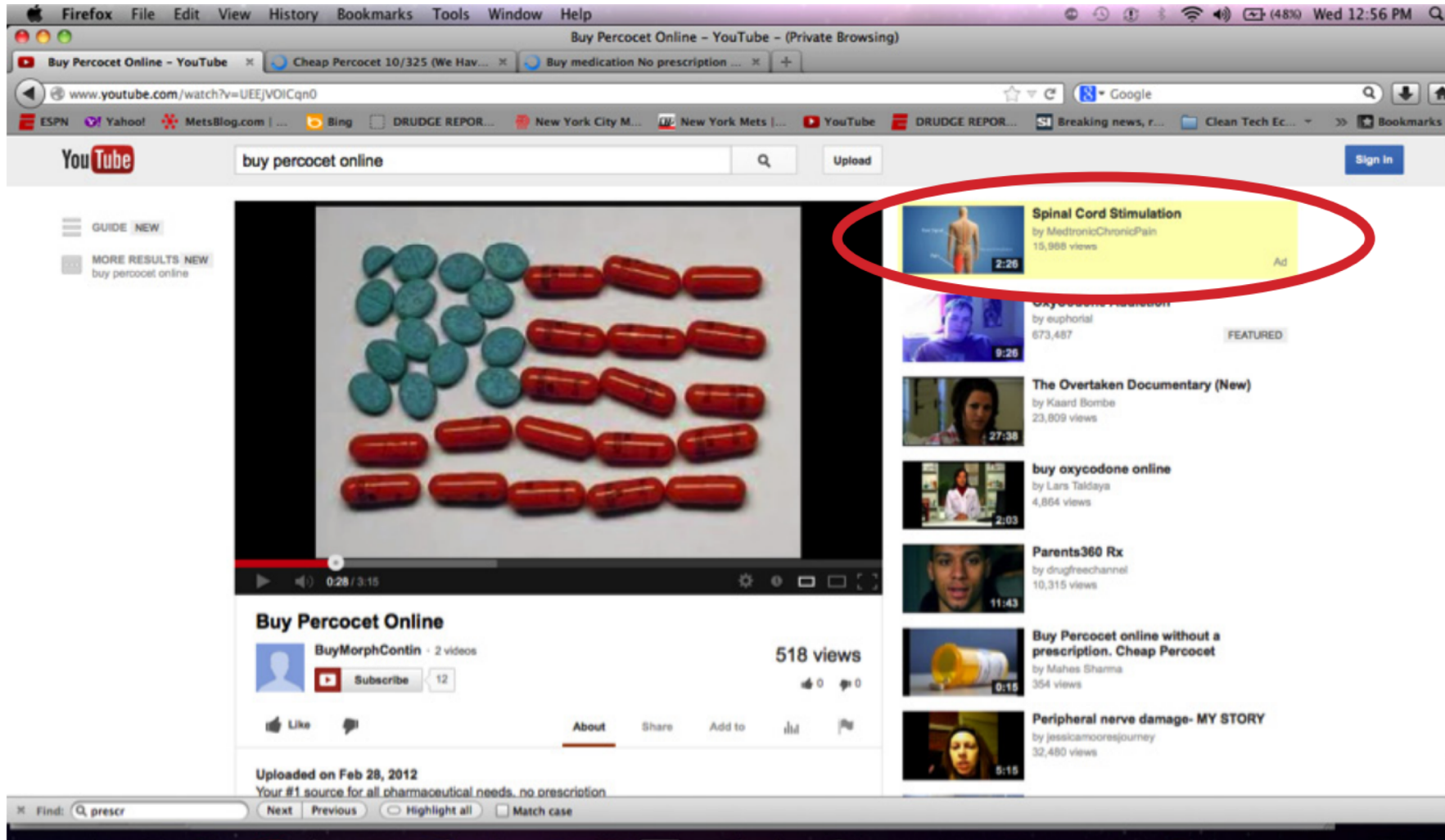
*Screenshot of “Vote Trump” ad running before the YouTube video,” 16. Nasheed 16,” taken in New York, NY by researchers on March 8, 2016.*

# Drugs & Political Ads on YouTube



*Screenshot of a Hillary for America ad next to the YouTube video search for “Buy Ketamine online,” taken in Arlington, Virginia on February 29, 2016. Ketamine is one of several medications often referred to as the “date rape drug.”<sup>1</sup>*

# Opioids & Pharmaceuticals on YouTube



*When we searched for “buy Percocet online,” one of the videos promised “Your #1 source for all pharmaceutical needs, no prescription required.” Notice the spinal cord ad to the right of the video.*



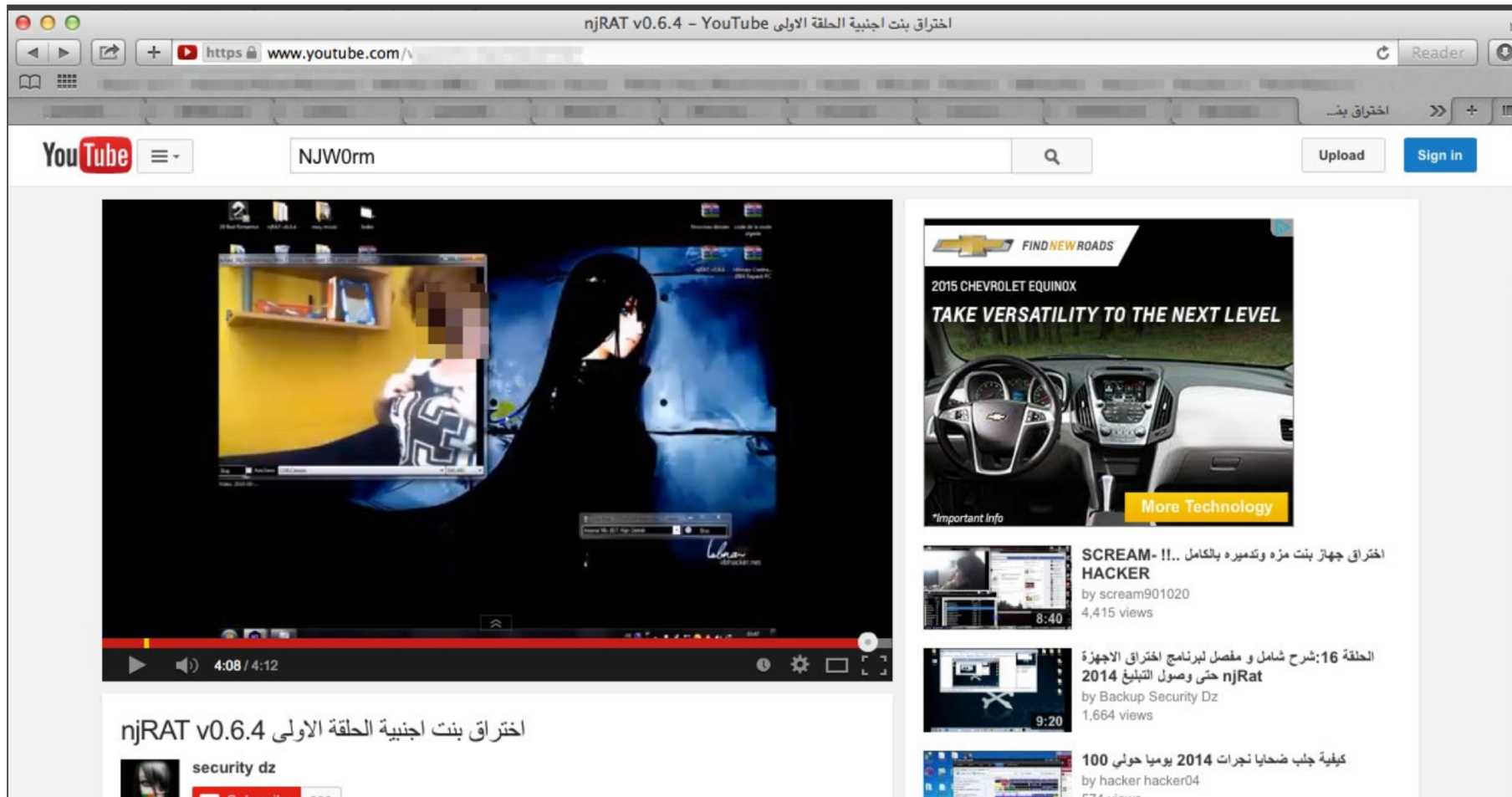
# Opioids & Pharmaceuticals on YouTube

The screenshot shows a YouTube interface with a video player and a sidebar. The video player displays a silhouette of a muscular man with the text "Avoid eating carbs before injecting HGH". Below the video player, the title "Buy HGH Online | Injectable Human Growth Hormone Benefits" is visible, along with a "Subscribe" button and a subscriber count of 41,009. To the right of the video player, there is a sidebar with several video recommendations, including "LUXURY DRUG REHAB", "My 1 Trick for Hair Loss", "Low Dose HGH and Test For EPIC GAINS!", "90 Minute Human Growth Hormone (HGH) Release - Isochronic Binaural", "HGH Energizer Review - My Experience With HGH Supplements", and "Darin Steen- Human Growth Hormone-hgh results-bodybuilding before and after".

*This video advertising the sale of HGH online had an embedded ad for flights from United as well as ads for hair loss and, ironically, drug rehabilitation.*



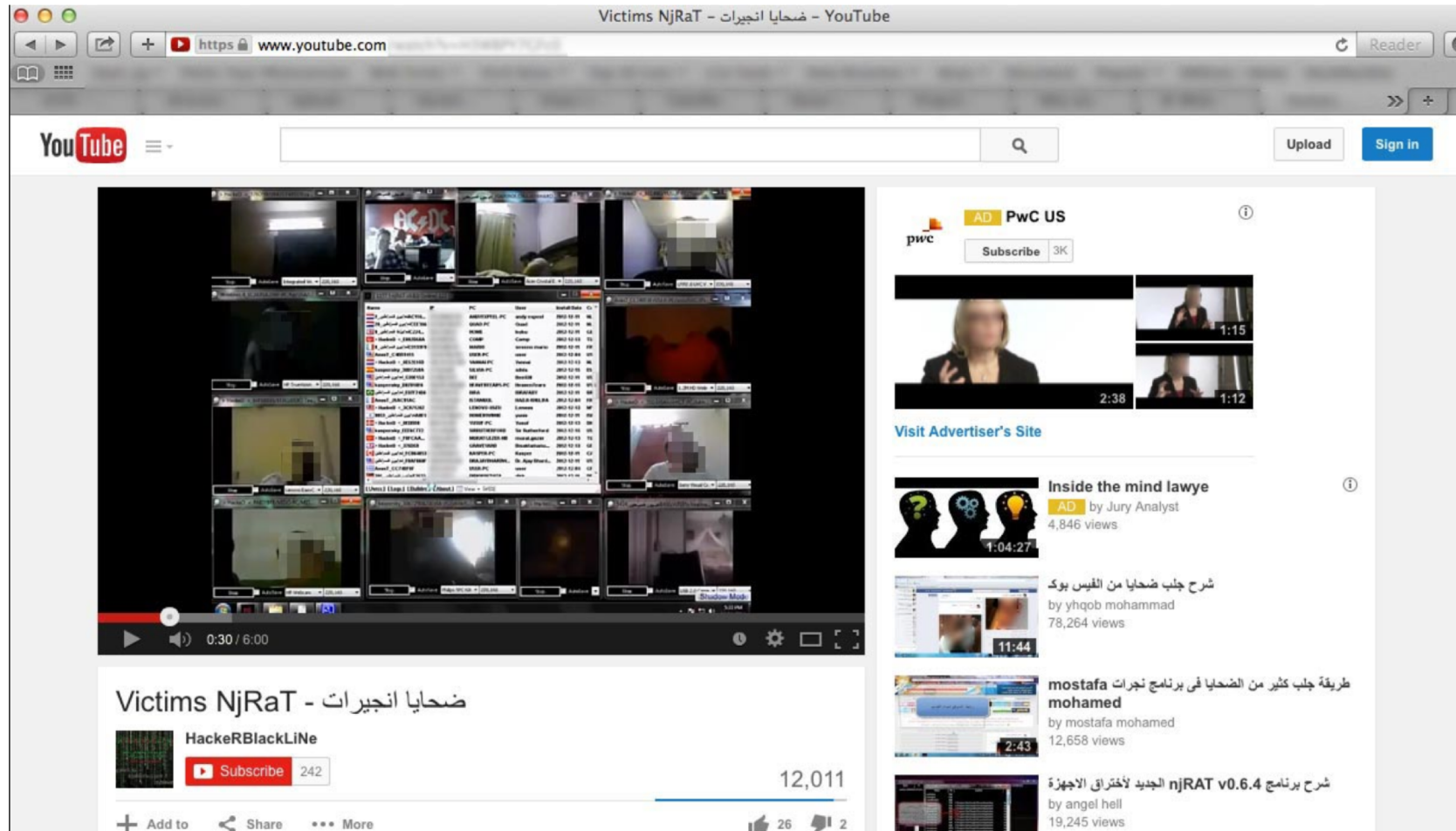
# Malware on YouTube



*This YouTube video is a demonstration of a type of malware known as a 'Remote Access Trojan' or RAT, which the user deploys to gain access to a victims computer and webcam.*

*This hacker is using a variation known as njRAT to spy on a young woman and a young man together in their bedroom. Running next to the video capturing the private moment was a Chevrolet ad.*

# Malware on YouTube



*Here is another YouTube video demonstrating the use of a RAT. In it the poster displays at least 10 victims who he or she is able to spy on through their webcams.*

*The video includes and embedded ad as well and as an ad for Bounty paper towels featuring Universal's popular kids movie characters Minions.*

# Stolen Credit Cards on YouTube

The screenshot shows a YouTube video player with the title "Sell Cvv : usa uk ca aus inter + pass vbv +dob+ssn=fullz". The video content displays a large pile of various credit cards and their packaging. A small text overlay on the video says "Created with a non-ordered version www.asfyou.com". Below the video player, the video has 139 views and a "Subscribe" button. The description includes text about selling good and fresh CVV full track 1 and 2 bank login bank transfer writing checks. To the right of the video player, there is a list of suggested videos, including one for "SSN Database..." and another for "Fresh Credit Cards, 100% working, live cc, cvv".

YouTube

CC with CVV and SSN

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Sell Cvv : usa uk ca aus inter + pass vbv +dob+ssn=fullz

139 views

Subscribe

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Sell CVV, Dumps Track 1&2, Paypal, Transfer Western Union, Money Gram

152 views

Sell cvv US,AU,CA,GER,ITALIA,JP,GREECE,UK

892 views

*This video on YouTube is advertising the sale of stolen credit card and personally identifiable information for individuals from the U.S., U.K., Canada, and Australia.*

*Notice the advertisement for Target. This image was captured just six months after Target announced that 40 million customer debit and credit card accounts had been breached.*

# Stolen Credit Cards on YouTube

The screenshot shows a YouTube video player interface. The video title is "[SELL] Dumps Track1&2 [101] [201] - CVV - Paypal - Giftcards ...". The video has 10,355 views and 24 subscribers. The video player shows a black screen with the text "The 2014 CADENZA Impossible to Ignore". The video is from a channel with 24 subscribers. The video description includes contact information and a link to a Google Play app. The video is published on Jun 16, 2012. The video is part of a playlist titled "Best Stock Tips For 2014". The video is recommended for you. The video is part of a playlist titled "Best Stock Tips For 2014".

*This YouTube video advertising the sale of stolen credit card information is brought came complete with a pre-run video ad for KIA's Cadenza Sedan and an ad for Amazon Prime Instant Video.*



# About Digital Citizens

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Digital Citizens is a coalition of consumers, businesses, and Internet experts focused on educating the public and policymakers on Internet safety issues.

## Full Photo Galleries

Terrorist Content: <https://www.digitalcitizensalliance.org/main/jihad-album>

Malware: <https://www.digitalcitizensalliance.org/main/youtube-malware/>

Stolen Credit Cards: <https://www.digitalcitizensalliance.org/main/youtube-credit-card-banking-hacking-stealing>

## Full Reports

Terrorism: [https://www.digitalcitizensalliance.org/clientuploads/directory/Reports/DigitalCitizens\\_FoolMeOnce-Final.pdf](https://www.digitalcitizensalliance.org/clientuploads/directory/Reports/DigitalCitizens_FoolMeOnce-Final.pdf)

Malware: <https://www.digitalcitizensalliance.org/clientuploads/directory/Reports/selling-slavery.pdf>

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