

# **Mayor of Bristol**

Online and Social Media Analysis (01.03.21 – 31.03.21)



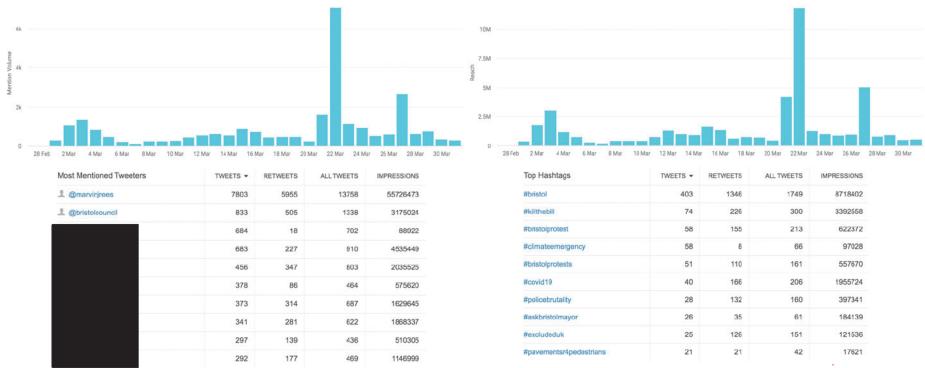


Total Mentions

182%
Previous Period: 9901

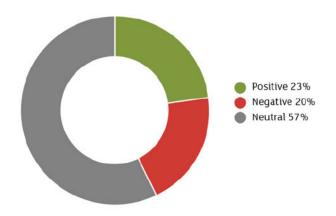
Unique Authors

12K
Previous Period: 3991

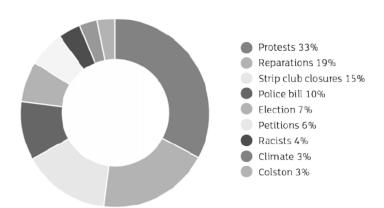




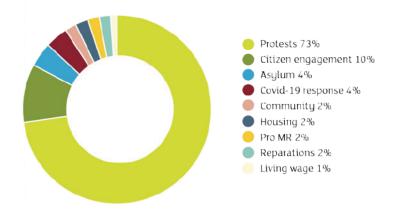
### **SENTIMENT**



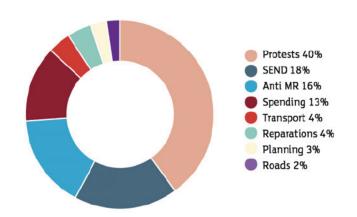
## **NEUTRAL DISCUSSION**



### POSITIVE DISCUSSION



### **NEGATIVE DISCUSSION**





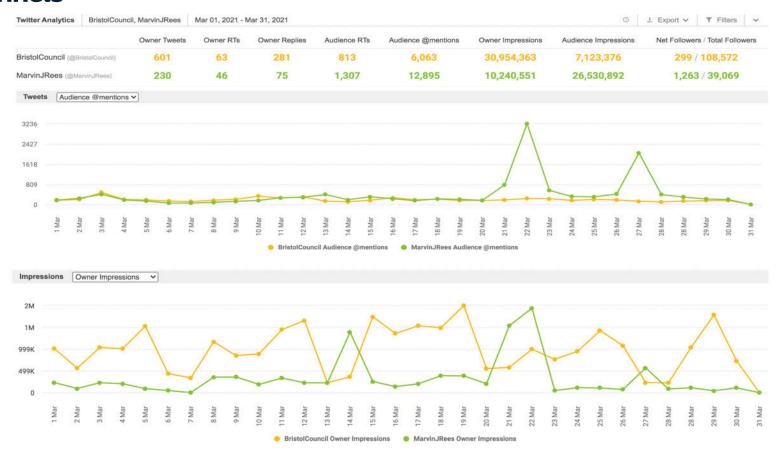
#### Positive trends:

- National print and broadcast coverage drove high awareness and sharing of the Mayor's comments in relation the KillTheBill protests. Many posts supported the Mayor's TV performances for "making a lot of sense" and showing "real leadership", that his statement in response to the protests was "excellent". In particular the "privileged activism" quote had a lot of play online. In a more sinister conversation citizens came out to defend the personal attacks on the Mayor and his family directly many expressing disgust with the thuggery shown
- Citizen engagement was driven this month by getting books to kids and providing lockdown reading for families through the ReadAloudMonth campaign. The BristolImpactFund and Global Cities activity were also mentioned
- The Mayor's oped for the Independent drove commentary around the issue of asylum seekers and some of the practical steps the city is taking to support them
- · Positive commentary around the city's Covid-19 response focussed on the vaccination programme and outreach to ethnic minority communities
- · The WeAreBristol campaign continues to support a positive narrative around improving communities in the city
- The Mayor's blog drove some debate about future housing and regeneration
- · Driven by local media reports there was warm support from some citizens for the slavery reparations announcement
- Some cut through for Bristol's commitment to the living wage and support from employers across the city

#### **Negative trends:**

- A lot of the negativity towards the recent KillTheBill protests links back to what happened with the Colston statue. People are blaming the Mayor for "encouraging" and "sympathising" with mobs which they claim has left the city open to rioters. Many claim that the Mayor "should have seen this coming", that the reputation of Bristol is at rock bottom and the Mayor is covering up police violence. Contrary to the Mayor's comments, a small minority believe the rioters were very much home-grown in Bristol and not "out of towners."
- The negative narrative around SEND education in the city persists with parents and campaigners complaining that 250 children with special needs have not been allocated spaces at specialist schools. This was further aggravated by accusations that the council deliberately hid questions from concerned parents during a live Facebook Q&A. There was consternation that SEND provision was not mentioned prevalently in the Mayor's 2021 manifesto leading some to proclaim that the city is in the midst of a SEND crisis
- Fragmented complaints about overspending and financial mismanagement with roadworks and transport projects often mentioned within these discussions. There were also some accusations that tax payer's funds are being diverted to the Mayor's election campaign
- Complaints that the city's clean air plans are not backed up by public transport commitments with reduced bus services and the "failure" to complete Metrobus Bristol were held up as prime examples.
- The Councils approval of slavery reparations led to frustration from some citizens that public funds are being used to "appease misplaced historical guilt" with claims that it is divisive and presents a binary view of the world
- Some low-level negativity towards roadworks and planning (building on green spaces) with South Bristol prevalent in these discussions this month

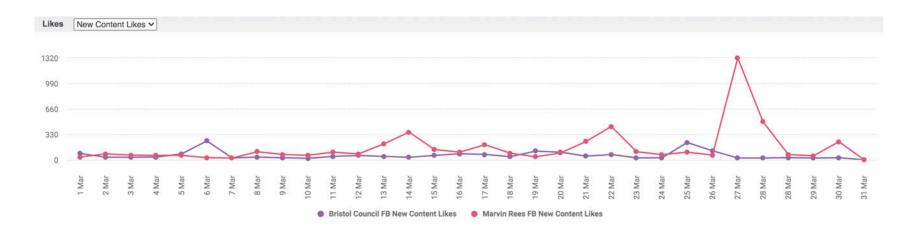
## **Channels**





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Facebook Analytics Bristol Council FB, Marvin Rees FB Mar 01, 2021 - Mar 31, 2021						○ ± Export ✓ ▼ Filters ✓
	Owner Posts	Owner Comments	Audience Posts	Audience Comments	New Content Likes	Net Page Likes / Total Page Likes
Bristol Council FB (Bristol City Council)	271	14	0	618	1,859	133 / 14,725
Marvin Rees FB (Marvin Rees, Mayor of Bristol)	91	25	0	1,264	5,108	185 / 7,554





## **Bristol People**







