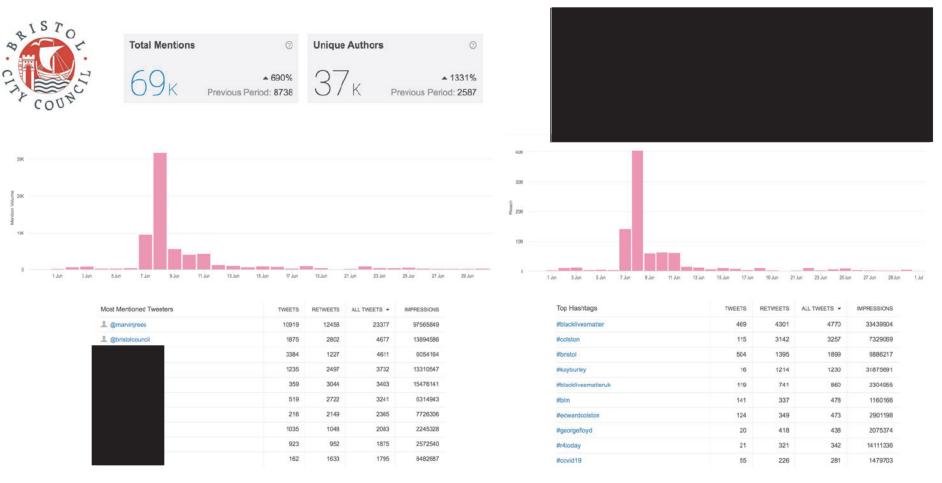


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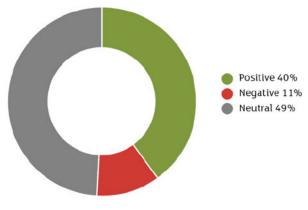
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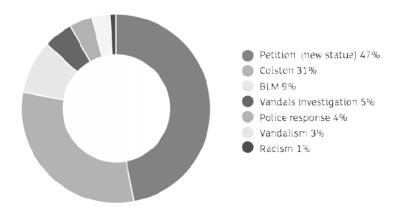




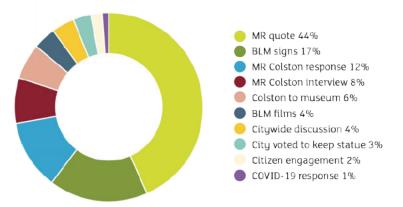
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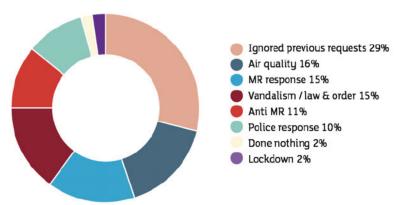
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Positive trends:

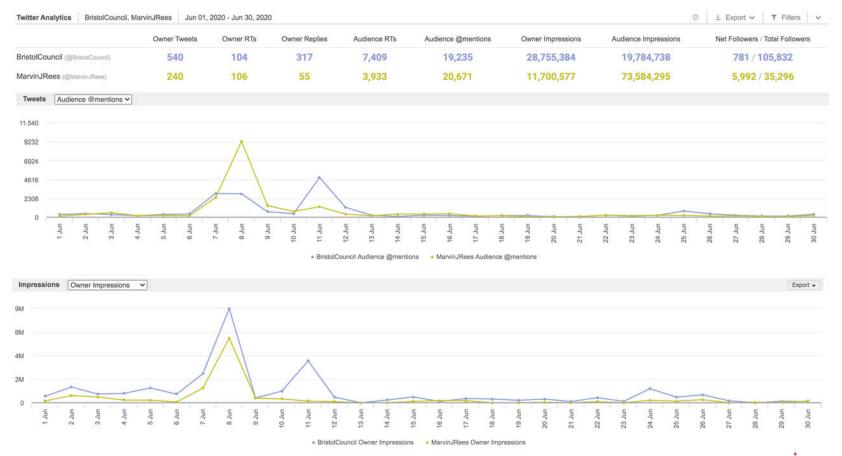
- The blanket national media coverage of BLM/Colston in Bristol and the Mayor's front and centre response lead to exceptionally high levels of quote sharing from media interviews, official statements and social media channels.
- A strong positive response for the idea to keep the BLM signs at the former site of Colston as a new memorial to the city's history. Within this citizens who declared themselves as normally sceptical of BCC in general, were vociferous in their support for the move.
- A lot of Bristolians went online to express their pride in the Mayor's response to BLM / Colston in what many described as an act of uniting the city.
- In addition there were a significant number of posts directly congratulating the Mayor on his media interviews whilst some of this was blatantly partisan there was a middle ground who appreciated the Mayor's measured response and forward looking position on equality.
- There appears to be strong support for the move to house the Colston statue in a museum, appreciated especially by those who are keen not to see history covered up.
- The showing of a series of films by Black British filmmakers which featured MR was aired on Channel 4 dedicated to the memory of George Floyd had strong cut through.
- The Mayor's call for a 'citywide discussion' on the future of the Colston statue got immediate traction.
- Outside the Colston discussion there was continued positivity towards housing initiatives in the city and the COVID-19 response.

Negative trends:

- A small but vociferous group of citizens took the opportunity to call out inaction from BCC which had been 'repeatedly petitioned' to remove the Colston statue in the past. However this was more than cancelled out by a bigger discussion defending BCC's response which put the historical decision to keep the statue into the hands of Bristolians by holding a democratic vote.
- A discussion about air quality was linked to the BLM protest 'rebels on the roof' of BCC buildings who demanded answers on Bristol's clean air plans.
- There was some disgruntlement amongst citizens relating to MR's comments that he 'understood' the reasons for the Colston statue vandalism with claims that his position supports anti-social behaviour.
- Linked to negativity about the Mayor / BCC's response to Colston was a wider discussion about condoning vandalism and the lack of law and order.

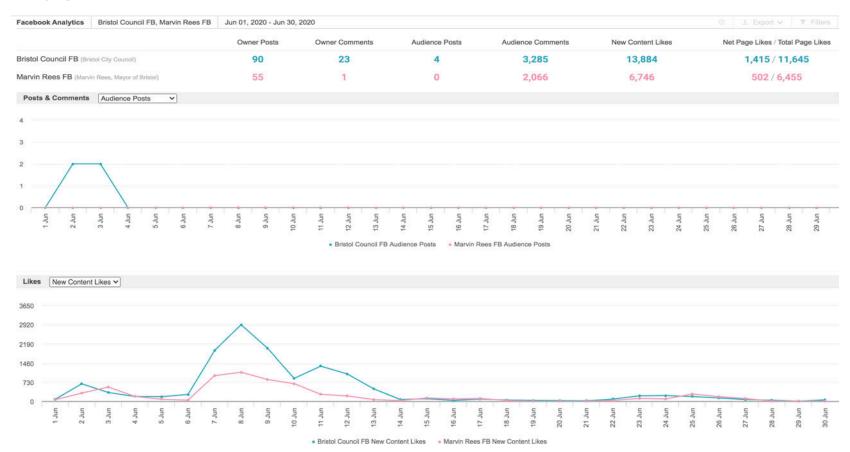
 Specifically, within this the police were singled out for criticism (standing back whilst the statue was vandalized). Most of this was driven by right wing commentators with @LeaveEUofficial featuring prominently in this part of the discussion.
- Some low-level negativity not related to Colston included attacks on the Mayor's 'done nothing' record and the city's COVID-19 response.

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