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TITLE: Andrew Bolt as swarm-master: Exploring the logic of building cyber communities of 'race' hatred

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This paper reports on select findings of a broader ARC Linkage project on cyber-racism and community resilience. We use Andrew Bolt, a public commentator civilly sanctioned for racist speech, to provide data that can aid in both scholarly and social understanding of the phenomenon of racist 'cyber-swarms' which we investigate in this research. Through content analysis, both counting mentions and lexical and syntactical mapping, we deconstruct Bolt's discourses of unity and race, paying particular attention to the characterisation of Indigenous people, Islam and Judaism. Both Bolt's own posts, serving as provocations, and the cyber-swarm communities he calls into existence as they appear in the posts' comments, provide data for the investigation. Relations of interiority and exteriority around a posited space of 'civilisation' and assimilation are found to be key to the work and mobilisation of these discourses. The findings of this paper have wide implications for understanding the catalysts, mobilisation and sustenance of racist cyber-swarms and therefore for understanding how community resilience in a diverse Australian society might better be fostered.