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## 1. CURRENT SITUATION

Protests in Columbia enter an 8<sup>th</sup> day. Comments on social media accounts were overrun with messages to support Colombia coupled with a trending hashtag #SOSColombia. The protests took place after the government introduced a new tax initiative to expand Colombia's Universal Basic Income Social Program which was created last year to provide COVID – 19 relief. The proposal has caused outrage among many Colombians who say they are already struggling to feed their families during the pandemic. The proposed 19% increase on all basic services (water, gas, electricity), fuel, internet, and other necessities including food. Activist groups report that there are currently food shortages as produce and meat were sold-out in the country's stores.

Three million of about fifty million Colombians were eligible for Universal Basic Income Social Program payments, with the program being at a smaller scale when compared to other Latin American countries. Tax reforms included the expansion of value-added taxes on more products such as food and utilities, the addition of some middle-class earners into a higher tax bracket and the removal of various income tax exemptions. The government says the reform is key to mitigating the economic crisis. Colombia's gross domestic product (GDP) dropped by 6.8% last year, its deepest crash in half a century, and the coronavirus pandemic has further driven up its unemployment rate. The proposed reform would have lowered the threshold at which salaries are taxed, affecting anyone with a monthly income of 2.6m pesos (\$684) or more. It would also have eliminated many of the current exemptions detrimental to small and mid-sized businesses. The protest in the city of Cali were joined by members of indigenous groups where a statue of Sebastián de Belalcázar, one of the conquistadors of Colombia in the 16th Century was toppled.



*Figure 1. Protests in Bucaramanga, Colombia*

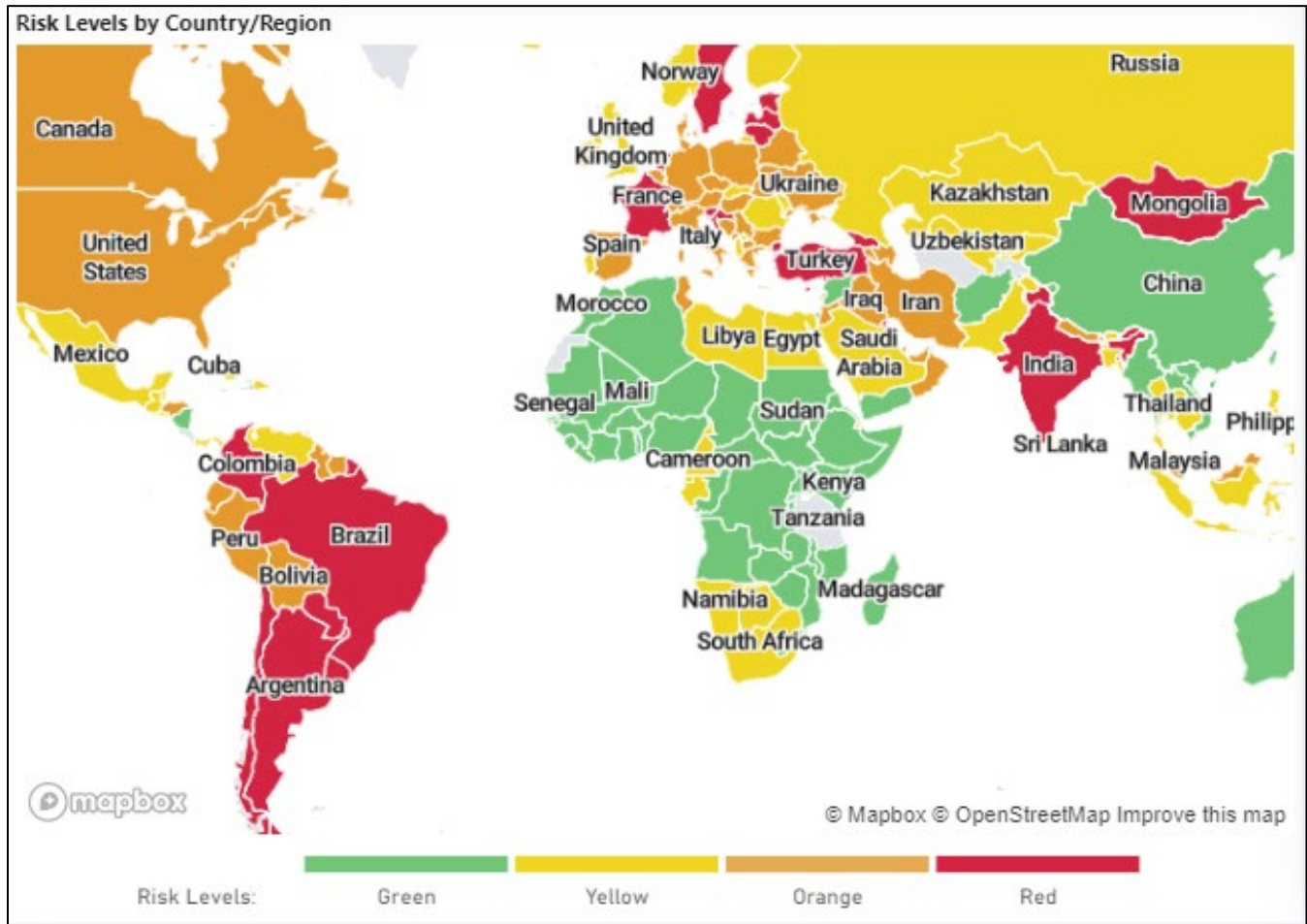
Even though President Iván Duque announced that he would withdraw the tax reform, protests have continued in Colombia's major cities. The umbrella group which called for last week's protest has convened a fresh nationwide strike, saying that the withdrawal of the tax reform was not enough and that it also wants improvements to Colombia's pension, health and education systems. "Why would we trust the government in any negotiations when all they do is lie?" asked Enrique Gama, a truck driver who was protesting with fellow union members at a roadblock in Bogotá. Activists who have taken to the streets are still outraged at the use of force by the security forces as more than 800 people are reported to have been injured and as many as 37 dead in the clashes. In Bogota, a group of students took refuge from volleys of teargas and the pelting rain. "We just want the right to protest peacefully, to feel like we have a future," said María José López, a student, as a platoon of riot police marched by. "We are the majority, but they don't listen to us." Police officials say that in many cases it was their officers who were attacked as they tried to prevent "criminal elements" from looting stores and torching buses. Colombia's defense minister said illegal armed groups had infiltrated the protests and were to blame for the demonstrations descending into chaos and vandalism. The United Nations' human rights office has accused Colombia's security forces of using excessive force against protesters.

Meanwhile Colombia continues to be ravaged by the Covid-19 pandemic, which has so far claimed more than 75,000 lives, with daily deaths last week breaking the country's records. The number of people living in extreme poverty grew by 2.8 million people last year amid coronavirus lockdowns that exacerbated the country's deeply entrenched inequalities.

## 2. GLOBAL

### 2.1 COVID UPDATE

Country/Region	Canada	Country/Region	United States
Daily new cases per 100k people (7d moving avg.)	20.8	Daily new cases per 100k people (7d moving avg.)	14.0
Risk level	Orange	Risk level	Orange
Total cases	1,249,950	Total cases	32,634,885
Total deaths	24,396	Total deaths	580,612



#	Country, Other	Total Cases	New Cases	Total Deaths	New Deaths	Total Recovered	Active Cases	Serious, Critical	Tot Cases/ 1M pop	Deaths/ 1M pop	Total Tests	Tests/ 1M pop	Population
	World	157,027,891	+337,577	3,274,349	+4,982	135,190,801	18,562,741	109,115	20,145	420.1			
1	<a href="#">USA</a>	33,375,546	+6,354	594,127	+121	26,105,941	6,675,478	9,261	100,334	1,786	454,556,935	1,366,500	332,643,210
2	<a href="#">India</a>	21,640,667	+155,382	235,189	+1,118	17,719,749	3,685,729	8,944	15,553	169	298,601,699	214,596	1,391,457,000
3	<a href="#">Brazil</a>	15,009,023		417,176		13,591,335	1,000,512	8,318	70,189	1,951	46,616,516	218,001	213,835,998
4	<a href="#">France</a>	5,728,090		105,850		4,786,754	835,486	5,231	87,591	1,619	77,792,623	1,189,567	65,395,729
5	<a href="#">Iran</a>	2,627,094	+17,076	74,241	+335	2,074,089	478,764	5,534	30,944	874	16,789,338	197,755	84,899,496
6	<a href="#">Italy</a>	4,092,747	+10,554	122,470	+207	3,572,713	397,564	2,253	67,776	2,028	60,532,582	1,002,419	60,386,514
7	<a href="#">Ukraine</a>	2,105,428	+8,404	45,830	+379	1,731,162	328,436	177	48,389	1,053	9,555,109	219,603	43,510,910
8	<a href="#">Turkey</a>	4,977,982		42,187		4,626,799	308,996	3,378	58,492	496	48,712,606	572,383	85,104,881
9	<a href="#">Germany</a>	3,493,757	+7,295	84,924	+113	3,128,800	280,033	5,049	41,587	1,011	56,836,969	676,545	84,010,567
10	<a href="#">Argentina</a>	3,095,582		66,263		2,757,230	272,089	5,299	67,966	1,455	11,610,358	254,915	45,545,928
11	<a href="#">Russia</a>	4,863,514	+8,386	112,622	+376	4,480,360	270,532	2,300	33,315	771	130,600,000	894,598	145,987,440
12	<a href="#">Mexico</a>	2,358,831	+2,846	218,173	+166	1,879,713	260,945	4,798	18,134	1,677	6,714,852	51,623	130,075,942
13	<a href="#">Spain</a>	3,567,408	+8,186	78,792	+66	3,248,010	240,606	2,183	76,275	1,685	47,213,067	1,009,471	46,770,110
14	<a href="#">Netherlands</a>	1,546,070	+7,481	17,290	+22	1,302,085	226,695	789	90,061	1,007	12,762,141	743,413	17,166,953
15	<a href="#">Hungary</a>	789,188	+1,541	28,403	+106	553,836	206,949	445	81,870	2,947	5,494,198	569,963	9,639,566



Map of Case to Fatality Ratios

## 2.2 COVID-19 World News

- [Flu Has Disappeared Worldwide during the COVID Pandemic](#)

Since the coronavirus began its global spread, influenza cases reported to the World Health Organization have dropped to minuscule levels. The reason, epidemiologists think, is that the public health measures taken to keep the coronavirus from spreading also stop the flu. There were 34,000 US flu related deaths in 2018/2019, 22000 in 2019/2020, and 600 in 2020/2021.
- [Russia records more than 400,000 excess deaths during pandemic -Reuters calculations](#)

Russia recorded almost 30,000 excess deaths during February, the country's statistics agency announced Friday — a figure which takes Russia's total excess fatality count since the start of the coronavirus pandemic above 422,000. Excess deaths are calculated by comparing fatalities during the pandemic with mortality rates in the same months of previous years. It is seen by Russian demographers as the most reliable indicator of the human toll of the coronavirus. That counting practice has drawn criticism and controversy — running against World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines for how to count coronavirus-related deaths.

Russia has removed almost all coronavirus restrictions as its vaccination drive ramps up. But the jab campaign has been beset by logistical difficulties and a skeptical public, with the latest figures showing only around 6% of Russians have been immunized against the coronavirus.
- [Chinese Communist party wing mocks India's Covid crisis on social media](#)
- [Germany's Oktoberfest canceled again in 2021 due to coronavirus](#)
- [Brazil becomes 2nd country to record 400,000 COVID-19 deaths](#)

- [UAE extends ban on travelers from COVID-hit India](#)
- [India braces for 'horrible' weeks ahead as COVID-19 cases soar past 20 million](#)
- [Russia-Brazil spat erupts over Sputnik vaccine snub](#)

### 2.3 Global Awareness

- [Pandora says laboratory-made diamonds are forever](#)
- [Amazon had sales income of €44bn in Europe in 2020 but paid no corporation tax](#)

Fresh questions have been raised over Amazon's tax planning after its latest corporate filings in Luxembourg revealed that the company collected record sales income of €44bn (£38bn) in Europe last year but did not have to pay any corporation tax to the Grand Duchy. The Luxembourg unit – which handles sales for the UK, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain and Sweden – employs just 5,262 staff meaning that the income per employ amounts to €8.4m. Margaret Hodge, a Labour MP who has long campaigned against tax avoidance, said: "It seems that Amazon's relentless campaign of appalling tax avoidance continues.
- [Mexico City rail overpass collapses onto road, killing at least 23](#)
- [Germany busts international child porn site used by 400,000](#)

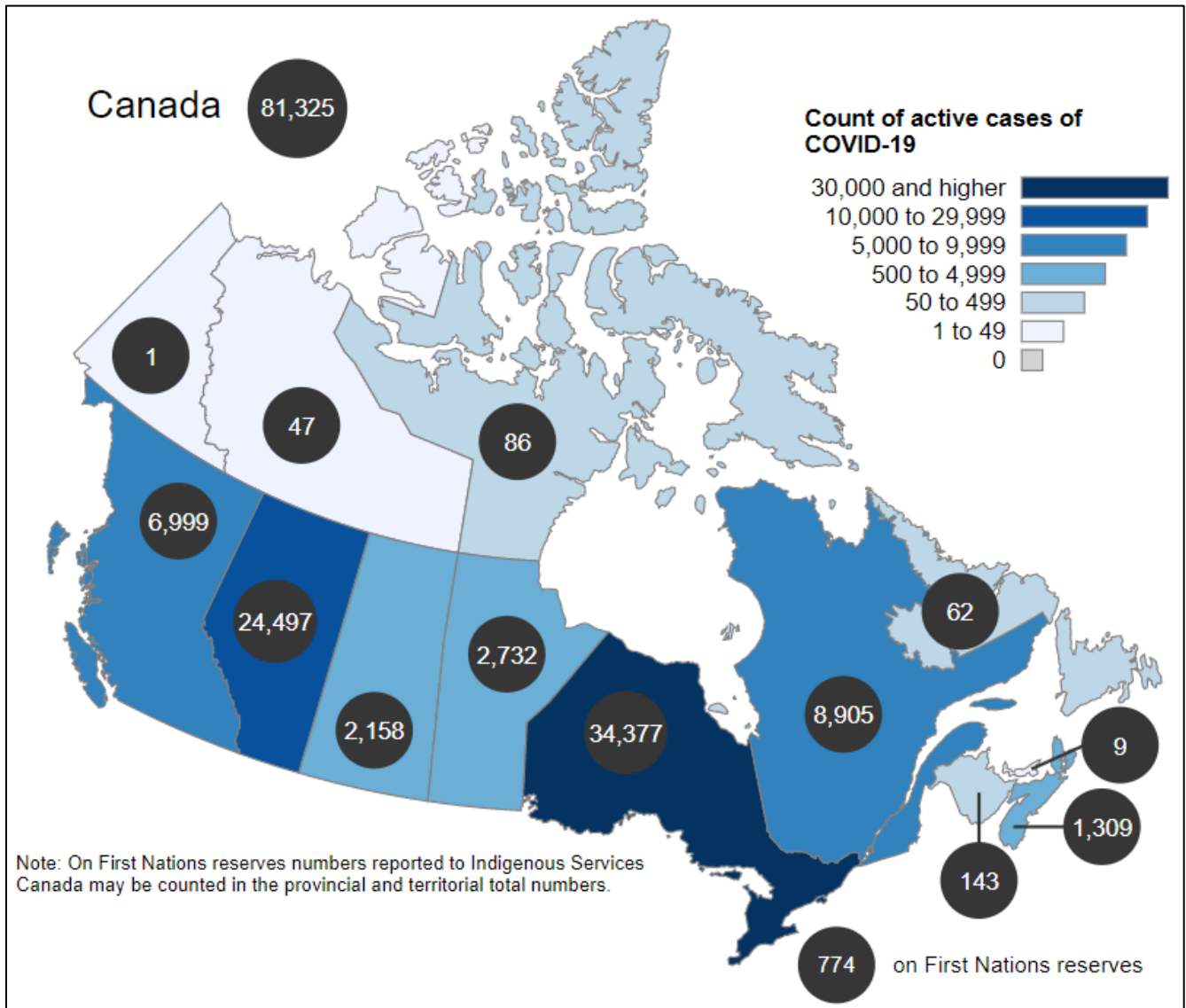
German prosecutors announced Monday they have busted one of the world's biggest international darknet platforms for child pornography, used by more than 400,000 registered members. The platform had several forums and chats — the illegal pictures and videos were kept in the forums; in the chats, the members could communicate," prosecutor Julia Bussweiler said. "There were several language channels to facilitate the communication." "This investigative success has a clear message: Those who assault the weakest aren't safe anywhere," German Interior Minister Horst Seehofer said. "That's what investigators work for day and night, online and offline, globally."
- [Huge piece of Chinese rocket set for 'unacceptable' uncontrolled re-entry to Earth — possibly over NZ](#)
- [New Zealand Parliament unanimously declares 'severe human rights abuses' occurring against Uyghur in China](#)
- [Philippines rejects China fishing ban and wards off Chinese vessels](#)
- [Swiss diplomat in Iran found dead after 'fall from tower block](#)

### 2.4 Political Extremism, Civil Unrest and Activism


- [Gay Latvian paramedic dies after being burnt alive in horrific 'homophobic attack'](#)
- [Kachin rebels shoot down military helicopter as parcel bomb kills 5 in central Myanmar](#)
- [Turkey arrests hundreds as rallies sweep globe](#)
- [Police in Colombia open fire on citizens protesting tax reforms, killing at least 19 people](#)

### 3. CANADA

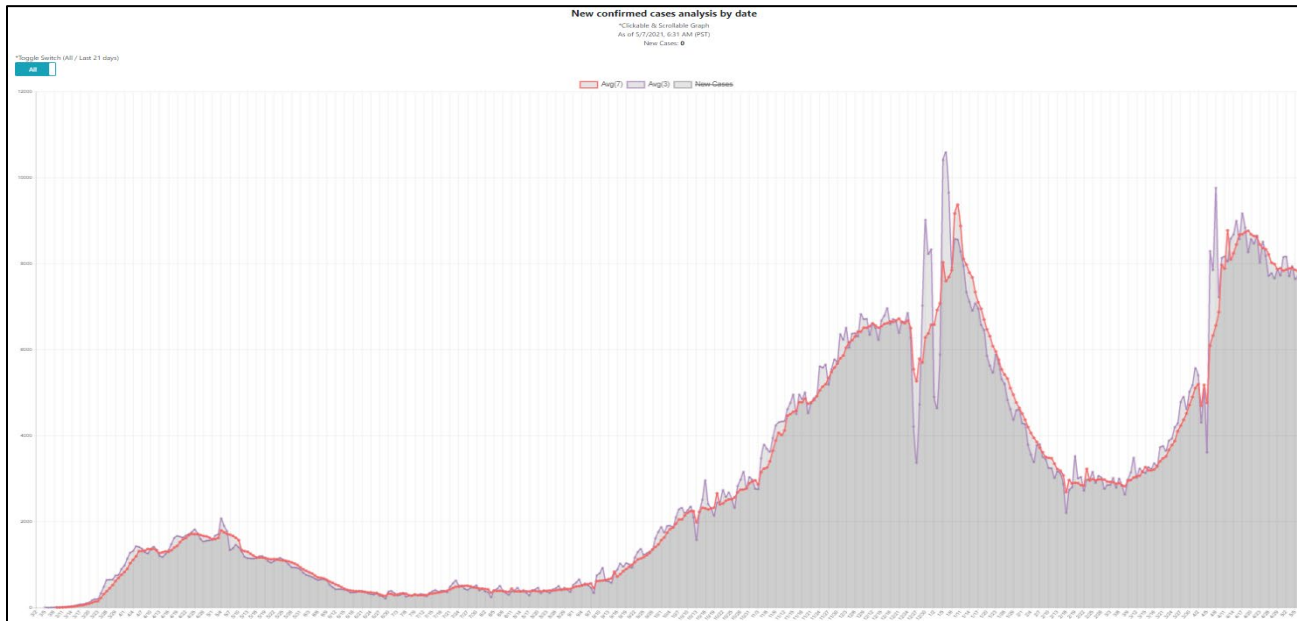
#### 3.1 COVID UPDATE





Prov.	Total Confirmed	Total Deaths	Total Recovered	Total Active
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,265,326</b> (↑7,992)	<b>24,489</b> (↑39)	<b>1,159,512</b> (↑8,299)	<b>81,124</b> (-341)
BC	133,619 (↑694)	1,595 (↑1)	125,025 (↑773)	6,802 (-75)
ON	483,057 (↑3,424)	8,213 (↑26)	440,467 (↑3,997)	34,377 (-599)
QC	355,297 (↑907)	10,971 (↑7)	335,421 (↑890)	8,905 (↑10)
AB	203,135 (↑2,211)	2,102 (↑0)	176,536 (↑1,870)	24,497 (↑341)
MB	40,442 (↑357)	986 (↑4)	36,724 (↑401)	2,732 (-48)
NB	1,980 (↑11)	40 (↑1)	1,797 (↑13)	143 (-3)
SK	42,376 (↑173)	501 (↑0)	39,717 (↑265)	2,158 (-92)
PEI	185 (↑2)	0 (↑0)	176 (↑0)	9 (↑2)
NL	1,120 (↑6)	6 (↑0)	1,052 (↑6)	58 (↑0)
NS	3,364 (↑182)	69 (↑0)	1,986 (↑76)	1,309 (↑106)
YT	82 (↑0)	2 (↑0)	79 (↑0)	1 (↑0)
NT	104 (↑13)	0 (↑0)	57 (↑0)	47 (↑13)
NU	552 (↑12)	4 (↑0)	462 (↑8)	86 (↑4)
	13	0	13	0
Rate of change	↑ 0.0%	↑ 0.0%	↑ 0.0%	0.0%

Prov.	Total Test	Total Waiting	Total Hosp	Total ICU
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,777,090</b>	-	-	-
BC	2,574,430	-	457	154
ON	14,364,746	27,286	1964	877
QC	8,830,242	-	580	144
AB	4,263,840	-	654	146
MB	681,038	-	123	40
NB	300,616	-	6	2
SK	789,619	-	173	41
PEI	141,999	-	-	-
NL	135,201	-	2	0
NS	653,564	-	45	9
YT	9,028	29	-	-
NT	19,757	216	0	0
NU	13,010	437	0	0
Rate of change	↑ 0.0%	-	-	-



Source: <https://www.covid-19canada.com>

### 3.2 COVID-19 Canada News

- [Health Canada authorizes Pfizer vaccine for adolescents](#)
- [All Albertans aged 12 and older will be eligible for vaccines by Monday, premier says](#)
- [Ontario on track to give 1st doses of COVID-19 vaccines to majority of adults this month: officials](#)
- [Nova Scotia reports new high of 175 daily cases of COVID-19](#)
- [Sask. Premier Scott Moe defends plan to reopen province based on vaccination rates](#)

Saskatchewan's premier says he is confident in his government's plan to relax COVID-19 restrictions in stages tied to the province's vaccination rates. Critics of the plan said it should be taking other factors into consideration, including the number of people who have received their second dose of vaccine and hospitalization numbers. Moe said provincial chief medical health officer Dr. Saqib Shahab is constantly monitoring COVID-19 related hospital stays, especially the number of patients in intensive care.

The premier said he believes the number of hospital stays will drop as more and more people are vaccinated. "What we would expect to see is what we've seen in other nations like Israel, like the U.K., even the U.S., where they're ahead of us in their vaccination program," he said.

- [COVID-19 rules against large gatherings force PNE to cancel 2021 exhibition](#)
- [Ontario reporting 44 COVID-related deaths, highest since mid-February](#)
- [B.C. designates pregnant people as priority group for COVID-19 vaccination](#)
- [Alberta woman dies of rare blood clot linked to AstraZeneca vaccine, second death in Canada](#)

An Alberta woman in her 50s has died from a rare blood clot disorder after receiving the Oxford-AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine. The province's chief medical officer of health confirmed in a statement the death linked to vaccine-induced immune thrombotic thrombocytopenia or VITT.

- [Ottawa reports first three cases of B.1.617 COVID-19 variant, first identified in India](#)

### 3.3 Canada Awareness

- [Endangered tiger gives birth to three cubs at Toronto Zoo](#)
- [Despite announcing they have disbanded, Canada's Proud Boys may not be finished, experts warn](#)  
After a statement began circulating among Proud Boys members last week, announcing the group had disbanded in Canada, some took to social media to reject it. According to a private chat, members in Ontario denied the Proud Boys were finished, and said the statement's author lacked the authority to tell them what to do. Experts also warned the statement, claiming the Proud Boys Canada had "officially dissolved," might not mean the end of the group. Whether the regional chapters will accept the decision remains uncertain, and a researcher who studies the Proud Boys said even if the group was finished, its members could re-emerge under a new banner.
- [Solving public shootings a 'top priority' for Metro Vancouver police: Delta chief](#)
- [Vancouver Canucks moving AHL team from New York to Abbotsford, B.C](#)
- ['We have no other choice': N.S. Mi'kmaq chief to request UN peacekeepers ahead of lobster fishery](#)
- [Canadian oil companies woo ESG investors with self-imposed penalties if they don't meet sustainability targets](#)
- [Halifax Security Forum bucks Canadian government and Chinese pressure, awards Taiwan's president](#)

### 3.4 Canada – Political Extremism, Civil Unrest and Activism



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During the week of 29 April-6 May 2021, the majority of activity in Canada noted by Welund focused on the government sector (57%), followed by education (9%). Protests made up the majority of activity (38%), followed by webinars, and organizing (10%).

Covid-19 restrictions continue to constrain activist activity across all sectors. However, the restrictions are the primary stressor for anti-lockdown activism, which represented the source of most in-person actions over the past week. Additionally, the ongoing pandemic has resulted in a growing stream of campaigning in support of healthcare professionals and other essential workers.

'May Day' events in solidarity with worker and immigrant rights, as well as new environmental and climate change campaigns, contributed to the increase in activity over the past week from the week before.

**Protests:** On 1 May, multiple protests in solidarity with a variety of campaigns were held in Montreal. The largest group was part of an anti-lockdown march opposing the provincial curfew order, lockdown mandates, and the potential implementation of vaccination 'passports'. May Day-related activism opposing "capitalism" represented the next largest group. Montreal police responded to both protests after reports of a small subsection of protesters engaging in acts of civil disobedience, including violent confrontations with police, acts of vandalism, and property damage.

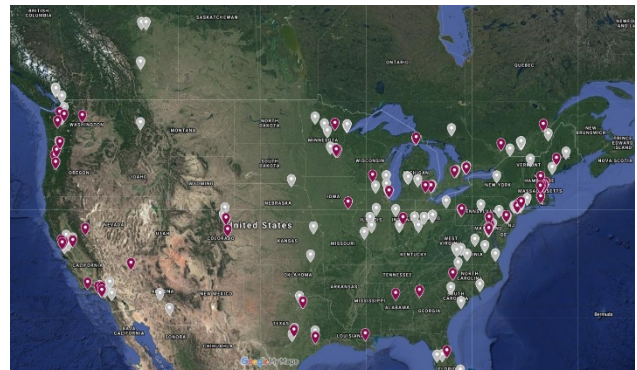


Figure 2: Past and upcoming protest activity as noted by Welund between 28 April-12 May 2021

Anti-lockdown protesters in Alberta were also active over the past week. Various groups from across the province organized over 15 separate protest events between 1-3 May to oppose increasing covid-19 restrictions. An anti-restriction ‘rodeo rally’ was held in Bowden, Alberta, which attracted a significant number of attendees who were encouraged not to wear masks or socially distance.

In contrast, activism from healthcare professionals, teachers, and essential worker campaign groups demanding more restrictions and government supports has also steadily increased, especially in provinces with the highest number of confirmed cases or the most restrictions. These groups are campaigning for paid sick days, wage increases, rights for immigrant workers, and other protections from the provincial and federal government levels. Seven activists were arrested during the third day of Extinction Rebellion Vancouver’s ‘Spring Rebellion’ week of action. The group was planning to occupy the Lions’ Gate Bridge but were intercepted by Vancouver Police. The arrests came a day after members from the group successfully blockaded a downtown intersection near the Vancouver Art Gallery. The group held its final day of action on 5 May, including several ‘teach-in’ events. A total of 20 activists were arrested for actions taken during the Rebellion.

**Outlook:** Increasing covid-19 restrictions, especially in Alberta and Ontario, will likely result in continued anti-lockdown activism across the country. Organizers of the Worldwide Rally for Freedom have released additional Canadian locations for its second global anti-lockdown action on 15 May.

Organizers for the ‘White Lives Matter’ (WLM) movement are attempting a second global day of action on 8 May. Regional organizing channels have been discovered in all 50 States, Canada, and for over a dozen different countries and regions internationally. The first attempt to organize a WLM march failed to garner support. It was successfully infiltrated and had counter-protests organizers against it by anti-fascist groups.

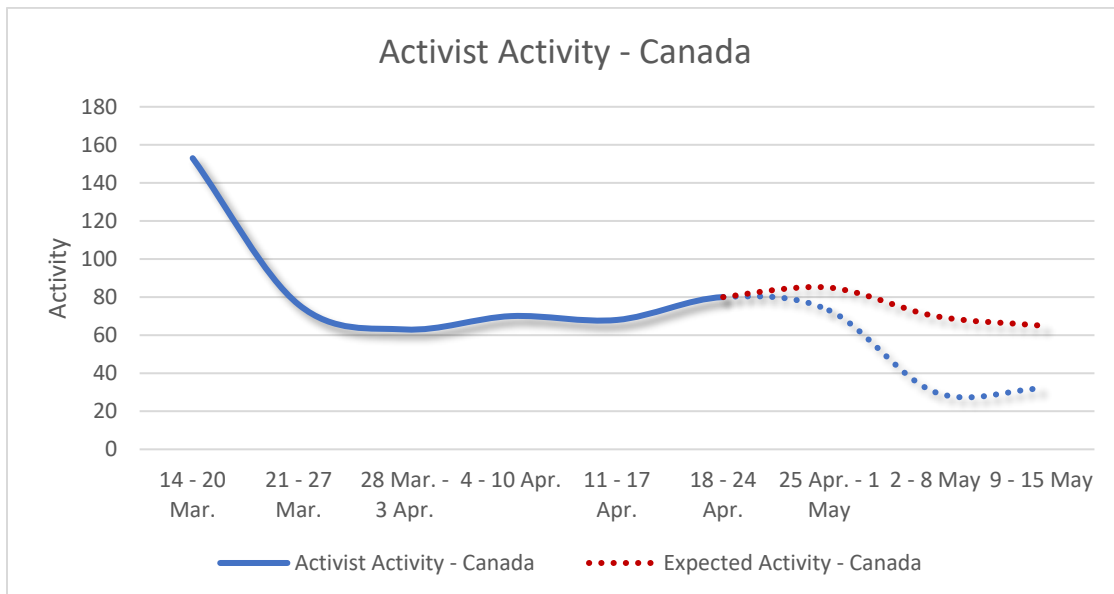


Figure 3 Total activist activity in Canada as noted by Welund.

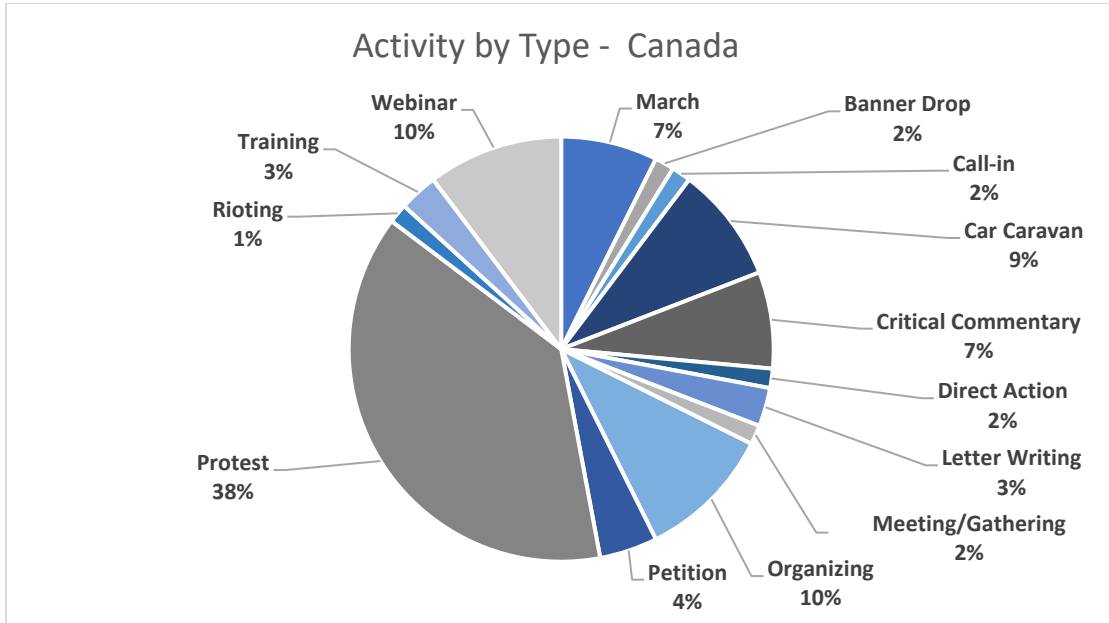


Figure 4 Activist activity in Canada by type as noted by Welund

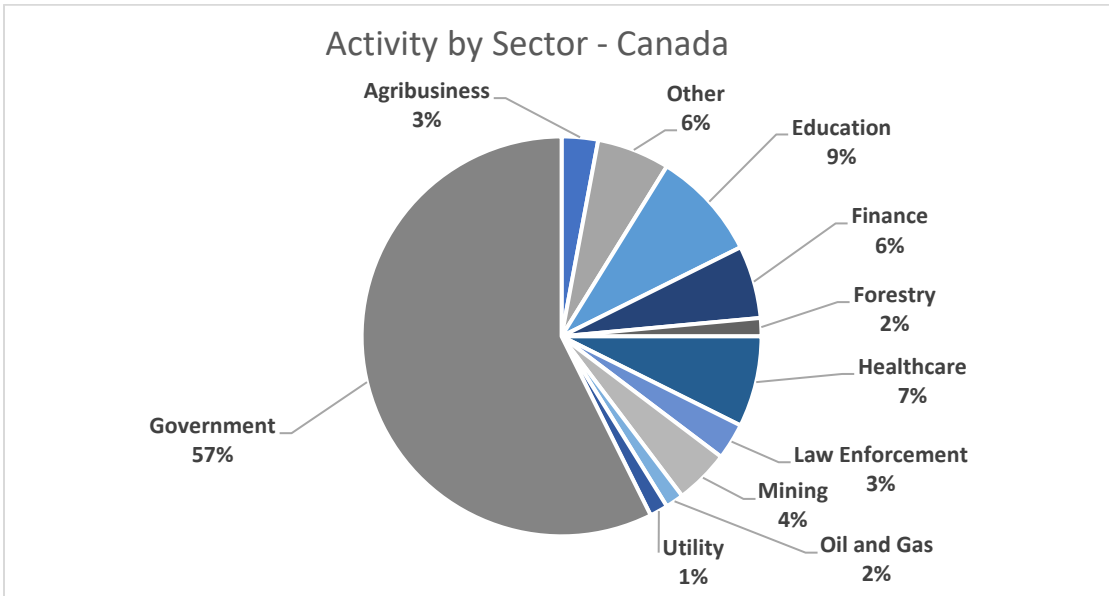
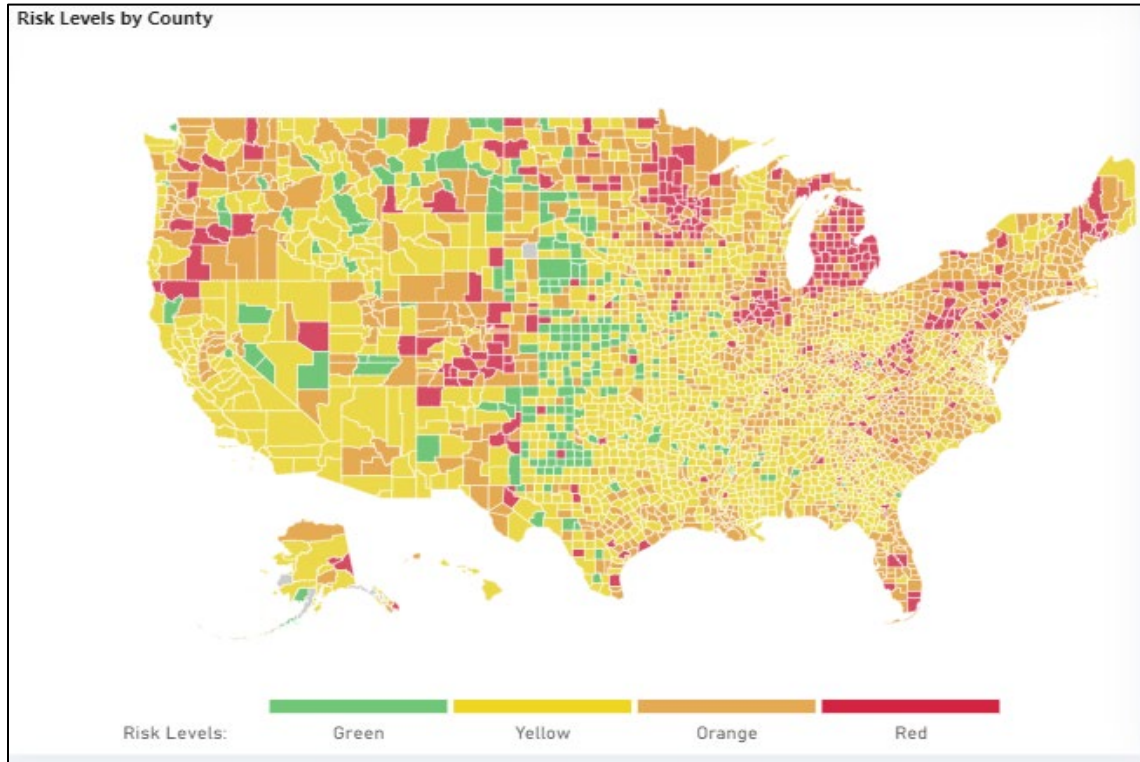


Figure 5 Activist activity in Canada by sector as noted by Welund.

## 4. USA

### 4.1 COVID UPDATE



#	USA State	Total Cases	New Cases	Total Deaths	New Deaths	Total Recovered	Active Cases	Tot Cases/ 1M pop	Deaths/ 1M pop	Total Tests	Tests/ 1M pop	Population
	USA Total	33,369,192	+47,819	594,006	+860	26,105,411	6,669,775	100,812	1,795	454,453,202	1,372,959	
1	<a href="#">California</a>	3,754,227	+2,582	62,174	+101	2,000,938	1,691,115	95,014	1,574	61,091,928	1,546,153	39,512,223
2	<a href="#">Virginia</a>	664,394	+856	10,861	+17	54,937	598,596	77,839	1,272	9,360,432	1,096,645	8,535,519
3	<a href="#">New York</a>	2,112,795	+2,964	52,853	+33	1,535,576	524,366	108,607	2,717	52,214,719	2,684,070	19,453,561
4	<a href="#">Maryland</a>	451,267	+578	8,822	+9	10,274	432,171	74,643	1,459	9,832,902	1,626,434	6,045,680
5	<a href="#">Florida</a>	2,258,433	+4,504	35,559	+67	1,831,455	391,419	105,152	1,656	27,821,182	1,295,350	21,477,737
6	<a href="#">Kentucky</a>	447,582	+653	6,548	+6	51,741	389,293	100,182	1,466	6,302,894	1,410,778	4,467,673
7	<a href="#">Michigan</a>	956,012	+4,113	19,223	+123	660,124	276,665	95,727	1,925	13,682,179	1,370,019	9,986,857
8	<a href="#">Washington</a>	413,454	+1,139	5,609	+12	201,964	205,881	54,295	737	6,644,827	872,609	7,614,893
9	<a href="#">New Jersey</a>	1,005,938	+1,413	25,740	+33	797,178	183,020	113,253	2,898	13,672,340	1,539,298	8,882,190
10	<a href="#">Alabama</a>	530,011	+436	10,946	+16	338,587	180,478	108,095	2,232	2,655,656	541,619	4,903,185
11	<a href="#">Georgia</a>	1,107,068	+1,213	20,294	+21	933,281	153,493	104,269	1,911	8,943,452	842,337	10,617,423
12	<a href="#">Rhode Island</a>	149,384	+187	2,685	+3	9,004	137,695	141,013	2,535	4,094,055	3,864,646	1,059,361
13	<a href="#">Colorado</a>	519,414	+1,563	6,500	+22	396,827	116,087	90,196	1,129	2,941,269	510,749	5,758,736
14	<a href="#">Illinois</a>	1,348,176	+1,778	24,483	+40	1,227,426	96,267	106,392	1,932	23,103,484	1,823,217	12,671,821
15	<a href="#">Pennsylvania</a>	1,171,863	+3,268	26,554	+51	1,050,022	95,287	91,538	2,074	13,273,447	1,036,827	12,801,989

## 4.2 COVID-19 USA News

- [Experts now believe reaching ‘herd immunity’ is unlikely in the U.S.](#)  
Early in the pandemic, when vaccines for the coronavirus were still just a glimmer on the horizon, the term “herd immunity” came to signify the endgame: the point when enough Americans would be protected from the virus so we could be rid of the pathogen and reclaim our lives. “The virus is unlikely to go away,” said Rustom Antia, an evolutionary biologist at Emory University in Atlanta. “But we want to do all we can to check that it’s likely to become a mild infection.”
- [Asian woman in New York City hit with hammer by stranger who demanded she take her mask off](#)
- [COVID-19 toll in U.S. projected to drop sharply by end of July](#)
- [More than 186,000 restaurants applied for federal relief in two days, Biden says](#)
- [US backs waiving intellectual property rules on vaccines](#)

## 4.3 USA Awareness

- [Sikh man struck in head with hammer on way to work in NYC](#)
- [2 Asian American women stabbed in San Francisco attack](#)  
Witnesses said that one woman appeared to be elderly and the other appeared to be in her 30s. They told the station that a man clutching a knife was walking down Market Street, San Francisco when he approached a bus stop, stabbed the women, and then walked away.
- [FAA warns of spike in unruly, dangerous passenger behavior](#)
- [Largest U.S. Gas Spill in 20 Years – 1.2 Million Gallons – Happened at a Cracked Pipeline in North Carolina Last Summer](#)
- [Alleged Capitol rioters are still being arrested four months after the insurrection](#)  
Suspects in the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol continue to face arrest as the Justice Department ramps up its probe into the most significant breach of the federal government in modern American history. At least three supporters of former President Donald Trump were arrested as recently as Monday and charged with federal crimes related to the riot, according to court records. The arrests come as federal prosecutors wrestle with how to proceed in the sprawling investigation, which now includes more than 400 defendants.  
In late April, prosecutors said they expect to charge at least 100 additional people, calling the probe “one of the largest in American history, both in terms of the number of defendants prosecuted and the nature and volume of the evidence.” Officials have estimated that as many as 800 people may have participated in the effort to forcibly prevent Congress from confirming President Joe Biden’s victory in November’s election, meaning that despite the large number of arrests, many of those who entered the Capitol on Jan. 6 will not face charges at all.
- [Police officer who shot man in car is charged with murder](#)
- [Peloton to recall treadmills after reports of injuries, one death](#)
- [Derek Chauvin's attorney files motion for new trial](#)
- [Facebook board upholds Trump ban, just not indefinitely](#)

#### 4.4 USA – Political Extremism, Civil Unrest and Activism (Provided by Welund)



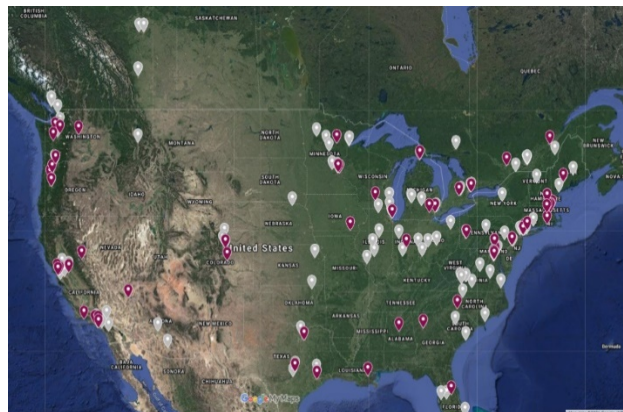
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During the week of 29 April - 6 May 2021, the majority of activist activity in the US noted by Welund took place in the government sector (72%), followed by oil and gas (7%), law enforcement (7%) and technology (7%). Protests made up most activity (53%), followed by meetings/gatherings (11%), and webinars (6%). The majority of activist activity this week was focused on May Day events and protests.

##### Protests:

As US vaccinations against covid-19 increase, organizers continue to emphasize physical distancing and mask-wearing adaptations to protests. California, New York, and Minnesota saw the most protests this week.

On 1 May, Welund identified nearly 30 ‘May Day’ protests. Campaigners held several protests this week to demand that the Biden administration and vaccine makers ‘Free the Vaccine’. On 28 April, Free the Vaccine – Boston, Boston South Asian Coalition, and Boston Democratic Socialists of America protested against Moderna at the company’s annual shareholder meeting in Cambridge, Massachusetts to demand the company and the Biden administration ‘Free the Vaccine’. On 5 May, the Free the Vaccine coalition hosted a ‘Free the Vaccine’ protest in Washington, DC to demand “vaccine access for everyone, everywhere.”



*Past (grey) and upcoming (red) protest activity as noted by Welund between 28 April – 12 May.*

##### Outlook:

Shareholder season has continued to attract attention from activists organizing anti-corporate campaigns. Events have been organized to prepare for upcoming shareholder meetings.

On 7 May, dozens of protests have been organized against banks connected to Enbridge’s Line 3 pipeline as part of the Stop the Money Pipeline’s (STMP) ‘Defund Line 3’ day of action. STMP claimed “activists around the world will organize actions and protests at branches, offices and headquarters of the banks funding Line 3.”

On 8 May, far-right organizers will attempt a second ‘White Lives Matter’ (WLM) co-ordinated day of action. Organizers explained that the theme for this event was “whites against communism” and the goal was to raise awareness of the perception that white races were now a global minority.

On 11 May, Global Justice Now (GJN) will be “holding a protest on the day of AstraZeneca’s AGM to send the company one clear message: we demand a People’s Vaccine.”

Welund expects to see continued Black Lives Matter-related activism leading up to the anniversary of George Floyd’s death on 25 May and Derek Chauvin’s sentencing in June.



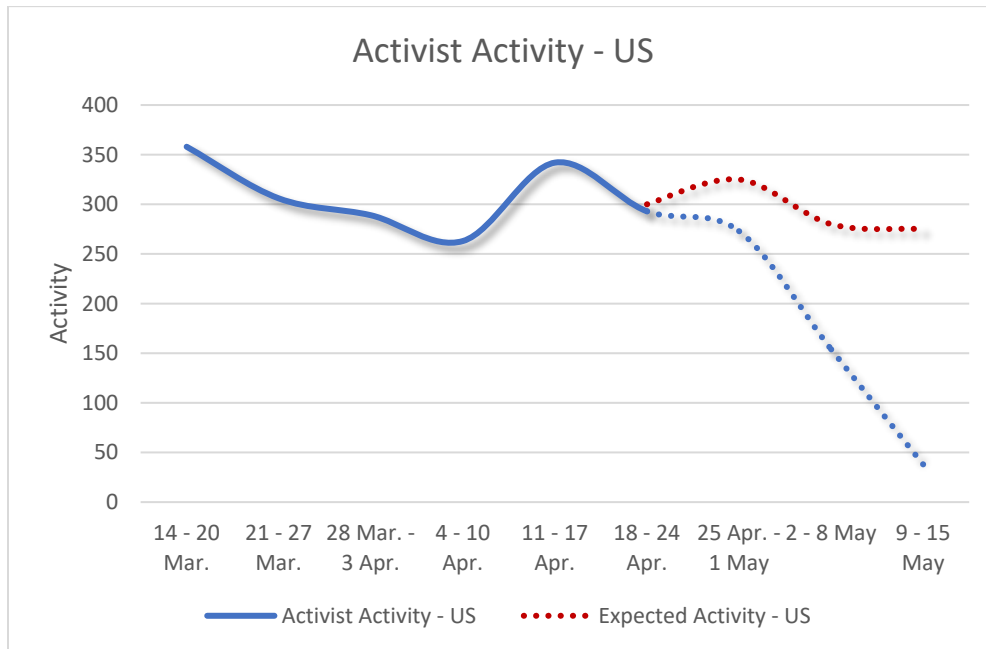


Figure 6 Total activist activity in the US as noted by Welund.

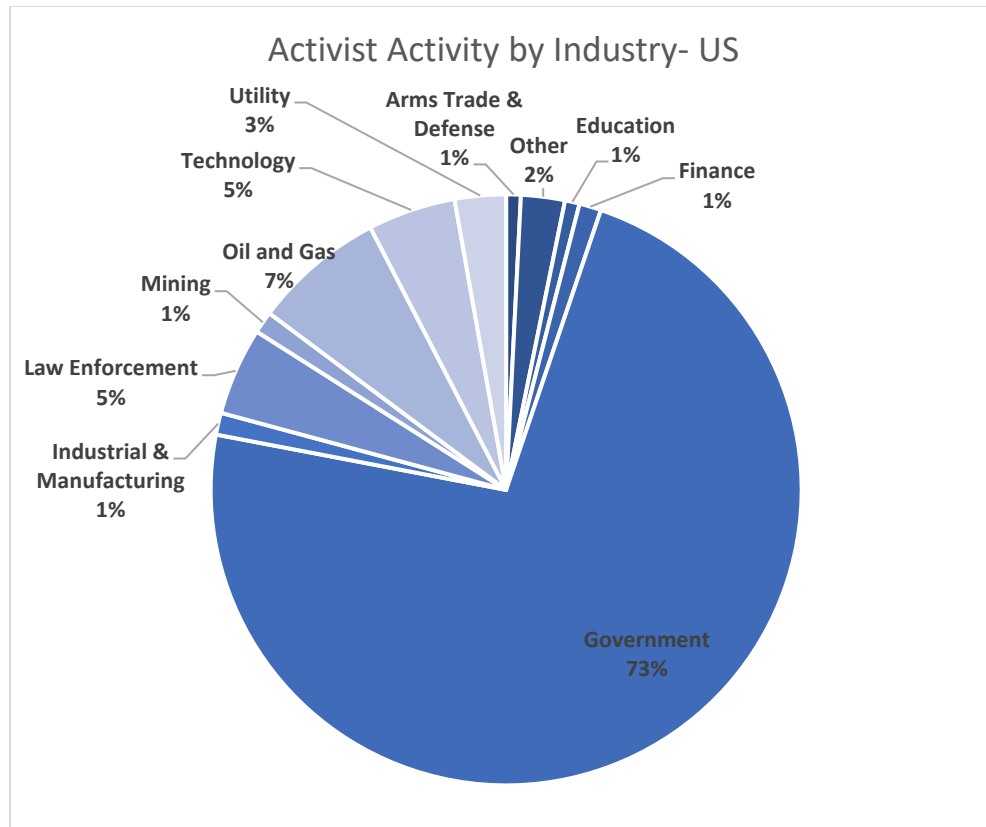


Figure 7 Activist activity in the US by industry as noted by Welund

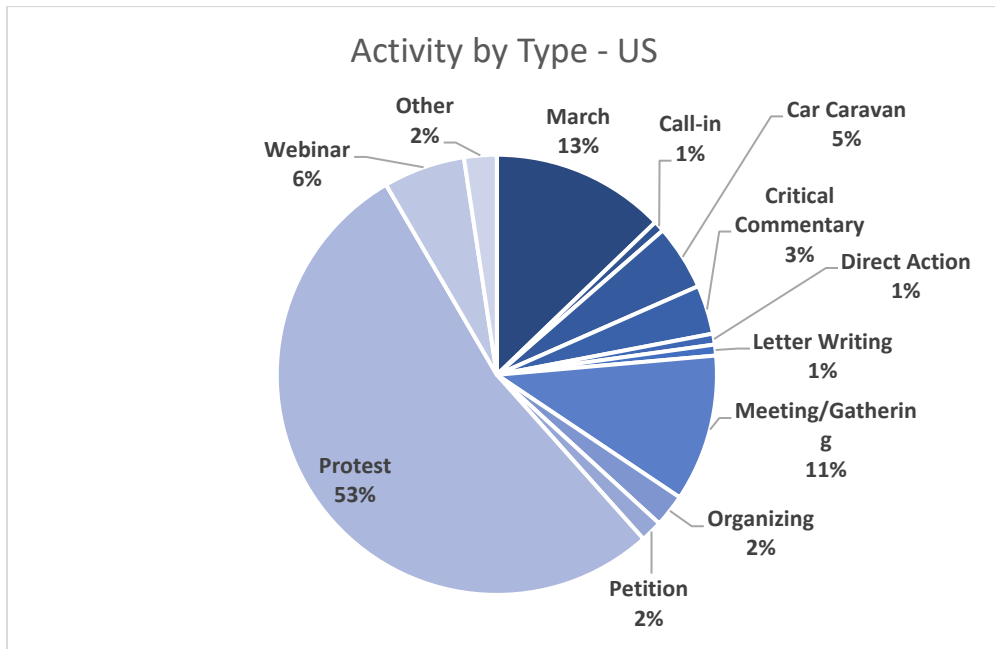


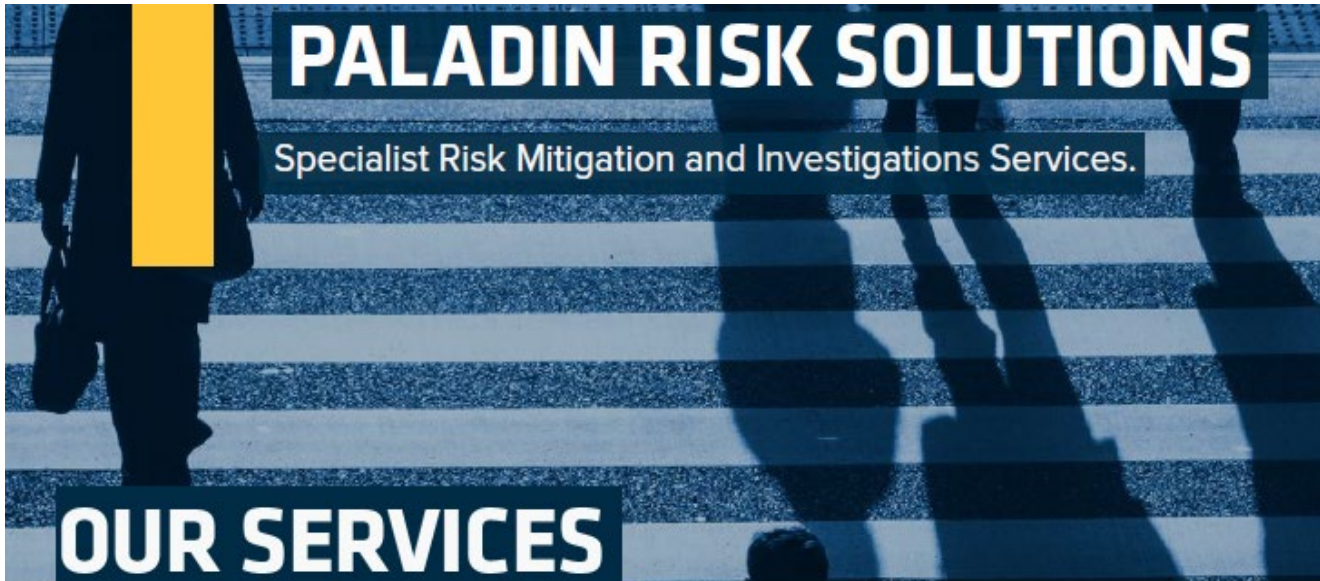
Figure 8 Activist activity in the US by type as noted by Welund.

End Report

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