

Covid-19 on Twitter

Mapping the actors, their relations and sub-groups

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Very brief note on these pictures

1. I selected 3 Twitter accounts: [@COVID19Tracking](#), [@CoronavirusESP](#) and [@ItaliaCovid19](#)
2. Then our algorithm identified thousands of similar Twitter accounts, based on the [Twitter lists](#) they share
3. The pictures show similar Twitter accounts next to each other. Groups of closely similar Twitter accounts are shown **in different colors**.
4. Text analysis: for each group of Twitter accounts, an algorithm identifies the most relevant words (most frequent words in the Twitter bios of the members of the group)

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Objectives and disclaimer

- These maps are provided 'as is', in the hope they will be useful to the individuals and organizations trying to make sense of the epidemics (journalists? NGOs? Governments?)
- Get in touch at levallois@em-lyon.com for questions and further research

Global picture

4,486 Twitter accounts

Group 7 (664 members, 15% total)

key terms: *españa* (94), *perfil* (76), *gobierno* (64), *madrid* (60), *andalucía* (47), *sevilla* (42), *tambi* (40), *actualidad* (36), *emergencias* (36), *grupo* (32)
key accounts: @escupotwits, @diariosevilla, @elbicharraco

Group 8 (386 members, 9% total)

key terms: *venezuela* (198), *venezolana* (110), *venezolano* (89), *ecuador* (42), *periodista venezolana* (32), *ucv* (23), *miami* (19), *acontecer* (19), *fuelle* (19), *ucab* (19)
key accounts: @morandavid, @puzkas, @NituPerez

Group 11 (108 members, 2% total)

key terms: *científica* (42), *científico* (19), *ciencia* (18), *física* (15), *divulgación científica* (11), *bigvan* (8), *física* (8), *astronomía* (8), *curiosidade* (6), *vádeo* (6)
key accounts: @magnitudCL, @onemichile, @ApuntesCiencia

Group 1 (62 members, 1% total)

key terms: *breaking* (9), *bbcnew* (5), *sport new* (5), *bbcspport* (5), *bbcspport* (5), *feature* (4), *download* (3), *securely* (3), *feature and analysis* (3), *record administration nara* (3), *greater* (3)
key accounts: @nytimes, @chrishayes, @BBCBreaking

Group 4 (15 members, 0% total)

key terms: *questioning* (3), *geopolitical* (3)
key accounts: @DefenseOne, @AuroraIntel, @TheWarMonitor

Group 9 (40 members, 1% total)

key terms: *army* (3), *whitehouse* (3), *guard* (3), *democratic* (3), *privacy* (3), *nbcnew* (3), *responder* (3), *nasa* (3)
key accounts: @joshtpm, @USCG, @MAVEN2mars

Group 10 (146 members, 3% total)

key terms: *beijing* (173), *chinese* (52), *china* (50), *china correspondent* (23), *scmp* (19), *shanghai* (11), *ft* (7), *newspaper* (5), *middle east* (5), *qz* (5)
key accounts: @xinyanyu, @XijinHu, @hancocktom

Group 2 (951 members, 21% total)

key terms: *health* (4786), *infectious disease* (1045), *professor* (784), *public health* (663), *epidemiologist* (488), *global health* (453), *medicine* (364), *physician* (343), *care* (225), *medical* (210)
key accounts: @trvr, @angie_rasmussen, @MRC_Outbreak

Group 3 (20 members, 0% total)

key terms: *informação* (5), *portugal* (5), *notícias* (5), *jornal* (5), *português* (3), *irish government* (3)
key accounts: @SimonHarrisTD, @merriomstreet, @Europarl_PT

Group 6 (523 members, 12% total)

key terms: *commissione* (181), *movimento* (148), *pd* (131), *deputato* (104), *senatore* (89), *camera* (78), *senato* (70), *deputati* (59), *sindaco* (58), *movimento stelle* (58)
key accounts: @mvbrambilla, @ignaziomarin, @giulioavalli

Group 12 (1416 members, 32% total)

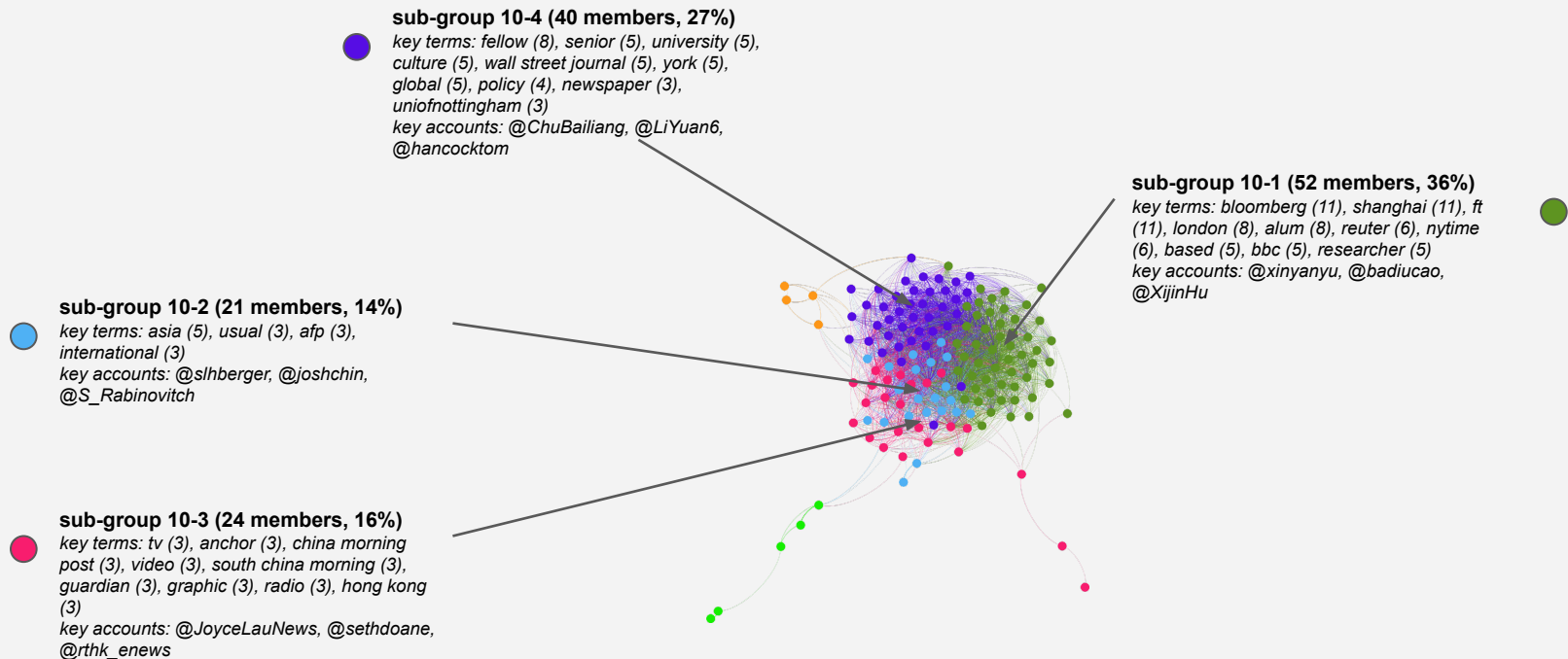
key terms: *stampa* (375), *corriere* (343), *opinioni* (292), *giornalista* (228), *sera* (216), *rai* (207), *corriere della sera* (181), *editoriale* (118), *quotidiano* (113), *canale* (103)
key accounts: @biacchessi, @chedisagio, @giucruciani

Group 5 (150 members, 3% total)

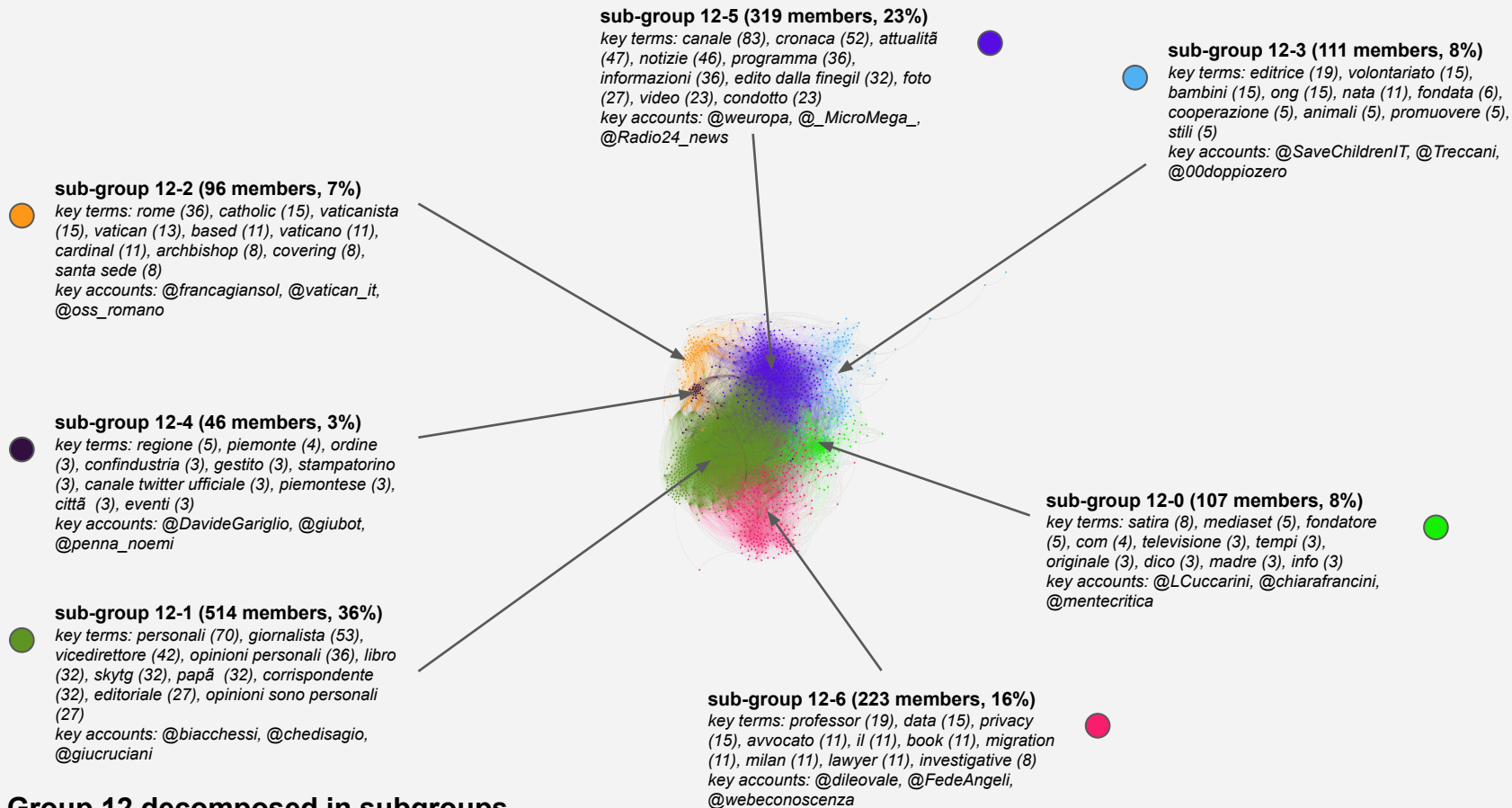
key terms: *open* (125), *opendata* (76), *wikimedia* (32), *wikipedia* (23), *public* (15), *opengov* (11), *openstreetmap* (11), *map* (9), *openknowledge* (8), *software* (5)
key accounts: @sotm, @simonecortesi, @patriciolorente

Zoom on key groups

*The following slides zoom on one of the colored regions
of the global picture*

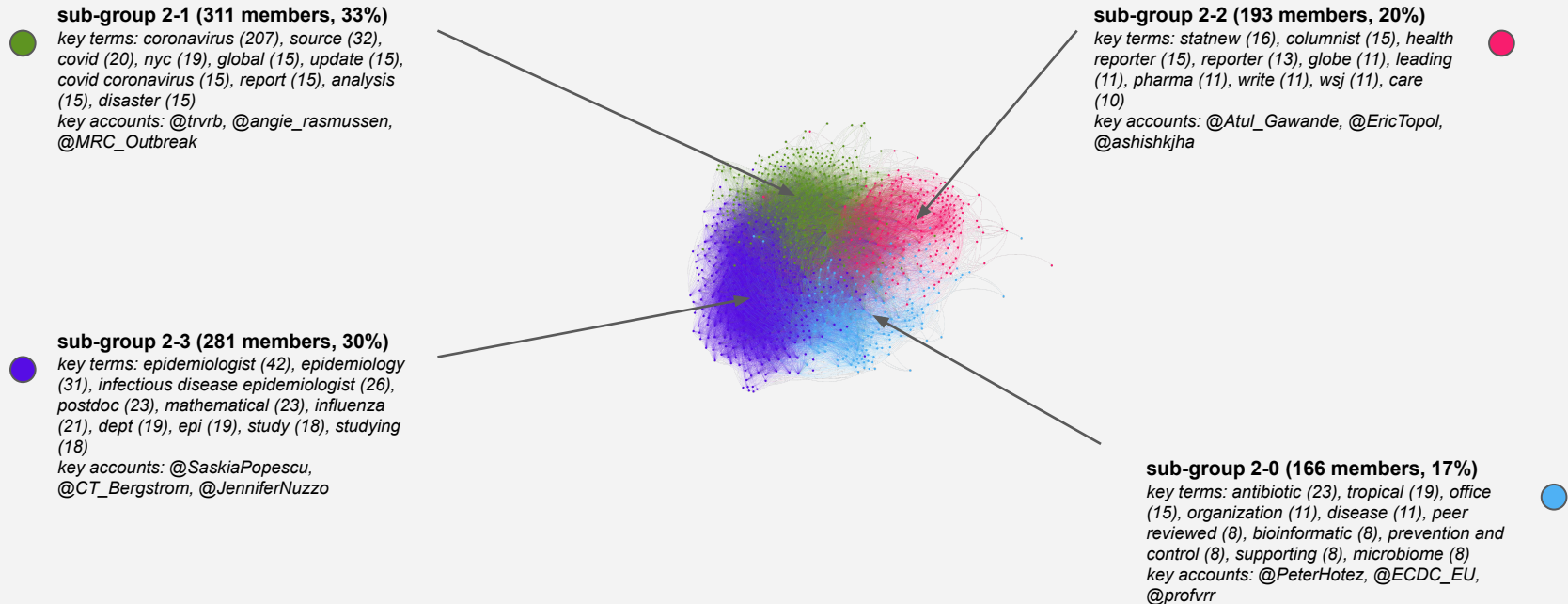


Group 10 decomposed in subgroups.
146 members. Key terms: china, beijing, correspondent



Group 12 decomposed in subgroups.
1416 members. Key terms: giornalista, ã, ufficiale

Key group - worth further investigation!



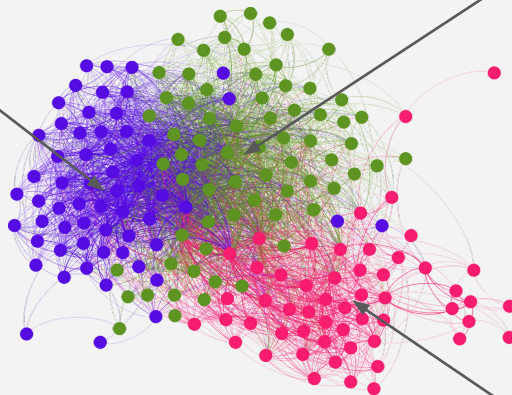
Group 2 decomposed in subgroups.
951 members. Key terms: health, infectious disease, professor

A zoom on the four subgroups of group 2

Breaking down the 4 groups in smaller communities

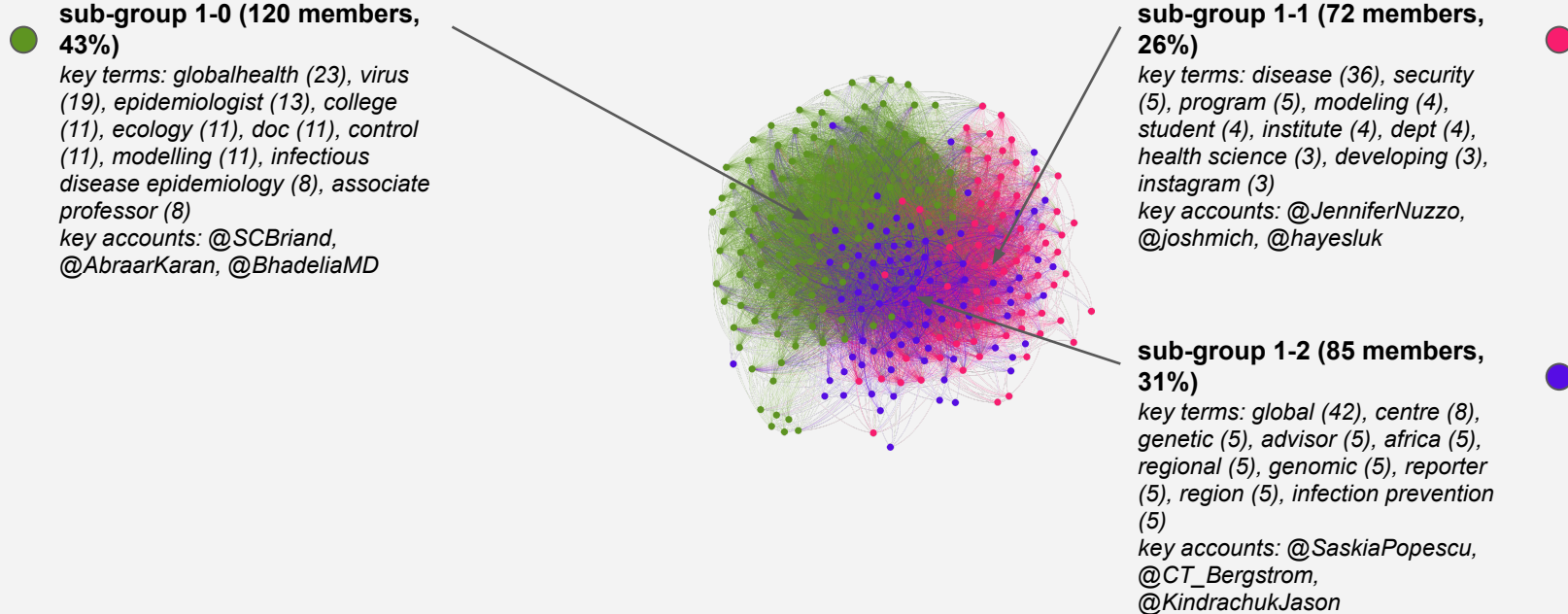
● **sub-group 0-2 (59 members, 32%)**
key terms: *microbiology (42), society (23), antibiotic (19), clinical (19), review (8), scientist (8), microbe (8), evolution (8), microbial (8), microbiome (8)*
key accounts: @IDSAInfo, @profvrr, @PreventionTips

● **sub-group 0-1 (69 members, 38%)**
key terms: *emerging (19), epidemiology (15), emerging infectious disease (8), preparedness (8), centre for disease (8), office (8), global (7), infectious disease (7), science (7), pandemic (5)*
key accounts: @ECDC_EU, @lisaschnirring, @AmeshAA

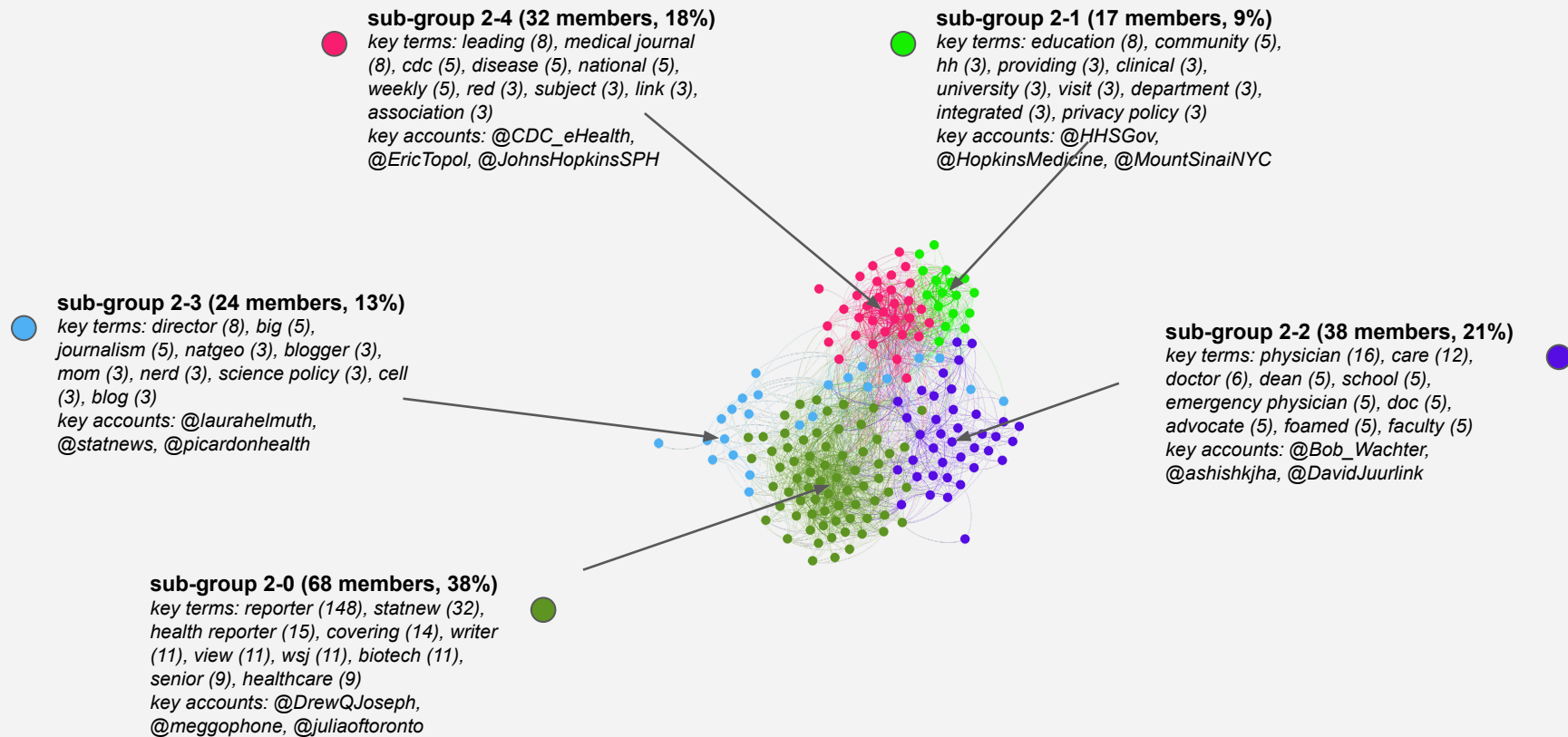


● **sub-group 0-0 (54 members, 30%)**
key terms: *global health (24), disease (15), view (11), globalhealth (11), school (9), london (8), advocate (8), health (7), international (6), development (5)*
key accounts: @PeterHotez, @GHS, @UNCpublichealth

Group 0 decomposed in subgroups.
182 members. Key terms: health, infectious disease, global health



Group 1 decomposed in subgroups.
277 members. Key terms: health, infectious disease, epidemiologist



Group 2 decomposed in subgroups.

179 members. Key terms: health, science, reporter

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key accounts: @coronaviruscare,
@CoronaVirusInt, @BNODEsk

key terms: spread (8), dave robert (5), updated (5), coronavirus covid (5), coronavirus (4), covid (4), á.á.á'áfæśā,á'áfæ āpæēzāčāfāč āpæēśā-ā,ā'āfæ āpæēzāčāfāēā,ā (3), á.á.á'áfæśā,á'áfæ á.á.á'áfæśā,āsū'áfæ á.á.á'áfæ śā,ā' (3), á'áfæ āpæēzāčāfā ā.ā.ā,ā'āfæ (3), á.á.á'áfæśā,ā° (3)
key accounts: @coronaviruscare,
@CoronaVirusInt, @BNODesk

key terms: story (19), patient (15), york (15), reporter (15), nytime (15), emergency (11), editor (11), fellow (11), correspondent (9), education (8)
key accounts: @MackayIM, @FluTrackers, @ScottGottliebMD

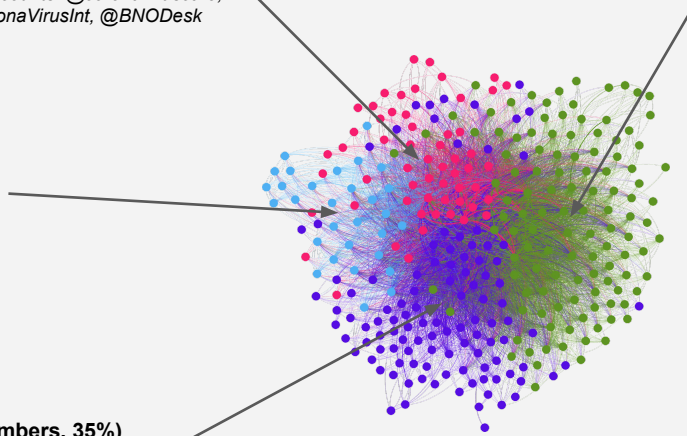
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key terms: *pndmcsurvivor* (3), *informed* (3),
public (3), *prepared* (3), *faction* (3), *tracking*
(3)
key accounts: *@WarsontheBrink*,
@PndmcSrvvrsUSA, *@CoronavirusCast*

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key terms: security (8), china (8), assistant (8),
mom (8), respiratory (8), professor (7),
medicine (6), epidemiologist (6), director (5),
virus (5)
key accounts: @trvr, @DrFrieden,
@angie_rasmussen

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Group 3 decomposed in subgroups.
313 members. Key terms: health, coronavirus, covid