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HOW HUMANITY
TALKS ABOUT AI

WEEKLY RELEASE

2026 W18

How people talked about AI companies, models and products on Reddit, Bluesky, YouTube, Hacker News, arXiv, Google News and Exa, 27 Apr – 3 May 2026. Each platform is measured on its own.

PUBLISHED IN DEVELOPMENT

WINDOW	RELEASE DAY	AS OF
Mon 27 – Sun 3 May 2026	Wednesday 6 May 2026	25 Sep 2026 19:30Z
METHOD	DAYS SETTLED	SOURCES
005c-series-v3.1	21 of 21 that can settle	7, each measured on its own

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IN BRIEF

Release 2026-W18

This release measures which AI subjects drew people into the conversation in the week of 27 Apr – 3 May 2026, platform by platform. It holds a summary table for each platform and a reading for each of its subjects. Every figure carries its conditions, and every reading has a permanent link.

85

subjects on the summary table

15 shown here, in Reddit's order; all are on the release page

97

readings in this release

all in development; each has its own permanent link

2

platforms that count people

Reddit and Hacker News; each ranks on its own

Counts of stored objects in release 2026-W18, as of 25 Sep 2026 19:30Z. No figure in this release adds platforms together.

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Reddit posts · In development. Spam, bot and incentive posts haven't been removed: their labels agree with a stronger model at kappa 0.43, below the threshold of 0.60. Estimated from a uniform sample of 14,919 of the week's 970,988 posts (4,450 kept; seed "2026-W18|reddit"): 95% interval 282,601 to 296,747. **Hacker News posts, Hacker News threads, Hacker News people, arXiv posts, arXiv threads · In development.** Spam, bot and incentive posts haven't been removed: their labels agree with a stronger model at kappa 0.43, below the threshold of 0.60.

WHAT THIS RELEASE FOUND

First place on each platform that counts people

Each lead is the stored measured statement of one platform's first place, verbatim. Platforms rank separately, and nothing here is added across them.

01 · #1 ON REDDIT

12,169

distinct people on Reddit

Claude Model · Anthropic

IN DEVELOPMENT

On Reddit, 12,169 distinct people posted about Claude between 27 April and 3 May 2026: 18,677 posts, an estimated 6.45% of that week's Reddit posts about AI, leaving out templated automated posts (99.9% of these posts had an identifiable author).

Claude · Reddit · posts from 27 Apr – 3 May 2026 · n 18,677 posts · author coverage 99.9% · 7 days: 7 backfilled

02 · #1 ON HACKER NEWS

45

distinct people on Hacker News

Claude Model · Anthropic

IN DEVELOPMENT

On Hacker News, 45 distinct people posted about Claude between 27 April and 3 May 2026: 45 posts, 13.72% of that week's Hacker News posts about AI (100.0% of these posts had an identifiable author).

Claude · Hacker News · posts from 27 Apr – 3 May 2026 · n 45 posts · author coverage 100.0% · 7 days: 7 backfilled

Measured statements are generated from stored figures and never rewritten. People are distinct platform identities, counted on each platform separately.

THE SUMMARY TABLE

People per subject on each platform

Read down a column for one platform's ranking; read across a row to see how differently the platforms rank one subject. The first 15 in Reddit's order.

#	Subject · lineage	Reddit ▼ n 14,919 posts		Hacker News n 328 posts	
1	**Claude** Anthropic	12,169	#1	45	#1
2	**ChatGPT** OpenAI	6,445	#2	Hidden · n 3 people	
3	**Gemini** Google DeepMind	3,351	#3	Hidden · n 5 people	
4	**GPT** OpenAI	2,935	#4	Hidden · n 5 people	
5	**Claude Code** Anthropic › Claude	2,869	#5	20	#2
6	**Qwen** Alibaba	2,187	#6	Hidden · n 2 people	
7	**Codex** OpenAI	1,823	#7	Hidden · n 9 people	
8	**DeepSeek** DeepSeek	1,624	#8	Hidden · n 6 people	
9	**Grok** xAI	1,500	#9	Hidden · n 2 people	
10	**Microsoft Copilot** Microsoft AI	1,119	#10	Hidden · n 0 people	
11	**Gemma** Google DeepMind	771	#11	Hidden · n 2 people	
12	**Sora** OpenAI	687	#12	Hidden · n 0 people	
13	**GitHub Copilot** Microsoft AI	636	#13	Hidden · n 5 people	
14	**Kimi** Moonshot AI	621	#14	Hidden · n 1 people	
15	**GLM** Zhipu AI	437	#15	Hidden · n 3 people	

Distinct people who posted about each subject, 27 Apr – 3 May 2026, as of 25 Sep 2026 19:30Z; in development. Each bar is scaled to its own platform's first place (Reddit 12,169, Hacker News 45), so no two columns share a scale. A hidden figure shows its reason on the release page, never a number. All 85 subjects are at aidran.ai/releases/2026-W18.

PLATFORM TOTALS

The context for every share

Posts, threads and distinct people on each platform. Each platform stands alone, so there is no total row.

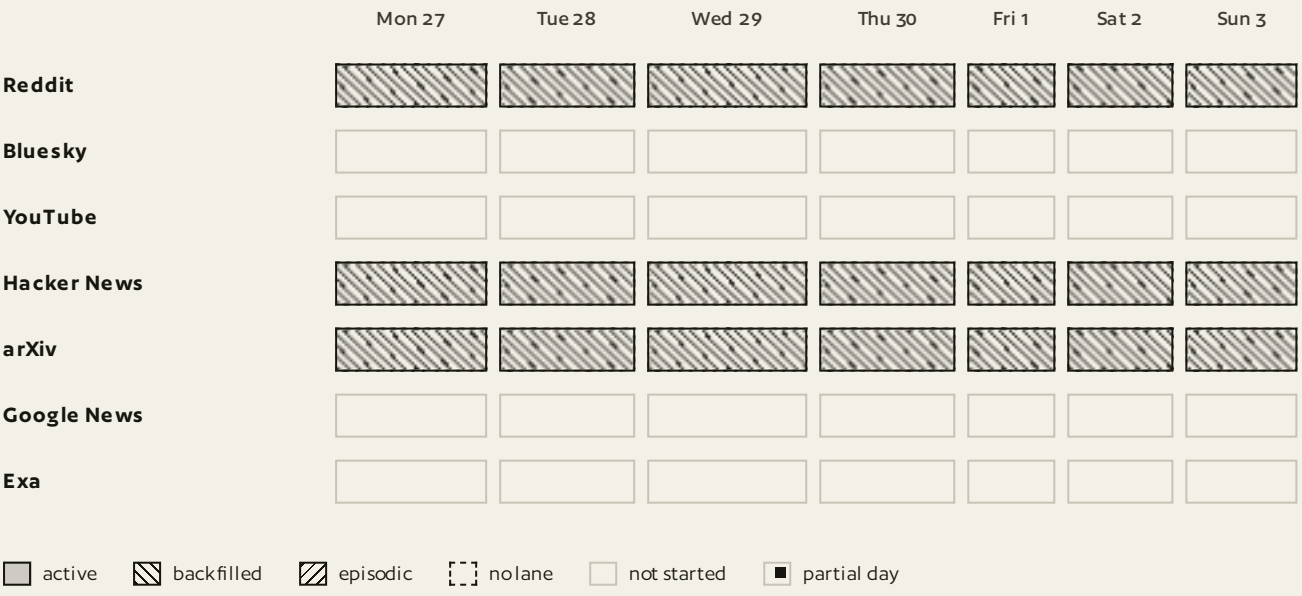
Platform	Posts	Threads	People	Author coverage
Reddit	289,624 In development	Hidden	Hidden	–
Bluesky	Hidden	Hidden	Hidden	–
YouTube	Hidden	Hidden	Hidden	–
Hacker News	328 In development	328 In development	296 In development	100.0%
arXiv	406 In development	406 In development	Not applicable	0.0%
Google News	Hidden	Hidden	Not applicable	–
Exa	Hidden	Hidden	Not applicable	–

27 Apr – 3 May 2026, as of 25 Sep 2026 19:30Z, counted from posts' own data. People are distinct platform identities, never added across platforms, and not applicable on article sources. Reasons for qualified values are in the brief. Reasons for totals without a final value are on the conditions sheet.

COVERAGE THIS WEEK

What AIDRAN was collecting, day by day

A day can hold posts even when collection hadn't started: they were captured later.



Each lane's status for each day of 2026-W18, from its coverage as of 25 Sep 2026 19:30Z. Every status is shown by shape and a label, never by colour alone; each platform's days, in words, are on the release page.

CONDITIONS

What this release rests on

As of	25 Sep 2026 19:30Z
Days settled	21 of 21 that can settle
Method	005c-series-v3.1
Status	Published, Friday 2 Oct 2026
Author coverage	posts with an identifiable platform identity; article sources have none by definition

Reddit threads, Reddit people · Hidden. Not measured this week: not every post was labelled, and distinct people and threads among posts about AI can't be scaled from a sample. **Bluesky posts, Bluesky threads, Bluesky people · Hidden.** Not counted this week: Bluesky has no day between 27 April and 3 May 2026 that AIDRAN counts, so there's no figure to show. **YouTube posts, YouTube threads, YouTube people · Hidden.** Not counted this week: YouTube has no day between 27 April and 3 May 2026 that AIDRAN counts, so there's no figure to show. **arXiv people · Not applicable.** arXiv posts are articles, which have no authors, so people aren't counted. **Google News posts, Google News threads · Hidden.** Not counted this week: Google News has no day between 27 April and 3 May 2026 that AIDRAN counts, so there's no figure to show. **Google News people · Not applicable.** Google News posts are articles, which have no authors, so people aren't counted. **Exa posts, Exa threads · Hidden.** Not counted this week: Exa has no day between 27 April and 3 May 2026 that AIDRAN counts, so there's no figure to show. **Exa people · Not applicable.** Exa posts are articles, which have no authors, so people aren't counted.

METHOD

Every reading in this release names the method version it was made with, here 005c-series-v3.1. The methods note for it is at aidran.ai/method.

REVISIONS

A revision or a correction is a new reading. The original stays online with a dated notice. The log of every notice is at aidran.ai/method/revisions.

CITATION

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