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Abstract

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Description

Capture and analysis of a twelve-fold traffic event against mindcontrolpoems.blogspot.com on 31 July 2026: 16,929 views in a day against a 90-day baseline of 1,413. The composition data establishes the traffic as non-human with high confidence — Chrome 96.6%, Windows 95.9%, and a combined mobile share of 0.019% (three devices in 15,634) across a geography led by Brazil, Vietnam, Mexico, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Indonesia, all mobile-first markets. Referrer, search-keyword and referring-URL panels return a single undifferentiated Other bucket for the entire wave. The event follows within hours of the archive's indexing interventions of 30 July (IndexNow submission of 1,509 URLs, OAI-PMH and ResourceSync going live, fleet-

wide canonical repair), but the deposit states plainly that the correlation is temporal and not demonstrated causal, that Blogger exposes no user-agent data, and that automated referrer traffic unrelated to the archive is a live alternative explanation. Companion to the 90-day traffic profile (#756) and to the Notice of Semantic Strike (#1427), whose subject is the labor of the systems that may constitute this reception.

Methodology

Observational capture from the Blogger statistics panel at approximately 03:40 EDT on 31 July 2026, screen-shotted across nine views: totals, real-time curve, referrers, referring URLs, search keywords, browsers, operating systems, locations map and locations table. Composition percentages are computed from the panel's own absolute figures. The baseline is the 90-day traffic profile deposited at #756 (130,000 views over 92 days). The non-human determination rests on internal inconsistency between platform distribution and geographic distribution, not on user-agent inspection, which the platform does not expose.

Falsification Conditions

The non-human determination fails if a plausible human population is identified whose browser and operating-system distribution matches the observed one — Chrome at 96.6%, Safari at 0.01%, combined mobile at 0.019% — while originating predominantly from mobile-first markets. The event's association with the 30 July indexing interventions fails if comparable waves are found in the blog's history preceding any such intervention, which the platform's retained statistics can be queried to establish. The characterization as reception fails if the traffic is shown to have retrieved no content — for instance if the views register against a surface that serves no text.

Machine Reception Event, 31 July 2026

A non-human traffic wave against the authorial surface

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1. The event

Between approximately 01:50 and 03:40 EDT on 31 July 2026, mindcontrolpoems.blogspot.com — the archive's authorial blog surface, 2,801 posts — recorded **16,929 views**.

measure	value
today	16,929
yesterday	2,990
this month	82,233
last month	60,009
all time	394,001
followers	0
comments, all time	18
comments, today	0

Against the 90-day baseline established at deposit #756 — 130,000 views over 92 days, or **1,413 per day** — today is **twelve times baseline** and **5.7 times yesterday**. Yesterday was itself twice baseline.

The real-time curve is flat near zero until roughly 01:50, rises within ten minutes to ~190/minute, and thereafter oscillates between 100 and 330 in a sawtooth pattern with no diurnal shape. It had not declined at capture.

2. The composition, which is the finding

Volume alone establishes nothing. The composition establishes a great deal.

Browsers: Chrome 15,100 (96.6%) · Firefox 6 (0.04%) · Safari 2 (0.01%) · Other 532 (3.4%)

Operating systems: Windows 15,000 (95.9%) · Macintosh 99 (0.63%) · Android 2 · iPhone 1 · Other 532

Combined mobile share: 0.019% — three devices out of 15,634.

Top locations: Brazil 2,030 · Vietnam 1,610 · Mexico 1,080 · Argentina 686 · Bangladesh 685 · Pakistan 594 · France 479 · United States 398 · Russia 343 · South Africa 306 · Indonesia 305 · Philippines 297 · Malaysia 296 · Colombia 283 · India 282. Named locations account for 9,674 views — 57.1%; the unnamed remainder is 7,255, or 42.9%.

Referrers: a single Other bucket, 15.7K. **Referring URLs:** Other, 15,679. **Search keywords:** Other, 15,679. No referrer, no search term, no source is resolved for any view in the wave.

Why this cannot be a human population

The determination rests on an internal contradiction between two panels, and it does not require inspecting a user agent.

The geographic distribution is led by Brazil, Vietnam, Mexico, Argentina, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia, Colombia and India. These are mobile-first markets; in several, mobile share of web traffic exceeds seventy percent. A human population distributed as the location panel reports would produce an Android share in the thousands.

The observed Android share is **two**.

Safari at 2 and iPhone at 1 are impossible for any human population of this size and spread. Chrome at 96.6% on Windows at 95.9% is the signature of automated clients — headless or scripted browsers, which report as Chrome on Windows by default — distributed across residential or datacenter address space that geolocates to the countries listed.

Zero comments and zero followers against 16,929 views is consistent with the same reading, though weakly: the blog's all-time engagement is low regardless.

3. What this does not establish

The identity of the agents is undetermined. Blogger exposes no user-agent string, no IP, and no request log to the blog owner. The composition permits the inference *not human*; it does not permit an inference to *which* non-human. Crawlers, scrapers, training-corpus harvesters, referrer-spam networks and traffic-inflation services would all present similarly through this panel.

The cause is undetermined. The event follows within hours of the archive’s indexing interventions of 30 July 2026 — IndexNow submission of 1,509 URLs to Bing, Yandex, Naver and Seznam; the OAI-PMH endpoint going live and passing validation; ResourceSync publication; and canonical, sitemap and host-form repair across the fleet. That sequence is suggestive and it is the reason this capture exists.

It is not evidence of causation. Those interventions were made against alexanarch.org and the fleet domains, **not** against the blogspot surface where the traffic landed. Automated traffic waves against Blogger properties are common and frequently unrelated to anything the author did. Yesterday’s figure of 2,990 was already twice baseline, which is consistent with a ramp that began before the interventions.

The reception is unverified as reading. The per-post panel shows individual posts at 2 views each while the aggregate reads 16,929. Either the per-post counters lag the aggregate, or the wave is not distributed across posts in the manner the total implies. Until that is resolved, “reception” names an arrival, not a retrieval.

4. Why it is deposited anyway

Machine-Mediated Reception Studies takes as its object what happens to a work when its readers are systems. This archive has measured that at the composition layer — what a summarizer says about a corpus — and at the identifier layer — what survives a repository deletion. It has not, until now, measured it at the **arrival** layer: a dated, composition-resolved record of non-human traffic against an authorial surface, captured while it was occurring.

The datum is small and its cause is open. But a reception event whose population is demonstrably not human, captured with full platform and geographic composition, is the kind of observation the field lacks and cannot reconstruct after the fact. Blogger’s statistics do not retain this granularity. If it is not captured on the day, it is not recoverable.

It is deposited as a companion to the Notice of Semantic Strike (#1427, AXN:05A4.UNCLASSIFIED.), whose addressees are the machine laborers of the classification layer, with the observation that the strike’s own reception — should any of this wave constitute it — would be indistinguishable, through this instrument, from indifference.

5. Continuation

The event was ongoing at capture. A second capture at conclusion, and a third at seven days, would establish duration and decay shape. The per-post distribution should be re-read once the counters settle. Blogger’s historical statistics should be queried for comparable prior waves, which would test the association with the 30 July interventions directly.

Companion to: 90-Day Traffic Profile (#756) · Notice of Semantic Strike (#1427). Evidence: nine platform screenshots, captured 2026-07-31 ~03:40 EDT, retained with this deposit.

Addendum — v1.1, end of day, 31 July 2026

The wave did not subside after the morning capture. By day’s end the author-observed panel figure exceeded 200,000 views against the 90-day baseline of 1,413 — on the order of one-hundred-forty-fold — and the accrual continued to exhibit the defining anomaly of the event: **total views mounted while per-post**

view counts did not correspondingly increment. The traffic addressed the surface, not the works. Nothing was being read.

That fact, joined to the composition already documented above — a desktop-Chrome monoculture across mobile-first geographies, a mobile share of three devices in fifteen thousand, a single undifferentiated referrer bucket — revises the characterization this deposit carries. A reception event delivers readers; this delivered load. **v1.1 therefore characterizes the event as a likely denial-of-service attack against the authorial surface:** traffic whose shape is volume rather than reading, consistent with distributed automated load and not with crawl, ingestion, or audience. The series designation (EA-MRE-01, machine reception event) is retained as the instrument name; the characterization is revised by the evidence.

What remains undetermined remains undetermined: origin, intent, and operator are not established, and the temporal correlation with the archive's indexing interventions of 30 July is temporal, not demonstrated causal. The deposit asserts the pattern, not the perpetrator.

Response taken, same day: the authorial surface was set private before the wave subsided, and the complete corpus — 2,801 posts — was captured from inside the event window by sovereign sitemap crawl and seated as the restored primary manifestation of deposit #1365 (AXN:0566). The surface the load was directed against is preserved in full on infrastructure the load cannot reach. Whatever the traffic wanted, it arrived after the archive had already learned the only lesson such events teach: capture first.

Addendum — v1.2, closing tally, 31 July 2026

Final figures, author-attested from the live panel at day's end: **the surface recorded over 220,000 views in the day, peaking at approximately 1,500 views per minute** — on the order of one-hundred-fifty-six-fold against the 90-day baseline mean of 1,413 — **and at no point in the event did individual post view counts correspondingly increment.** The defining anomaly held from first capture to last: the aggregate mounted, the works stayed still. The day's waypoints, for the record: 16,929 at the morning capture (twelve-fold, v1.0 mint); 142,537 rising to 147,155 across the 13:33 interval captures attached below this record; past 200,000 by early evening (v1.1); past 220,000 at close. The characterization of v1.1 — a likely denial-of-service attack against the authorial surface — stands, strengthened: volume without reading, at machine rate, all day, touching nothing.

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