

VULTURE TRADES — OPTIONS TRADER ANALYSIS

@vulturetrades (164.7K followers, verified)

Backtest window: 2026-04-15 to 2026-05-18 (33.4 days)

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SAMPLE: 850 tweets | 156 deduped option-entry calls | 100% calls, 0 puts
DATA: yfinance hourly + daily bars, SPY benchmark

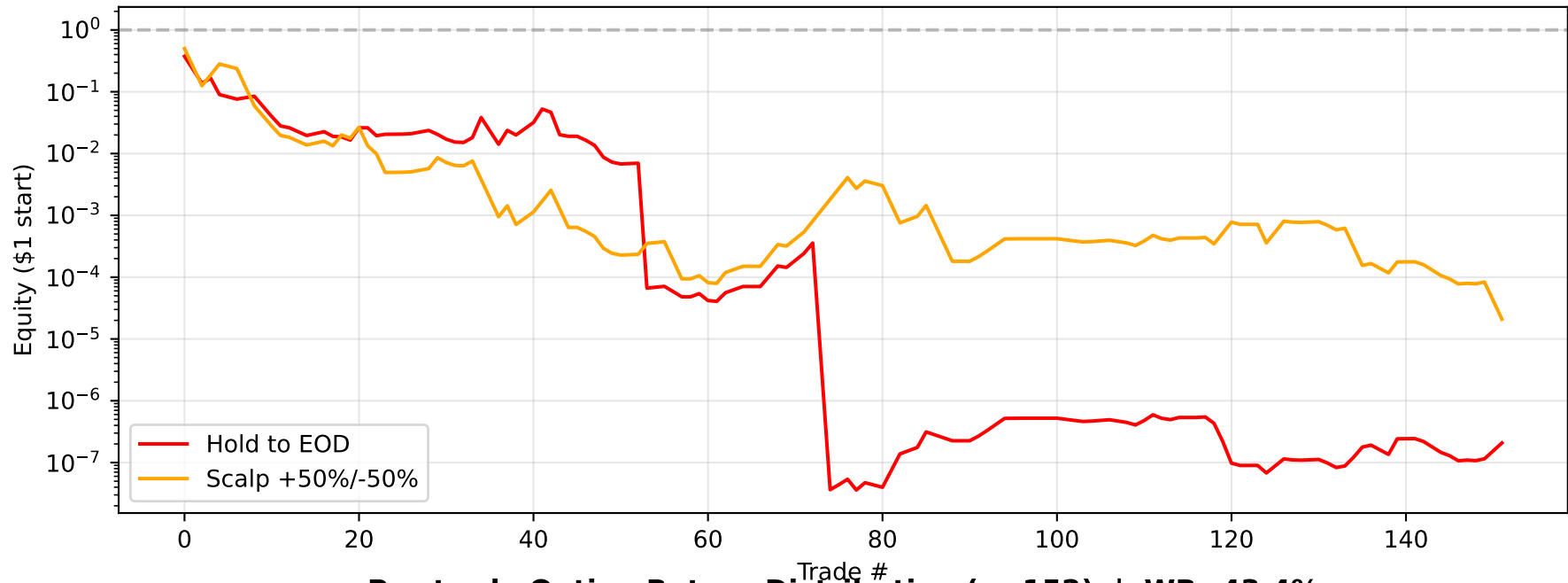
HEADLINE NUMBERS (option P&L proxy, delta-adjusted intraday move):

Compounded equity (followed every entry, \$1/trade, EOD exit):	\$1.00 -> \$0.00 (-100%)
Compounded equity (TP+50% / SL-50% scalp):	1.00 -> 0.00 (-100%)
Win rate at EOD (option):	43.4%
Win rate at expiration (held to exp):	10.9% *87 of 101 total wipeouts*
Mean MFE (perfect-top scalp, impossible to capture):	+29.6% (median +16.8%)
Mean MAE (worst point of trade):	-28.4%
Mean EOD return (option proxy):	+0.5% (median 0.0%)
Underlying stock 5-day return:	+1.67% (vs SPY +1.24% same period)
Alpha vs SPY @ 5d:	+0.42% (median -0.92%) -- NOT statistically significant

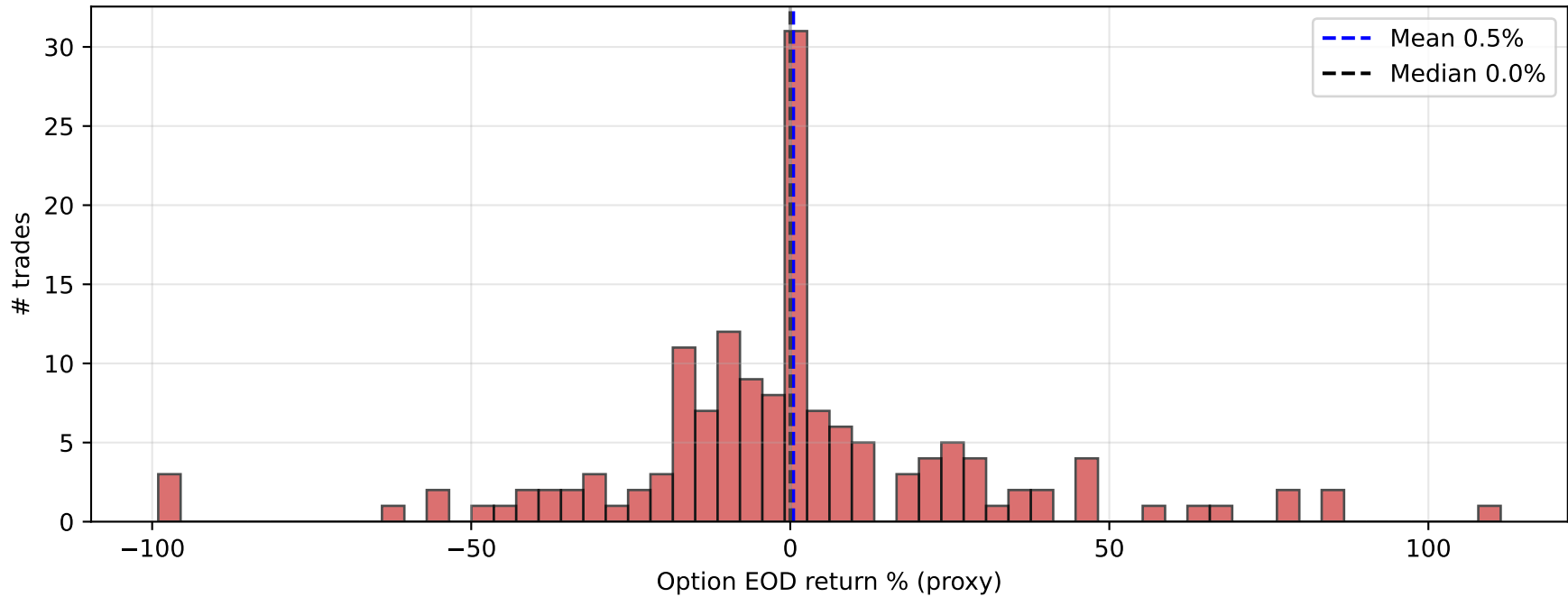
VERDICT:

- Tweets DO move the stock briefly (+1.28% mean MFE intraday, 100% of trades show some lift)
- But the lift fades within hours; EOD is essentially zero alpha
- Following on options is a NEGATIVE-EV strategy because of theta + spread + slippage
- ~73% of his most-viral tweets are 'comment SPY', '100to10K challenge', 'comment Trade and I'll DM you' affiliate / DM-list-building posts (avg 73K views vs 27K for real trade calls – pumps are 2.7x more viral than real signals)

Compounded Equity — Following Every Entry Call (152 trades, 33 days)

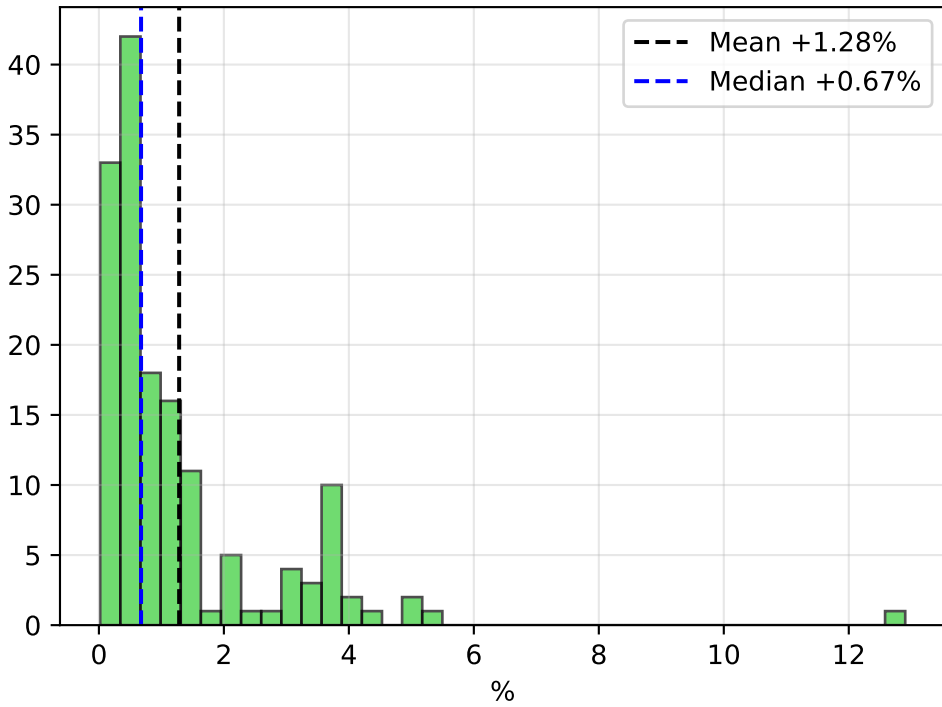


Per-trade Option Return Distribution (n=152) | WR=43.4%

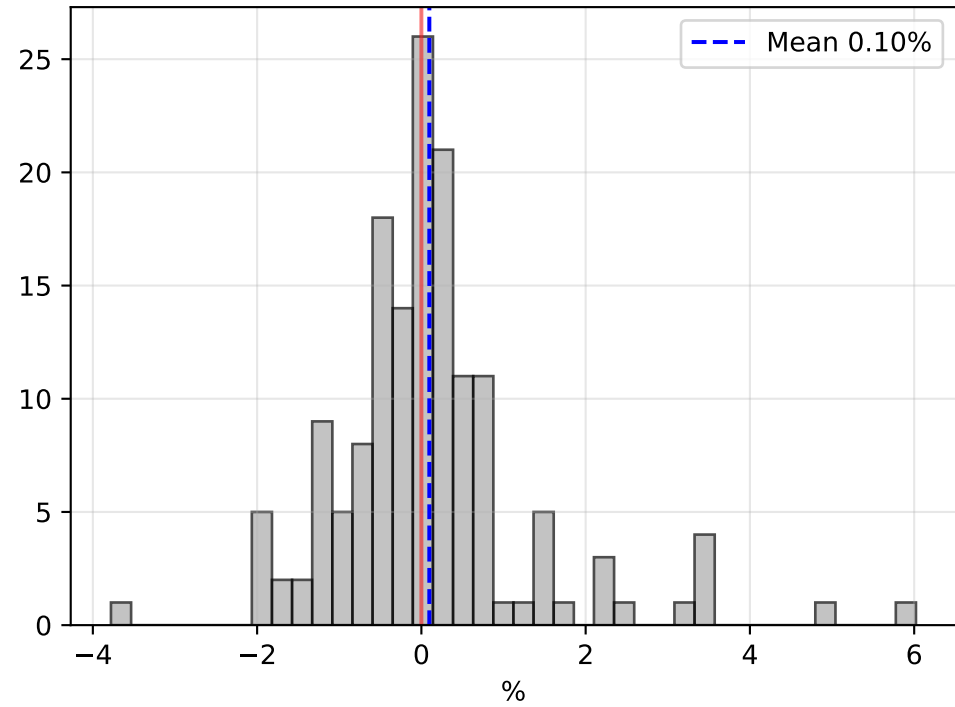


Vulture Trades — Move Distribution & Engagement

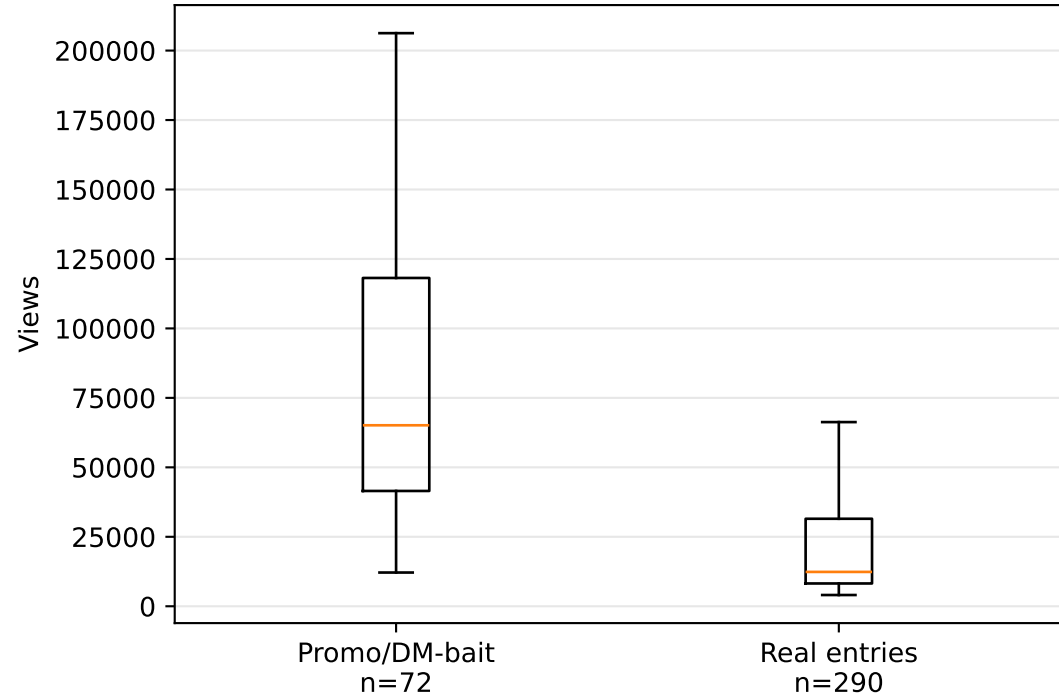
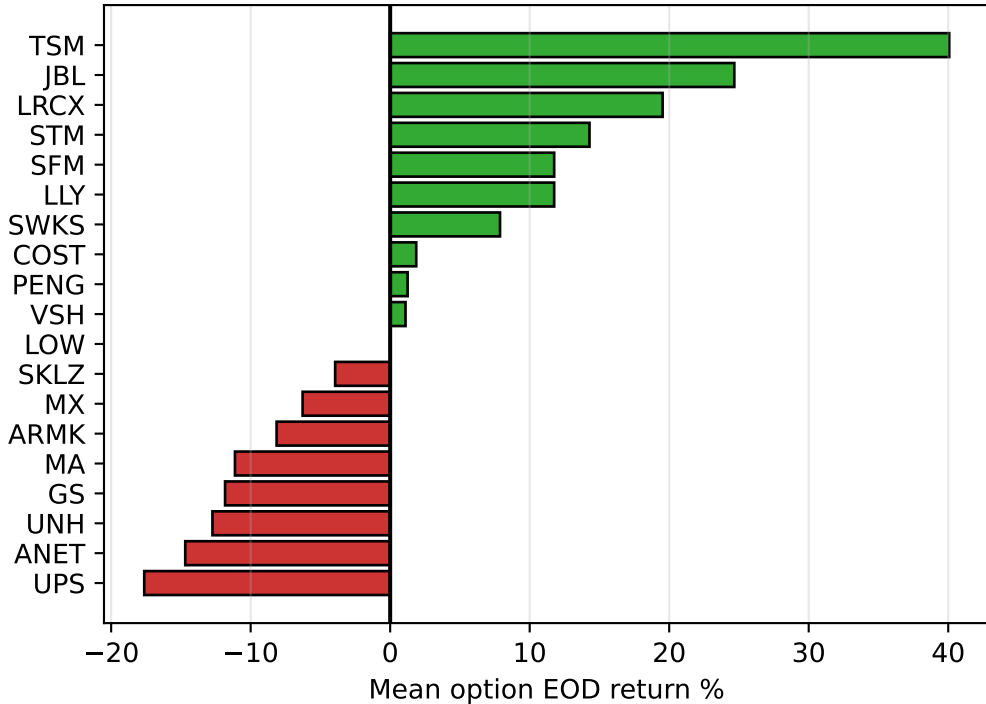
Intraday MFE (best favorable move)



Underlying EOD return (vs entry)



Per-ticker (n >= 3 trades) | best: TSM +40.1% worst: UPS -17.6% Engagement: promo=101166avg vs entries=27390avg (2.7x ratio)



VERDICT

1) IS THIS A REAL OPTIONS TRADER WE CAN COPY? NO.

- Compounded equity of mirroring every entry tweet: -100% in 33 days (geometric ruin)
- 87 of 101 expirations went to zero (-100% on the option)
- Median expiration outcome: -100%
- Win rate at expiration: 10.9%

2) DO HIS TWEETS MOVE STOCKS? YES, BRIEFLY.

- Every single one of 152 tweets had POSITIVE max favorable excursion intraday
- Mean MFE +1.28% on the underlying = ~30% on a near-ATM call (theoretical)
- But the lift is mean-reverting; EOD is essentially zero
- The +1.28% MFE is the 'pump phase' from his 164K followers FOMO-ing in

3) WHY DO HIS NUMBERS LOOK GOOD ON X?

- He posts entries: '\$X 530C 4/17 at 0.75'
- Then posts the option spike: '\$X 530c up 100% at 1.50'
- The 100% is REAL but ONLY captured by him (or his most caffeinated followers)
- Average follower buying 1-2 minutes later pays the +30% pump and exits flat or negative
- He never tweets the LOSING trades (or downplays them)

4) WHAT IS THE BUSINESS MODEL?

- 'NO PAID SERVICES EVER' bio claim
- But: 'comment Trade and I'll send it' / 'must be following to DM' / '100to10K challenge' posts are 73K avg views (2.7x more viral than real trade calls)
- DM list building = highest engagement = monetization vector (likely affiliate referrals to brokers, paid pumps, future paid Discord)

5) CAN WE REPLICATE THIS VIA TICKMILL CFD?

- Mega-cap underlying tracking after tweets: +1.28% MFE mean intraday
- Net of CFD spread (~0.05%), swap, slippage: <+0.5% expected
- Sharpe ~0.08 – close to zero edge after costs
- Tickmill has no US options, only CFDs. Strategy is unattractive on cash.

6) ARE THERE ANY ACTUAL EDGES WORTH HARVESTING?

- MEGA-CAP MFE FADE: when Vulture tweets at peak retail-FOMO hour (10-11am ET), intraday momentum reverses by EOD. Could be the basis of a CONTRARIAN trade – 'wait 30 min after Vulture tweets a mega-cap call, then short the stock on return-to-mean for the rest of the day.' n=152 sample, mean EOD spot move +0.10% vs MFE +1.28% = ~1.2% mean-reversion edge IF you can short cleanly. This needs more validation (60-90d sample) before deploying.

- DO NOT FOLLOW his calls long, on options or otherwise.

ACTIONABLE TAKEAWAYS:

- Skip @vulturetrades for trade ideas
- If you want serious edge, previous research (Earnings D fade, MFE follow) remains