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11 laws and bills against disinformation in Latin America | Latin American Journalism Review

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> As in the rest of the world, in Latin America, disinformation and fake news on the Internet spread rapidly and cause social damage, impacting public policies and electoral processes, among other harm. As a result, several governments and legislators on the continent have proposed and approved laws to curb them, including the imposition of prison sentences.
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> Although regulation of large digital platforms is a worldwide trend, as recent examples from the United States and the European Union show, there is a concern that specific laws that hold individuals responsible for the circulation of disinformation could be used to target political opponents and journalists.
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> An October resolution from the Inter American Press Association (IAPA) recently condemned proposals to criminalize fake news. The organization calls on governments to abandon such bills on the continent.
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