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Spanish-language Covid disinformation is aimed at Latinos as delta surges | NBC Latino

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> On a recent show on Actualidad, a Miami AM radio station, the host was promoting a false cure for Covid-19: the use of ivermectin, a drug used to deworm animals. The Food and Drug Administration has been warning against its use and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has cautioned that poison centers are reporting an increase in severe illnesses caused by people taking the drug.
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> The host said on Aug. 23 that he could cite clinical trials from Latin America "where doctors are using ivermectin with extraordinary results" and "people recover in three or four days." He falsely suggested that ivermectin was not being promoted for Covid by government health officials because it "costs 20 cents per pill and with three or four, or five pills, you're done. Pharmaceutical companies don't make much money."
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> Florida is grappling with record numbers of Covid-19 cases and deaths, as well as a surge in hospitalizations as a result of the more contagious delta variant. Yet on Spanish-language radio, hosts are pushing right-wing conspiracy theories similar to those heard on English-language shows. Just recently, three English-language conservative radio hosts who railed against vaccines died from Covid-19.
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