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Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review Retracts Article, Admitting Editorial ‘Failure’ | The Harvard Crimson

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> The Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review has admitted to publishing misinformation.
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> The journal, published by HKS’s Shorenstein Center, retracted an article last month that concluded a slavery reparations advocacy group discouraged Black voters from participating in the 2020 presidential election.
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> The group in question, the American Descendants of Slavery Advocacy Foundation, publicly refuted the article’s findings, leading the journal to launch internal and external reviews of the research.
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> The reviews, which concluded in August, found mistakes and data discrepancies in the study, calling into question its conclusions. The Misinformation Review retracted the article, titled “Disinformation creep: ADOS and the strategic weaponization of breaking news,” on Dec. 20, writing in an editor’s note that the authors admitted “defects” in their work.
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