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In Homeland Security, Partisan Fight Breaks Out Over Disinformation Board | The New York Times

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> Nina Jankowicz's new book, "How to Be a Woman Online," chronicles the vitriol she and other women have faced from trolls and other malign actors. She's now at the center of a new firestorm of criticism, this time over her appointment to lead an advisory board at the Department of Homeland Security on the threat of disinformation.
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> The creation of a board, announced last week, has turned into a partisan fight over disinformation itself — and what role, if any, the government should have in policing false, at times toxic, and even violent content online.
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> Within hours of the announcement, Republican lawmakers began railing against the board as Orwellian, accusing the Biden administration of creating a "Ministry of Truth" to police people's thoughts. Two professors writing an opinion column in The Wall Street Journal noted that the abbreviation for the new Disinformation Governance Board was only "one letter off from K.G.B.," the Soviet Union's security service.
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> Alejandro N. Mayorkas, the secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, has found himself on the defensive.
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