

# A rumor about helicopters disinfecting cities just won't die; misinformation demands our vigilance | Poynter

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Fact-checkers around the world have encountered a specific odd chain message about COVID-19 that has nothing to do with [false cures](#) or [who is immune](#). It's about helicopters. And, quite often, it talks about not one but five of them.

The [CoronaVirusFacts / DatosCoronaVirus alliance](#), coordinated by the International Fact-Checking Network since January, will update its database for the third time this week, adding more than 600 debunked falsehoods and surpassing 2,000 pieces of misinformation worldwide.

Among these hoaxes, fact-checkers have encountered this enduring rumor: Helicopters are going to spread "pesticides" in our cities so we better stay home.

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