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On July 30th, a small working group of experts on misinformation, platforms, and voting met to analyze platform policies and enforcement of electoral misinformation. The goal was to provide realistic and effective recommendations for additional steps the platforms can take now to combat misinformation about voting. That very morning, President Trump tweeted misinformation: "With Universal Mail-In Voting (not Absentee Voting, which is good), 2020 will be the most INACCURATE & FRAUDULENT Election in history. It will be a great embarrassment to the USA. Delay the Election until people can properly, securely and safely vote???"

Neither Twitter nor Facebook took action on this post. A <u>Facebook spokesperson</u> said they did not take the post down because they do not fact check politicians (directly contradicting <u>earlier assurances</u> from Mark Zuckerberg that their voter suppression policies apply to everyone), and Twitter claimed it was a "broad, non-specific statement" in accordance with <u>their policies</u>.

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