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## Anti-vaccine Conspiracies are Still Getting Engagement on Facebook Despite Being Fact-Checked as False | Poynter

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As Facebook <u>faces rising pressure</u> to remove anti-vaccine conspiracy theories from its recommendations, antivaxxer hoaxes are still getting plenty of engagement on the platform.

Over the weekend, the Agence France-Presse <u>debunked</u> a fake news story that claimed an American court had found a link between the mumps, measles and rubella vaccine and autism. The hoax was a copy of one that (Poynter-owned) PolitiFact <u>rated "Pants-on-Fire" last week</u> — except it was translated into French.

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Source: <u>Anti-vaccine conspiracies are still getting engagement on Facebook — despite being</u> <u>fact-checked as false – Poynter</u>