

# 'Astroturfing' spreads disinformation — and is harder to spot than Twitter bots | The Washington Post

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[Facebook](#) recently announced it had dismantled a number of alleged disinformation campaigns, including Russian troll accounts targeting Democratic presidential candidates. Over the summer, [Twitter and Facebook](#) suspended thousands of accounts they alleged to be spreading [Chinese disinformation](#) about Hong Kong protesters.

[Disinformation campaigns](#) based in Egypt and the United Arab Emirates used fake accounts on several platforms this year to support authoritarian regimes across nearly a dozen Middle East and African countries. And the [Mueller report](#) describes in detail how [Russian trolls](#) impersonated right-wing agitators and Black Lives Matter activists to sow discord in the 2016 U.S. presidential election

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