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Bot campaign on Twitter fuels confusion about Bolivian unrest | The Verge

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Since last week, a network of Twitter bot accounts has been spreading confusion about the events surrounding Bolivian President Evo Morales' abrupt resignation. The messages, which appear in English and Spanish, all carry the exact same text, beginning with the words, "Friends from everywhere, in Bolivia there was no coup."

Initial iterations of the tweet seem to have been written by an authentic critic of Morales, but the sentiment was co-opted and amplified by what experts say is a network of automated Twitter accounts. Although Twitter has removed many of the tweets, there are 4,320 still on the network as of press time.

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