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Coronavirus misinformation makes neutrality a distant memory for tech companies | NBC

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Open up Instagram these days and you might be bombarded with calls to "Stay Home."

On YouTube, you may see a link to a government website about the coronavirus.

Or go to Twitter and try to find the phrase "social distancing is not effective." It might be there, but probably not for long — because Twitter has banned the phrase as harmful.

A few years ago, these kinds of warnings and filters would have been hard to imagine. Most major consumer technology platforms embraced the idea that they were neutral players, leaving the flow of information up to users.

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