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# Covid Is Accelerating a Global Censorship Crisis | WIRED

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> More than 180,000 people in the United States have now died from the coronavirus, a horrifying loss of human life that stands in profound contrast to the pandemic's duration and severity in the rest of the world. Covid-19 "brought the world's most powerful country to its knees," with everything from the Trump administration's destructive response to an underfunded public health system to systemic racism and white supremacy woven throughout.
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> Rampant throughout this crisis, yet also throughout much of the world, has been mis- and disinformation—lies spread by the commander-in-chief about ingesting bleach; manufactured absurdities blasted through authoritarian propaganda outlets; falsehoods rumored around on Facebook or YouTube, or even into my own inboxes via text. In tandem with said falsehoods about the pandemic, there is an accelerating crisis of global censorship.
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