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Disinformation board to tackle Russia, migrant smugglers | The Washington Post

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WASHINGTON — The Department of Homeland Security is stepping up an effort to counter <u>disinformation coming from Russia</u> as well as misleading information that human smugglers circulate to target migrants hoping to travel to the U.S.-Mexico border.

"The spread of disinformation can affect border security, Americans' safety during disasters, and public trust in our democratic institutions," the department said in a statement Wednesday. It declined The Associated Press' request for an interview.

A newly formed Disinformation Governance Board announced Wednesday will immediately begin focusing on misinformation aimed at migrants, a problem that has helped to fuel sudden <u>surges at the U.S. southern border</u> in recent years. Human smugglers often spread misinformation around border policies to drum up business.

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