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Disinformation — about the Jan. 6 attack, COVID-19, vaccines, etc. — shaped the nation's politics in 2021 and likely will continue to do so throughout the coming year.

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Fuelling the riot at the Capitol on January 6 was, of course, the verifiably false claim that former President Trump won the election. And 2021 went on to be a year defined by disinformation, not just about politics, but also about vaccines, which led tens of millions of Americans to resist public health guidance about their effectiveness. Well, we're still in the middle of a pandemic, and another election is right around the corner. So joining me now to talk about what to expect when it comes to disinformation this year are two reporters who have spent a lot of time covering it. Geoff Brumfiel is a senior correspondent on NPR's Science Desk. Hey, Geoff.

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