

# Disinformation Is the Real Threat to Democracy and Public Health | Scientific American

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Disinformation is the coin of the modern realm. Vaccine denial, climate denial, election denial and war-crime denial have joined the grotesque denial of the Holocaust in the ranks of dishonesties now [regularly foisted on the public](#). We can, however, do something about this crisis of the information age.

In January the World Economic Forum (WEF) ranked the spread of misinformation among the greatest threats to humanity in its [Global Risks Report](#). With more than [four billion](#) people voting in the upcoming 2024 elections (roughly half the world's population), the report makes clear that now is the time to prepare the world against disinformation and those who peddle it.

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