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Facebook and YouTube are still full of covid misinformation | The Washington Post

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Facebook, YouTube and Twitter all banned harmful <u>covid-related misinformation</u> as the pandemic took hold throughout the world. But the false claims are still proliferating.

On YouTube, the accounts of six out of 12 anti-vaccine activists identified by the Center for Countering Digital Hate as being responsible for creating more than half the anti-vaccine content shared on social media are easily searchable and still posting videos. On Facebook, researchers at the left-leaning advocacy group Avaaz ran an experiment in June in which two brand-new accounts it set up were recommended 109 pages containing anti-vaccine information in just two days.

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