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Facebook Discovers Fakes That Mark New Step for Disinformation | The New York Times

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Facebook said on Friday that it had removed hundreds of accounts with ties to the Epoch Media Group, parent company of the Falun Gong-related publication and conservative news outlet <u>The Epoch Times</u>.

The accounts, including pages, groups and Instagram feeds meant to be seen in both the United States and Vietnam, <u>presented a new wrinkle to researchers</u>: fake profile photos generated with the help of artificial intelligence.

The idea that artificial intelligence could be used to <u>create wide-scale</u> <u>disinformation campaigns</u> has long been a fear of computer scientists. And they said it was worrying to see it already being used in a coordinated effort on Facebook.

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