

‘Facebook has a blind spot’: why Spanish-language misinformation is flourishing | The Guardian

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In the last year, Facebook adjusted some of the most fundamental rules about what gets posted on its platform, halting [algorithmic recommendations](#) of political groups, [banning lies](#) about vaccines and removing a number of [high-profile figures](#) for spreading misinformation and hate – including Donald Trump.

But researchers say the social media platform is not enforcing those policies as effectively when it comes to misinformation in Spanish – a blind spot that may prove deadly as health lies spread through the most vulnerable populations during the global vaccine effort.

“Prior to the election, [Facebook](#) was rolling out new enforcement actions and policy updates week after week,” said Carmen Scurato, a senior policy counsel at the civil rights group Free Press who studies Spanish-language misinformation. “But what we are observing is that those enforcement actions don’t seem to be replicated in Spanish.”

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