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Facebook removes Trump campaign ads with misleading claims about refugees | The Guardian

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Facebook has removed a number of ads from the Trump campaign for making misleading and inaccurate claims about Covid-19 and immigration.

On Wednesday the social media platform took down the Trump-sponsored advertisements which claimed, without evidence, that accepting refugees would increase Americans' risk of Covid-19. The ad, which featured a video of Joe Biden talking about the border and asylum seekers, claimed, also without evidence, that the Democratic candidate's policies would increase the number of refugees from Syria, Somalia and Yemen by "700%". More than 38 versions of the ad were run on Facebook and were seen by hundreds of thousands of people before the company removed them.

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