

Fact-checkers take a look back at their work fighting COVID-19 | Poynter

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In the midst of fighting misinformation about COVID-19, some fact-checkers have begun the process of analyzing their work to this point.

In Europe, fact-checking organizations Maldita.es, Full Fact, Pagella Politica/Facta, Correctiv, and Agence France-Presse collaborated to study the themes and spread of misinformation across the continent. The report found similar types of misinformation correlated with the virus's progress through each European country. For example, a hoax about chemical spraying helicopters started in Italy during its initial outbreak and spread across the continent as the virus progressed.

More surprising, said Maldita.es co-founder Clara Jimenez, were the viral hoaxes that did not spread outside each country's borders.

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