

False Election Audit Claims Surge on Facebook | Tech Transparency Project

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Facebook is allowing false claims about the election “audit” in Arizona to run rampant on its platform, much of it spread by militia groups trying to rile up their supporters about a stolen election, according to a Tech Transparency Project (TTP) investigation that shows Facebook’s continuing role as a vector for misinformation and extremism.

TTP has previously documented how a variety of far-right and militia groups used Facebook to organize their movement last year, fueled by Donald Trump’s baseless allegations of voter fraud, leading up to the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

The new investigation highlights how Facebook still hasn’t gotten control of election misinformation. Rather, the social network is presiding over a proliferation of conspiracy theories about Arizona’s election audit and copycat efforts in states like Georgia and Pennsylvania, which have become a rallying cry for Trump supporters who erroneously believe the former president can be “reinstated.”

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