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Fears about vaccines accounted for half of fact checks submitted to the Alliance database in March | Poynter

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Vaccine falsehoods increased their share of the CoronaVirusFacts Alliance database in March, accounting for 49% of the 455 newly added claims. The database, which combines the work of more than 90 fact-checking organizations from more than 70 countries writing fact checks in more than 40 languages, has compiled more than 12,000 fact checks since the beginning of the infodemic.

The largest share of false vaccine claims centered on fears that the COVID-19 vaccine could lead to the recipient's death. However, the latest vaccine monitoring information from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention "has not detected patterns in the cause of death that would indicate a safety problem with COVID-19 vaccines."

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