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Fed Up With Google, Conspiracy Theorists Turn to DuckDuckGo | The New York Times

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> On an episode of Joe Rogan's popular podcast last year, he turned to a topic that has gripped right-wing communities and other Americans who feel skeptical about the pandemic: search engines.

"If I wanted to find specific cases about people who died from vaccine-related injuries, I had to go to <u>DuckDuckGo</u>," Mr. Rogan said, referring to the small <u>privacy-focused</u> search engine. "I wasn't finding them on Google."

Praise for DuckDuckGo has become a popular refrain during the pandemic among right-wing social media influencers and conspiracy theorists who question Covid-19 vaccines and push discredited coronavirus treatments. Some have posted screenshots showing that DuckDuckGo appears to surface more links favorable to their views than Google does.

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