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## Fighting False News in Ukraine, Facebook Fact Checkers Tread a Blurry Line | The New York Times

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Facebook hired a Ukrainian group battling Russian disinformation to flag misleading posts. But critics say the fact checkers' work veers into activism.

StopFake, like all of Facebook's outside fact checkers, signed a pledge to be nonpartisan and not to focus its checks "on any one side." But in recent weeks, StopFake has been battling accusations of ties to the Ukrainian far right and of bias in its fact-checking. The episode has raised thorny questions for Facebook over whom it allows to separate truth from lies — and who is considered a neutral fact checker in a country at war.

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