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Fact-checking and verification were already crucial skills for journalists before the COVID-19 pandemic came along, thanks in part to the rise of Donald Trump and the [alt-right's weaponization of social media](#). But the coronavirus has made fact-checking and filtering skills even more important, as trolls traffic in rumors about how drinking bleach or taking megadoses of vitamin C can cure the virus, or how the rollout of 5G cell network technology caused COVID-19 (misinformation that Twitter [is now removing in the UK](#), after a number of antennas were toppled and burned). Complicating things even further: the president of the United States is [spreading misinformation](#) about whether the virus can be treated by injecting disinfectant.

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