Extremist actors, including the U.S. air national guardsman who divulged classified military secrets, are exploiting the communication features of online gaming and gaming-adjacent sites to disseminate violent ideologies and network with potential sympathizers, leading to real-world harm. Although some gaming platforms recently have made improvements in their detection and moderation systems, most companies are still behind mainstream social media sites in mitigating abuse of their platforms. Drawing on findings from a new multinational survey of gamers and interviews with gaming company executives and experts, the report recommends how companies can ensure that their products do not facilitate serious harm as they continue to profit from the gaming boom.

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