

Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review Retracts Article, Admitting Editorial ‘Failure’ | The Harvard Crimson

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The Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review has admitted to publishing misinformation.

The journal, published by HKS’s Shorenstein Center, retracted an article last month that concluded a slavery reparations advocacy group discouraged Black voters from participating in the 2020 presidential election.

The group in question, the American Descendants of Slavery Advocacy Foundation, publicly refuted the article’s findings, leading the journal to launch internal and external reviews of the research.

The reviews, which concluded in August, found mistakes and data discrepancies in the study, calling into question its conclusions. The Misinformation Review retracted the article, titled “Disinformation creep: ADOS and the strategic weaponization of breaking news,” on Dec. 20, writing in an editor’s note that the authors admitted “defects” in their work.

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