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In 2016, Russian operatives [used Facebook, Twitter and YouTube](#) to [sow division among American voters](#) and boost Donald Trump's presidential campaign.

What the Russians used to accomplish this is called "disinformation," which is false or misleading content intended to deceive or promote discord. Now, with the first presidential primary vote only five months away, the public should be aware of the sources and types of online disinformation likely to surface during the 2020 election.

First, the Russians will be back. [Don't be reassured](#) by the notorious Russian Internet Research Agency's relatively negligible presence during last year's midterm elections. The agency might have been keeping its powder dry in anticipation of the 2020 presidential race. And it helped that U.S. Cyber Command, an arm of the military, [reportedly blocked](#) the agency's internet access for a few days right before the election in November 2018.

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