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Earlier this year—before the pandemic, before the mass protests across the United States—another crowd gathered, this time in Tehran, Iran. They were attending the funeral of Iranian Gen. Qassem Suleimani, who had been killed by US forces.

The reaction to Suleimani's killing by some online right-wing activists set the stage for the floods of misinformation that would follow in this tumultuous year. And it began when a woman named Saghar Erica Kasraie posted a video on Facebook entitled "Truth from an Iranian."

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