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How to spot the latest trends in digital disinformation | Atlantic Council

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If you want to understand the disinformation trends that will be coming next to US social-media feeds, visit less-developed countries. What you'll find is a dynamic that *New York Times* reporter Sheera Frenkel likened to a car thief who perfects a strategy in less-policed areas before taking it to better-patrolled Beverly Hills. "In some ways, [what you see is] so much more egregious than what happens here in the United States," Frenkel said Thursday at the <u>360/Open Summit</u>, hosted by the Atlantic Council's Digital Forensic Research Lab.

Frenkel, author of *An Ugly Truth: Inside Facebook's Battle for Domination*, joined Casey Newton, the founder of *Platformer*, to discuss recent shifts in the spread of disinformation, how tech platforms can enhance accountability and transparency, and how journalists can work to foster trust with their audience.

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