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If You See Disinformation Ahead of the Midterms, We Want to Hear From You | The New York Times

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> As November's midterm elections approach, The New York Times is looking for examples of online ads, posts and texts that contain political disinformation or false claims and are being deliberately spread on internet platforms to try to influence local, statewide, and federal elections.

> Times journalists are hoping to use your tips to advance our reporting. If you see a suspicious post or text, please take a screenshot and upload it with the form below.

What we're looking for

Social media disinformation. This includes any false information being spread deliberately to confuse, mislead, or influence voters ahead of the 2018 midterm elections. Examples might include:

A Facebook account spreading spread false information about a candidate for office, or impersonating a candidate

A Twitter post attempting to confuse voters by sharing false information about the election process (for example, by advertising the wrong Election Day, or promoting nonexistent voter ID requirements)

A YouTube channel or Instagram account that uses doctored or selectively edited videos or images to mislead voters about a candidate or issue

A disinformation-based smear campaign against a candidate being organized on Reddit or 4Chan, or in a private Facebook group

A text message with false information to impersonate a candidate or confuse voters

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