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Infodemic investigation: Facebook is biggest source of false claims about coronavirus | Press Gazette

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Most misleading stories about coronavirus originate on Facebook, Press Gazette research has found.

Several social media giants, including Twitter and Google-owned Youtube, are coming under pressure over coronavirus misinformation that is spreading virally on their platforms. A Press Gazette campaign, Fight The Infodemic, is calling on social media firms to crack down on such content.

But Press Gazette analysis of the global Poynter Coronavirus Facts database, which holds details on more than 7,000 misleading claims about the pandemic, suggests Facebook is performing worse than its peers.

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