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Jordan's government used secretly recorded Clubhouse audio to spread disinformation | Rest of World

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When Clubhouse started taking off earlier this year, some users worried that sensitive conversations on the social audio app might be secretly recorded for nefarious purposes. In places like Saudi Arabia and Hong Kong, people were increasingly using Clubhouse to discuss taboo political topics, sparking concerns that authorities could be listening in. Now, researchers say that fear has come true.

In a new report released last week by The Stanford Internet Observatory, researchers analyzed a Jordanian disinformation network that pushed promonarchy and pro-military narratives on Facebook, Twitter, and TikTok. The campaign, which Facebook said in a separate report had links to the Jordanian military, also republished audio that had been secretly recorded on Clubhouse.

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