

Limiting message forwarding on WhatsApp helped slow disinformation | MIT Technology Review

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In January, WhatsApp [limited how often messages can be forwarded](#)—to only five groups instead of 20—in an attempt to slow the spread of disinformation. (They had previously limited it to 20 from 256.) [New research](#) suggests that the change is working, but more can still be done.

The background: When it comes to disinformation, Facebook and Twitter receive most of the attention. But WhatsApp has influenced [elections in Brazil](#) and [India](#), and a [recent report](#) from NYU highlighted it as one of the platforms we should be worrying about more.

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