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Platforms are cracking down hard on political misinformation, but it's still easy to find | Vox

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In the aftermath of the Capitol insurrection on January 6 that left five people dead, Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube promised to crack down harder on false claims that the US presidential election was stolen and on dangerous fringe movements like QAnon. But two weeks later — on Inauguration day, no less — it's easy to find this same kind of misinformation on their platforms.

That these theories continue to spread on social media impacts all of us, regardless of whether or not we believe them. As the Capitol insurrection earlier this month showed, online misinformation doesn't just stay online. It can fuel real-life violence.

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