

Researcher Cites Uptick In COVID-19 Vaccine Misinformation | NPR

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Twenty-one percent of adults in the U.S. say they're, quote, "pretty certain" they will not get a COVID-19 vaccine and that more information will not change their minds. That's according to research out this week from the Pew Research Center.

Why might that be? Well, Facebook has been a hotbed of misinformation and disinformation about COVID-19 vaccines. And this week, the company said it would remove all false information about the virus that could, quote, "lead to imminent physical harm."

We wanted to understand what kind of misinformation people are being exposed to when it comes to COVID-19 vaccines, what's being said and what could be done to stop the spread of false narratives. Claire Wardle has been looking into this. She is the co-founder and U.S. director of First Draft. That's a nonprofit that's focused on research to address misinformation. Wardle co-authored a recent report called "Under The Surface: COVID-19 Vaccine Narratives, Misinformation And Data Deficits On Social Media."

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