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Saudi, UAE Twitter takedowns won't curb rampant disinformation on Arab Twitter | The Washington Post

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Twitter [announced](#) this weekend that it took down about 4,525 accounts linked to Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Egypt — and 4,248 of these were operating uniquely from the UAE. Twitter accused all of the accounts of promoting “political spam” — effectively a euphemism for propaganda.

Saudi Arabia and the UAE, in particular, have [long been accused](#) of weaponizing social media platforms to promote their increasingly aggressive foreign policy agenda. In 2017, hundreds of thousands of bots were [used to launch attacks](#) on Qatar as part of a blockade. Even verified Twitter accounts [have been](#) hacked to spread pro-Saudi propaganda.

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