

State-Sponsored Trolling: How Governments Are Deploying Disinformation as Part of Broader Digital Harassment Campaigns | Institute for the Future

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Institute for the Future's new report on government-sponsored trolling in seven different countries explores the various methods through which states are manipulating social media as a method of control.

In our latest report from the Digital Intelligence Lab, we investigate how state-sponsored online hate and harassment campaigns, including in the U.S., are being used to intimidate and silence government critics at scale. This is the first comprehensive attempt to describe the phenomenon of state-sponsored trolling from a qualitative and quantitative standpoint.

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The report finds that new laws are unlikely to stem the practice in the short term, so technology companies have a responsibility to curb state-sponsored trolling now.

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