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Tech Platforms are Racing to Combat Misinformation Before Elections. Is it Too Little, Too Late? | Poynter

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This month, elections kick off in at least five countries around the world. As a result, Facebook and other tech platforms have been doing some last-minute preparation to try to protect their platforms from misinformation.

In India, where voters have <u>been stricken with misinformation</u> in the lead-up to the start of the general election this week, WhatsApp <u>announced</u> a new research project aimed at learning how rumors spread on the messaging app. That move, which launched just last week and was initially billed as a verification project (<u>it</u> isn't), came <u>more than a year after</u> fact-checkers started debunking hoaxes on their own institutional accounts.

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