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In mid-February, the [World Health Organization announced](#) that the new coronavirus pandemic was accompanied by an ‘infodemic’ of misinformation. Cristina Tardáguila, Associate Director of the [International Fact-checking Network](#) (IFCN), has [called](#) COVID-19 [‘the biggest challenge fact-checkers have ever faced.’](#)

In the face of this, research from [the Oxford Martin Programme on Misinformation, Science and Media](#) showed a significant and rapid response from independent fact-checkers. According to their sample, the number of English-language fact-checks rose more than 900% from January to March. They believe that the total volume has grown even faster.

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