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As President Biden calls on global leaders to go big on climate change, an advocacy group is warning that misinformation on social media poses a potent threat to his agenda.

Avaaz, a left-leaning global human rights group, says in the first two months of Biden's term, it found 163 posts containing false claims related to climate change and energy that were debunked by Facebook's fact-checking partners. The group estimates these posts were viewed more than 25 million times across the platform, and Avaaz says Facebook failed to apply a fact-checking label on 26 percent of them. The views are an estimate Avaaz made based on the pages' video views and other metrics, as Facebook doesn't share post views with researchers.

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