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On the same day this week that YouTube said it would remove more, quote, “conspiracy theory content used to justify real-world violence,” unquote, President Trump refused to disavow one of the groups pushing that material online.

YouTube’s moves to limit the spread of QAnon conspiracy theories is just one of the efforts by tech companies to crackdown ahead of Election Day. Facebook, for instance, rolled out a ban on messages that deny the Holocaust and ads that discourage vaccinations. So are these policies enough? And what kind of disinformation is being pushed ahead of Election Day?

We’ve called Camille Francois for this. She is a former executive at Google. And she is the chief innovation officer at Graphika, which analyzes data and networks. And she’s with us now from New York. Camille Francois, thank you so much for joining us.

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