

Trump's chloroquine hype is a misinformation problem bigger than social media | The Verge

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Since late March, President Donald Trump has been [promoting the antimalarial drugs chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine as treatments for the novel coronavirus](#). Among other things, he's described "strong, powerful signs" that the drugs work and called them potentially "one of the biggest game-changers in the history of medicine." That will be fantastic if it proves true, but right now, we have no idea. As the hype around the drugs has grown, it's demonstrated that disinformation isn't always a social media problem. And it's forcing platforms *and* traditional media to grapple with preventing powerful people, not just anonymous trolls, from twisting the truth.

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