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## Twitter Spaces is being used by the Taliban and white nationalists. | The Washington Post

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Earlier this year, as Twitter raced to roll out Spaces, its new live audio chat feature, some employees asked how the company planned to make sure the service didn't become a platform for hate speech, bullying and calls to violence.

In fact, there was no plan. In a presentation to colleagues shortly before its <u>public</u> launch in May, a top Twitter executive, Kayvon Beykpour, acknowledged that people were likely to break Twitter's rules in the audio chats, according to an attendee who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe internal matters. But he and other Twitter executives — convinced that Spaces would help revive the sluggish company — refused to slow down.

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