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## Why Is Facebook So Afraid of Checking Facts? | WIRED

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A video laden with <u>falsehoods</u> about Covid-19 emerged on Facebook last week, and has now been viewed <u>many millions of times</u>. The company has taken steps to minimize the video's reach, but its fact-checks, in particular, appear to have been applied with a curious—if not dangerous—reticence. The reason for that reticence should alarm you: It seems that the biggest social network in the world is, at least in part, basing its response to pandemic-related misinformation on a misreading of the academic literature.

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