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The coronavirus pandemic's global presence and ubiquity in everyday life is a perfect storm for misinformation, as conspiracy theorists from different corners of the web converge on a shared news topic—the only topic, at the moment. From the earliest days of the crisis, everyone from pro-Trump QAnon conspiracists to left-leaning purveyors of dubious home remedies could find a strain of misinformation tailor-made for their interests.

In new research led by its cyber intelligence analyst Melanie Smith, the social analytics AI company [Graphika](#) compared snapshots of the coronavirus conversation on Twitter in January, February and March, creating a bird's eye view of misinformation about the virus from its earliest online mentions.

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