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YouTube suspends pay of 14 Brazilian channels over misinformation allegations | TheHill

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Fourteen YouTube channels have had their payments suspended by the company amid allegations that they spread misinformation about the country's 2022 election.

"In compliance with the decision of the Brazilian Superior Electoral Court (TSE) of August 16, YouTube informs that it has suspended access to the revenue attributed to those responsible for the 14 channels indicated by the TSE," a YouTube spokesperson told The Hill in a statement.

"We reinforce our commitment to continue to collaborate with the work of authorities in Brazil and to continue to invest in policies, resources and products to protect the youtube community from harmful content," the person added.

The news comes after several social and multimedia platforms, including Facebook and YouTube, were directed last week by Brazil's inspector general of electoral justice Luis Felipe Salomão, to temporarily halt payments to creators and other entities allegedly mired in election misinformation.

The wire service reported that many of the YouTube channels targeted were supporters of controversial Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro. Bolsonaro may soon face a probe over unsubstantiated claims that fraud exists within Brazil's voting system, according to CNN.

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