

YouTube Suspends Sky News Australia Over COVID Misinformation | Newsweek

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YouTube has suspended Sky News Australia from its platform for a week, claiming the network had spread COVID-19 misinformation and violated its community policies.

The suspension was imposed on Thursday after the social media company reviewed several posts, which questioned whether there was a pandemic and the efficacy of vaccines, uploaded by the TV channel.

Its clips were shared with the YouTube channel's 1.8 million-strong following, while its commentators enjoy a conservative following beyond Australia.

In a statement obtained by *The Guardian*, YouTube said: "We have clear and established COVID-19 medical misinformation policies...to prevent the spread of COVID-19 misinformation that could cause real-world harm.

"We apply our policies equally for everyone regardless of uploader, and in accordance with these policies and our long-standing strikes system, removed videos from and issued a strike to Sky News Australia's channel."

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