

How to avoid amplifying misinformation

Understanding the risks of amplifying problematic content around vaccines, including knowing when to report on it, and when not to.



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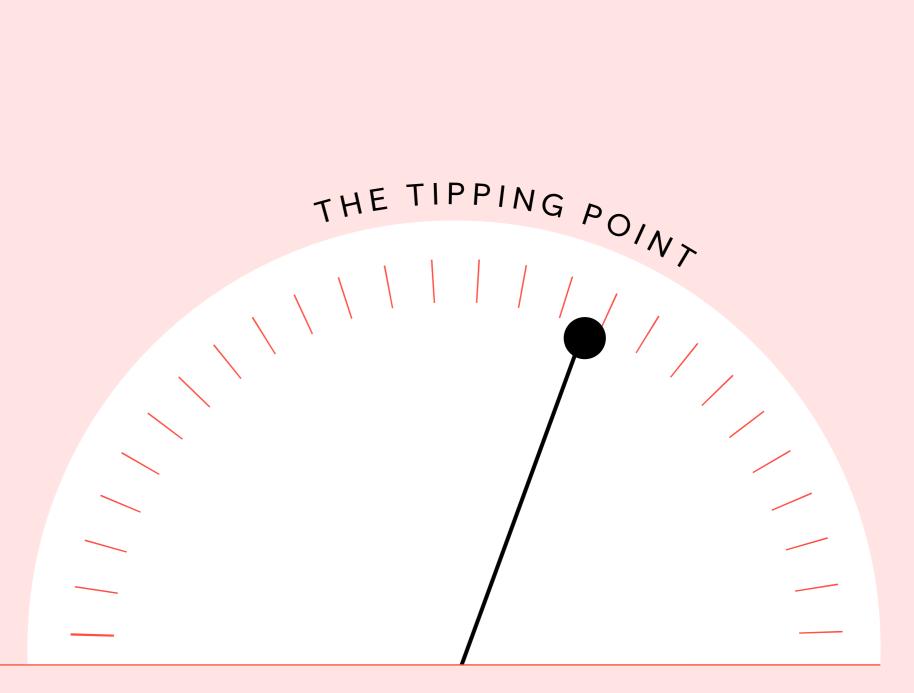
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What is a tipping point?

The tipping point is when content moves out of a community, crosses platforms and starts moving at speed. This point will vary according to factors such as the size of the relevant publications and platforms, and their audiences.

If misinformation hasn't reached the tipping point, reporting on it might give it extra oxygen and inadvertently help it spread.

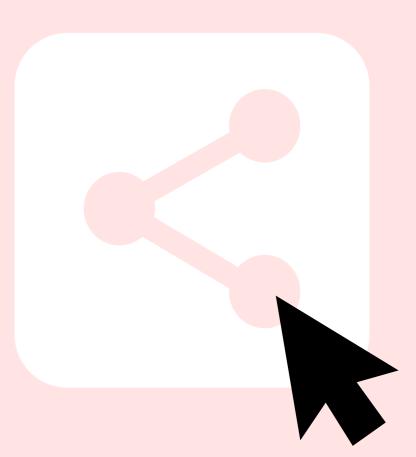
After the tipping point, it is important to push out debunks as widely as possible.



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- Ρ Platforms - Is it moving from one platform to another?
- Outlets Are other journalists and publishers writing about it? \mathbf{O}
- Influencers Did an influencer share it?
- Numbers How much engagement is it getting? Ν
- Travel Is it moving from one community to another? Т

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The oxygen of amplification: Better practices for reporting on extremists, antagonists, and manipulators online →

(Whitney Phillips, Data & Society) Read this report on how news media was hijacked from 2016 to 2018 to amplify the messages of hate groups.

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	to rectify. There is currently a debate in the literature as to whether backfire effects	Challest Indexes	
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	barriers to measuring the backfire phenomenon, discuss approaches to improving		
	measurement and design, and conclude with recommendations for fact-checkers.	Medices	
	We suggest that backfire effects are not a robust empirical phenomenon, and more		

Searching for the Backfire Effect: Measurement and design considerations →

(Journal of Applied Research in Memory & Cognition) Learn about the barriers to measuring the Backfire Effect and find recommendations for fact checkers.



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