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Tech Giants Should Do More to Tackle Disinformation

Since most of the fake images and videos are shared in popular social media platforms, tech giants should exercise responsibility by adjusting their recommendation algorithms, demonetising accounts, prohibiting ads or labelling dubious content.

In fact, the Prime Ministers of Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia urged the CEOs of Google, YouTube, Facebook and Twitter to proactively suspend accounts denying, glorifying or justifying wars of aggression, war crimes and crimes against humanity. Read more at Time.

To know more about what tech giants have done about fake news:

- Facebook, Twitter remove disinformation accounts targeting Ukrainians
- Twitter, Facebook clamp down on Russia state-linked news
- Facebook takes down Ukraine disinformation network and bans Russian-backed media
- ▶ Big Tech's Russia problem

Netizens Should Be More Discerning and Self-reliant

There is a limit to what social media companies can or will do as they may be pressured by governments to censor content or to allow propaganda to run unchecked. And opposing sides in this conflict may also be involved in online disinformation, based on the claims fact-checked by the media.

By liking or sharing fake videos and images indiscriminately, netizens may unwittingly spread false information. **Read more at USA Today.**

To know more about fact-checking misleading information:

- Ukraine and beyond: How to fact check misleading videos
- Fact-checking fake videos of Ukraine conflict
- Fact check roundup: What's true and what's false about the Russian invasion of Ukraine
- The Sift (28 Feb 2022): Ukraine news tips
- Fact check: Ukraine's 'Ghost of Kyiv' fighter pilot