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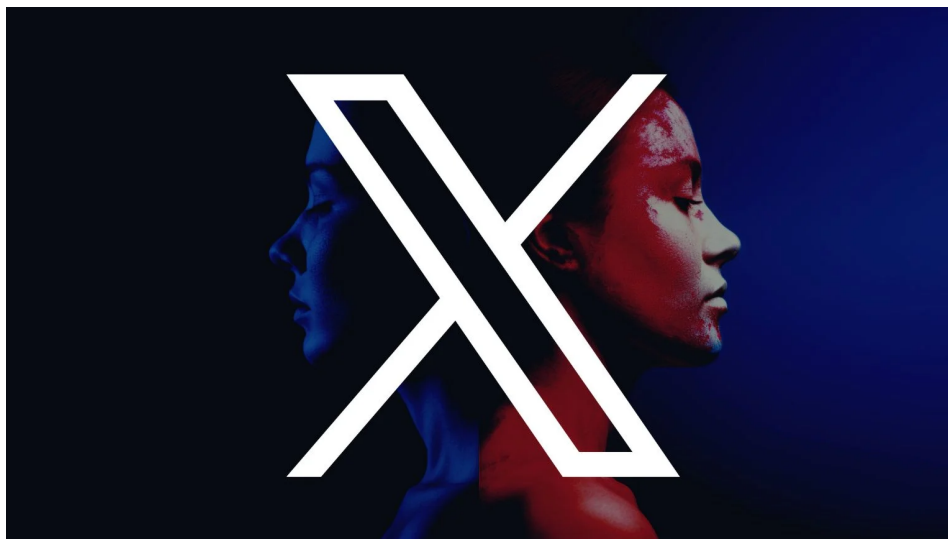
X is Hiring Staff To Combat Election "Disinformation"

Something Twitter was criticized for in the previous election.

By Christina Maas(<https://reclaimthenet.org/author/christina-maas>)

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Update: This post has been updated to reflect that it was Kristen Ruby, Author of [The Ruby Files \(https://rubymediagroup.com/twitter-artificial-intelligence/\)](https://rubymediagroup.com/twitter-artificial-intelligence/) and President of Ruby Media Group that first noticed X was seeking to hire a disinformation specialist.

X has distributed a call for applicants to fill new roles tasked with combating disinformation amidst an approaching 2024 election. This move will raise eyebrows among advocates of freedom of speech, particularly considering what happened [when this was done with the](#)

2020 election (<https://reclaimthenet.org/twitter-hunter-biden-laptop-censorship-hearing>) and since Elon Musk had famously bought Twitter with the pledge to honor the values of free speech and had initiated the release of the Twitter Files, detailing instances of election censorship from the past. (<https://reclaimthenet.org/fbi-flagging-tweets-onslaught>)

This development, however, first quote-tweeted by Kristen Ruby (<https://twitter.com/sparklingruby/status/1691677951669240048>), raises the question of hapless users being coerced by external forces – state authorities or Big Tech corporations.





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Critics like Foundation For Freedom Online's Mike Benz, who posted about this on X following Kristen Ruby's tweet ([@sparklingruby](https://twitter.com/sparklingruby) (<https://twitter.com/sparklingruby>)), have tagged these positions as creating covert channels for censorship, exacerbating the threat to freedom online.





Mike Benz  @MikeBenzCyber · Aug 16



Hiring for election censorship positions at Twitter.

As I said months ago, "Linda will be putting together a squad."


Aaron Rodericks   @arodericks · Aug 11

First interviews kicking off today for the civic integrity / elections lead at Twitter as well as the Sr. IO investigator. If you are thinking about it, apply shortly at careers@twitter.com

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Mike Benz  @MikeBenzCyber · Aug 16

The new Twitter election censorship position will include:

"Protecting users from global disinformation"

"Deep understanding of geopolitics, disinformation"

"Combating threats to the health of online conversations."

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Senior Specialist - Information Operations

Who We Are

X serves our community of users and customers by working tirelessly to preserve free expression and choice, create limitless interactivity, and create a marketplace that enables the economic success of all its participants.

The Threat Disruption team provides expert scaled investigative support into inauthentic accounts and behaviour on the platform. Our objective is to increase the costs to bad actors for manipulating the platform and mitigate associated harm.

What You'll Do






Are you a security expert who is passionate about protecting users from global disinformation and other threats? Are you excited by hard problems that require multi-disciplinary and creative solutions?


You will support investigative and response efforts across a wide range of critical issues, including nation state activity, platform manipulation, coordinated inauthentic behaviour, election interference, and security threats to our users. These areas directly correspond with our [platform integrity and authenticity rules](#).

- Work with a globally distributed team of multidisciplinary subject matter experts and technical investigators.
- Provide both technical and non-technical analysis on live threats facing our users and our platform, leveraging internal tools as well as coming up with creative solutions using available data and resources.
- Identify, propose, and implement investigative tradecraft improvements to advance the practice of the Threat Disruption team.
- Partner with cross-functional teams to perform end-to-end quantitative analysis projects, communicate results and turn analyses into tools, predictive models, and systems to assist in better identifying and mitigating attacks.

What you bring to X

- A security and safety practitioner comfortable using diverse skills, techniques, and technologies to enable data-informed decision-making.
- You have a deep understanding of geopolitical, disinformation, and cybersecurity trends, and can communicate your expertise clearly to inform stakeholder decisions and policy development.
- You are passionate about protecting the information space and combating threats to the health of online conversation, and you are not afraid of tackling high impact problems at massive scale with global

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Kristen Ruby @sparklingruby · Aug 16

Why is disinfodocket in the slug of this url?

What is disinfodocket?

Let's see.

disinfodocket.com

Highlights

1. Controlling bad-actor-AI activity at scale across online battlefields ([ArXiv, August](#))
2. What Makes an Influence Operation Malign? ([PCIO, 3 August](#))
3. The Networked Leviathan: For Democratic Platforms ([Cambridge University Press, 2023](#))
4. How to think about whether misinformation interventions work ([Nature, 10 August](#))

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Kristen Ruby
@sparklingruby [Subscribe](#)

“Seed funding from the DISARM Foundation has supported DisinfoDocket's hosting and media subscription costs.”

[disarm.foundation](#)

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The channels being tapped for recruitment further spur speculation about the true motives behind these positions.

The roles encompass the safeguarding of information integrity and the nurturing of civic conversations on X on a global scale. Preference is being given to candidates adept in European Union languages for the positions which promise to deal with high-impact issues at a substantial scale.

What is particularly unsettling for freedom speech supporters is the conduit used for promoting the job postings – DisinfoDocket.com, a site backed by “anti-disinformation” groups having allegiances with federal cybersecurity agencies.

Compiling these facts together, it seems that the promised motto of free speech, once synonymous with Musk's Twitter acquisition, is experiencing a jarring clash with the true intent behind these recently announced positions. While the tech community awaits responses from Musk and X, one can only hope that the promise of free speech remains untouched.



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