**Brazilian Fact-Checkers Warn Their Country’s ‘Fake News’ Bill Will Do More Harm Than Good**

“The Brazilian Law on Freedom, Responsibility and Transparency on the Internet” would require messaging platforms like WhatsApp to keep a database of highly forwarded messages for up to three months. The database would be accessible by a court order, and proponents argue it’s key to both tracking the spread of disinformation and holding disinformers accountable.

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