

Israel-Hamas war Misinformation/Disinformation



Misinformation and Disinformation about the Israel-Hamas war is thriving on social media platforms where misrepresented video footage, mistranslations, and outright falsehoods often replace real reporting from the conflict. Student protests over the Israel-Hamas war have popped up at many college campuses. The students are protesting the war's death toll and are calling for universities to separate themselves from any companies that are advancing Israel's military efforts in Gaza.

Over 2,400 arrests on 46 campuses nationwide



Cydni Elledge The New York Times

College students use social media more than millennials, averaging about 4.5 hours per day compared to millennials' 3.5 hours. According to a 2021 survey, 84% of adults aged 18-29 report using social media, with 76% using Instagram, 75% using Snapchat, and 55% using TikTok.









Misinformation about the latest Israel-Hamas war is thriving on social media platforms, misrepresented video footage, mistranslations and outright falsehoods often crowd out real reporting from the conflict.



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Social media is incentivizing viral content by monetizing page views. Recent research has found this is responsible for spreading upwards of 70% of the misleading claims, thus making it profitable to spread viral content.



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