

# Anatomy of A Hoax: A Network Analysis of Disinformation Propagation and Its Impact on Public Trust During Health Crises

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## ABSTRACT

**Background.** The rapid spread of disinformation during health crises has significant implications for public trust, especially when misinformation undermines health policies and safety measures. This research examines the anatomy of a disinformation hoax by analyzing the network dynamics of its propagation and the subsequent impact on public trust. The study focuses on the recent health crises, specifically during the COVID-19 pandemic, when false information about health measures, vaccines, and the virus itself circulated widely on social media platforms.

**Purpose.** The primary objective of this research is to understand how disinformation networks form, spread, and influence public trust in health institutions and policies.

**Method.** A network analysis approach was employed to map the flow of disinformation across social media platforms, identifying key nodes and influencers responsible for its spread. The study also incorporates survey data to measure the impact of exposure to disinformation on public trust.

**Results.** Findings reveal that disinformation networks are highly interconnected, with certain individuals and groups acting as central nodes in the dissemination process. Moreover, exposure to disinformation significantly correlated with decreased trust in health authorities and the adoption of health measures.

**Conclusion.** In conclusion, disinformation poses a serious threat to public trust during health crises, emphasizing the need for effective communication strategies and countermeasures to mitigate its impact.

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## INTRODUCTION

The global spread of health crises, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, has significantly impacted societies worldwide. Alongside these crises, a parallel phenomenon has emerged: the rapid spread of disinformation (Aswini dkk., 2025). This misinformation, often disseminated through social media platforms, has exacerbated public fear and confusion, undermining trust in health systems and government policies (Gruessner & Benedetti, 2024). The propagation of disinformation is particularly concerning in times of crisis when public trust in authoritative health information is crucial for public health



measures to be effective (Fallatah & Adekola, 2024). Misinformation not only distorts facts but also influences people's behaviors, such as the adoption of preventive health measures or vaccine hesitancy (Winkler dkk., 2025). The role of social media in amplifying these false narratives makes it a central actor in the dynamics of disinformation, where information travels through complex networks of individuals and groups (Bahar & Hasan, 2024). Given the significant consequences of disinformation on public health, it is essential to explore how these hoaxes spread, the mechanisms that enable their proliferation, and their lasting impact on public trust during health crises.

This research addresses a critical gap in understanding the dynamics of disinformation propagation during health crises (Khameneh dkk., 2025). While much has been written about the role of social media in spreading misinformation, there is limited insight into the specific network structures that facilitate the spread of false health information and how these structures influence public trust in health institutions (Rani dkk., 2026). Previous studies have largely focused on the role of social media platforms in amplifying misinformation but have not sufficiently examined the underlying network mechanisms driving its spread (Daniel dkk., 2025). Furthermore, the impact of disinformation on public trust, especially in relation to health crises, remains underexplored. While trust in health authorities and policies has been studied in the context of misinformation, the network analysis of how disinformation evolves and spreads across various platforms is often overlooked (Nunes dkk., 2024). This research aims to fill these gaps by focusing on the anatomy of disinformation hoaxes, mapping out their network propagation, and examining their specific effects on public trust during health emergencies.

The primary goal of this study is to conduct a comprehensive network analysis of disinformation propagation during health crises and assess its impact on public trust in health authorities and institutions (Wilk dkk., 2025). Specifically, this research seeks to identify the key actors and nodes in the disinformation network, understand the mechanisms of their influence, and analyze how these networks affect the perceptions and behaviors of the public (Arnot dkk., 2024). By using network analysis tools, the study will track how misinformation spreads across social media platforms and identify influential figures or groups that contribute to the amplification of false narratives (Kazi dkk., 2024). Additionally, the research aims to quantify the impact of exposure to disinformation on public trust, exploring how individuals' trust in health institutions, government policies, and health guidelines is affected by false information (Weng dkk., 2024). The study will also assess the correlation between the prevalence of disinformation and the adoption of health measures, such as vaccination uptake and social distancing practices (Car & Šobota, 2025). The findings of this study are expected to provide valuable insights into the relationship between disinformation networks and public trust, contributing to more effective strategies for combating misinformation in future health crises.

Despite the growing body of literature on disinformation and public trust, there remains a significant gap in understanding how disinformation networks function specifically in the context of health crises (Boyce dkk., 2025). While previous studies have examined the spread of misinformation in general terms, few have employed network analysis to understand the flow of disinformation in real time and its specific impact on trust in health systems (Bratzler, 2025). Research has largely focused on the broader role of social media in public health communication, with limited emphasis on how misinformation circulates through social networks and the key nodes responsible for its spread (Bany Mohammed dkk., 2025). This research addresses this gap by utilizing network analysis techniques to track the evolution of disinformation during a health crisis. Furthermore, while studies have assessed the effects of misinformation on vaccine hesitancy and

public health behavior, there is limited research on the specific mechanisms that link disinformation to a decline in public trust (Holzer dkk., 2025). This study aims to bridge these gaps by providing a detailed examination of how disinformation networks operate, their role in influencing public attitudes, and their broader implications for public health communication strategies.

The novelty of this research lies in its application of network analysis to the study of disinformation propagation during health crises, a perspective that has not been widely explored in the literature (Stimpson dkk., 2025). While previous studies have identified the existence of disinformation on social media, few have examined the specific network structures and dynamics that enable its rapid spread. This research also takes a novel approach by linking network analysis with the assessment of public trust, offering a new angle on how misinformation influences societal behavior during critical health events (Elroy dkk., 2024). By focusing on disinformation in the context of health crises, this study provides a timely and relevant contribution to the understanding of digital misinformation, a topic that has become increasingly important in the age of social media. Additionally, this research aims to offer practical implications for policymakers, health organizations, and social media platforms, suggesting how disinformation networks can be identified and mitigated to protect public trust (Alvarez-Galvez dkk., 2025). This interdisciplinary approach, combining network science with social and health communication theories, provides valuable insights for both academic research and real-world applications, making it a significant addition to the growing body of literature on disinformation and its societal impacts.

## RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This study employs a mixed-methods research design, integrating both network analysis and survey data to explore the propagation of disinformation during health crises and its impact on public trust. The primary aim of this research is to map the network dynamics of disinformation and analyze how these networks influence trust in health authorities. The research design incorporates both quantitative and qualitative approaches to triangulate findings and provide a comprehensive understanding of the phenomena (Okuhara dkk., 2025). Network analysis allows for the identification of key nodes and pathways through which disinformation spreads, while the survey component assesses the impact of disinformation exposure on public trust and health behavior. By combining these methodologies, this study seeks to provide both macro-level insights into disinformation networks and micro-level insights into individual-level trust responses.

The population for this study consists of social media users who were exposed to health-related disinformation during a recent health crisis, specifically the COVID-19 pandemic. The sample is stratified to include a diverse range of individuals based on demographic variables such as age, gender, geographical location, and political affiliation, as these factors may influence both disinformation exposure and the impact on trust. The sample size includes 1,000 social media users, selected from multiple social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube. In addition to the survey sample, a purposive sample of 20 key influencers and individuals who actively shared disinformation during the crisis will be identified for in-depth interviews. The interviews will provide a deeper understanding of the motivations and strategies behind disinformation dissemination.

Data will be collected using multiple instruments designed to capture both the network dynamics of disinformation and the public's response to it. The primary instrument for the network analysis is a custom-built software tool for tracking and visualizing disinformation propagation across social media platforms. This tool will be used to identify key nodes, such as users, groups,

and hashtags, that contribute to the spread of health-related hoaxes. The survey instrument consists of a structured questionnaire designed to measure individuals' exposure to disinformation, their trust in health authorities, and their behavioral responses, such as vaccine uptake or adherence to health measures (Saridou dkk., 2025). The questionnaire will include Likert-scale items, multiple-choice questions, and open-ended responses. Additionally, semi-structured interviews with a selected sample of individuals will be conducted to gather qualitative data on the personal experiences and perceptions of disinformation exposure.

The research procedures will be carried out in several stages. First, the social media network analysis will be conducted by collecting disinformation posts related to the health crisis using web scraping techniques. These posts will be analyzed to trace the flow of disinformation, identify key influencers, and assess the structure of disinformation networks. Following the network analysis, the survey will be distributed to the 1,000 participants via online platforms, ensuring that participants have been exposed to the relevant disinformation content. Data collection for the interviews will occur concurrently, with each interview lasting approximately 45 minutes. The interview data will be transcribed and analyzed thematically to identify common patterns and insights into how disinformation impacts trust in health systems (Bui dkk., 2026). Finally, the quantitative data from the network analysis and survey will be analyzed using descriptive statistics, regression analysis, and correlation tests to examine the relationship between disinformation exposure and public trust. The qualitative data will be analyzed using thematic analysis to complement and deepen the understanding of the survey findings.

## RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The data collected for this study involved both network analysis of disinformation propagation and survey responses from 1,000 social media users. The network analysis identified key actors and pathways through which disinformation about the COVID-19 pandemic spread across social media platforms. The analysis revealed that the most influential nodes in the network were 150 key accounts responsible for disseminating nearly 40% of the disinformation content. The content primarily consisted of false claims regarding vaccine safety and effectiveness, with significant amplification through shares, comments, and likes. Table 1 provides a summary of the network structure, showing the distribution of disinformation content and the role of key nodes in spreading misinformation.

Table 1: Disinformation Network Structure and Key Nodes

Key Node Type	Number of Posts	Total Shares	Amplification (%)
Influential Users	150	2.500	40%
Public Accounts	450	1.800	25%
Followers	2.000	3.500	35%

The survey results showed that 68% of participants reported encountering disinformation related to the COVID-19 pandemic during the period of the study. Among those exposed to disinformation, 54% indicated that their trust in public health authorities decreased, with 31% reporting that they became more skeptical of vaccination efforts. The data highlights the strong correlation between exposure to disinformation and a decline in trust toward health institutions. In particular, younger age groups (18-34) were more likely to be exposed to disinformation and experience a decrease in trust. Additionally, individuals with lower levels of education were found to be more susceptible to believing and acting on disinformation, indicating a possible vulnerability to misleading health content.

Inferential analysis using regression techniques revealed that the frequency of exposure to disinformation significantly predicted lower levels of trust in health authorities ( $\beta = -0.35, p < 0.01$ ). The analysis indicated that for every unit increase in disinformation exposure, there was a corresponding 35% decrease in public trust in health organizations. Moreover, the analysis showed that algorithmic amplification of disinformation—via likes, shares, and retweets—was a significant moderator of this relationship. This suggests that the more a piece of disinformation is amplified on social media platforms, the greater its negative impact on trust in health authorities. These findings underscore the role of social media platforms in exacerbating the effects of disinformation, further undermining public confidence in health-related policies.

Further analysis of the disinformation network revealed several key patterns in how misinformation spread across social media platforms. For instance, content originating from highly influential users was more likely to be shared by public accounts and followers, amplifying its reach. The most widely spread disinformation included false claims about the side effects of vaccines, which were often presented in visually compelling formats such as infographics and short videos. These posts not only reached a wide audience but also triggered high levels of engagement, contributing to the rapid spread of false narratives. The analysis also found that the most influential accounts were often politically aligned with anti-vaccination or health misinformation movements, suggesting that ideological factors played a role in the spread of disinformation.

A case study on the spread of vaccine-related disinformation during the study period illustrates the impact of network dynamics. One particular post, claiming that vaccines caused long-term infertility, was shared over 3,000 times in just 48 hours, spreading across multiple social media platforms. This post, originating from an influential anti-vaccine activist, became a central node in the disinformation network, attracting significant engagement from followers and public accounts. As the post circulated, it generated a cascade effect, where subsequent posts either referenced or amplified the original misinformation. This case study demonstrates the critical role of social media algorithms in amplifying disinformation, as the algorithmic prioritization of high-engagement content led to the rapid spread of false claims, further eroding public trust in vaccination efforts.

The findings suggest that the spread of disinformation is not only a function of the content itself but also of the network structure that enables its dissemination (Sun & Xie, 2024). Social media algorithms, which prioritize content based on engagement, exacerbate the reach and impact of disinformation. As demonstrated in the case study, key nodes such as influencers and political activists serve as powerful amplifiers, contributing to the rapid and widespread adoption of misinformation. These data suggest that social media platforms play a central role in shaping public perceptions during health crises, potentially undermining efforts to protect public health. The study highlights the need for effective countermeasures to mitigate the spread of disinformation and protect public trust in health systems.

In summary, the results of this study underscore the profound influence of disinformation on public trust during health crises (Wang dkk., 2025). The network analysis reveals that social media algorithms, combined with the actions of key influencers, significantly amplify the spread of false information. This amplification, in turn, has a measurable impact on trust in health authorities, with exposure to disinformation correlating with decreased public confidence in vaccination efforts and other health measures. The findings highlight the critical role of social media platforms in either facilitating or mitigating the spread of health-related disinformation, emphasizing the need for strategies to counter misinformation and preserve public trust during crises.

The findings of this study reveal that disinformation, particularly during health crises, spreads rapidly through social media networks, with key influencers playing a central role in its propagation. The network analysis identified 150 influential nodes that were responsible for the dissemination of nearly 40% of the disinformation content, primarily concerning vaccine misinformation. The data shows that disinformation amplified by these nodes significantly influenced public trust, with 54% of participants reporting decreased trust in health authorities after being exposed to false information. Additionally, disinformation was shown to be more widely shared and engaged with when visually compelling formats, such as infographics and videos, were used. This study underscores the critical role of social media algorithms in amplifying disinformation, as content with higher engagement, regardless of accuracy, tends to be prioritized. These results align with previous research on the prevalence of misinformation but add a new layer by highlighting the network structures behind the spread and their specific impact on trust.

Comparing these findings with previous studies, this research adds a nuanced understanding of the disinformation ecosystem during health crises. While existing literature has primarily focused on the presence of misinformation on social media, fewer studies have employed network analysis to track the pathways through which disinformation propagates. Research by (Wu dkk., 2025) pointed out the rapid spread of false information but did not delve into the network dynamics that enable this process. This study builds upon these works by providing a clearer picture of how key nodes, such as influential figures and accounts, act as central players in spreading health-related disinformation. Furthermore, while earlier research pointed to the damaging effects of misinformation on public health behaviors, this study specifically addresses the direct impact on public trust, which has been less extensively explored in the context of health crises.

The findings from this study highlight the deep consequences of disinformation on public trust, especially in the context of a health crisis like COVID-19. The significant correlation between exposure to disinformation and a decline in trust in health authorities signals a critical issue for public health efforts (Eskens, 2025). As public trust in health institutions is vital for effective crisis management, these results suggest that the presence of disinformation may undermine the very foundation needed to implement successful health policies. The amplification of disinformation through social media not only affects individuals' beliefs but also has broader implications for collective behavior and social cohesion during crises (Langbecker & Catalan-Matamoros, 2025). This study acts as a reminder of the vulnerability of public trust during moments of uncertainty, where misinformation can sow division and hinder progress toward health goals.

The implications of this research are far-reaching, particularly for health communication strategies and social media platform governance (Oleksiyuk, 2025). As disinformation continues to evolve and spread across digital spaces, it is essential for public health authorities and social media companies to develop more effective countermeasures. The findings suggest that combating disinformation should go beyond addressing the content itself; it also requires understanding and intervening in the networks that facilitate its spread. This could include identifying key influencers who are responsible for amplifying false narratives and targeting efforts to curb the viral spread of health misinformation. Moreover, platform algorithms must be reconsidered to ensure that accuracy and reliability are prioritized over engagement metrics. Public health campaigns need to focus not only on delivering accurate information but also on fostering trust through transparent communication and actively addressing the fears and concerns propagated by misinformation.

The results of this study are shaped by several factors, including the nature of social media algorithms and user engagement patterns (Vashishth dkk., 2025). The study found that

disinformation was most often shared in visually engaging formats, which aligns with previous research on how multimedia content outperforms text-based information in generating engagement (Pennycook & Rand, 2018). Social media platforms are designed to maximize user engagement, often at the expense of accuracy, which contributes to the proliferation of misleading content. These findings suggest that the underlying design of social media platforms, with its emphasis on engagement, plays a significant role in the spread of disinformation. Additionally, the study highlights the role of influential users in amplifying misinformation, reinforcing the idea that social media is not a neutral platform but one that actively shapes information flow. The vulnerability of certain demographic groups, such as younger and less educated individuals, further contributes to the spread and acceptance of false information. Understanding these dynamics is crucial for developing more targeted interventions to mitigate the impact of disinformation.

Looking forward, there are several important avenues for future research. Given the complexity of disinformation propagation, future studies should investigate the long-term effects of exposure to misinformation on trust and behavior, particularly in the context of vaccine adoption and other public health measures. Further research could also explore how different types of disinformation—whether politically motivated or health-related—diffuse across networks and affect different demographic groups. Additionally, examining the role of government interventions and regulatory frameworks in countering disinformation could provide insights into how policies can be designed to limit the spread of harmful content without infringing on freedom of expression. Social media platforms should also be studied more closely to evaluate the effectiveness of their countermeasures, such as fact-checking, labeling misinformation, and adjusting algorithmic structures to prioritize reliable sources. Ultimately, this study underscores the need for a multi-faceted approach to combating disinformation that involves collaboration between policymakers, health authorities, and social media platforms to protect public trust and ensure effective health communication during future crises.

## CONCLUSION

The key finding of this research is the significant role of social media algorithms and network dynamics in the rapid spread of disinformation during health crises. The study revealed that influential nodes in the disinformation network, such as prominent social media accounts, are central to the propagation of health-related hoaxes. These key influencers were responsible for amplifying nearly 40% of the disinformation content, particularly concerning vaccine misinformation. The study also highlighted that exposure to such disinformation had a measurable impact on public trust, with 54% of respondents reporting decreased confidence in health authorities after encountering false information. This finding emphasizes the interplay between social media network structures and public health outcomes, demonstrating that disinformation can directly undermine public trust and hinder the effectiveness of health measures.

The contribution of this research lies in its novel application of network analysis to study disinformation propagation during a health crisis. While existing literature has examined the spread of misinformation on social media, this study provides a deeper understanding of the structural factors that facilitate its spread. By identifying the key influencers and analyzing the flow of disinformation, this research offers new insights into how misinformation networks operate and how they influence public trust. Furthermore, the integration of network analysis with public trust data enriches the discourse on the societal impact of disinformation, providing a more comprehensive framework for addressing misinformation in public health communication. This

approach not only advances theoretical understanding but also offers practical implications for developing more effective strategies to combat disinformation in future health crises.

This study has several limitations, primarily related to the focus on a specific health crisis, COVID-19, which may not fully capture the dynamics of disinformation in other types of crises or across different geographical contexts. Additionally, the reliance on social media platforms as the primary data source may exclude offline networks or more traditional forms of information dissemination that could also play a role in spreading misinformation. Future research should aim to expand the scope by examining other health crises, such as pandemics or vaccination campaigns, and explore how disinformation spreads through different media channels. Another limitation is the self-reported nature of the survey data, which could be influenced by biases such as social desirability. Future studies could employ more objective measures, such as real-time tracking of disinformation spread across different platforms, to further refine our understanding of the issue. Exploring the effectiveness of interventions, such as fact-checking or algorithmic adjustments, in mitigating the impact of disinformation could also provide valuable insights into practical solutions for managing misinformation in public health crises.

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