

Debate between Google and government deepens in Brazil

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In Brazil have lost their lives 35 minors who have been killed in terrorist attacks against schools since 2012 at a time when hate messages spreads through social networks. | Photo: Twitter @LemusteleSUR

Brasilia, May 3 (RHC)-- The Brazilian government has accused Google of promoting an "abusive and misleading campaign" against a bill to curb massive circulation of disinformation on the Internet. The largest Internet search engine, Google, joins the Brazilian extreme right and fires messages against the bill to combat fake news, known as "PL of fake news."

The proposal obliges large technology companies to act with transparency and against disinformation in the context of a wave of attacks in schools motivated by hate messages posted on social networks. If approved, the text will make it a crime for digital platforms to disseminate false information, hate speech and incitement to crime under the pretext of being "freedom of expression".

In this sense, the Brazilian government accused Google on Tuesday of promoting an "abusive and misleading campaign" against a bill that the Parliament is debating to curb the massive circulation of disinformation on the Internet.

The Minister of Justice, Flávio Dino, informed that, as a result of this campaign that Google maintains against a discussion being processed in the legislative chambers, the company was intimidated to remove the contents critical of this bill "within two hours", under penalty of heavy financial penalties.

Dino determined the opening of an investigation against Google for using its platform to criticize the fake news bill. In addition, Twitter is disconnecting users to hinder the debate.

Google removed the link to its publication against the fake news bill after the injunction of the National Secretary of Consumer Affairs that required the identification of the article as propaganda and the publication of a "counter-propaganda" in favor of the bill.

On the other hand, Senator Randolfe Rodrigues, one of the spokesmen of President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva's government in Congress, announced on Monday that he will request the Brazilian antitrust agency to open an administrative investigation for a possible "infraction against the economic order due to abuse of dominant position" by Google.

The decision follows a controversial insertion that the Internet company made in the Brazilian version of its search engine, which since the weekend includes a link that leads to an article entitled "The PL of fake news can increase confusion about what is true or false in Brazil".

The text is signed by the director of Government Relations and Public Policy of Google Brazil, Marcelo Lacerda, and exposes a series of objections against the aforementioned bill.

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