TOGETHER AGAINST DIGITAL HARASSMENT ON TWITTER

A guide for journalists and activists for freedom and safety
**SOME DATA**
Women express their opinions less than men on the Internet. Journalists, bloggers and activists are more prone towards receiving attacks. Twitter can be a very violent space for women.

**WHAT IS DIGITAL HARASSMENT?**
También se le conoce como cyberacoso o cyberbullying. Son ataques personales repetitivos y dañinos, que provocan en la víctima autocensura, baja autoestima, preocupación y miedo.

**WHO IS WHO ON TWITTER?**
To defend yourself against digital harassment, it is important to identify where it comes from. Identify the type of profile that threatens and attacks.

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**BOT**
An account in social media, usually twitter, that is not a real person, but a digital robot. In other words, it works automatically. In some cases they are a lot and they act in a coordinate manner. They help to generate noise about certain themes.

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**TROLL**
They are profiles that do have an influence, because they spread negative messages that generate a lot of reactions on Twitter. Their only function on the web is to insult and threaten.

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**FAKE**
Son cuentas que utilizan una identidad falsa They are accounts that use a false identity to operate on the web. Sometimes they are created with the objective of doing harm and promoting certain themes.
The best thing is to avoid answering to these profiles, since doing it only augments their visibility. Use the tools that Twitter has to report abusive behavior.

**ACT!**

Twitter has some tools to act against digital harassment. You can use them to report this type of behavior when it affects you or others around you as well.

**SILENCE**

This function hides the tweets or notifications of another person without them knowing.

**BLOCK**

If you block an account, they won’t be able to contact you, look at your tweets nor follow you.

**REPORT**

When you report an account, you would be able to report abusive behavior. Twitter can eliminate the tweet that has been reported or block the profile.
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