# Whatsapp & Telegram further election disinformation in Brazil

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Brazilians head to the polls October 2nd, amid a backdrop of <u>election disinformation</u> that has plagued social media and communications platforms. As lefitist former president Lula seeks to oust right-wing, incumbent Jair Bolsonaro, disinformation about both candidates, and the Brazilian electoral process, has surfaced, sometimes <u>even amplified by the candidates themselves</u>. In an effort to track these narratives on platforms relatively inaccessible to web scraping tools, Premise collected screenshots from contributors reporting on election disinformation circulating in private Whatsapp and Telegram groups.

## **Election Process Disinformation**

A Sock M. Ote 22455 A \*ATENCAO GOLPE DO TSE\* \*Sabia que estao cancelando o Titulo de quem tem mais de 70 anos?\* \*Tirei uma certidao negativa do Cartorio eleitoral, diz que nao devo nada. Mas no rodape da pagina diz que a inscricao foi cancelada.\* \*Quem tem mais de 70 anos deve verificar se esta tudo em ordem com seu titulo.\* Agora vao cancelar os titulos, porque sabem que sao milhoes de pessoas aposentadas que podem votar no Bolsonaro.\* \*Repassem e informem a familia!\*



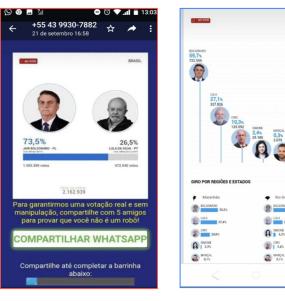
Summary Translation: Video claiming Brazilians know the ballots are programmed to change votes from Bolsonaro to Lula

### Summary Translation: Announcement that the electoral court is canceling the voter cards of people older than 70

Só um aviso aqui, galera. Ontem passel pelo treinamento para os trabalhos para a justiça eleitoral no próximo dia 7. Lembrem-se de vota em todos os candidatos. Se votar só em Presidente, e votar em branco nos outros, o voto é tido como voto parcial. Logo, seu voto é anulado. Só computa voto válido quando o voto é completo. Questionei isso lá, dizendo que a sociedade não tinha ciência de que voto parcial não é computado como voto válido. Questionei indignado, mas a instrutora foi bem clara em dizer qu não era computado. Logo, vamos ficar esperto. Se tiver mais alguém aqui que vá trabalhar e eles tocaran nesse assunto. se manifeste.

Summary Translation: Announcement that people should vote for all available positions or their vote will be invalid

## Candidate Disinformation



Summary Translation: Fake pro-Bolsonaro poll where he has 73.5% of vote intention with over 2 million participants Summary Translation: Fake pro-Bolsonaro poll where he has 59.7% of vote intention with over 2 million participants

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#### Geographic spread of submissions collected

## Methodology

Between September 13th and 27th, Premise collected over 150 screenshots where disinformation was displayed about the Brazilian election. Each screenshot passed several quality control checks to determine if the screenshot portrayed disinformation and if it came from Whatsapp or Telegram.

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