Efforts by various European countries to address distrust and disinformation vary across the continent. Regulating big technology companies and social media platforms is an approach the U.S. has yet to effectively take, presenting opportunities for the American government to learn, adapt and act.

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