

## Resources for Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda Workshop

### ***On Factchecking and Fake News***

Factcheck.org <http://www.factcheck.org>

Politifact <http://www.politifact.org>

Snopes <http://www.snopes.com>

The Fact-Checker <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/fact-checker>

AFP's coronavirus verification hub.

<https://factcheck.afp.com/>

**The 10 Best Fact Checking Websites for 2020.** Media Bias Fact Check. Dave Van Zandt.

[https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/2020/04/12/the-10-best-fact-checking-websites-for-2020/?fbclid=IwAR2tEv09QNJI9hA-GQWYRhkD03PHSk7KfpLOOBU\\_TiwlXuHX13th3pmrTLs](https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/2020/04/12/the-10-best-fact-checking-websites-for-2020/?fbclid=IwAR2tEv09QNJI9hA-GQWYRhkD03PHSk7KfpLOOBU_TiwlXuHX13th3pmrTLs)

**Debunking Handbook 2020.** Lewandowsky et al. Center for Climate Change Communication. 2020

<https://www.climatechangecommunication.org/debunking-handbook-2020/>

**Conspiracy Theory Handbook.** Lewandowsky et al. Center for Climate Change Communication. 2020

<https://www.climatechangecommunication.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ConspiracyTheoryHandbook.pdf>

**How to Spot COVID-19 Conspiracy Theories.** Lewandowsky et al. Center for Climate Change Communication. 2020.

<https://www.climatechangecommunication.org/how-to-spot-covid19-conspiracy-theories/>

**KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor: Media and Misinformation.** Nov 8, 2021

<https://www.kff.org/coronavirus-covid-19/poll-finding/kff-covid-19-vaccine-monitor-media-and-misinformation/>

**Breaking News Consumer's Handbooks.** From WNYC, a set of "cheat sheets" to help evaluate information during various "breaking news" situations where the intensity can move one to react with emotion first.

<https://www.wnycstudios.org/shows/otm/projects/breaking-news-consumers-handbook>

**Why do Americans share so much fake news? One big reason is they aren't paying attention, new research suggests.** Ordway. 3/17/2021. <https://journalistsresource.org/media/share-fake-news-social-media/>

**News Literacy Project Resources for teaching news literacy.**

<https://newslit.org/>

**Here's How You Can Fight Back Against Disinformation.** 8/9/2018

<https://www.motherjones.com/media/2018/08/heres-how-you-can-fight-back-against-disinformation/>

**Why are we still falling for fake news?** Graber. 5/29/2019.

[www.psychologytoday.com/intl/blog/raising-humans-in-digital-world/201905/why-are-we-still-falling-fake-news](http://www.psychologytoday.com/intl/blog/raising-humans-in-digital-world/201905/why-are-we-still-falling-fake-news)

**How to Spot Fake News.** Politifact. Video. [Especially good for teens]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AkwWcHekMdo>

**Fact Check: Photo Does NOT Show Someone Got Two Mail-In Ballots in California.** Chandler Friedman. 5/15/20.

Hoax Alert. 5/15/2020. Interesting fact-checking process described.

<https://leadstories.com/hoax-alert/2020/05/fact-check-photo-does-not-show-someone-got-two-mail-in-ballots-california.html?emci=9c20e9fa-6a99-ea11-86e9-00155d03b5dd&emdi=097c2177-7299-ea11-86e9-00155d03b5dd&ceid=7505250>

**Viral Rumor Rundown** from The Sift. In which they take a tweet with video and track how to determine whether it is true or false. Shows various verification techniques.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ALjwUWxzYCY&feature=youtu.be&emci=9c20e9fa-6a99-ea11-86e9-00155d03b5dd&emdi=097c2177-7299-ea11-86e9-00155d03b5dd&ceid=7505250>

**Twitter rolls out redesigned misinformation warning labels** Ortutay. 11/16/ 2021

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<https://apnews.com/article/technology-business-media-social-media-misinformation-ae496a53fbc761146627fa534cb2f8d9?s=09>

### **These 6 tips will help you spot misinformation online**

MediaWise, Poynter's digital media literacy program, has expanded to in the U.S. and abroad. But anyone can learn to spot misinformation right now.

<https://www.poynter.org/fact-checking/2021/these-6-tips-will-help-you-spot-misinformation-online/>

### **Politifact Lie of the Year 2021**

<https://twitter.com/PolitiFact/status/1475151528428294146?s=20>

**Video only:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RC-Lk-OwCMM>

**BOOK: *The Truth Matters: A Citizen's Guide to Separating Facts from Lies and Stopping Fake News in its Tracks***  
Bruce Bartlett. 2017.

### ***Research on information/media literacy***

**Educating for misunderstanding: how approaches to teaching digital literacy make students susceptible to scammers, rogues, bad actors, and hate mongers.** Wineburg et al. Stanford history education group. October, 2020.

<https://cor.stanford.edu/research/educating-for-misunderstanding/>

<https://purl.stanford.edu/mf412bt5333>

**Evaluating Information: The Cornerstone of Civic Online Reasoning.** Stanford History Education Group. 2016.

<https://purl.stanford.edu/fv751yt5934>

### ***Factchecking Audio-Visual Sources***

**Backgrounder on DeepFakes in 2021** from Media Witness Lab

<https://lab.witness.org/backgrounder-deepfakes-in-2021/>

**Educator's Guide: Types of Online Fakes.** Silverman and Tsubaki

<http://verificationhandbook.com/additionalmaterial/types-of-online-fakes.php>

[Part of the Verification Handbook <http://verificationhandbook.com/> ]

**Can We Believe Our Ears? Experts Say To Heed Caution As Audio Deep Fake Technology Advances.** Young. 9/28/20. <https://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2020/09/28/deep-fake-video-audio>

**When seeing is no longer believing: Inside the Pentagon's race against deepfake videos**

[https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2019/01/business/pentagons-race-against-deepfakes/?ct=t\(EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_10\\_1\\_2018\\_17\\_21\\_COPY\\_01\)](https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2019/01/business/pentagons-race-against-deepfakes/?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_10_1_2018_17_21_COPY_01))

***On getting Your Personal Information that has been collected by Facebook***

**Facebook Download Option** Download your Facebook full info: <https://www.facebook.com/help/212802592074644>

### ***Journalism and Resources ABOUT the Media***

**Columbia Journalism Review** [www.cjr.org](http://www.cjr.org)

**Poynter** <https://www.poynter.org/>

**International Consortium of Investigative Journalists** <https://www.icij.org/>

**Pew Research Center: Journalism and Media** Great research!

<http://www.journalism.org/>

**The Press's role as a watchdog on government.** Frontline. Various views of the role of journalism in society.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/newswar/tags/watchdog.html>

**Journalism: Last Week Tonight with John Oliver. Aug 7, 2016** [Very good if you don't mind swearing.]

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bq2\\_wSsDwkQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bq2_wSsDwkQ)

**U.S. Media Polarization and the 2020 Election: A Nation Divided.** Jurkowitz, et al. Jan 24, 2020

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<https://www.pewresearch.org/journalism/2020/01/24/u-s-media-polarization-and-the-2020-election-a-nation-divided/>

### **Sites that attempt to classify media sources by political slant**

#### **Media Bias Fact Check**

<https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/>

#### **AllSides**

<https://www.allsides.com/unbiased-balanced-news>

### **Argumentation**

**Logical Fallacies Video** – a humorous look at how several different logical fallacies work [or don't!]

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wmlb2Jb-KC8&list=PL47349652D60D963E&index=1&feature=plpp\\_video](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wmlb2Jb-KC8&list=PL47349652D60D963E&index=1&feature=plpp_video)

**Logical Fallacies** (Logical Fallacies.Info; many links and illustrative examples): [www.logicalfallacies.info](http://www.logicalfallacies.info)

### **Political Ads**

#### **Facebook Political Ad Archive**

[https://www.facebook.com/ads/archive/?active\\_status=all&ad\\_type=political\\_and\\_issue\\_ads&country=US](https://www.facebook.com/ads/archive/?active_status=all&ad_type=political_and_issue_ads&country=US)

**Google Political Ad Archive** <https://transparencyreport.google.com/political-ads/library?hl=en>

**These campaign ads may have misled you. Here's how to spot their tricks.** From The Fact Checker, Washington Post. Nice guide to what to watch for in political ads. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p4ls--ko9qQ>

**The Campaign Killers** Strategies for making a candidate look bad. Good short video.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=1&v=9DDHqgfH-Lg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=9DDHqgfH-Lg)

### **Propaganda**

**German Propaganda Archive** at Calvin College <http://research.calvin.edu/german-propaganda-archive/index.htm>

### **Google Tricks**

Add these to keywords – find only educational sites: site:edu    non-profits: site:org    gov institutions: site:gov  
Find only PDF files – use <filetype:pdf> (without the carats)

**A search engine that just delivers results from fact-checking websites:** <http://bit.ly/fact-search>

### **Related to a clearer understanding of our “economy” and economic statistics**

**Here's why the economy feels so bad when it sounds so good.** Lopez. 8/6/2019.

<https://www.businessinsider.com/unemployment-stock-market-whats-wrong-with-us-economy-2019-8>

**The Problems With GDP, Unemployment Rates, And Other Official Economic Measures.** Erik Sherman. 7/7/2019.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/eriksherman/2019/07/07/the-problems-with-gdp-unemployment-rates-and-other-official-economic-measures/#4302fcb721c9>

**GDP Is Not a Measure of Human Well-Being.** Amit Kapoor and Bibek Debroy. 10/4/2019.

<https://hbr.org/2019/10/gdp-is-not-a-measure-of-human-well-being>

### **Misc.**

Toxic TikTok: Popular social-media video app feeds vaccine misinformation to kids within minutes after they sign up.

**Cadier and Goldin. Newsguard. 2021.**

[https://www.newsguardtech.com/special-reports/toxic-tiktok/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=the-sift&utm\\_campaign=the-sift-sept27-2021&emci=6cf5aba7-a51f-ec11-981f-0050f271a1a2&emdi=b14f4e22-be1f-ec11-981f-0050f271a1a2&ceid=7505250](https://www.newsguardtech.com/special-reports/toxic-tiktok/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=the-sift&utm_campaign=the-sift-sept27-2021&emci=6cf5aba7-a51f-ec11-981f-0050f271a1a2&emdi=b14f4e22-be1f-ec11-981f-0050f271a1a2&ceid=7505250)

**Disinformation and Social Media: A Threat to Security and Peace** Lewis-Hughes. 7/7/19.

<http://theowp.org/reports/disinformation-and-social-media-a-threat-to-security-and-peace>

**PollingReport.com** – lots and lots of survey results <http://www.pollingreport.com>

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**Example of Good Reporting** – No reporter judgements, no reporter analysis; just the facts, and quotes from authorities and first-person accounts: **Train crash in Germany kills at least 10, injures 80**  
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/ap/article-3438398/Train-crash-southern-Germany-causes-injuries.html>

**Trapped in a hoax: survivors of conspiracy theories speak out.** Jan 2019.  
<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2019/jan/23/conspiracy-theories-internet-survivors-truth>

How Americans Got Sold on Cigarettes. Video  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSdy4bdpe-E>

### **2020 Election**

**The Big Lie and Big Tech: Misinformation Repeat Offenders and Social Media in the 2020 Election.** Carter Center. August, 2021. <https://www.cartercenter.org/news/pr/2021/democracy-big-lie-big-tech-report-100621.html>

**'No Evidence' Election Was Compromised, Cybersecurity Agency Says.** Alana Wise. 11/12/2020  
<https://www.npr.org/sections/live-updates-2020-election-results/2020/11/12/934377227/no-evidence-election-was-compromised-cybersecurity-agency-says>

**Joint statement from relevant CISA committees about the elections.** U.S. Dept of Homeland Security. 11/12/20.  
<https://www.cisa.gov/news/2020/11/12/joint-statement-elections-infrastructure-government-coordinating-council-election>