

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 Fact-checker [AFP is Agence France Press] <https://factcheck.afp.com/>

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

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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/>

Google Finds ‘Inoculating’ People Against Misinformation Helps Blunt Its Power

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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://newsliit.org/>

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

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

Viral Rumor Rundown from The Sift. In which they take a tweet with video and track, step-by-step, 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>

These 6 tips will help you spot misinformation online. Mahadevan. Poynter Institute. 12/22/21

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https://www.consumerreports.org/social-media/how-to-be-safe-on-social-media-especially-if-youre-lgbtq-a7554342618/?EXTKEY=YSOCIAL_PAIDPROMO_FB&fbclid=IwAR3vz-39aaab2fQjq5-7Gf5n-jXyeNsmalKKDopwXB1SCWag2VTN6JBh4HI

How to Filter Hate Speech, Hoaxes, and Violent Clips Out of Your Social Media Feeds. Germain. Consumer Reports. 7/21/22.

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Politifact Lie of the Year 2021 is the lie that Jan 6 was a normal protest.

<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.

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

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

Factchecking Audio-Visual Sources

New deepfake threats loom, says Microsoft's chief science officer. Goldman. 9/26/22.

<https://venturebeat.com/ai/new-deepfake-threats-loom-says-microsofts-chief-science-officer/>

Backgrounder on Deepfakes in 2021 from Media Witness Lab

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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. Extensive examples of deep fakes.

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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

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

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

Logical Fallacies (Logical Fallacies.Info; many links and illustrative examples): 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

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=p4Is--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

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 – add <filetype:pdf> (without the carats)

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.

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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>

Income Inequality in the United States. Inequality.org Factsheet. Eye-opening statistics.

<https://inequality.org/facts/income-inequality/>

Inequality Kills: The unparalleled action needed to combat unprecedented inequality in the wake of COVID-19

OXFAM. Jan, 2022. <https://policy-practice.oxfam.org/resources/inequality-kills-the-unparalleled-action-needed-to-combat-unprecedented-inequal-621341/>

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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-

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<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>

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>

Elections

'Horse race' coverage of elections can harm voters, candidates and news outlets: Research. Ordway. April 6, 2022
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'Horse race' coverage of elections: What to avoid and how to get it right. Ordway. April 20, 2022
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<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>