

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>

The Latest Fact Checks from the International Fact Checking Network <https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/2019/10/07/the-latest-fact-checks-from-the-international-fact-checking-network-ifcn-10-07-2019/?fbclid=IwAR3yeKyVgavMEsCTLx5pWiuSiZALzdc9Plagtyo0HNxu82ZyF3u5uhdMVRs>

Newsguard Trust ratings and “Nutrition Labels” for news sites. <https://www.newsguardtech.com/>

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>

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/>

Fake News 2.0: The propaganda war gets sophisticated. The latest in efforts and technologies employed in misinformation and attempts to counteract. 8/21/2018 <https://www.axios.com/fake-news-propaganda-facebook-2018-midterm-elections-6221ada7-43f0-4187-8f3f-f16090268d67.html>

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

Fake or Real? How to Self-Check the News and Get the Facts. Davis. December 5, 2016

<http://www.npr.org/sections/alltechconsidered/2016/12/05/503581220/fake-or-real-how-to-self-check-the-news-and-get-the-facts>

A Savvy News Consumer’s Guide: How Not to Get Duped. Shepard. Moyers. Dec 9, 2016.

<http://billmoyers.com/story/savvy-news-consumers-guide-not-get-duped/>

How to Separate Fact and Fiction Online. Markham Nolan. Ted Talk. 2012 [interesting case studies of checking info]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNV4ylyXXX0>

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

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

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

Factchecking Audio-Visual Sources

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/>]

The Hidden Signs That Can Reveal a Fake Photo By Tiffanie Wen 30 June 2017

<http://www.bbc.com/future/story/20170629-the-hidden-signs-that-can-reveal-if-a-photo-is-fake>

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=\(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_10_1_2018_17_21_COPY_01\)](https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2019/01/business/pentagons-race-against-deepfakes/?ct=(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_10_1_2018_17_21_COPY_01))

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

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

Only 9% of humankind lives in a country where press freedom is good. Video from Reporters Without Borders. An update on the state of danger for journalists worldwide.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GsfMN6sWryk>

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

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>

ProPublica Political Ad Collector <https://projects.propublica.org/facebook-ads/>

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

Persuasive Techniques in Presidential Election Ads
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=180&v=oJi5qa4CTb0

The Campaign Killers
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=9DDHqqfH-Lg

Propaganda

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

Google Tricks

Find only educational sites – add domain e.g. 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>

Misc.

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>

E.U. Code of Practice on Disinformation. Found on this page:
<https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/code-practice-disinformation>

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

The Data That Turned the World Upside Down Hannes Grassegger and Mikael Krogerus Jan 28 2017.
https://motherboard.vice.com/en_us/article/how-our-likes-helped-trump-win
About the use of data mining / big data to target political ads [This has become a *huge* issue with social media.]

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>

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

The Frightening Rise In Low-Quality, Low-Paying Jobs: Is This Really A Strong Job Market? Kelly, 11/25/2019.
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Why the Economy Is Bad: The Great Affordability Crisis. Lowrey. 2/7/2020
<https://portside.org/2020-02-07/why-economy-bad-great-affordability-crisis?fbclid=IwAR3fSnizeyGybdGZ3ft2ISwzuVTjDFRvi-hrXKIXLg1FfPerPXWZKXfUIdA>

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