

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

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/>

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 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>

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

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

Deepfakes threaten 2020 election Bash and Steed. July 25, 2020.

<https://thehill.com/opinion/cybersecurity/508202-deepfakes-threaten-the-2020-election>

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>

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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>

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<https://www.facebook.com/Civics-for-Adults-1490728887922036/> 11/2020

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/>

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/?](https://www.facebook.com/ads/archive/?active_status=all&ad_type=political_and_issue_ads&country=US)

[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>

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

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

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=IwAR3fSniyezGybdGZ3ftISwzuVTjDFRvi-hrXKIXLg1FfPerPXWZKXfUIdA>

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.

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>

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>

2020 Election

'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>

International election observers rebuke Trump's 'unprecedented attempts to undermine public trust'. Kelly. 11/4/20.

<https://thehill.com/policy/international/524547-international-election-observers-rebuke-trumps-unprecedented-attempts-to>

Second group of international election observers report no evidence of fraud. Coleman. 11/10/2020.

<https://thehill.com/homenews/campaign/525279-second-group-of-international-election-observers-report-no-evidence-of>