

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>

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/>

The Week in Fact-Checking Poynter Institute

<https://www.poynter.org/tags/fact-checking-newsletter>

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>

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>

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>

Journalism and Resources ABOUT the Media

Senate Resolution 607 "Reaffirming the vital and indispensable role the free press serves."

<https://www.congress.gov/115/bills/sres607/BILLS-115sres607ats.pdf>

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>**How does social media shape our political views?** Ignant. KQED. Oct 22, 2016. Text and video.<https://ww2.kqed.org/learning/2016/10/21/how-does-social-media-shape-our-political-views/>**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>**Google Transparency Report** <https://transparencyreport.google.com/political-ads/overview?hl=en>**Tax Cut Ads Preview Midterm Elections.** Factcheck.org Analysis of some political ads of the past 6 months<https://www.factcheck.org/2018/03/tax-cut-ads-preview-midterm-elections-ahead/>**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)

Misc.**Most People Think They Can Spot Fake News.** Marcin. 7/26/2018.<https://www.newsweek.com/most-people-think-they-spot-fake-news-poll-wrong-1043735>**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, 6:15amhttps://motherboard.vice.com/en_us/article/how-our-likes-helped-trump-winAbout 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>**If Crisis or War Comes.** Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency. One page of this 11-page manual is about protecting oneself from false information!<https://www.msb.se/Upload/Forebyggande/Krisberedskap/Krisberedskapsveckan/Fakta%20om%20broschyren%20om%20krisen%20eller%20Kriget%20kommer/If%20crises%20or%20war%20comes.pdf>Copyright Donna L Cohen Free to use with attribution To arrange a workshop: citizen@civictinker.net<https://www.facebook.com/Civics-for-Adults-1490728887922036/> 9/2018