

Resources for Misinformation and Propaganda – Telling Truth from Fiction 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>

Websites for Fact-Checking. College of Staten Island. 7/25/22.

<https://library.csi.cuny.edu/c.php?g=619342&p=4310783>

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>

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/>

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

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

How to Be Safe on Social Media, Especially if You're LGBTQ+. Vines. Consumer Reports. 7/21/22.

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.

<https://www.consumerreports.org/social-media/filter-hate-speech-hoaxes-violent-clips-out-of-social-media-a6432199534/>

Politifact Lie of the Year 2021 - Video: <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.

Deepfakes and AI

Political deepfakes are spreading like wildfire thanks to GenAI. Kyle Wiggers March 6, 2024

<https://techcrunch.com/2024/03/06/political-deepfakes-are-spreading-like-wildfire-thanks-to-genai/>

Can you tell AI-generated people from real ones? University of Waterloo. 2024.

Copyright Donna L Cohen Free to use with attribution dcoheninf@comcast.net <http://www.civictinker.info>

<https://www.facebook.com/Civics-for-Adults-1490728887922036/> 2024-25

<https://uwaterloo.ca/news/media/can-you-tell-ai-generated-people-real-ones>

AI and Democracy. Brennan Center. 3/26/2024.

<https://www.brennancenter.org/series/ai-and-democracy>

Three Types of Manipulated Video Used to Spread Misinformation | Be MediaWise

PBS Student Reporting Labs

<https://opb.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/types-of-manipulated-video-misinformation-video/mediawise-student-reporting-labs/>

And other of their videos, like **How to Spot Misinformation Spread by Pink Slime Journalism | Be MediaWise**

An illustrated guide to ‘pink slime’ journalism: These low-effort websites fill the vacuum where real local news used to be. By: [Annie Aguiar](#). Poynter. October 5, 2023

<https://www.poynter.org/fact-checking/media-literacy/2023/pink-slime-journalism-local-news-deserts/>

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

<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/>]

When seeing is no longer believing: Inside the Pentagon’s race against deepfake videos. Extensive examples of deep fakes.

[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))

Synthetic Media: How deepfakes could soon change our world. 60 Minutes. CBS. 7/31/2022.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/deepfake-artificial-intelligence-60-minutes-2022-07-31/?fbclid=IwAR3mc5ZshqsOtS6OetCdRkWNH1dlnbTjDi2R2pp2k8xPnQOBaS1ZNBCT8lk>

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!

<https://www.pewresearch.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

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

Copyright Donna L Cohen Free to use with attribution dcoheninf@comcast.net <http://www.civictinker.info>

<https://www.facebook.com/Civics-for-Adults-1490728887922036/> 2024-25

Logical Fallacies Video – a humorous look at how several different logical fallacies work [or don't!] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wmlb2Jb-KC8&list=PL47349652D60D963E&index=1&feature=plpp_video

Political Ads

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=9DDHqqfH-Lq

Facebook 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>

Propaganda

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

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

Google Tricks

Add these after keywords – find only educational sites: site:edu non-profits: site:org gov institutions: site:gov
Find only PDF files – add after keywords: filetype:pdf

Economy and Bifurcated or “K” Economy

Here's where the middle class is experiencing the best — and worst — standard of living. Picchii. CBS. 11/22/2024. <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/middle-class-standard-of-living-best-expensive-cities-san-francisco/>

Economic Data Paint a Picture of Two Americas

Aaron Back. Wall Street Journal. 6/8/24 <https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/markets/economic-data-paint-a-picture-of-two-americas/ar-BB1nR3xT?ocid=msedgntp&pc=DCTS&cvid=4e5592a1dc884fb2982e288041f043e6&ei=37>

The US is dealing with a rare bifurcation of the economy, and it's raising the odds of recession, Piper Sandler, chief economist says

Yuheng Zhan. Business Insider. Apr 24, 2024 <https://www.businessinsider.com/recession-extremely-rare-economy-bifurcation-downturn-inflation-fed-rate-cut-2024-4>

The US economy is splitting in 2

Madison and Zinkula. Business Insider. Aug. 7, 2022. <https://www.businessinsider.com/us-economy-outlook-divided-recession-jobs-inflation-buying-less-luxury-2022-8>

Strong spending is obscuring an economy that isn't working for many Americans

Nicole Goodkind. CNN. May 22, 2024. <https://www.cnn.com/2024/05/22/investing/premarket-stocks-trading/index.html>

What Is Bifurcation and What Does It Mean for the Economy?

Anneken Tappe. SOFI [Stanford Business School student publication]. May 29, 2024. <https://www.sofi.com/article/market-news/what-bifurcation-what-does-it-mean-for-economy/>

Affluent Americans Are Driving US Economy and Likely Delaying Need for Fed Rate Cuts

Associated Press. April 29, 2024 <https://news.wttw.com/2024/04/29/affluent-americans-are-driving-us-economy-and-likely-delaying-need-fed-rate-cuts>

Cramer says the 'bifurcated consumer' is making this market hard to understand

Julie Coleman. CNBC. Feb 5 2024. <https://www.cnbc.com/2024/02/05/cramer-says-the-bifurcated-consumer-makes-market-hard-to-understand.html>

The US economy is in a 'selective recession' as lower-income consumers struggle and high-income households see huge wealth creation, JPMorgan strategist says

Jennifer Sor. Business Insider. 6/28/2024.

[https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/markets/the-us-economy-is-in-a-selective-recession-as-lower-income-consumers-
struggle-and-high-income-households-see-huge-wealth-creation-jpmorgan-strategist-says/ar-
BB1p4HB7?ocid=msedgntp&pc=DCTS&cvid=2c7644e511a24ee3b4a7f61f2a7fedf6&ei=7](https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/markets/the-us-economy-is-in-a-selective-recession-as-lower-income-consumers-struggle-and-high-income-households-see-huge-wealth-creation-jpmorgan-strategist-says/ar-BB1p4HB7?ocid=msedgntp&pc=DCTS&cvid=2c7644e511a24ee3b4a7f61f2a7fedf6&ei=7)

Household Income: What It Is and How to Calculate It. Scott et al. Investopedia. 7/31/2024.

Good discussion of differing ways to describe and measure income, including difference between average and median.

https://www.investopedia.com/terms/h/household_income.asp

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](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>

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

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

Misc.

How disinformation 'sabotages America'. On Point Radio. 3/21/2024. Podcast

<https://www.wbur.org/onpoint/2024/03/21/barbara-mcquade-disinformation-news-media-america-politics>

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>

Elections

'Horse race' coverage of elections can harm voters, candidates and news outlets: Research. Ordway. April 6, 2022

<https://journalistsresource.org/politics-and-government/horse-race-reporting-election/> and

'Horse race' coverage of elections: What to avoid and how to get it right. Ordway. April 20, 2022

<https://journalistsresource.org/politics-and-government/horse-race-coverage-elections-improve/>

Opinion Today <https://opiniontoday.com/> - "horserace" polls on current candidates

Elections Guide for Investigative Reporters: Chapter 4 — Investigating Political Messaging and Disinformation.

Philp. Global Investigative Journalism Network. April 25, 2022.

[https://gijn.org/2022/04/25/elections-guide-for-investigative-reporters-chapter-4-investigating-political-messaging-and-
disinformation/](https://gijn.org/2022/04/25/elections-guide-for-investigative-reporters-chapter-4-investigating-political-messaging-and-disinformation/)

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](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)