Credibility of the available information

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https://wspaerasmus.wixsite.com/supportsystem



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Available information

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Amount

Anyone can produce information





Different types

Facts, opinions, stories, interpretations, statistics...



Different intentions Inform, persuade, sell, entertain...



Different supports Text, image, video, sound...



It is not always easy to determine what type of information it is



Saving information

Seeking information Selecting information

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https://www.ted.com/talks/sir_ken_robinson_do_schools_kill_creativity





For the Lovers of Physics (Walter Lewin's Last Lecture)





https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4a0FbQdH3dY&feature=youtu.be&t=1379



Is the earth flat?







Jokes turned news

THE ONION THE A.V. CLUB DEADSPIN GIZMODO JALOPNIK JEZEBEL KOTAKU LIFEHACKER THE ROOT THE TAKEOUT THE INVENTORY



Eliminating Voter Fraud By Refusing To Hold Elections

WASHINGTON—Calling the Latin American nation a perfect model of election integrity, officials from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security praised Bolivian leaders Monday for eliminating voter fraud through their refusal to hold

NEWS IN BRIEF Ron DeSantis Cuts Phone Line Outside Nursing Home So No One

https://www.theonion.com/

'Famous Porn Star Turns Into A Promising Scientist'--A Lesson On Fake News





Retail

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Portrait of confident young man GETTY

A friend of mine wanted to do an experiment on fake news. He published a Facebook post on his profile containing an image of

https://www.forbes.com/sites/ninaangelovska/2019/02/06/famous-porn-star-turns-into-a-promising-scientist-a-lesson-on-fake-news/#22841d3073f8





Getty Images

Jackie Chan "Jackie is alive and well," read a note on the action star's Facebook page following internet buzz that he died in March 2011. "He did not suffer a heart attack and die, as was reported on many social networking sites and in online news reports."

Celebrities who die.... ...over and over again!

https://www.thewrap.com/celebrity-death-hoax-jack-black-rick-fox-taylor-swift-dwayne-johnson/



Manuela, the tattoo, the tshirt and the phonecalls









Fake News

Information Disorder

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Information Disorder



(Wardle & Derakhshan, 2017, p. 5)



Agent

Actor Type: Level of Organisation: Type of Motivation: Level of Automation: Intended Audience: Intent to Harm: Intent to Mislead: Official / Unofficial None / Loose / Tight / Networked Financial / Political / Social / Psychological Human / Cyborg / Bot Members / Social Groups / Entire Societies Yes / No Yes / No

Message

Duration: Accuracy: Legality: Imposter Type: Message Target: Long term / Short-term / Event-based Misleading/ Manipulated / Fabricated Legal / Illegal No / Brand / Individual Individual / Organisation / Social Group / Entire Society

Interpreter

Message reading: Action taken: Hegemonic / Oppositional / Negotiated Ignored / Shared in support / Shared in opposition

(Wardle & Derakhshan, 2017, p. 28)



Three stages in producing and distributing messages



(Wardle & Derakhshan, 2017, p. 23)



Example of "made up" news

WTOE 5 NEWS TOP STORIES COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT SPORTS LIFE ABOUT LATEST NEWS Pope Francis Shocks World, Endorses Donald Trump for President, Releases Statement TOPICS: Pope Francis Endorses Donald Trump

Figure 5: Screenshot of the fabricated news article published in July 2016 on WTOE5News.com (The site no longer exists).



Example of the three stages

Creation

Article conceived by an unidentified person.



Article published on the site WTOE5 News, part of a network of 43 fabricated news sites, which published over 750 articles.



Distribution

Article shared on Facebook by someone working for this network of fabricated sites.

Re-Production

Article shared by people connected to the fabricated news site network to amplify the impact of the article to make more profit.

Article shared on Facebook by Trump supporters.

Article shared by forces who had an interest in Trump winning (e.g. became content amplified by Russian troll factories or bot networks).

Article shared by Hillary Clinton supporters as evidence of how easily Trump supporters could be fooled



Who decides what is fake?



Cartoon by Cathy Wilcox, drawn for UNESCO for World Press Freedom Day 2017



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International Fact-Checking Network fact-checkers' code of principles



https://www.poynter.org/

Who controls fact check?





CONSIDER THE SOURCE

Click away from the story to investigate the site, its mission and its contact info.

Source: <u>https://www.ifla.org/publications/node/11174</u>





Headlines can be outrageous in an effort to get clicks. What's the whole story?

Source: https://www.ifla.org/publications/node/11174





CHECK THE AUTHOR

Do a quick search on the author. Are they credible? Are they real?

Source: https://www.ifla.org/publications/node/11174





SUPPORTING SOURCES?

Click on those links. Determine if the info given actually supports the story.

Source: https://www.ifla.org/publications/node/11174





CHECK THE DATE

Reposting old news stories doesn't mean they're relevant to current events.

Source: https://www.ifla.org/publications/node/11174





If it is too outlandish, it might be satire. Research the site and author to be sure.

Source: https://www.ifla.org/publications/node/11174





CHECK YOUR BIASES

Consider if your own beliefs could affect your judgement.

Source: https://www.ifla.org/publications/node/11174





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Developing critical thinking

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Thank You!

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Debate

•What is the role of higher education?

•How are your schools dealing with this if at all?



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