Fake News:
Separating fact from fiction?

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What is “Fake News”?
Definition:

“the deliberate creation and sharing of false and/or manipulated information that is intended to deceive and mislead audiences, either for the purposes of causing harm, or for political, personal, or financial gain.”

Disinformation and Fake News: Final Report
House of Commons Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee.
2019
FAKE NEWS
Kim Jong-un travels with personal toilet, say North Koreans
Types of Fake News
LANGLEY, VA—A report released Tuesday by the CIA's Office of the Inspector General revealed that the CIA has mistakenly obscured hundreds of thousands of pages of critical intelligence information with black highlighters.

According to the report, sections of the documents—"almost invariably the most crucial passages"—are marred by an indelible black ink that renders the lines impossible to read, due to a top-secret highlighting policy that began at the agency's inception in 1947.

CIA Director Porter Goss has ordered further internal
CIA realizes its been using black highlighters all the time.

BREAKING: “Tens of thousands” of fraudulent Clinton votes found in Ohio warehouse
When old stories go viral

The onus is on readers to double check the timestamp on things they share.

Earlier this month, many internet users were sharing a year-old Gawker item suggesting New York City might get 30 inches of snow in the coming weekend. This led to much confusion among readers who failed to check the date of the piece. My girlfriend’s roommate worriedly texted her wondering if our flight back from vacation on Sunday would be canceled. Gawker even put the story in its morning link roundup after seeing all the traffic it was getting without realizing, at first, that it was re-featuring old content.
How old is Fake News?
Falsehood flies, and truth comes limping after it, so that when men come to be undeceived, it is too late; the jest is over, and the tale hath had its effect.

Jonathan Swift
YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU
E3 Attendees Flee In Terror After Bethesda Presentation Glitch Causes Deathclaw To Spawn On Convention Floor

Wow, OGN readers, we’ve seen some rough E3 shows in the past, but it looks like Bethesda has taken the cake with a major technical breakdown during their Sunday evening presentation. Attendees actually ended up fleeing the L.A. Convention Center in droves after a glitch in the company’s presentation resulted in a high-level deathclaw spawning right on the conference’...

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FROM THE EDITORS; The Times and Iraq

MAY 26, 2004

Over the last year this newspaper has shone the bright light of hindsight on decisions that led the United States into Iraq. We have examined the failings of American and allied intelligence, especially on the issue of Iraq’s weapons and possible Iraqi connections to international terrorists. We have studied the allegations of official gullibility and hype. It is past time we turned the same light on ourselves.

In doing so -- reviewing hundreds of articles written during the prelude to war and into the early stages of the occupation -- we found an enormous amount of journalism that we are proud of. In most cases, what we reported was an accurate reflection of the state of our knowledge at the time, much of it painstakingly extracted from intelligence agencies that were themselves dependent on sketchy information. And where those articles included incomplete information or pointed in a wrong direction, they were later overtaken by more and stronger information. That is how news coverage normally unfolds.

But we have found a number of instances of coverage that was not as rigorous as it should have been. In some cases, information that was controversial then, and seems questionable now, was insufficiently qualified or allowed to stand unchallenged. Looking back, we wish we had been more aggressive in re-examining the claims as new evidence emerged -- or failed to emerge.
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A Washington pizzeria is the home of a child sex abuse ring that includes people including Hillary Clinton and her campaign chief John Podesta, reports claim.

Those reports are entirely baseless and there is no actual evidence that the Comet Ping Pong pizza restaurant is anything but a popular pizza place, but that doesn’t matter.

At least the fact that it is entirely untrue doesn’t matter to the thousands of online conspiracy theorists and trolls who have promoted the false rumour. And nor did it matter to the man who walked into the restaurant late at night reportedly brandishing a firearm, hoping to "self-investigate" the reports.
Khawaja M. Asif @KhawajaMASif · Dec 23
Israeli def min threatens nuclear retaliation presuming pak role in Syria against Daesh.Israel forgets Pakistan is a Nuclear state too AH

Ministry of Defense @Israel_MOD · Dec 24
@KhawajaMASif The statement attributed to fmr Def Min Yaalon re Pakistan was never said

Ministry of Defense @Israel_MOD
@KhawajaMASif reports referred to by the Pakistani Def Min are entirely false

Donald J. Trump
@realDonaldTrump

It is the same Fake News Media that said there is "no path to victory for Trump" that is now pushing the phony Russia story. A total scam!

Donald J. Trump
@realDonaldTrump

In addition to winning the Electoral College in a landslide, I won the popular vote if you deduct the millions of people who voted illegally.

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FAKE NEWS media knowingly doesn't tell the truth. A great danger to our country. The failing @nytimes has become a joke. Likewise @CNN. Sad!

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@realDonaldTrump

Does anybody really believe that a reporter, who nobody ever heard of, "went to his mailbox" and found my tax returns? @NBCNews FAKE NEWS!
The People of Venezuela Are Starving: Did Bernie Sanders and Jeremy Corbyn Support Their Oppressors?

Dan Bongino: Hey, Sanders, Venezuela has been a disaster. What say you?

Democrats now pushing many of the same socialist policies that destroyed Venezuela

Corbyn allies rally round Labour leader after he was accused of 'defending a dictator' by condemning sanctions on Venezuela's socialist president Maduro

Bernie Sanders, Jeremy Corbyn, and the starving children of Venezuela

Waiting for @AOC to comment on Venezuela like
How Kenya became the latest victim of 'fake news'

Disinformation and "fake news" were employed to influence young Kenyans' vote during the elections.

by Nanjira Sambuli
17 Aug 2017

A supporter of opposition leader Raila Odinga gestures in front of a burnt barricade in Kibera slum in Nairobi, Kenya. (Corin Temasevici/Reuters)
Khabaristan Times

BLOCKED
Deal that undid Bell Pottinger: inside story of the South Africa scandal

Lured by fees of £100,000 a month, the PR firm ran a secret campaign to stir up racial tension on behalf of its billionaire clients

Lord Bell was present at Bell Pottinger's pitch in South Africa, but denies he led the talks. Photograph: Roger Askew/Rex/Shutterstock
SA Government Slams Australia's Plan To Fast-Track Visas For White Farmers

"There is no reason for any government in the world to suspect that a section of South Africans is [in] danger."

By Amit Umraw
The number of times “fake news” was searched on Google from 2004-2017
Why are we talking about Fake News?
7 Digital literacy

232. Throughout the inquiry, we heard about the powerful influencing nature of social media and the fact that it is hard to differentiate between what is true, what is misleading, and what is false, especially when messages are targeted at an individual level. Children, young adults, and adults—all users of digital media—need to be equipped in general with sufficient digital literacy, to be able to understand content on the Internet, and to work out what is accurate or trustworthy, and what is not. Time and again, we heard people saying that “when the service is free, you are the product” and, as the product, individual users are continually being manipulated, without their even realising.

233. This chapter will explore how people, especially children and young adults, engage with social media, and what can be done to ensure that they understand the digital space, and can make informed choices about how they spend their time, how they identify sites that they can trust or are safe, how they appraise the content of what they read, and what information they share with others.
Most important new platforms to news consumers in the UK April and March 2018

- **Television**: 94% (65+ years), 57% (16-24 years)
- **Newspapers (print)**: 60% (65+ years), 21% (16-24 years)
- **Radio**: 54% (65+ years), 24% (16-24 years)
- **Internet (any device)**: 82% (65+ years), 38% (16-24 years)

Source: Ofcom © Statista 2018

Additional Information: United Kingdom; all who use any news source nowadays
Leading social networks used weekly for news in the UK January and February 2018

- Facebook: 27%
- Twitter: 14%
- YouTube: 8%
- WhatsApp: 5%
- Facebook Messenger: 3%
- Snapchat: 2%

Source
Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism
© Statista 2018

Additional Information:
United Kingdom; YouGov; January and February 2018; 2,117 respondents; 18 years and older; news users
How do we tackle Fake News?
FAKE NEWS QUIZ

Instructions:

www.kahoot.it

Enter the pin on the screen

Add your username

Match the correct answer to the symbol
| C | Currency: The timeliness of the information.  
• When was the information published or posted? Revised or updated?  
• Does your topic require current information, or will older sources work as well? |
|---|---|
| R | Relevance: The importance of the information for your needs.  
• Does the information relate to your topic or answer your question?  
• Who is the intended audience? / an appropriate level? |
| A | Authority: The source of the information.  
• Who is the author/publisher/source/sponsor?  
• What are the author's credentials or organizational affiliations?  
• Is the author qualified to write on the topic? / contact information? |
| P | Accuracy: The reliability, truthfulness and correctness of the content.  
• Where does the information come from? / supported by evidence?  
• Has the information been reviewed or refereed?  
• Does the language or tone seem unbiased and free of emotion? |
| Purpose: The reason the information exists.  
• What is the purpose of the information? Is it to inform, teach, sell, entertain or persuade?  
• Does the point of view appear objective and impartial?  
• Are there political, religious, institutional or personal biases? |
Online tools to detect Fake News
Proceed with caution: This website generally fails to maintain basic standards of accuracy and accountability.

A site promoting unproven alternative medicine treatments and both medical and non-medical conspiracy theories, particularly the idea that vaccines are linked to autism.

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The website of the celebrated weekly magazine The New Yorker. The site publishes news, reviews, investigative reports, and critical commentary about international politics, culture, and New York City events, as well as poetry, fiction, videos and podcasts, satire, and cartoons. Its political content is usually liberal in tone and outlook.

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Latin, Hebrew ... proto-Romance? New theory on Voynich manuscript

Researcher claims to have solved mystery of 15th-century text but others are sceptical

Some say it is a medieval medical manual written in abbreviated Latin and aimed at well-to-do women. Not true, say others: it was written in Hebrew by an Italian physician and clearly shows Jewish women having ritual baths.
People in this country have had enough of experts
False knowledge is more dangerous than ignorance

- Gandalf