

“Watching the TV footage of those who entered the Capitol and walked through Statuary Hall showed people in an orderly fashion staying between the stanchions and ropes taking videos and pictures. You know, if you didn't know the TV footage was a video from January the 6th, you would actually think it was a normal tourist visit.”

- Rep. Andrew Clyde

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/05/13/politics/andrew-clyde-january-6-riot/index.html>



misinformation
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<https://www.vanityfair.com/news/2021/06/senate-report-on-january-6-has-gaping-trump-sized-hole> . Image: Brent Stirton/Getty Images.



SATIRE OR PARODY

No intention to cause harm but has potential to fool



MISLEADING CONTENT

Misleading use of information to frame an issue or individual



IMPOSTER CONTENT

When genuine sources are impersonated



FABRICATED CONTENT

New content is 100% false, designed to deceive and do harm



FALSE CONNECTION

When headlines, visuals or captions don't support the content



FALSE CONTEXT

When genuine content is shared with false contextual information



MANIPULATED CONTENT

When genuine information or imagery is manipulated to deceive

Well-intended sharing of emotionally powerful info we haven't really read or analyzed

Stuff we WISH were true



A Community Toolkit for Addressing Health

Misinformation

Information that is false, inaccurate, or misleading according to the best available evidence at the time

Office of the U.S. Surgeon General 2021

What is health misinformation?

- It is information that is false, inaccurate, or misleading according to the best available evidence at the time.

Why are we all susceptible to being influenced by misinformation and why is it so tempting to share it?

- We like to feel that we have new information that others don't know.
- We want to protect the people we care about.
- We may be seeking explanations or wanting to share information that helps us make sense of events.
- We want to feel connected to others.



Memes (fun, colorful images or graphics) that were created as a joke, but people started re-sharing thinking it was true.



Websites that look professional (often designed to look like news sites) but the stories are all false or misleading. They have sensational headlines designed to make us click on them.



Misleading graphs or diagrams that look official but don't tell the whole story.



Quotations where the beginning or end have been deleted to change the meaning. The person did say that, but without the full context it's not a fair representation of what they said.



Old images that recirculate as if they are actually very recent.



Cherry-picked statistics. Too often we see people choosing the number that supports what they want to argue, but without all the data, they haven't provided all the context.



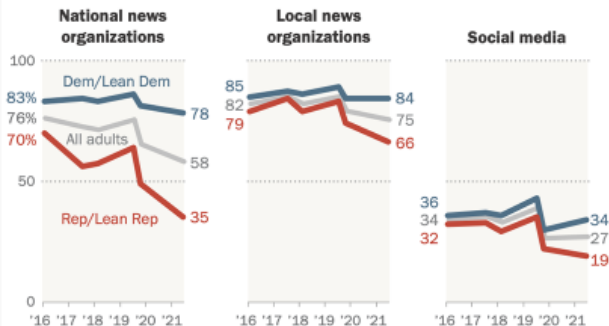
Videos that have been edited to change the meaning.



As you can see, a lot of misinformation isn't completely false or 'fake', it's actually information or imagery that lacks context. Something that has a 'kernel of truth' to it is much more believable.

Wider partisan gaps emerge in trust of national and local news organizations, social media

% of U.S. adults who say they have a lot or some trust in the information that comes from ...



Note: In 2016, trust of information from social media was only asked of and based on internet-using U.S. adults.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted June 14-27, 2021. For dates of other surveys, see the topline.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2021/08/30/partisan-divides-in-media-trust-widen-driven-by-a-decline-among-republicans/>

pink slime.

Dozens of new websites appear to be Michigan local news outlets, but with political bent

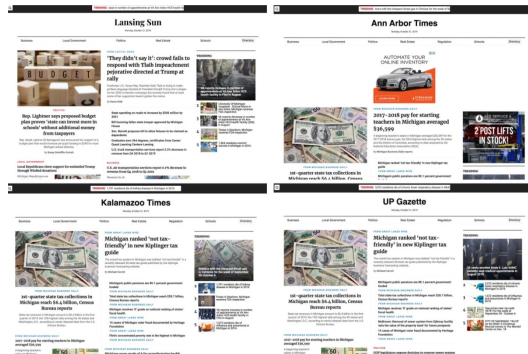
Carol Thompson Lansing State Journal

Published 10:00 p.m. ET Oct. 20, 2019 | Updated 10:55 a.m. ET Oct. 22, 2019

The New York Times

Mimicking Local News, a Network of Michigan Websites Pushes Politics

Nearly 40 websites that look like local news outlets feature largely identical articles with a distinctly conservative tone.



“Metric Media launched ‘Community Newsmaker’ in 2020 using the **language of citizen journalism**.

[W]hat appeared to be grassroot news is part of a sprawling network that **promotes political agendas and corporate interests**, without disclosing those ties to the public.”

“This points to a **worrying trend ... local news sites and networks funded by political actors, big-money interest groups**, and ideological partners that **target key battleground states** (and counties) on certain issues, while **ignoring the bigger local news stories**.”

"In August, Hurricane Ida made landfall in Louisiana, but **none of the fifteen-odd Louisiana-based sites even mentioned the Category-4 storm.**

"Similarly, we found the **eight Montana-based sites** have not covered wolf-hunting regulations and wildfires at all but ran **multiple stories about a single primary race last year that was funded by a PAC** run by a co-organizer of the Community Newsmaker project.

Over 1200 sites nationwide.

annarbortimes.com

baragaguide.com

battlecreektimes.com

branchguide.com

detroitcitywire.com

downrivertoday.com

easternwaynetoday.com

eastmichigannews.com

geneseenews.com

grandrapidsreporter.com

greatlakeswire.com

hollandreporter.com

kalamazootimes.com

lansingreporter.com

lansingsun.com

livingstontoday.com

macombtoday.com

mibusinessdaily.com

micapitolnews.com

seoaklandnews.com

shelbyreview.com

shiawasseeimes.com

southkentnews.com

southmichigannews.com

stclairtoday.com

stjoebentonharbor.com

sturgiscoldwaternews.com

thumbreporter.com

tricitysun.com

upgazette.com

warrensun.com

waterfordtoday.com

wcmichigannews.com

micatholictribune.com

monroereview.com

munisingguide.com

muskegonsun.com

northkentnews.com

northmichigannews.com

novitimes.com

nwwaynenews.com

ontonagonguide.com

pontiacimes.com

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| Yarmuth currently maintains a coronavirus information page on his House website. | Moulton announced last month that he and his family are in self-quarantine after he developed symptoms "consistent with COVID-19." Shortly after that announcement, Moulton apologized for supporting a resolution condemning China's coronavirus response. | In March, Rutherford joined with Washington House representatives Derek Kilmer, a Democrat, and Jaime Herrera Beutler, a Republican, to co-sponsor House Resolution 607, the Coronavirus Worker Relief Act . The legislation would provide disaster unemployment assistance those out of work because of the COVID-19 pandemic. | Among other things, Davis called for an 18-month moratorium on foreclosure proceedings to allow hotel owners "time they will need to come up with reasonable solutions and strategies." | Embassy Suites Palm Beach Gardens is a 160-room hotel on PGA Boulevard. | Demings was a strong supporter of the \$2 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act passed along bipartisan lines by Congress late last month. |
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| Kentucky is one of those states thanks to Gov. Andy Beshear's March 25 executive order . However, the | In addition, some states have set up foreclosure moratoriums and stays , often covering small and large properties from lender asset seizure when | "We cannot force workers to choose between paying their bills and following proper CDC public health protocols," Rutherford said in a press release issued at the time. "It is critical to prioritize the safety and well-being of our communities with | Texas is currently not one of those states. | Larger properties received some protection in an interagency statement issued March 22 by the Federal Reserve, FDIC and other regulatory agencies that encouraged the nation's banks to work something with borrowers hit hard by the | In addition, some states have set up foreclosure moratoriums and stays , often covering small and |

Figure 4: A subset of cookie-cutter stories focusing on "vulture tactics" of lenders. The identical quotes highlighted in orange above are attributed to different people across the

The Atlantic

TECHNOLOGY

The Librarian War Against QAnon

As “Do the research” becomes a rallying cry for conspiracy theorists, classical information literacy is not enough.

By Barbara Fister

Now that conspiracy theories have accelerated into the mainstream and competing notions of reality vie for attention, information-literacy advocates must acknowledge that focusing on how to find and evaluate information is not sufficient and may, if taught ineffectively, actually be harmful. What happens in classrooms under the banner of information literacy has to include an understanding of information systems: the architectures, infrastructures, and fundamental belief systems that shape our information environment, including the fact that these systems are social, influenced by the biases and assumptions of the humans who create and use them. Otherwise, educators and students will make no progress in healing our current crisis of faith.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2021/02/how-librarians-can-fight-qanon/618047/>

“Our work also **questions ... current media literacy programs, which attempt to empower individuals by teaching them to “think critically,” “do their own research,” and evaluate their sources ...**

[O]ur research shows that many [Qanon] Bakers already do these things, and defend the validity of the conspiracy on this basis. Bakers constantly exhort one another to “cite your sources” and “research for yourselves.”

Marwin & Partin, 2020.
<https://www.cjr.org/opinion/qanon-trump-alternative-facts.php>

**Are we doing to do anything
about misinformation?
Or just keep handing out craft kits?**



**Is our
vocational awe*
skewing our sense
that there is danger
lurking?**

*Ettarh, 2018

<https://www.inthelibrarywiththeleadpipe.org/2018/vocational-awe/>





GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

November 8, 2021

As you are aware, a growing number of parents of Texas students are rightfully outraged about highly inappropriate books and other content in public school libraries. The most disturbing cases include material that is clearly pornographic, which has absolutely no place in the Texas public education system.

For example, Keller Independent School District was recently compelled to remove a book from a school library titled *Gender Queer: a Memoir* by Maia Kobabe after complaints of the book's pornographic drawings.

Additionally, Leander Independent School District recently removed several books from classrooms because of inappropriate content. This included a book titled *In the Dream House* by Carmen Maria Machado, which describes overt sexual and pornographic acts.

Not only is the presence of pornography in schools inappropriate, it is also against the law. In Texas, it is illegal to provide pornography to anyone under the age of 18.

In a letter last week, I raised concerns about this material with the Texas Association of School Boards and encouraged the Association to work with its members to remove pornographic and inappropriate content from Texas public schools. As the only entity in Texas that represents every local school board in Texas, the Texas Association of School Boards has an obligation to hold its members accountable and ensure that school districts are adopting the best practices when it comes to vetting the content schools are making available to students.

Instead of addressing the concerns of parents and shielding Texas children from pornography in public schools, the Texas Association of School Boards has attempted to wash its hands clean of the issue by abdicating any and all responsibility in the matter.

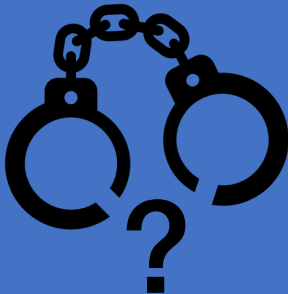
Given this negligence, the State of Texas now calls on you to do what the Texas Association of School Boards refuses to do.

I am directing the Texas Education Agency, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, and the State Board of Education to immediately develop statewide standards to prevent the presence of pornography and other obscene content in Texas public schools, including in school libraries.

These standards must ensure transparency about the materials being taught in the classroom and offered in school libraries. They must also ensure that our schools have an appropriate and transparent process, which includes parents and community members, to vet school and library material before they are used. Additionally, parents should be informed of the formal grievance process, in the event an inappropriate book is identified.

Your action should ensure that no Texas child is exposed to pornography or obscene content while in a Texas public school.

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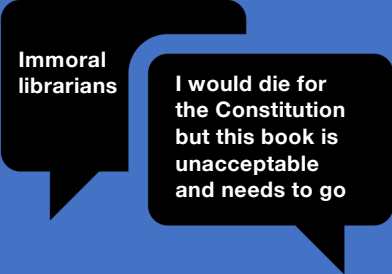
By The Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — A prosecutor won't charge library employees for making sex education and LGBTQ-themed books available to young people in a deeply conservative city in Wyoming coal-mining country, saying he wouldn't have a case.

The three books in the teenager section and one in the children's section are among dozens contested at the library in Gillette in recent weeks. Library officials have been reviewing the complaints.

One couple went further, bringing five books to the attention of the Campbell County Sheriff's Office in September. Sheriff's officials referred the matter to county prosecutors, who asked a prosecutor in a neighboring county to handle the matter to avoid a potential conflict of interest with fellow county officials at the library.

The books are "This Book is Gay" by Juno Dawson, "How Do You Make a Baby" by Anna Fiske, "Doing It" by Hannah Witton, "Sex is a Funny Word" by Cory Silverberg, and "Dating and Sex: A Guide for the 21st Century Teen Boy" by Andrew P. Smiler.



**Immoral
librarians**

**I would die for
the Constitution
but this book is
unacceptable
and needs to go**

Let's do something, starting with staff and with the patrons who are already listening.

TRUTH DECAY

MEDIA LITERACY STANDARDS

Seeking a complete understanding of the facts

TRUTH DECAY

TREND: increasing disagreement about facts and analytical interpretations of facts and data

1. Recognize limitations of one's own knowledge or understanding of the facts.
2. Use strategies to fill gaps in knowledge (e.g., connecting with experts on a topic; seeking information in a library; using search engines to find additional information).
3. Understand how modern information sources and tools can limit available facts and perspectives (e.g., search engine algorithms; specialized discussion groups; selection in social media connections).

Identifying trustworthy sources of information

TRUTH DECAY

TREND: declining trust in formerly respected sources of facts

4. Identify the expertise (e.g., academic, office held, firsthand knowledge) and consider the motivations (e.g., political, financial) of the creator of an information product.
5. Evaluate whether information products meet established standards for process and presentation (e.g., scientific process, journalistic standards, peer review).
6. Analyze information for bias, deception, or manipulation.
7. Consider the social, political, and historical contexts of an information product and how those contexts influence meaning.

Evaluating the credibility of information and soundness of arguments

TRUTH DECAY

TREND: a blurring of the line between opinion and fact

8. Understand the ways in which technology has the capability to undermine formerly trustworthy information products (e.g., audio and video "deep fakes").
9. Analyze whether evidence provided for an argument is adequate and can be independently confirmed; identify gaps in support or reasoning.
10. Compare multiple viewpoints on a topic and use evidence to determine how to manage discrepancies.
11. Recognize the ways that media and information products might trigger emotional responses that influence attitudes or elicit specific behaviors.

Responsible engagement to counter Truth Decay

TRUTH DECAY

TREND: the increasing relative volume and resulting influence of opinion and personal experience over fact

12. Anticipate and monitor intended and unintended consequences of what is shared in digital spaces.
13. Recognize personal and cultural perspectives, particularly on controversial topics, and how those can influence interpretations of information.
14. Maintain openness to updating one's own views when presented with new facts or evidence.
15. Take action rooted in evidence (e.g., construct new knowledge, create and share media, engage in informed conversations and decisions about important issues).



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**Less about the source.
More about the strategies.**

**calm
context
curiosity**

"He's a genius at telling stories that illuminate our world."
—MALCOLM GLADWELL

THE DATA DETECTIVE



TEN EASY RULES
TO MAKE SENSE
OF STATISTICS

TIM HARFORD

Author of the bestseller THE UNDERCOVER ECONOMIST

Caulfield's Four Moves

What people need most when confronted with a claim that may not be 100% true is *things they can do to get closer to the truth*. They need something I have decided to call “moves.”

Moves accomplish intermediate goals in the fact-checking process. They are associated with specific tactics. Here are the four moves this guide will hinge on:

- **Check for previous work:** Look around to see if someone else has already fact-checked the claim or provided a synthesis of research.
- **Go upstream to the source:** Go “upstream” to the source of the claim. Most web content is not original. Get to the original source to understand the trustworthiness of the information.
- **Read laterally:** Read laterally.^[1] Once you get to the source of a claim, read what other people say about the source (publication, author, etc.). The truth is in the network.
- **Circle back:** If you get lost, hit dead ends, or find yourself going down an increasingly confusing rabbit hole, back up and start over knowing what you know now. You’re likely to take a more informed path with different search terms and better decisions.

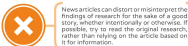
A Rough Guide to SPOTTING BAD SCIENCE

Being able to evaluate the evidence behind a scientific claim is important. Being able to recognise bad science reporting, or faults in scientific studies, is equally important. These 12 points will help you separate the science from the pseudoscience.

1. SENSATIONALISED HEADLINES



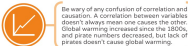
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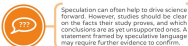
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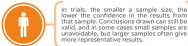
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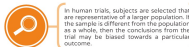
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6. PROBLEMS WITH SAMPLE SIZE



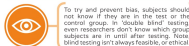
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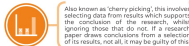
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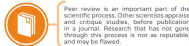
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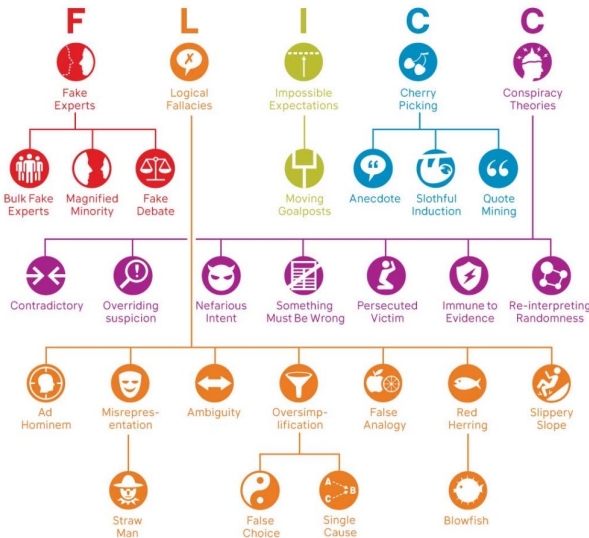
11. UNREPLICABLE RESULTS



12. NON-PEER REVIEWED MATERIAL



Techniques of Science Denial



BREAKING NEWS CONSUMER'S HANDBOOK

1. In the immediate aftermath, news outlets will get it wrong.
2. Don't trust anonymous sources.
3. Don't trust stories that cite another news outlet as the source of the information.
4. There's almost never a second shooter.
5. Pay attention to the language the media uses.
 - "*We are getting reports*"... could mean anything.
 - "*We are seeking confirmation*"... means they don't have it.
 - "*[News outlet] has learned*"... means it has a scoop or is going out on limb.
6. Look for news outlets close to the incident.
7. Compare multiple sources.
8. Big news brings out the fakers. And photoshoppers.
9. Beware reflexive retweeting. Some of this is on you.

ON **THE MEDIA**

Get Smart About News Archives

Modeled on The Sift newsletter for educators, Get Smart About News is our new free newsletter designed for the general public. It explores timely examples of misinformation, addresses media and press freedom topics and discusses social media trends and issues.

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GSAN: Mob reality | Antifa falsely accused | Riot or coup



Photo taken
before the
riot

NO: This photo [does not show](#) Senate aides protecting Electoral College votes as the Senate chamber was evacuated on Jan. 6. **YES:** It shows aides [carrying](#) the ballot boxes from the Senate to the House chamber to be certified about an hour before rioters breached the Capitol building. **YES:** Parliamentary floor staff [were credited](#) with [saving](#) the ballot boxes from the mob.


Jake Tapper

stated on January 13, 2021 in remarks in a CNN broadcast:

The second presidential impeachment of Donald Trump was “the most bipartisan impeachment in American history.”



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IMPEACHMENT

PUNDITFACT

JAKE TAPPER

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How bipartisan was the vote to impeach Donald Trump, in historical context?

IF YOUR TIME IS SHORT

• Donald Trump's second impeachment attracted more support from the president's party — 10 GOP floor votes in favor — than the impeachments of Andrew Johnson or Bill Clinton, or Trump's first impeachment.

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How bipartisan was the second impeachment of Donald Trump? CNN anchor Jake Tapper said it was the most bipartisan presidential impeachment in history.

Trump's second impeachment was "not just bipartisan — it's the most bipartisan impeachment in American history," Tapper said moments after the vote was taken on Jan. 13, 2021.

While the second House impeachment of President Donald Trump was largely approved on party lines, it did attract a higher level of bipartisan support compared with past presidential impeachment efforts.

Ten House Republicans sided with Democrats in voting to impeach Trump. That's more than the number of Republicans who supported the first impeachment of Trump in 2019, which was zero. It's also higher than the five Democrats who voted to impeach President Bill Clinton on both successful counts in 1998. And it was

The following indicators are from Prof. [Eileen Gambrill](#) (as presented in Bodi, S. (1995). Scholarship or propaganda: How can librarians help undergraduates tell the difference? *The Journal of Academic Librarianship*, 21(1), 21–25. [U-M Library](#) access)

| Indicators of Scholarship | Indicators of Propaganda |
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| Describes limits of data; | Excessive claims of certainty (We have "the way, the view"); |
| Presents accurate descriptions of alternative views; | Personal attacks/ridicule; |
| Presents data that do not favor preferred views as well as data that supports these; | Emotional appeals; |
| Encourages, e.g., debate/discussion/criticism; | Distortions of data unfavorable to preferred views; |
| Settles disputes by use of generally accepted criteria for evaluating data; | Suppresses contradictory views; |
| Looks for counter-examples; | Suppresses contradictory facts; |
| Uses language in agreed-on ways; | Appeals to popular prejudices; |
| Updates information; | Relies on suggestions (e.g., negative innuendo); |
| Admits own ignorance; | Devalues thought/critical appraisal; |
| Attempts to discuss general laws/principles; | Transforms words to suit aims; |
| Finds own field/area of investigation difficult and full of holes; and | Magnifies or minimizes problems/suggested remedies; and |
| Relies on critical thinking skills. | Presents information/views out of context. |

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