

GALE SCAVENGER HUNT: FAKE NEWS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Gale In Context: Opposing Viewpoints

Directions: Use *Gale In Context: Opposing Viewpoints* to find answers to the following questions about **Fake News on Social Media**. Write your answer and the source for the information in the spaces provided below.

To answer these questions, use the **Fake News on Social Media Topic Page**. From the home page, click on **Browse Issues** and open the **Topic Page** titled **Fake News on Social Media**.

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TV footage can show how unverified information can spread and result in real-life consequences. Access the **Video** content and view the *NYTimes.com Video Collection* video “The United States Blamed Maduro for Burning Aid to Venezuela”. What is the process of how misinformation can spread online?

Answer:

Source:

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Navigate to the **Infographics** section and choose an entry that interests you. What is the entry about, and what did you discover?

Answer:

Source:

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Access the **News** section and use the **Subjects Filter** to limit to “Fact Checking”. Read the article “How to avoid falling for and spreading misinformation about Ukraine”. What are the basic tools you can use to detect misinformation?

Answer:

Source:

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Go to the **Audio** section and listen to or read the transcript of “Fake Facts Are Flying About Coronavirus. Now There’s A Plan To Debunk Them”. What has the World Health Organization done to try to stop the spread of misinformation about COVID-19?

Answer:

Source:

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Navigate to the **Featured Viewpoints** section and read one of the articles. Summarize the main points. Why did you read the article you chose as opposed to the other one?

Answer:

Source:

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Answer: Rumor or unproven claim, amplified by influential people, mainstream media brings it to the masses, and in some cases real-life consequences.

Source: "The United States Blamed Maduro for Burning Aid to Venezuela." *NYTimes.com Video Collection* [https://link.gale.com/apps/doc/CT579514567/OVIC?u=\[INSERT LOC ID\]&xid=3afeb484](https://link.gale.com/apps/doc/CT579514567/OVIC?u=[INSERT LOC ID]&xid=3afeb484)

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Answer: Answers will vary.

Source: Source will vary.

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Answer: Slow down, check the source, make a collection of trusted sources, seek out context, vet videos and images, use fact-checking sites and tools.

Source: How to avoid falling for and spreading misinformation about Ukraine. (2022, February 24). *Washingtonpost.com*, NA. [https://link.gale.com/apps/doc/A694839452/OVIC?u=\[INSERT LOC ID\]&sid=bookmark-OVIC&xid=7375c656](https://link.gale.com/apps/doc/A694839452/OVIC?u=[INSERT LOC ID]&sid=bookmark-OVIC&xid=7375c656)

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Answer: Started EPI-WIN (short for WHO Information Network for Epidemics) to help get facts to the public. They have worked with search engines and social media sites like Twitter to make sure reliable resources appear at the top of searches. They are also working with employers to help them get credible information to their employees.

Source: *Fake Facts Are Flying About Coronavirus. Now There's A Plan To Debunk Them* [Radio broadcast transcript]. (2020, March 9). All Things Considered. [https://link.gale.com/apps/doc/A617688982/OVIC?u=\[INSERT LOCID\]&sid=bookmark-OVIC&xid=20c4d640](https://link.gale.com/apps/doc/A617688982/OVIC?u=[INSERT LOCID]&sid=bookmark-OVIC&xid=20c4d640)

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Answer: Answers will vary.

Source: Sources will vary.