
A woman with long dark hair, wearing a black top and light-colored pants, is sitting on a stage in front of a large projection screen. She is looking towards the screen. The screen displays a presentation slide with a title and a quote. The stage has several dark chairs and a small table.

How can dis-information be dangerous?

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A large, solid orange arrow pointing to the right, positioned between the stage image and the text on the right side of the slide.

Fake News
and Dis-
information
through the
eyes of
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Activity C2 - Short term joint staff

Facts vs. Fiction, or how to deal with misinformation

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What is Fake News?



▮ “false news stories, often of a sensational nature, created to be widely shared or distributed for the purpose of generating revenue, or promoting or discrediting a public figure, political movement, company, etc.”

▮ <https://www.dictionary.com/browse/fake-news#:~:text=noun,fake%20news%20on%20social%20media>



The term fake news is widely used, but it often refers to a specific type of false information-dis-information.





Mis-information
Dis-information
Mal-information



Dis-information


▮ “Dis-information is when false information is knowingly shared to cause harm.”

▮ <https://firstdraftnews.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/PREMS-162317-GBR-2018-Report-de%CC%81sinformation-1.pdf>




Mal-information

- ▮ “Mal-information is when genuine information is shared to cause harm, often by moving information designed to stay private into the public sphere.”
- ▮ <https://firstdraftnews.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/PREMS-162317-GBR-2018-Report-de%CC%81sinformation-1.pdf>



What role do you think social media plays in the spread of dis-information?


□ Social media makes it easy for people to share stories they see online, these stories are not always true, but people share them without checking their sources. This makes it very easy for dis-information to spread.




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What can we do to stop the spread of dis-information?

- ▣ Check your sources before you share things
 - ▣ Share reliable information
 - ▣ Educate yourself and others on how to spot dis-information
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How to Spot Fake News and Dis- Information

- ▮ If you haven't heard of a news outlet before, search the story they are reporting to see if other outlets have reported the same story
- ▮ Do some research into the news outlet that is posting the story
- ▮ Be careful about headlines, sometimes stories can have a very sensationalized headline but then have no actual facts that back up the headline of the article
- ▮ Make sure that the article isn't intended to be **satire**
- ▮ **Satire: a literary work holding up human vices and follies to ridicule or scorn**
- ▮ Use caution when basing something solely on an image
- ▮ <https://onlinedegrees.und.edu/masters-cyber-security/tips-for-students-on-how-to-identify-fake-news/>
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