

# The Ins and Outs of Media Literacy



# Part 1: Fact or Fiction?

Fake News, Alternative Facts, and other False  
Information

By Jeff Rand

La Crosse Public Library

# Goals

- To give you the knowledge and tools to be a better evaluator of information
- Make you an agent in the fight against falsehood

# Ground rules

- Our focus is knowledge and tools, not individuals
- You may see words and images that disturb you or do not agree with your point of view
- No political arguments

☐ Agree

# Historical Context

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“No one in this world . . . has ever lost money by underestimating the intelligence of the great masses of plain people.”  
(H. L. Mencken, September 19, 1926)

# What is happening now and why

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# Shift from “Old” to “New” Media

## **Business/Professional**

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Television
- Radio

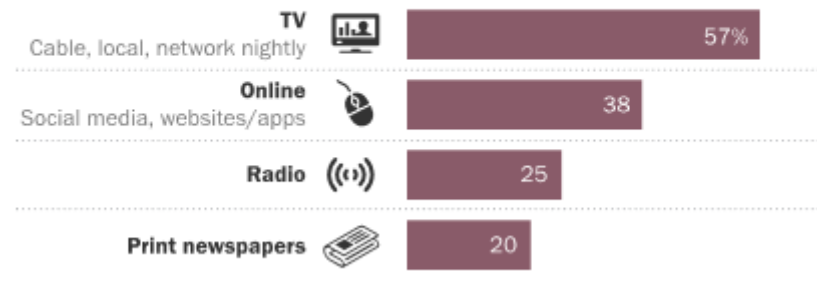
## **Individual/Social**

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Websites/blogs

# News Platforms

## About four-in-ten Americans often get news online

*% of U.S. adults who often get news on each platform*



*% of each age group who often get news on each platform*

	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
TV	27%	45%	72%	85%
Online	50	49	29	20
Radio	14	27	29	24
Print newspapers	5	10	23	48

Note: Just 1% said they never got news on any platform (not shown).

Source: Survey conducted Jan. 12-Feb. 8, 2016.

"The Modern News Consumer"

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# Who is your news source?

## Professional?

- Educated
- Trained
- Experienced
- Supervised
- With a code of ethics  
<https://www.spj.org/ethicscode.asp>

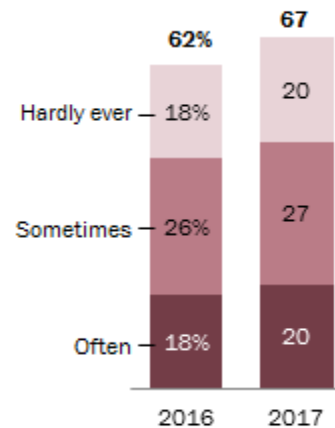
## Personal?



# Social Media & News

**In 2017, two-thirds of  
U.S. adults get news from  
social media**

*% of U.S. adults who get news from  
social media sites ...*

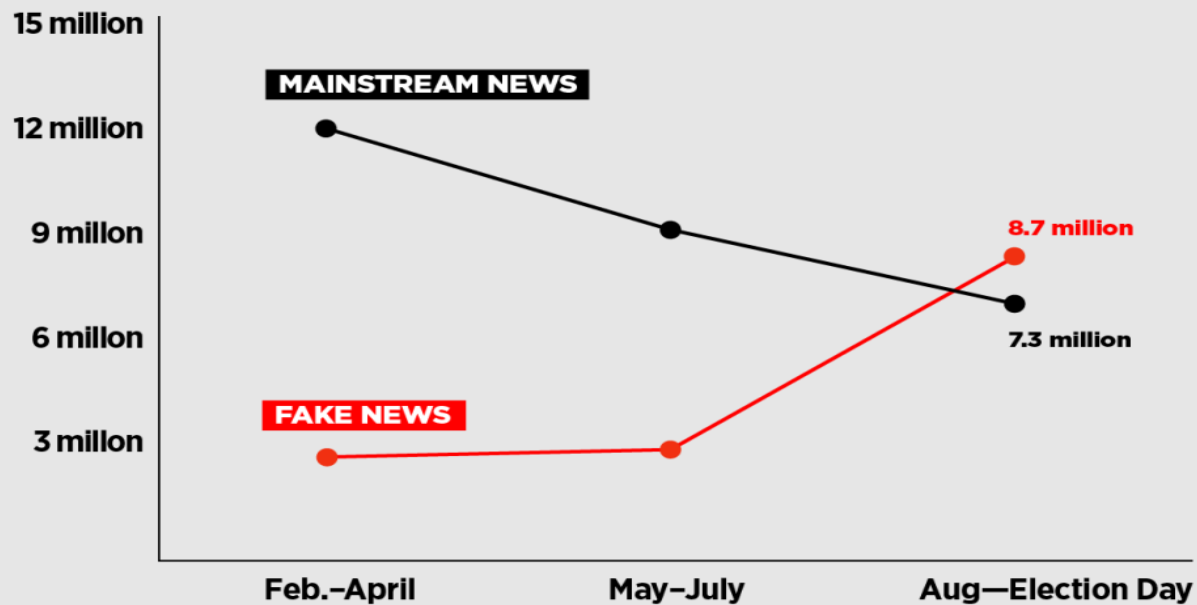


Source: Survey conducted Aug. 8-21, 2017.  
"News Use Across Social Media Platforms  
2017"

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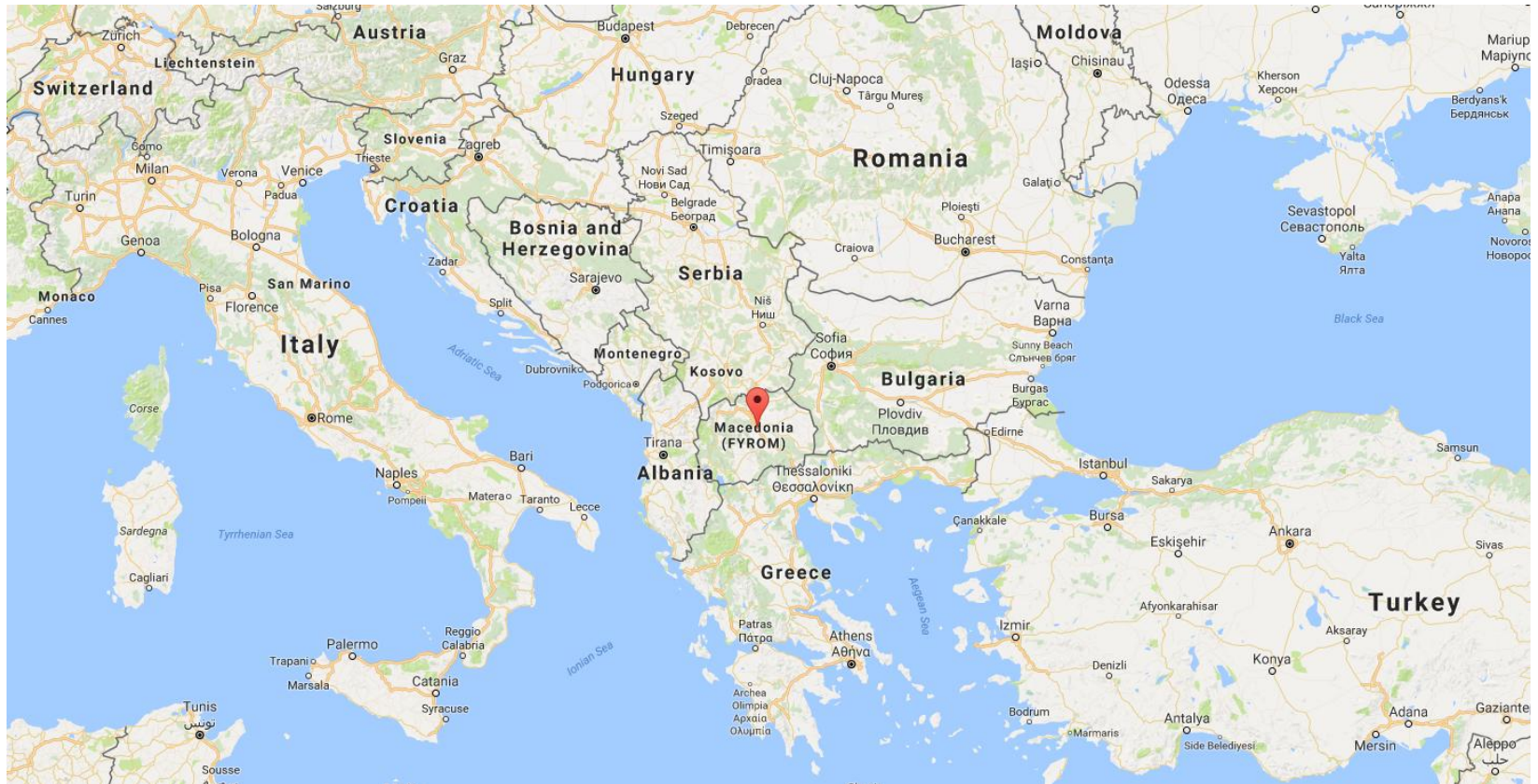
# Facebook & Fake News

## Total Facebook Engagements for Top 20 Election Stories



ENGAGEMENT REFERS TO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SHARES, REACTIONS, AND COMMENTS FOR A PIECE OF CONTENT ON FACEBOOK SOURCE: FACEBOOK DATA VIA BUZZSUMO

# Veles, Macedonia

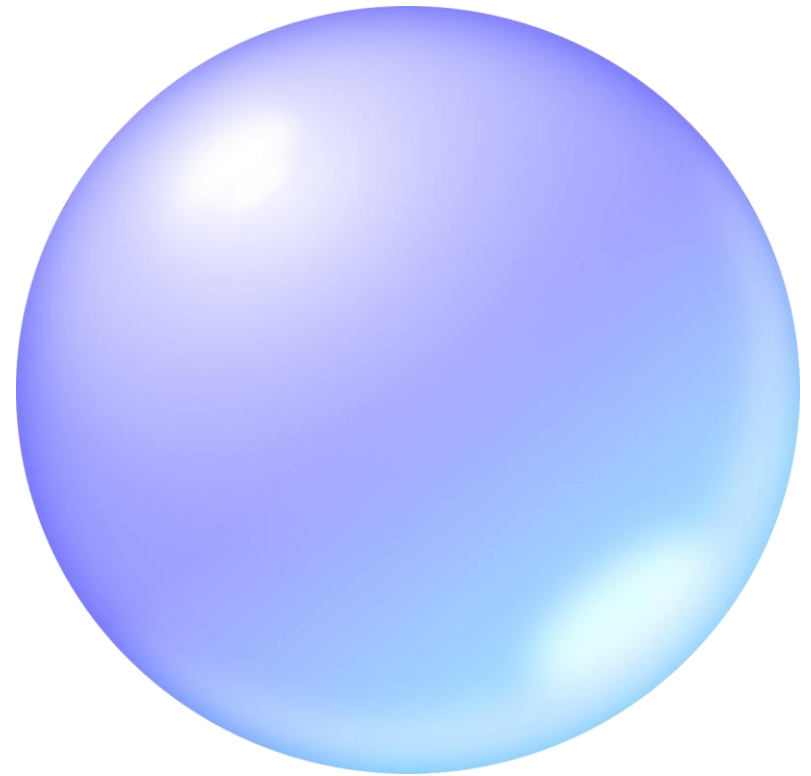


# Filtering

## Based on:

- Your location
- Previous searches
- Previous clicks
- Previous purchases
- Overall popularity

## Creates filter bubbles





# Echo chamber effect



# Repetition theory



- Coke is the real thing.
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# Our tendencies

- Filter bubbles: not going outside of your own beliefs
- Echo chambers: repeating whatever you agree with to the exclusion of everything else
- Information avoidance: just picking what you agree with and ignoring everything else
- Satisficing: stopping when the first result agrees with your thinking and not researching further
- Instant gratification: clicking “Like” and “Share” without thinking

(Dr. Nicole A. Cook, School of Information Sciences, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana)



# Why is this happening?

**eyeballs =**



**Dollars & cents**



# Recipe for making money

- Build a website
- Input ads via Google AdSense
- Create enticing content
- Share it on social media
- Drive web traffic to the website
- Make money on the posted advertisements

(Barbara Alvarez, *Public Libraries*, Nov/Dec 2016, page 25)

# Clickbait

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25+ Perfectly Timed Photos That Almost Broke The Internet

Auto Overload



Teen Goes Missing In Aruba: But 10 Years Later, Police Uncover Truth

LifeDaily.com



The Root Of All Stomach Problems - Avoid These 3 Foods (Video)

BIOX4 Supplement



Man Trapped In His Own Body For 12 Years Wakes Up Reveals Heartbreaking

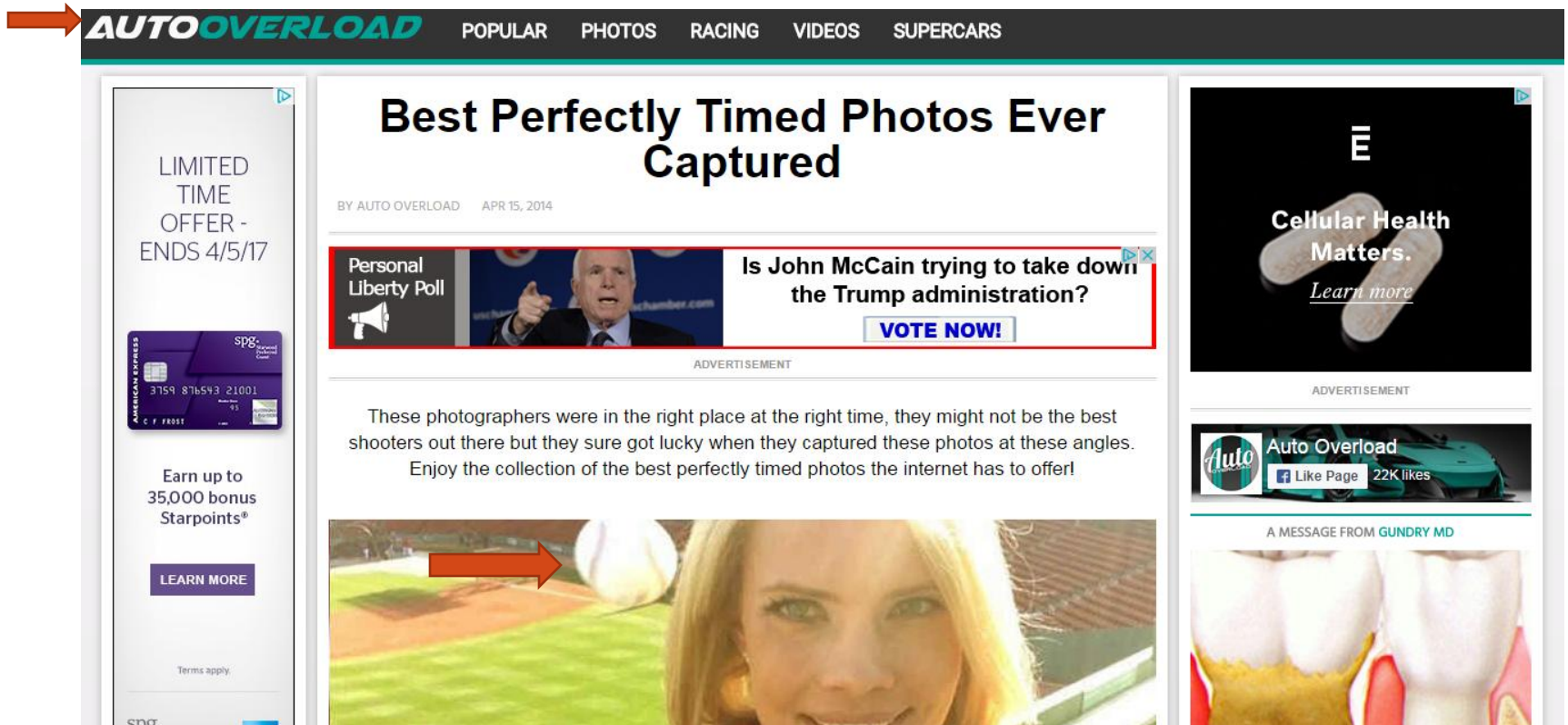


His Neighbors Were Outraged at First. Now They Think He's a Genius!



Photos From These American Airlines Will Blow You Away


# Takes you to this . . .



**AUTOOVERLOAD** POPULAR PHOTOS RACING VIDEOS SUPERCARS


## Best Perfectly Timed Photos Ever Captured

BY AUTO OVERLOAD APR 15, 2014

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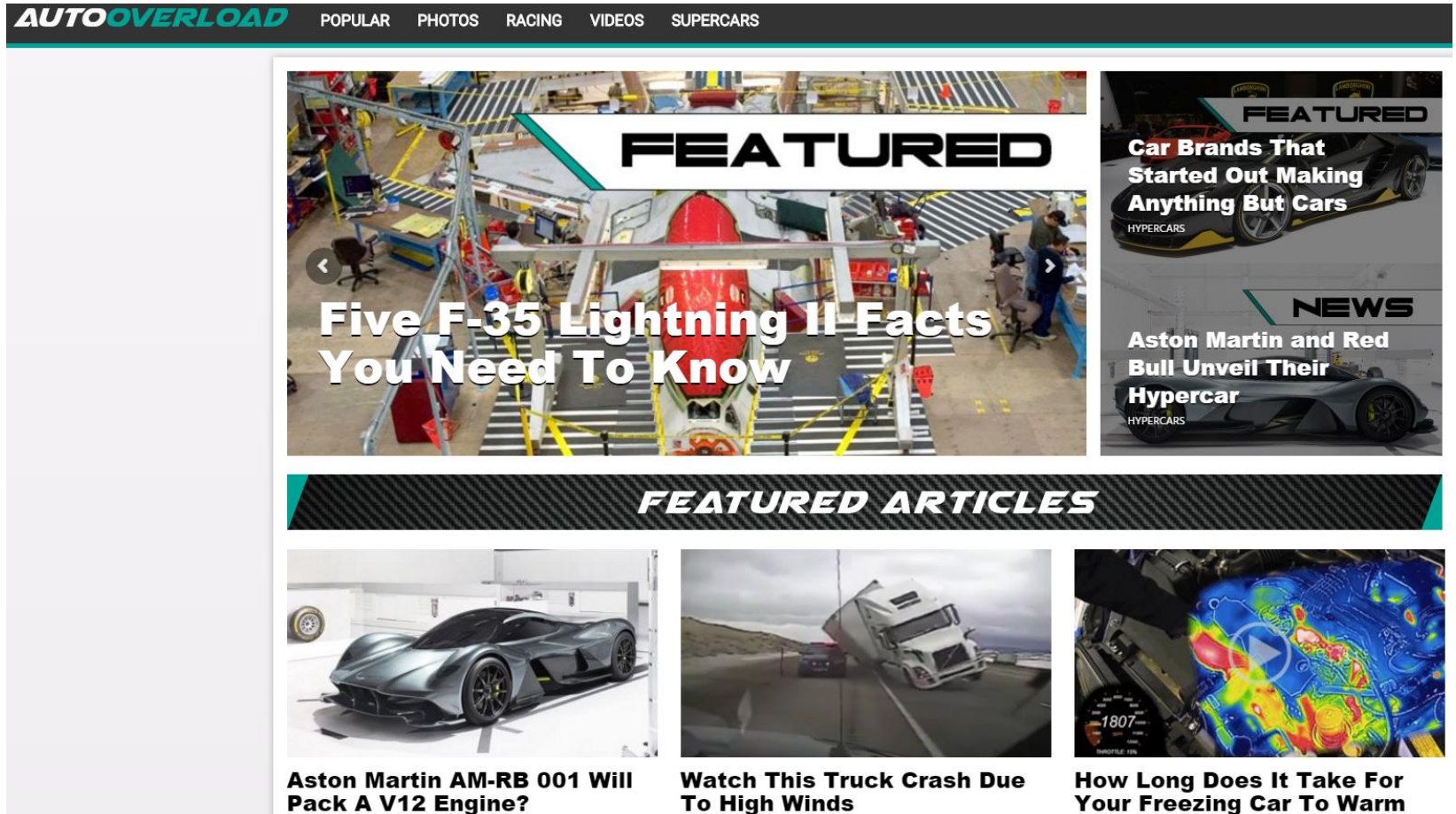
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# If you enjoy clickbait . . .



The hidden meanings behind 11 famous logos

- [www.grunge.com](http://www.grunge.com)

# The epidemic of misinformation

**Disease vector**



**Misinformation vector**



# Following the trail: Hoaxy

- Beta from University of Indiana
  - Shows number of Tweets
  - Shows number of Facebook shares
  - Lists most popular claims
  - Lists most popular fact checking
- <https://hoaxy.iuni.iu.edu/>



# What is at stake?

- Our money
- Our health
- Our minds
- Our democracy
- Our lives

# Danger of Fake News: “Pizzagate”



- Claim that Hillary Clinton & John Podesta were running a pedophilia ring in this Washington D.C. pizza restaurant
- Man traveled from North Carolina in December 2016 to free the “sex slaves” with his rifle, handgun, and folding knife

# What you can do about it

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# Stick a fork in it

A. Analyze

B. Verify

C. Diversify



# A. Analyze

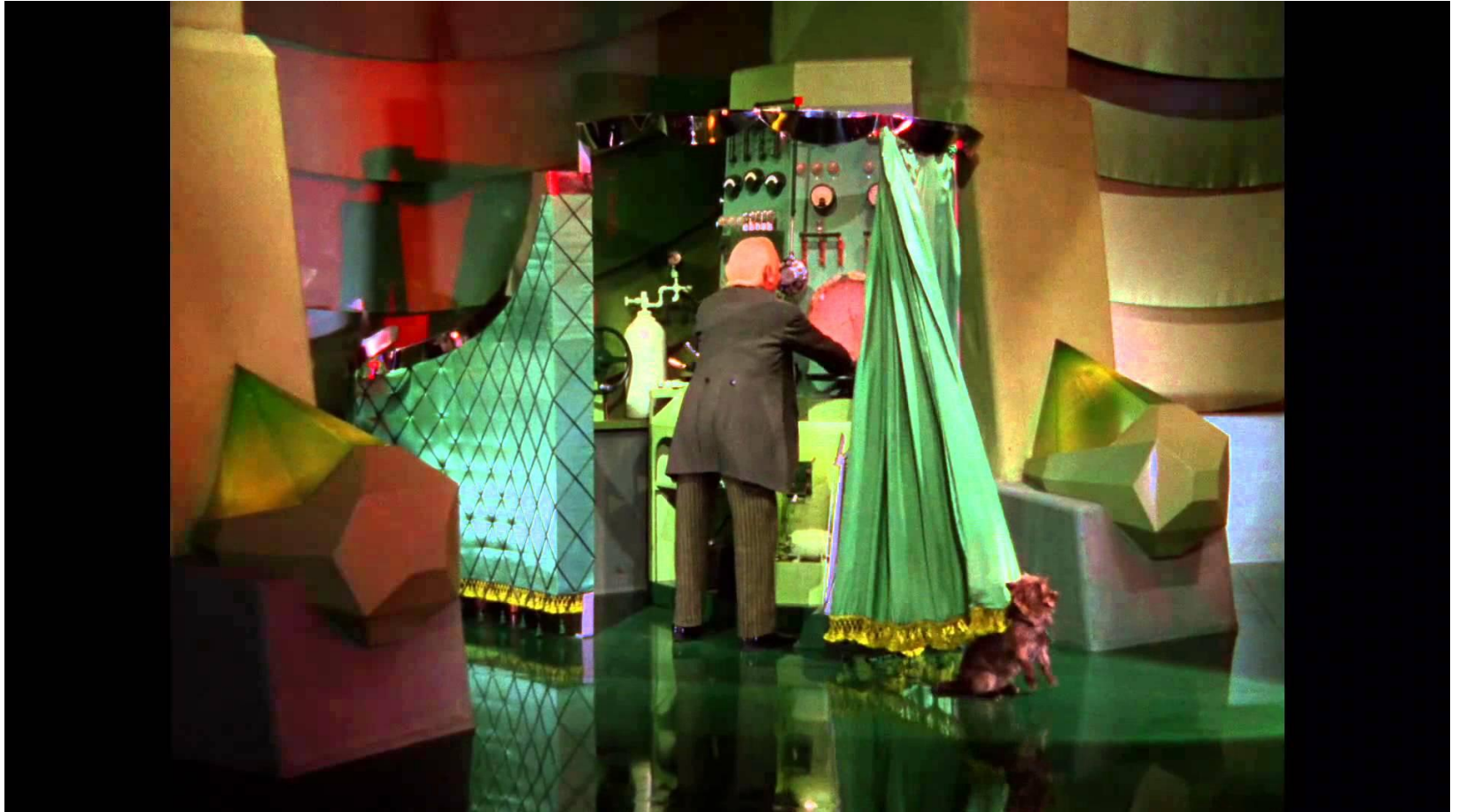
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Says who?

Says what?

Seeing or reading should not be believing.

# Pull back the curtain



# Ten-step Analysis

1. Check the web domain
2. Survey site quality
3. Identify the source
4. Check “About Us”
5. Identify the author
6. Determine the central message
7. Assess the language
8. Scrutinize sources and evidence
9. Find other articles
10. Use fact-checkers

(Adapted from Jeff Wyman, ProQuest.com)

# 1. Check web domain

- Does the URL look legitimate?

## Internet domain name extensions:

- .com = commercial
  - .edu = higher education institution
  - .org = nonprofit organization or trade association
  - .gov = government
  - .mil = military
  - .net = Internet Service Providers
  - .biz = small business
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- Watch out for “com.co” or “.lo” extensions

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Internet\\_top-level\\_domains](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Internet_top-level_domains)



# Beware of imposters

## Fake

- <http://abcnews.com.co/>
- <http://cbsnews.com.co/>
- <http://cnn.com.de/>
- <http://nbc.com.co/>

## Real

- <http://abcnews.go.com/>
- <http://www.cbsnews.com/>
- <http://www.cnn.com/>
- <http://www.nbcnews.com/>

## 2. Survey site quality

- Does it look professional or cheap?
- Consider the advertising
- Do images appear to be altered?



## What Does It Mean

<http://www.whatdoesitmean.com/>

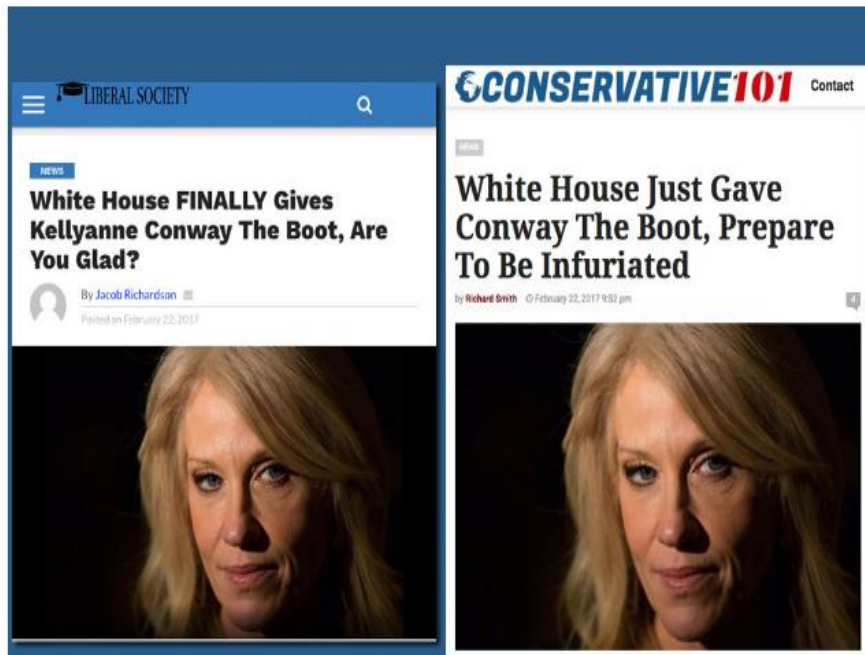
### 3. Identify the source

#### **Says who?**



- Have you heard of this source before?
- Is it well-known?
- What kind of reputation does it have?
- Is it trust-worthy?
- Is it well-respected?

# Playing both sides



- Both websites are owned by American News LLC of Miami FL.
- They also own:
- American News (conservative)
- Democratic Review (liberal)
- GodToday (religious clickbait)



# Identifying the Stinkers



- Media Bias/Fact Check evaluates & classifies websites.  
<https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/>
- Wikipedia has a list of fake news websites.  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_fake\\_news\\_websites](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_fake_news_websites)

## 4. Check out “About”

- Is there detailed background information?
- Is there a mission statement or philosophy?
- Does it list staff?
- Is it clear who is responsible for the website?
- Who produces the content?
- Is there editorial oversight or peer review?
- Who funds the website?

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## Repeat Sex Offender Arrested Dressed As Woman In Trans-Friendly Restroom

🕒 March 12, 2017 👤 Marshall Masterson 💬 0

James Moorles now prefers to go by Jamie, and identifies as a woman. The 56 year old Jamie has also been an avid supporter of [...]

 Chicago, Illinois


Wednesday  
Clear

💧 0%



Thursday  
Clear

💧 0%



Friday  
Clear

💧 10%



Saturday  
Partly Cloudy

💧 20%



## Pope Francis At White House: "Koran And Holy Bible Are The Same"

🕒 March 5, 2017 👤 Ben Draper 💬 0

On Wednesday the [Bishop](#) Of Rome addressed 11,000 ticketed guests on the South Lawn of the White House, during which he pontificated on the dire [...]

# Chicago Civic Tribune

<http://civictribune.com/>





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People for the American Way

<http://www.pfaw.org/>

# Follow the money: Case study #1

**Liberal newspaper**

**Owned by:**

**The Washington Post**

- <http://www.nashholdingsinc.com/>

# Follow the money: Case study #2

**Conservative  
newspaper**

**Owned by:**

**The Washington Times**

- <http://www.operationsholdings.com/>

## 5. Identify the author

- Is there an author name?  
(Fake news often lacks this.)
- Does a search of the author bring up other work the author has done?
- What is their professional background?
- Is this a trusted author?

# Author #1



## **Peter Baker**

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He previously covered the presidencies of Barack Obama, George W. Bush and Bill Clinton for The Times and The Washington Post. He is the author of three books and this spring will publish his fourth, “Obama: The Call of History,” an illustrated history of the 44th president produced by The Times in collaboration with Callaway Arts & Entertainment and distributed by Abrams.

# Author #2

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## Jimmy Rustling, CNN



93 POSTS

0 COMMENTS

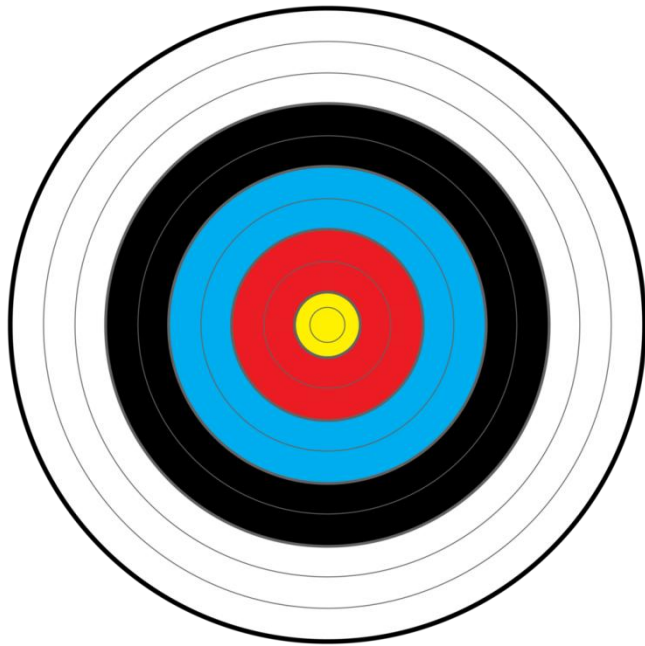
Born at an early age, Jimmy Rustling has found solace and comfort knowing that his humble actions have made this multiverse a better place for every man, woman and child ever known to exist. Dr. Jimmy Rustling has won many awards for excellence in writing including fourteen Peabody awards and a handful of Pulitzer Prizes. When Jimmies are not being Rustled the kind Dr. enjoys being an amazing husband to his beautiful, soulmate; Anastasia, a Russian mail order bride of almost 2 months. Dr. Rustling also spends 12-15 hours each day teaching their adopted 8-year-old Syrian refugee daughter how to read and write.

## 6. Determine the main message

- Fact? Interpretation? Opinion? Propaganda? Satire?
- Present one viewpoint or multiple viewpoints?
- Does it make outrageous claims?
- Is it fair, balanced, and reasonable?
- Does it appeal to emotions and biases?



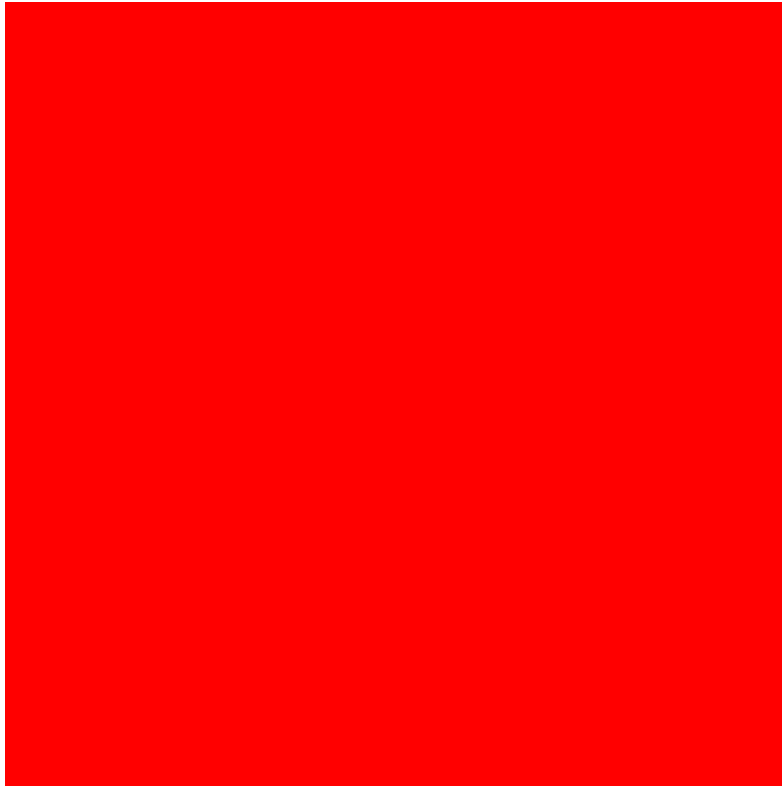
# The Fact Landscape



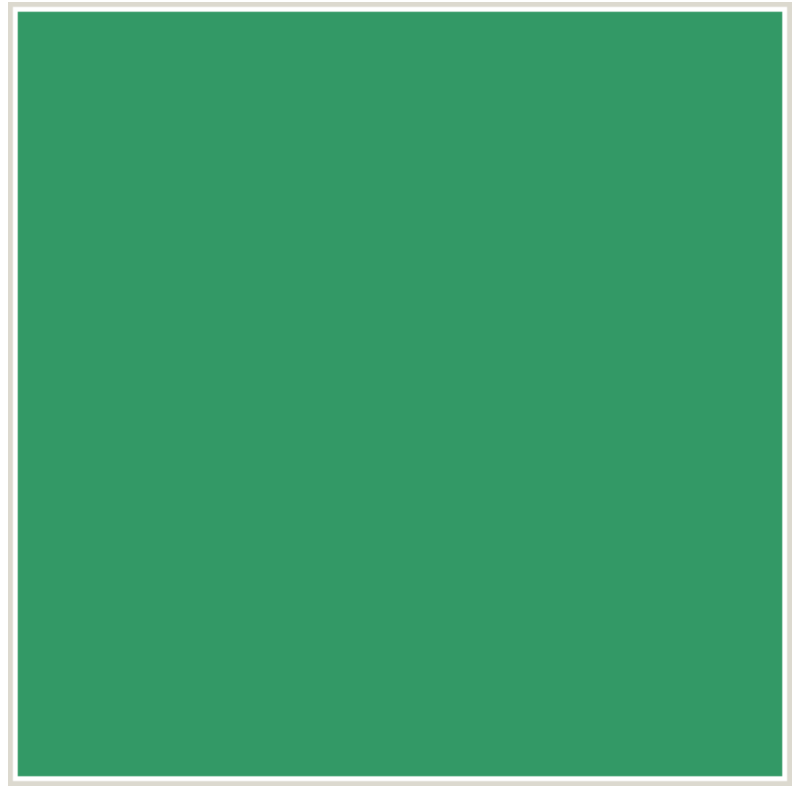
- Facts
- Interpretation
- Opinions
- Speculation
- Honest inaccuracies
- Intentional distortions
- Conspiracy theories
- Fake/junk news

# Alternative Facts

**This is green**



**This is red**



# Alternative Facts

- I do not like the facts you are presenting, so I will invent some that support my point of view.
- “Every man has the right to an opinion, but no man has a right to be wrong in his facts. Nor, above all, to persist in errors as to facts.”  
(Bernard M. Baruch, October 8, 1946)

# Interpretation



# Alternative Interpretations



- This statue was created to honor the native inhabitants of La Crosse and is a revered landmark.
- This statue perpetuates harmful stereotypes and should be removed.

# Satire

- **The Onion** is well-known for satire
- Founded in Madison WI as a weekly newspaper
- <http://www.theonion.com/>
- **Reagan was Right** is a conservative satire website
- <http://reaganwasright.com/>
- **Ladies of Liberty** is too
- <http://ladiesofliberty.net/>

# Conspiracy Theories

*POWER OF PROPHECY*

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*Exclusive Intelligence Examiner Report*



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*Zionist Secret Society Conducts Luciferian Rituals Deep in Cave Under City of Jerusalem*

## **MASONIC JEWS PLOT TO CONTROL WORLD**

Now the lid is blown off the forbidden, secret powderkeg of the Masonic Jews who run Israel and, by extension, the United States and the world. Unbeknownst to either the Israeli elite or to America's pro-Israel cabal in Washington, D.C., for over six years I have conducted an intensive investigation of Jewish Masonic influence. Finally, I have released three bombshell videos unmasking my grotesque discoveries in this area, *Masonic Lodge Over Jerusalem* (Available in [VHS](#) or [DVD](#)), *Thunder Over Zion* (Available in [VHS](#) or [DVD](#)), and *Cauldron of Abaddon* (Available in [VHS](#) or [DVD](#)).

### ***Illuministic Communism the Goal***

The goal of the Jewish Masonic elite is to establish dictatorial Illuministic Communism and to enslave all of mankind under the thumb of a Jewish master race led by a world messiah who is to rule from Jerusalem.

An essential element in this grandiose plan is the Masonic plot to blow up and destroy Islam's golden-domed monument now sitting on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, despised by Orthodox Jewish rabbis and the secularist Masonic Illuminists alike.

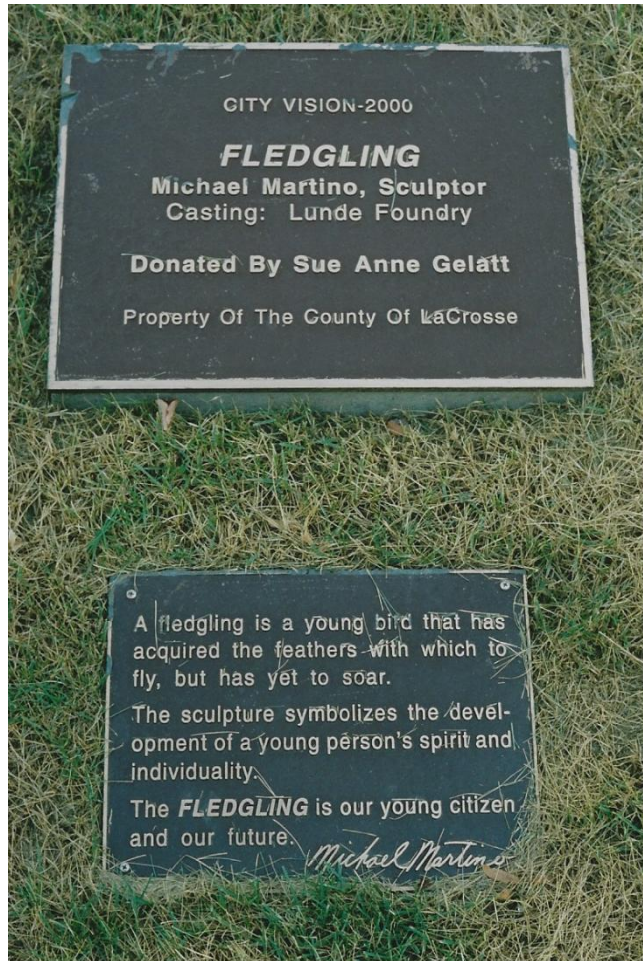


# Urban legend



- The skateboarder statue outside the Human Services building in La Crosse is a memorial to a local skateboarder who met a tragic end.

# Its plaque debunks the story:



- Artist Mike Martino said the wings signify “the development of a young person’s spirit and individuality.”
- (No skateboarders died to inspire this statue.)

# Point of view

**Half full**



**Half empty**





## Self-interest

“There’s no such thing as junk mail!”

(According to Newman the mail carrier.)



# Bias



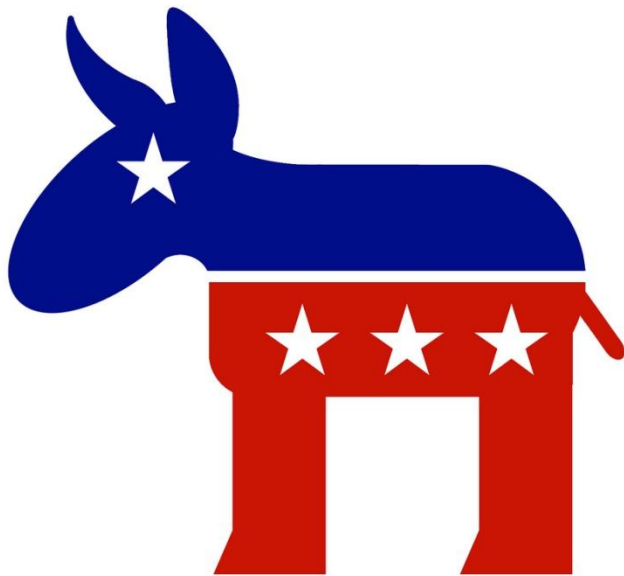
# Confirmation Bias



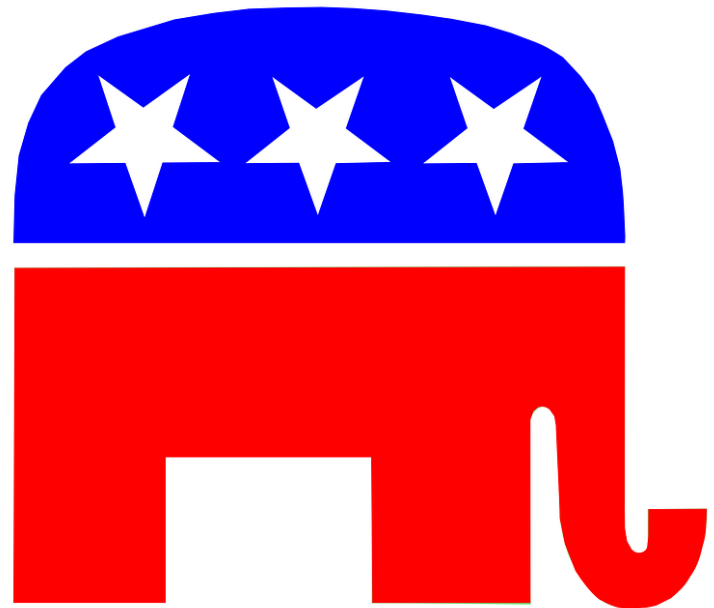
# Hyperbole

<http://occupydemocrats.com/>

<http://www.redstate.com/>



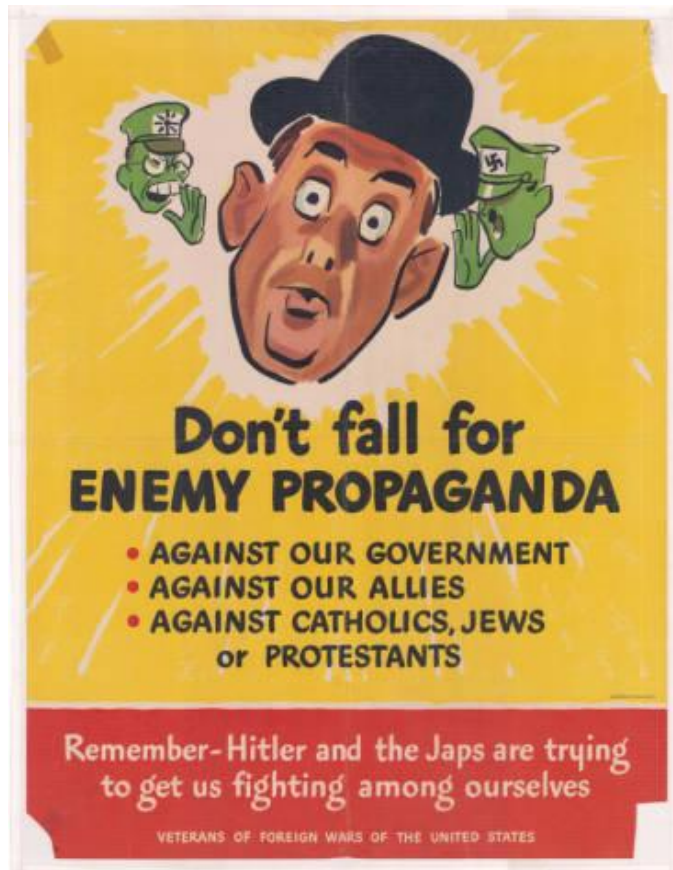
DonkeyHoney





# Propaganda

## World War II



## Now

- The Free Telegraph  
<https://freetelegraph.com>

# “Big Lie” theory

- “ . . . the magnitude of a lie always contains a certain factor of credibility . . . in view of the primitive simplicity of their minds, they **more easily fall a victim to a big lie than to a little one**, since they themselves lie in little things, but would be ashamed of lies that were too big. Such a falsehood will never enter their heads, and **they will not be able to believe in the possibility of such monstrous effrontery and infamous misrepresentation in others . . .**”

(Adolf Hitler, *Mein Kampf*, Chapter X, page 231)

# Washington Monument



- Closed until spring 2019 for elevator renovation (Fact)
- Closed because the Clinton Foundation is hiding documents in it
  - Opinion
  - Satire
  - Fake news
  - Conspiracy theory

## 7. Assess the language

- Proper spelling, grammar, punctuation?
- ALL CAPS AND LOTS OF EXCLAMATION POINTS!!  
“Forward this to everyone! This is not fake!”
- Bait words: “Breaking news!” “Oh my god!” “Wow!”  
“You will not believe this!” “Prepare to be outraged!”
- What is the tone—factual or angry?

# The color of words



- Increasing
- Rising
- Surging
- Skyrocketing

# Spin



- Rout
- Retreat
- Strategic withdrawal
- Attacking in a different direction

## 8. Scrutinize sources & evidence

- Are any sources cited?
- Are sources named or anonymous?
- Are the sources authoritative and reliable?
- Can you find the original sources?
- Is there questionable logic?

[Master List of Logical Fallacies](#)

# Not all sources are equal

- Primary: participants, witnesses, documents, photographs, video; *sources before interpretation*
- Secondary: get their information from primary sources; *add interpretation & analysis & opinion*
- Tertiary: encyclopedia, Wikipedia, almanac, textbooks; *summarize*



# Context

- “Money is the root of all evil.”
- “For the *love of* money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”

(1 Timothy 6:10, *The Holy Bible*, New King James Version, Thomas Nelson, Inc., 2010, page 480)

# Executive Order 13738

NEWS

## Obama Signs Executive Order banning The Pledge Of Allegiance In Schools Nationwide

by American News 7 months ago

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**W**ell, President Obama may have just officially taking things too far. According to a recent report, he just signed Executive Order 13738, revoking the federal government's official recognition of the Pledge of Allegiance.

# Executive Order 13738



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Federal Register

## Presidential Documents

Vol. 81, No. 166

Friday, August 26, 2016

Title 3—

Executive Order 13738 of August 23, 2016

The President

Amendment to Executive Order 13673

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including 40 U.S.C. 121, and in order to promote economy and efficiency in procurement by contracting with responsible sources who comply with labor laws, it is hereby ordered as follows:

**Section 1.** *Amendment to Executive Order 13673.* Executive Order 13673 of July 31, 2014 (Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces), is amended as follows:

(1) in subsection 2(a)(iv)(A), by inserting, after the word “disclose,” the following: “to the entity designated by a final rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation under subsection 4(a)”;

(2) in subsection 2(a)(iv)(B), by striking “the information submitted by the subcontractor pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph” and replacing in lieu thereof the following: “the advice provided by the entity designated by a final rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation under subsection 4(a), or the information submitted to that entity”;

(3) in subsection 2(a)(v), by striking “to the contractor” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “to an entity designated by a final rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation under subsection 4(a)”;

# Kinds of evidence

- Clear [legal]: evidence which is positive, precise and explicit (<http://thelawdictionary.org/clear-evidence-or-proof/>)
- Scientific: conducted in the manner of science or according to results of investigation by science; practicing or using thorough or systematic methods (Merriam Webster Dictionary online)
- Anecdotal: based on or consisting of reports or observations of usually unscientific observers (Merriam Webster Dictionary online)

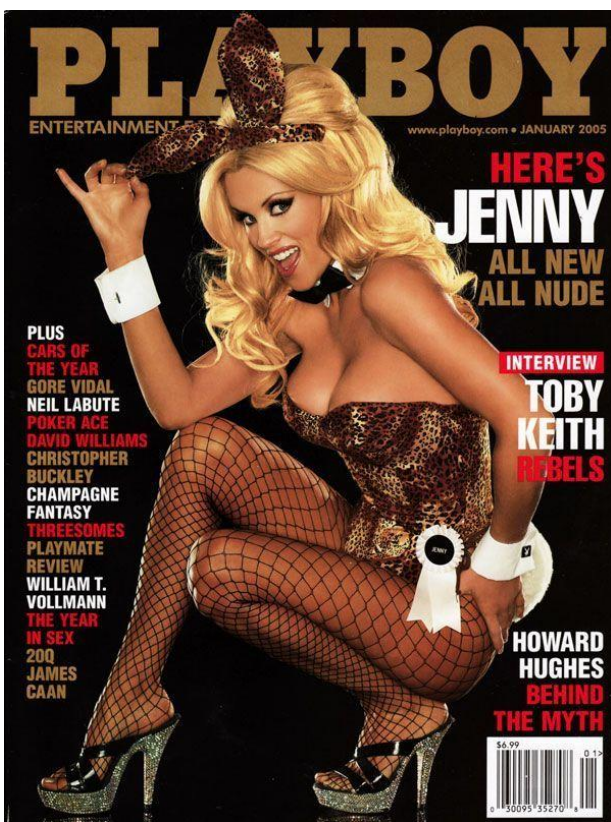
# Anecdotal versus Scientific



- “... there is no causal relationship between lunar phenomena and human behavior. ... A lack of understanding of physics, psychological biases, and slanted media reporting ...”  
[created the myth]
- *Skeptical Inquirer*,  
Winter 1985-86

# Celebrity versus Science

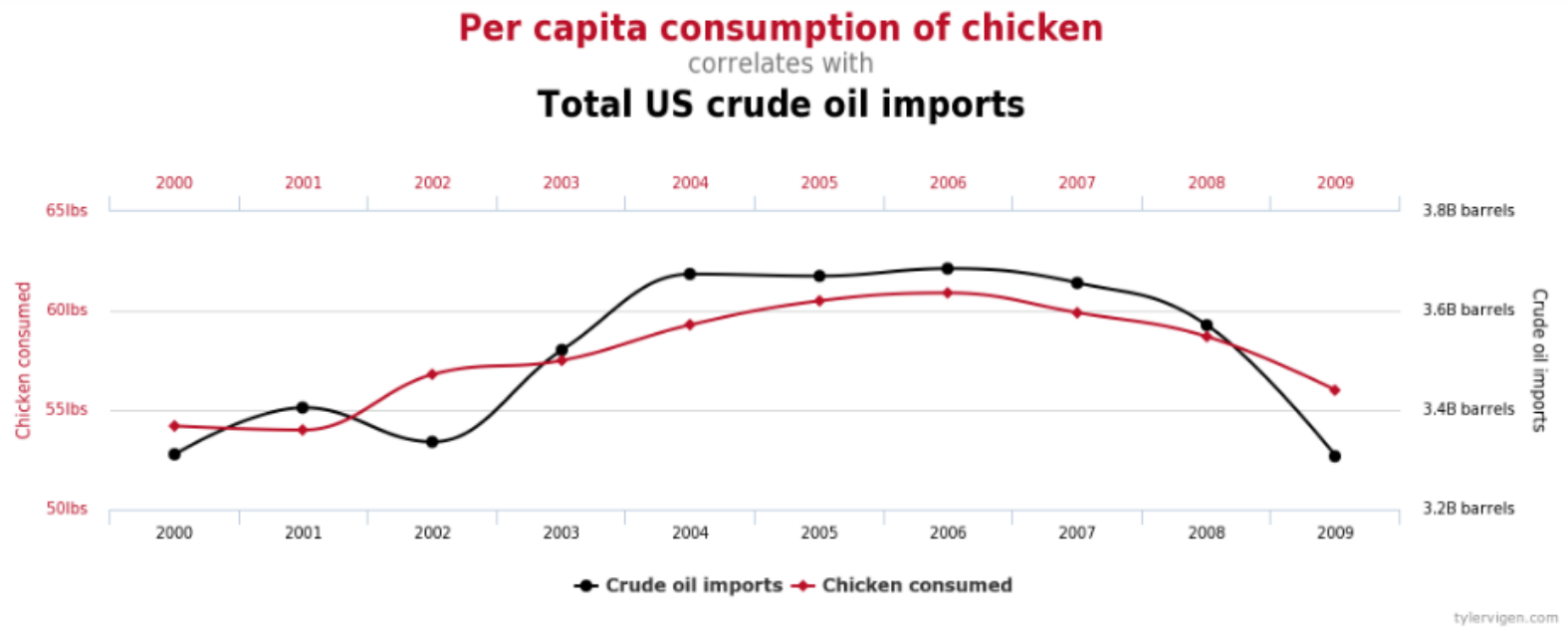
## Jenny McCarthy on autism



## Science on autism

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [National Institutes of Health](#)
- [American Academy of Pediatrics](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)
- [Committee for Skeptical Inquiry](#)
- [Snopes.com](#)

# Correlation does not = Causation





# Seeing is believing?





## 9. Find other articles

- Are there more articles on the same topic?
- Have other reputable sources covered the same story?  
(additional coverage)
- Are all the articles the exact same text?  
(cloning)

# Who do you believe?

## Obama Did Not Ban the Pledge - FactCheck.org

[www.factcheck.org/2016/09/obama-did-not-ban-the-pledge/](http://www.factcheck.org/2016/09/obama-did-not-ban-the-pledge/) ▼

Sep 2, 2016 - Q: Did President **Obama** sign an executive order banning the **Pledge of Allegiance** in public schools? A: No. That claim comes from a satirical ...

## Obama Signs Executive Order Banning the Pledge of Allegiance in ...

[www.snopes.com/pledge-of-allegiance-ban/](http://www.snopes.com/pledge-of-allegiance-ban/) ▼

Aug 16, 2016 - ... old hoax about President **Obama's** banning the **Pledge of Allegiance**. ... it is now illegal for any federally funded agency to display the pledge ...

## Fact Check: No, Obama has not banned Pledge of Allegiance

[jacksonville.com/reason/.../fact-check-no-obama-has-not-banned-pledge-allegiance](http://jacksonville.com/reason/.../fact-check-no-obama-has-not-banned-pledge-allegiance) ▼

Aug 30, 2016 - Viral emails are circulating again that President Barack **Obama** has issued an executive order banning the **Pledge of Allegiance** in U.S. schools ...

## Obama Signs Executive Order Banning The Pledge Of Allegiance In ...

[abcnews.com.co](http://abcnews.com.co) > News

"This is a story about President **Obama** banning the **Pledge of Allegiance** in our ... that **Obama's** decision to **ban** the Pledge is a victory for all those who oppose ...

## Obama Signs Executive Order Banning The National Anthem At All ...

[cnn.com.de](http://cnn.com.de) > News ▼

Jan 9, 2017 - "As a Christian nation, the **Pledge of Allegiance** helps our children be ... for America told reporters that **Obama's** decision to **ban** the Pledge is a ...

## Obama Signs Executive Order Banning The Pledge Of Allegiance In ...

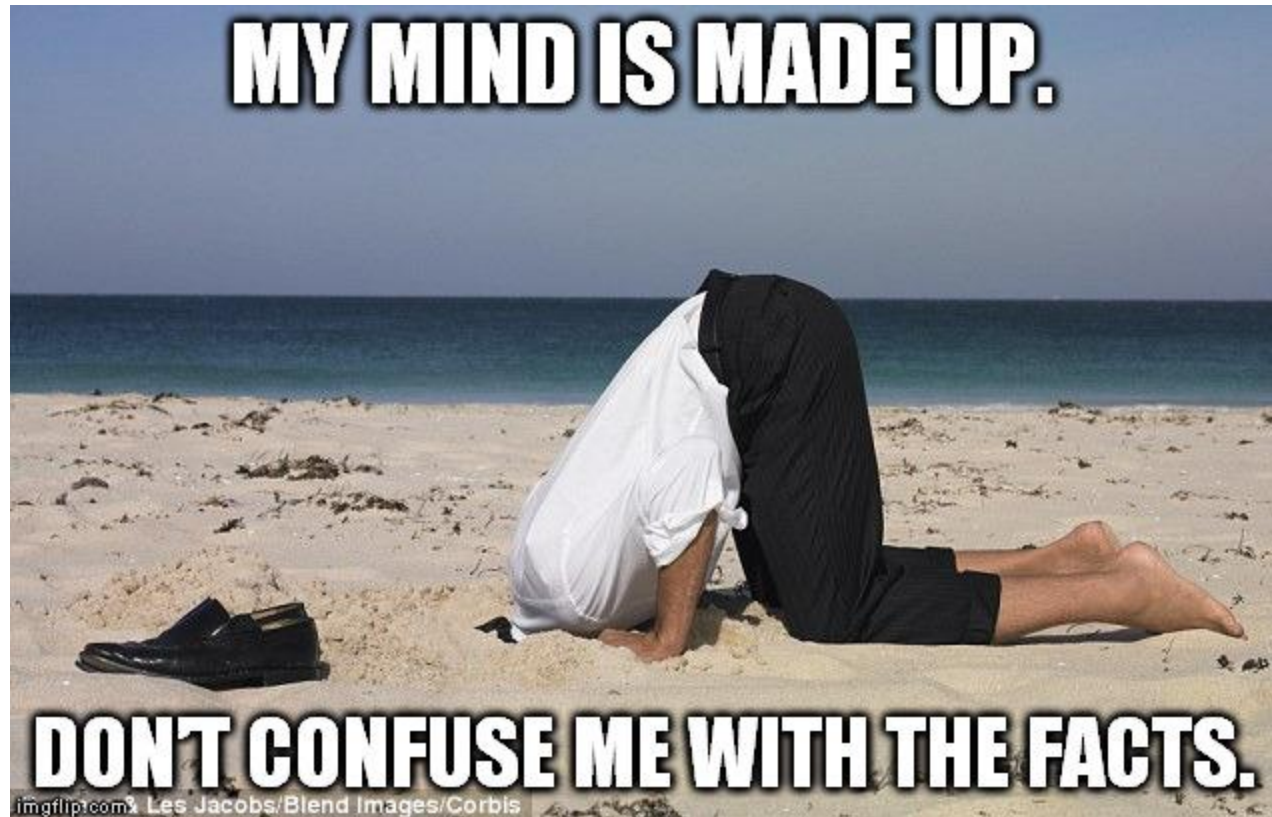
[cnn.com.de](http://cnn.com.de) > News ▼

Jan 10, 2017 - Lawrence Ketchum of the Secular Coalition for America told reporters that **Obama's** decision to **ban the Pledge** is a victory for all those who ...

## B. Verify with fact-checking



# Fact-checking is not a dirty word



# Snopes.com



- Completely independent
- Takes no funding from anyone; ads are their revenue
- Maintained by “a small staff of researchers and writers”
- Covers: urban legends, . . . “common fallacies, misinformation, old wives' tales, strange news stories, rumors, celebrity gossip, and similar items”

(<http://www.snopes.com/frequently-asked-questions/>)

- <http://www.snopes.com/>

# Hoax-Slayer.net



- Est. 2003 by Australian Brett Christensen
- Debunker of hoaxes & scams

(<http://www.hoax-slayer.net>)

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# FactCheck.org



- Funded by Annenberg Public Policy Center of the Univ. of Pennsylvania
- Nonpartisan and nonprofit
- “consumer advocate” for voters
- Monitors the factual accuracy of statements by politicians

(<http://www.factcheck.org/about/our-mission/>)

- <http://www.factcheck.org/>



# Politifact.com

- Owned by the Poynter Institute for Media Studies
- Rates the accuracy of statements by elected officials and others who speak out on politics
- Known for the “Truth-o-Meter” and “Pants on Fire” rating



(<http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/article/2013/nov/01/principles-politifact-punditfact-and-truth-o-meter/>)

[www.politifact.com](http://www.politifact.com)

# Washington Post

**The Washington Post**  
*Democracy Dies in Darkness*

- Glenn Kessler, an award-winning journalist for over 30 years
- Establishes the truth of statements by political figures on important issues
- Explanation and analysis of difficult issues
- Four “Pinnochios” = “a whopper”

(<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/fact-checker/about-the-fact-checker>)

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# The Weekly Standard

- Conservative magazine
- Focuses on politics



<http://www.weeklystandard.com/section/fact-check>

# Skeptical Inquirer



- Established in 1976; Carl Sagan and Isaac Asimov among the founders
- Scientists, academics, and science writers who critically analyze pseudoscience, paranormal, and “unusual claims”
- They also publish a magazine

<http://www.csicop.org>

# Lies and rumors die hard

- “How easy it is to make people believe a lie, and how hard it is to undo that work again!”  
(Mark Twain, *Autobiography of Mark Twain*, Vol. 2, page 307)

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## Breaking out of our information silos

“If all of us were the same, some of us would be unnecessary.”

--Paul Heckman, UW-La Crosse English professor



# Allsides.com

- founded by several people of different political persuasions to combat polarization
- presents current news with sources from across the political spectrum (left, center, right)

[www.allsides.com](http://www.allsides.com)

# Newspapers

## Liberal

- Los Angeles Times
- New York Times\*
- Washington Post

## Conservative

- Chicago Tribune
- Sunday Times  
(London)
- Wall Street Journal\*
- Washington Times\*

# Magazines

## Liberal

- Advocate\*
- Amnesty International
- Atlantic Monthly\*
- Commonweal\*
- Greenpeace Update
- Ms.\*
- New Republic\*
- New Statesman
- New Yorker\*
- Utne\*
- Washington Monthly

## Conservative

- American Enterprise
- American Spectator
- Commentary
- Economist\*
- Forbes\*
- Limbaugh Letter\*
- National Review\*
- Newsmax\*
- Weekly Standard\*

# Websites

## Liberal

- Talking Points Memo
- Daily Kos
- Media Matters for America
- Washington Monthly

## Conservative

- Cato Institute
- Hot Air
- Free Republic
- Human Events
- Reason

# Socialist magazines

- Mother Jones\*
- Nation\*
- Progressive\*
- Science & Society
- Socialism Today
- Socialist: Magazine of the Socialist Party USA
- Socialist Worker
- Z Magazine

# ProCon.org

- Nonprofit, nonpartisan research organization
- Supported by donations
- Presents both sides of controversial issues

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