How to Spot Fake News

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News Literacy Skills

- Fair & Balanced News
- Facebook Shares
- Critical Judgement of News Online
- Deconstruct the News
- Tools & Resources
What is News Literacy?

The ability to use critical thinking skills to judge the reliability and credibility of news reports whether they come via print, television, or the internet.
Why is News Literacy important?

62% of U.S. adults get news on social media

88% of U.S. young people get news from Facebook or other social media site

Pew Research Center “News Across Social Media Platforms”
“Seek truth and report it.”

Society of Professional Journalists
Code of Ethics
Investigative journalism seeks truth in the data

“Truthiness”

Something must be true, because I believe it to be true.

- Stephen Colbert
The "Eve of Estes"

a 1917 publicity hoax by the Denver Post and Rocky Mountain National Park
Bots and Trolls in elections

https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1347148355910
Why have conservatives abandoned the coasts?

Conservatives Have Abandoned Coasts, Cities: Bad Move
if the GOP would like to make inroads then something is going to have to change.
NATIONALREVIEW.COM

7 Clear Signs A Narcissist Is Trying To Manipulate You
“You are the average of the five people you spend the most time with”, says Jim Rohn, famous American author, motivational speaker and entrepreneur. Certainly, the type of personalities you are surrounded with influences your self-esteem,
The danger of filter bubbles

https://youtu.be/4w48lp -KPRs
Factitious:
A game that tests your news sense

factitious.augamestudio.com
Deconstruct the News

- Is it news, advertising, entertainment?
- What is the quality of evidence?
- What sources are used?
- Is the story fair?
- What information is missing?
Tools & Resources

- America’s News
- Library catalog news search
- “Read Across the Aisle” app
Questions & Discussion