Promoting awareness and combating fake news

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Information about fake news

 The growth of fake news is a growing global threat, it affects politics, individual decisions and economic outcomes. While people are overly confident about their ability to recognize fake news, raising awareness about the effects of fake news – causally and positively – their willingness to pay to protect themselves from the adverse consequences of fake news, such as by investing in fact-checking services.

How to spot fake news?

- There are 8 different ways to spot fake news and they are:
- Consider the source
- Read beyond
- Check the author of the news
- Check supporting sources
- Check the date of posting
- It can be a joke
- Maybe your beliefs can affect your judgement
- Ask the experts (librarians, fact-checking sites)

Combat fake news

- Think before you share
- Verify an unlikely story
- Help debunk fake news
- Report fake news on social media
- Rethink your "news diet"

Some sites on which you can check facts in articles and news

- Factcheck.org
- PolitiFact
- Snopes.com

Sites to verify images

- FotoForensics
- Google Reverse Image Search
- Google Street View
- Wikimapia
- Jeffrey's Exif Viewer
- TinEye Reverse Image Search

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How do fake news spread?

 Everyone trust their family and friends, so when they send us something that might have false information, we are more likely to believe them – and then share it with others we trust. Imagine a network of contacts that slowly grows larger as fake news is passed between different trusted networks; that's how the sharing begins.

How do we handle fake news

• Fake stories aren't just disguised as articles or headlines. Pieces of false information can be hidden in images, videos, and memes posted online—which aren't what we would traditionally call "news."Fake news could start out as disinformation (things deliberately made up for a purpose) or end up as misinformation (false content accidentally shared by people who don't know the information is incorrect). Because the spread of false information can quickly get out of hand, remember to pause before you share - whether it's a headline, image, screenshot, video, or meme.

Websites where we found information on

- BBC
- Libguides.Imu.edu
- CEP.org

