

## Resources

### Fake News Survival Guide Resource List

[https://seattle.bibliocommons.com/list/share/117997230\\_seattlenonficlibrarians/1035824687](https://seattle.bibliocommons.com/list/share/117997230_seattlenonficlibrarians/1035824687)

### Fact Checking Sites

<http://politifact.com> - PolitiFact is a fact-checking website run by editors and reporters from the Tampa Bay Times, an independent newspaper in Florida. It rates claims made by politicians on its Truth-o-meter scale. PolitiFact is widely regarded as one of the best sources for political fact checking, winning the Pulitzer Prize in 2008.

<http://factcheck.org> - FactCheck.org is a project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania. The journalists and information scientists that make up the staff monitor the accuracy of claims made by political players in speeches, debates, TV ads, and news releases. They provide excellent analysis and details.

<https://www.opensecrets.org/> - Open Secrets is run by the Center for Responsive Politics, which is a non-profit, nonpartisan research group that is the leader in tracking money in U.S. politics. It provides the most comprehensive information on campaign financing, financial disclosures of candidates, and other information about money in politics.

<http://www.snopes.com/> - Snopes is great because it is usually the first to report the facts. For over 2 decades, Snopes has been the definitive resource for urban legends, folklore, myths, rumors, and misinformation, especially those circulating online.

### Lists of Unreliable News sites

<https://goo.gl/YpLlFu> - "False, Misleading, Clickbait-y, and/or Satirical 'News' Sources" compiled by Melissa Zimdars, Assistant Professor of Communication & Media at Merrimack College. This resource was created "as a tool for teaching [her] students about journalism/social media/media literacy."

<https://www.usnews.com/news/national-news/articles/2016-11-14/avoid-these-fake-news-sites-at-all-costs>

<http://www.cbsnews.com/pictures/dont-get-fooled-by-these-fake-news-sites/>

<http://www.snopes.com/2016/01/14/fake-news-sites/>

<http://realorsatire.com/> - Find out if a website is satire by pasting the URL on this site

### **BuzzFeed News' Top 50 Fake News Stories of 2016**

[https://www.buzzfeed.com/craigsilverman/top-fake-news-of-2016?utm\\_term=.vvr6npeN#.irDNR1k2](https://www.buzzfeed.com/craigsilverman/top-fake-news-of-2016?utm_term=.vvr6npeN#.irDNR1k2)

### **Tips on Spotting Fake News**

<http://www.factcheck.org/2016/11/how-to-spot-fake-news/>

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/fact-checker/wp/2016/11/22/the-fact-checkers-guide-for-detecting-fake-news/?tid=a\\_inl&utm\\_term=.fbc5aacee26a](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/fact-checker/wp/2016/11/22/the-fact-checkers-guide-for-detecting-fake-news/?tid=a_inl&utm_term=.fbc5aacee26a)

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/11/18/tech/how-to-spot-fake-misleading-news-trnd/>

<http://www.thenewsliteracyproject.org/sites/default/files/GO-TenQuestionsForFakeNewsFINAL.pdf>

<http://libguides.library.ncat.edu/content.php?pid=53820&sid=394505> -The CRAAP Test, created by Meriam Library at CSU at Chico, revised by American Library Asdo

### **Information Cycle**

<http://www.library.illinois.edu/ugl/howdoi/informationcycle.html>

### **Intellectual Freedom**

<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom>

### **Net Neutrality**

<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/telecom/netneutrality>

<http://www.gadgetsnow.com/tech-news/What-is-net-neutrality-and-why-it-is-important/articleshow/46902071.cms>

<http://www.adweek.com/digital/net-neutrality-fcc-reclassifies-isps-as-common-carriers/>

[http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2015/db0226/DOC-332260A1.pdf](http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2015/db0226/DOC-332260A1.pdf)

<https://www.cnet.com/news/13-things-you-need-to-know-about-the-fccs-net-neutrality-regulation/>

## **Articles About Fake News**

“Column: Can librarians help solve the fake news problem?” By Donald A. Barclay for The Conversation Jan. 6, 2017 11:31 AM EDT

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/updates/column-can-librarians-help-solve-the-fake-news-problem/#.WHEnnEsl3Aw.email>

“The very real consequences of fake news stories and why your brain can’t ignore them” By Nsikan Akpan for PBS News Hour December 5, 2016 at 6:06 PM EST

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/updates/real-consequences-fake-news-stories-brain-cant-ignore/#.WHEqLlfqvoo.twitter>

“Facebook promised to tackle fake news. But the evidence shows it's not working” By Sam Levin for The Guardian May 16 2017 5:00 AM EDT

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2017/may/16/facebook-fake-news-tools-not-working>

“Fake News Expert On How False Stories Spread And Why People Believe Them” Heard on Fresh Air December 14, 2016 12:31 PM ET

<http://www.npr.org/2016/12/14/505547295/fake-news-expert-on-how-false-stories-spread-and-why-people-believe-them>

“The real history of fake news” By David Uberti for Columbia Journalism Review Dec. 15, 2016 [http://www.cjr.org/special\\_report/fake\\_news\\_history.php](http://www.cjr.org/special_report/fake_news_history.php)

“UW Class on How to Spot Fake Data Goes Viral Within Hours” By Katherine Long for The Seattle Times Jan. 28, 2017 at 8:00 AM PT <http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/education/uw-class-on-how-to-spot-fake-data-goes-viral-within-hours/>

“In Spite Of The Crackdown, Fake News Publishers Are Still Earning Money From Major Ad Networks” By Craig Silverman et. Al for BuzzFeed April 4, 2017 6:05 AM

[https://www.buzzfeed.com/craigsilverman/fake-news-real-ads?utm\\_term=.gl5gar7znE#.bq9YGK0d4D](https://www.buzzfeed.com/craigsilverman/fake-news-real-ads?utm_term=.gl5gar7znE#.bq9YGK0d4D)

“How Russian Propaganda Spread From a Parody Website to Fox News” By Neil MacFarquhar and Andrew Rossback JUNE 7, 2017

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2017/06/07/world/europe/anatomy-of-fake-news-russian-propaganda.html? r=0>

## Statistics on Americans and Online News

<http://www.gallup.com/poll/195542/americans-trust-mass-media-sinks-new-low.aspx>

<http://www.journalism.org/2016/12/15/many-americans-believe-fake-news-is-sowing-confusion/>

<http://www.journalism.org/2016/07/07/the-modern-news-consumer/>

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/jaysondemers/2016/08/08/59-percent-of-you-will-share-this-article-without-even-reading-it/#81e778064758>

## Additional Classes

“Calling Bullshit in the Age of Big Data” (INFO 198/BIOL 106B. University of Washington, spring 2017) Taught by Carl T. Bergstrom and Jevin West. Free lectures posted on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A2OtU5vIRok>  
Syllabus: <http://callingbullshit.org/syllabus.html>

“Key skill assessment unit: Information literacy” from OpenLearn University (free online course, 50 hours study) <http://www.open.edu/openlearn/science-maths-technology/computing-and-ict/information-and-communication-technologies/key-skill-assessment-unit-information-literacy/content-section-0>

“Information Literacy” Taught by Elsa Loftis from Lynda.com (free, one hour course accessible from <http://www.spl.org/library-collection/articles-and-research/computer-skills>. Click on Lynda and enter your Library card # and PIN).

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- **Email**
- **Referrals**

**<https://www.spl.org/ask/>**

