What is Fake News?

Information or misinformation created for the purpose of generating a profit or causing harm to an individual or group.

Where is it Found?

Today, it’s found in many different forms:

- Social media
- Online photos
- Spam email
- Videos
- TV and Radio
- Online advertisements

What’s So Bad About It?

Fake News can spread rumors, incorrect information, and out of date facts to cause harm or generate a profit. Through modern technology, Fake News can spread quickly and cause harm before being corrected or disproved.

What can I do?

Develop skills in identifying Fake News and evaluating information sources. It doesn’t take long to start recognizing sources as potentially fake or misleading.

How do I get started?

Use the chart above to get started or ask a UWP Librarian for help!
Fake News Identification Toolkit

Helpful Websites for Verifying Information

Use these websites to help fact check potentially problematic information. These are only one tool you can use and shouldn’t be the end of your research.

General fake news
● Snopes.com - Fact checking rumors, news, and political campaigns

Political
● Politifact.com - Fact check statements made by politicians and other officials
● Factcheck.org - Factual accuracy of what is said by major U.S. politicians

News
● reporterslab.org/fact-checking/ - Duke Reporters’ Lab features an interactive international map with outlets that feature Fact Checking resources and tools

UWP Library Resources

The UWP Library has many resources to help you find credible information and research potentially fake news. Library staff can help you find others outside of the library; just stop in anytime!

● Print journals and newspapers
● New York Times Academic Pass
  ○ Any student, faculty, or staff member at UWP can sign up for a FREE New York Times online account at libguides.uwp.edu/nytimes
● Databases on many subjects both scholarly and non-academic
● More information sources found at: libguides.uwp.edu/newspaperdatabases

Resources from Other Libraries

Other libraries have created some fantastic guides to help you identify fake news.

● Berkeley Library: Real News/Fake News: About Fake News
  ○ http://guides.lib.berkeley.edu/c.php?g=620677&p=4328357
  ○ http://guides.library.harvard.edu/fake
● Indiana University Fake News Guide
  ○ http://iue.libguides.com/fakenews/index