

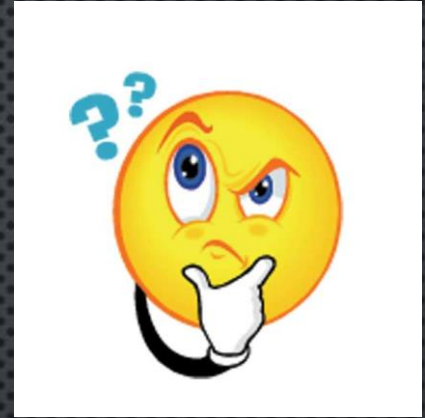
CRITICAL THINKING AND THE MEDIA

BY STACIE KAMINSKI



CRITICAL THINKING AND ANALYSIS –

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- IS IT A RELIABLE SOURCE? [CLICK LINK FOR CHART](#)
- IS THE SOURCE AND AUTHOR EVEN LISTED?
- DOES IT PROVIDE LOADED DICTION? IS THE HEADING SENSATIONAL?
- IS IT INFORMATIVE OR PERSUASIVE?
- ARE CONTRASTING VIEWS OFFERED?
- ARE NON PARTISAN EXPERTS USED?
- IS IT RECENT? (SOMETIMES STORIES ARE RECYCLED TO SPARK UP PEOPLE)
- DO OTHER RELIABLE SOURCES PROVIDE THE SAME INFO?
- IS IT A SPONSORED LINK? (SOME ADS POSE AS NEWS)

DISCUSS: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FAKE NEWS, SLANTED NEWS, SATIRICAL, AND RELIABLE NEWS?



Let's build background knowledge by **reading, annotating, and discussing an article** on the issue – [CLICK HERE](#)

Also [CLICK HERE](#) to learn About the Spread of Ignorance and What Can Be Done to Guard Against It

GUARDING AGAINST FALSE INFORMATION

- [HOW FALSE NEWS CAN SPREAD – NOAH TAVLIN – **CLICK HERE** FOR VIDEO](#)
- [HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR NEWS – DAMON BROWN – **CLICK HERE** FOR VIDEO](#)



CONSIDER GENRE: NEWS, EDITORIAL, SATIRICAL CLICK SATIRE LINK FOR SAMPLES

- [TRUMP FIRES ATTORNEY GENERAL AFTER COPY OF CONSTITUTION IS FOUND ON HER COMPUTER](#)- CLICK
- NOTE IT WAS DISCLOSED ON THE TOP AND BOTTOM OF THE ARTICLE THAT THIS WAS SATIRE / HUMOR
- SATIRES ARE **NOT** REAL NEWS BUT EXAGGERATIONS AND SPINS ON ISSUES
- SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE IS AN EXAMPLE OF SATIRE

WHAT IS SATIRE?

Using mockery

- to demonstrate people's flaws
 - * hypocrisy
 - * failure
- to evoke change
 - * make people aware of foibles
 - * inspire people to adjust thoughts/actions

NOTE RELIABLE SOURCES TRY TO PROVIDE OPPOSING OPINIONS

- WASHINGTON POST **EDITORIALS** (PROVIDE OPINIONS)
 - [TRUMP WAS RIGHT TO FIRE ATTORNEY GENERAL](#) – CLICK
 - [FIRING ATTORNEY GENERAL SETS A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT](#) – CLICK
- NOTE BOTH OF THESE ARTICLES ARE FROM THE **SAME** PAPER WHICH IS GIVING YOU OPPOSING POSITIONS.
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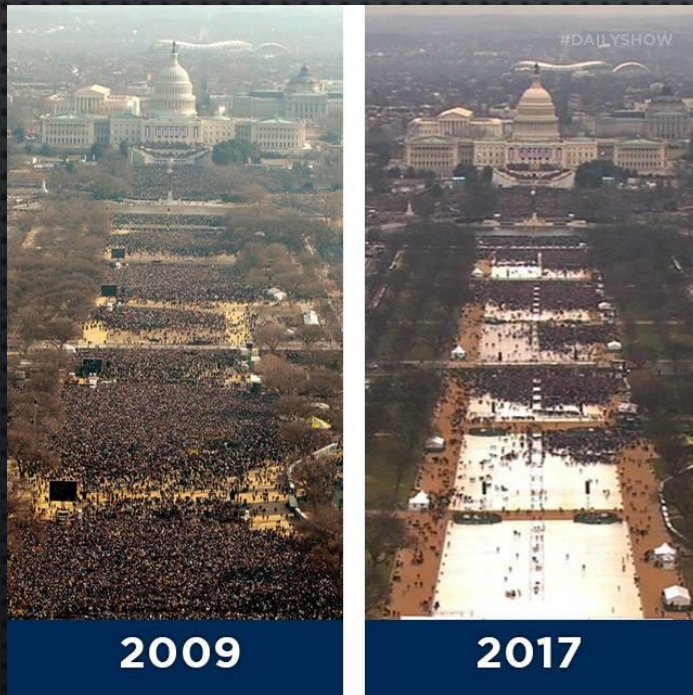


[BE WARY OF SOURCES THAT DON'T PROVIDE BOTH SIDES OF AN ISSUE / SEE LINK RE TRUMP CRITIC FIRED AT FOX](#) – CLICK

ALSO LOOK TO SEE IF EXPERTS FROM DIFFERENT SIDES INTERVIEWED IN A NEWS ARTICLE

STRONG DICTION OFTEN SIGNALS A SLANTED SOURCE BUT CONSIDER TIMES WHEN STRONG DICTION IS WARRANTED

WORDS LIKE WRONG ARE INFLAMMATORY BUT ARE SOMETIMES JUSTIFIED –
[CLICK HERE](#)



Do your own search left, middle, and right slanted sites re: the INAUGURATION CROWD size. You'll see there's consensus on this issue. Want to do your own quick search?

Be Aware of Confirmation Bias that Ignores Facts and Evidence that Challenges Your Views - [CLICK](#)

JIGSAW WEB QUEST – CLICK HERE

RESEARCH AND BE PREPARED TO REPORT BACK TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SLANTED SOURCES, FACT CHECKING, FAKE NEWS, AND MORE!



DICTION AND CONTENT NEWS ANALYSIS

LET'S WORK THROUGH AN ANALYSIS TOGETHER -
CLICK THE SOURCES TO ACCESS ARTICLES

NPR: “Trump Fires Acting Attorney General For Refusing To Defend Immigration Order”

BREITBART: “Attorney General Firing: First Step in Quashing ‘Coup of the Bureaucrats’”

MSNBC: “History in the Making: Donald Trump Fires Acting Attorney General”

- **Note: loaded / inflammatory word diction (word choices) in EACH article**
- **Are the articles more informative or persuasive? Are they slanted to one side? Which one is the most neutral? Most slanted? Defend your claims.**
- **How does the content vary? What info is left out or unique to each article?**

CHALLENGE ZONE
ASSIGNMENT:

NOW DO YOUR OWN NEWS ANALYSIS
[CLICK HERE!](#)



REMEMBER: THERE'S **SLANTED** NEWS AND THEN THERE'S **FAKE** NEWS

HOW FAKE NEWS BECAME A REAL PROBLEM –
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PIZZAGATE: FROM RUMOR, TO HASH TAG, TO GUN
FIRE IN D.C. – CLICK HERE FOR ARTICLE

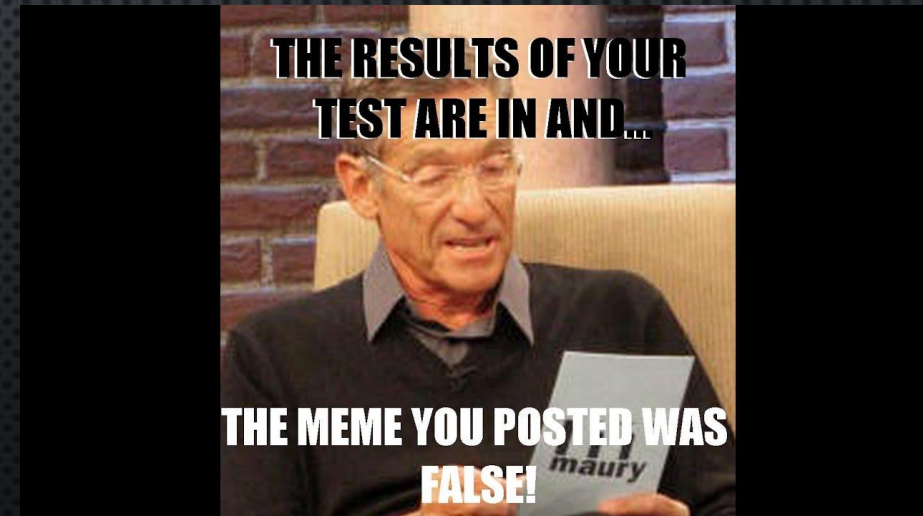
AFTER READING THE AFOREMENTIONED ARTICLE
WRITE ONE SUMMARY AND ONE REACTION
PARAGRAPH ON IT. BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS IT.



Mememes Can Be Dangerous!

We Scroll Quickly and Skim False Mememes and Headings without Questioning Their Validity

Note a Source Was Cited but the Info Was WAY OFF – [click here to see the REAL #'s](#)



NOTE: HEADINGS CAN BE DECEIVING!

MANY PEOPLE DON'T READ THE WHOLE ARTICLE
HERE IS AN EXAMPLE OF AN ARTICLE THAT HAS A MISLEADING TITLE

- [“21 WOMEN RESPOND TO TRUMP TELLING FEMALE STAFF TO ‘DRESS LIKE WOMEN’”](#) – CLICK ON ARTICLE
- READING THE ARTICLE SHOWS HE WANTS MEN TO WEAR TIES TOO
- ALSO THE ARTICLE EXPLAINS HE DIDN'T FORBID JEANS OR PANTS FOR WOMEN. HE JUST PREFERENCES PEOPLE OF BOTH GENDERS TO DRESS UP.
- GO BEYOND HEADINGS



MORE **FAKE NEWS** ON A VARIETY TO TOPICS ASK YOURSELF: DO THESE STORIES SEEM REALISTIC?



- ["POLICE RAID SMALL FAMILY FARM, SEIZE ANIMALS, BECAUSE THEY WERE FREE RANGE"](#) – CLICK HERE
- [THE FIRST LADY IS USING THE WHITE HOUSE WEB PAGE TO SELL JEWELRY](#) – CLICK HERE
- REMINDER: FAKE NEWS IS **NOT** LIMITED TO POLITICS – [CLICK HERE TO SEE A POPULAR FACEBOOK HOAX](#)

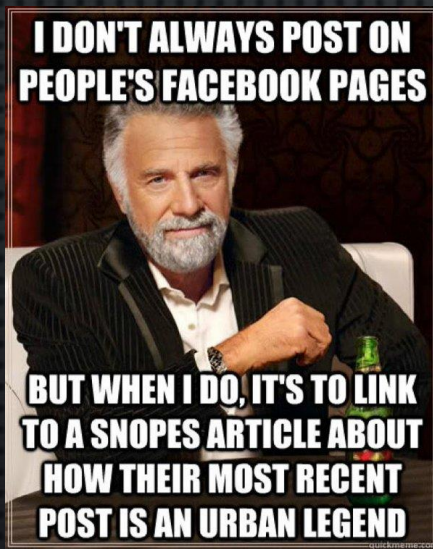
FIND AND REPORT BACK ON A FAKE NEWS STORY –

CLICK FAKE NEWS TO SEE AN EXPERIMENT RE: FACEBOOK AND FAKE NEWS

CONSPIRACY THEORIES ARE BECOMING A TREND TOO - SEE THIS ARTICLE ON THE SANDY HOOK SCHOOL SHOOTING CLICK HERE! – ASK YOUR SELF WHY PEOPLE WANT TO DISCREDIT IT?

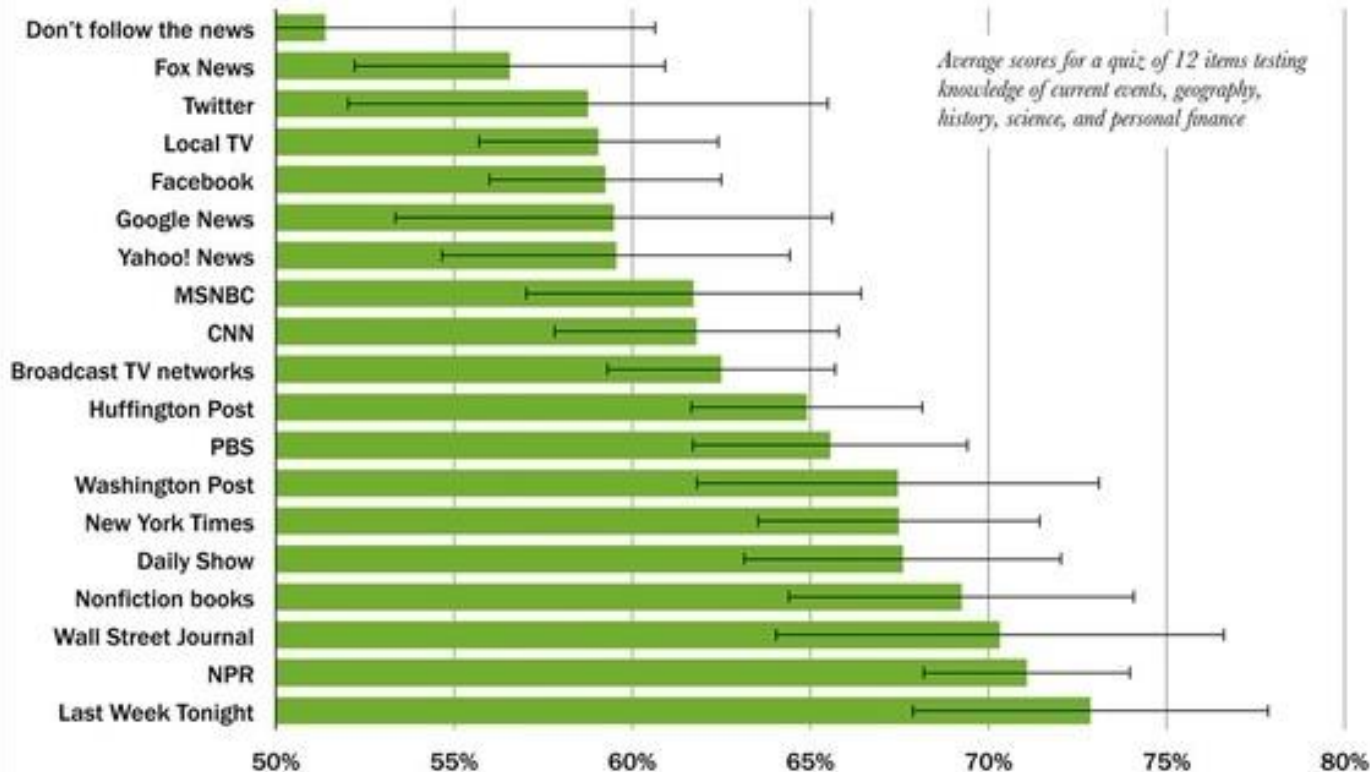
FALSE NEWS STORIES CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE THAT “THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE” ISN’T ALLOWED IN SCHOOLS EVEN THOUGH MOST STATES REQUIRE IT BE RECITED DAILY – CLICK HERE

CLICK HERE FOR RELATED ASSIGNMENT



“A RIGOROUS SCIENTIFIC LOOK INTO THE 'FOX NEWS EFFECT'” – CLICK HERE

Fox News Viewers Know Less Than Audiences for Other News Sources



Again: be aware of confirmation bias and using slanted sources to get your information. Read more about that here.

[Click here](#)

Right now our government is considering defunding NPR.

Reliable sources interview people from both sides of the aisle, non partisan experts, etc.

HERE ARE SOME RESOURCES TO HELP YOU DECIPHER FACT
FROM FICTION IF YOU ARE NOT SURE

CLICK ABOVE FOR [ARTICLE ON RECOGNIZING FAKE NEWS](#)

[SNOPES.COM](#)

[MELISSA ZIMDARS' LIST OF FAKE NEWS SITES
ON THE MEDIA FAKE NEWS HANDBOOK](#)

[FACTCHECK.ORG](#)

[POYNTER'S TIPS FOR DEBUNKING FAKE NEWS](#)

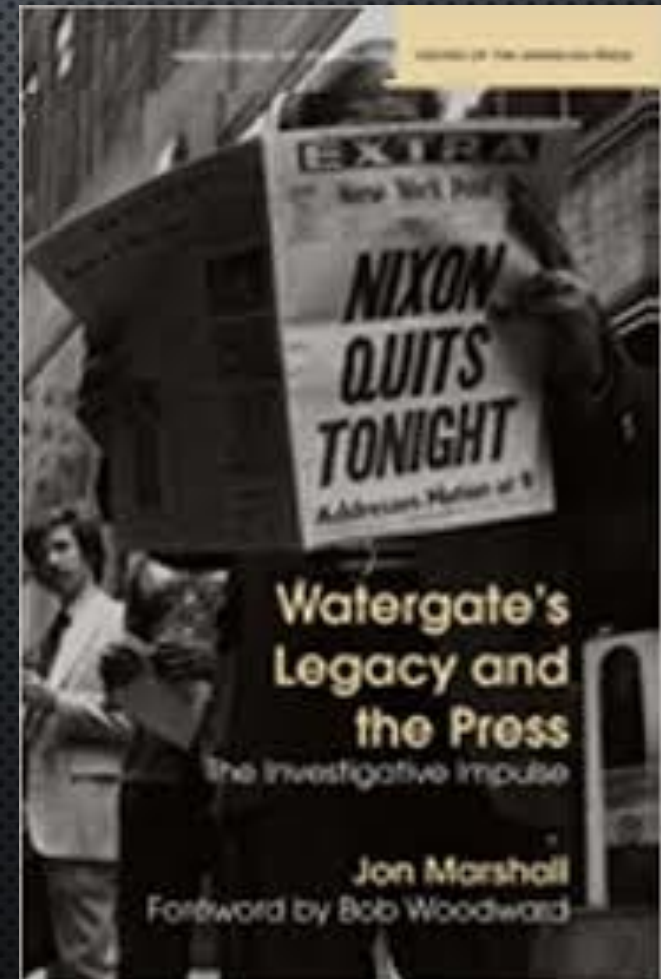
[TINEYE REVERSE IMAGE SEARCH](#)

[WASHINGTON POST FACT CHECKER](#)



THE PRESS IS CONSIDERED AN IMPORTANT PART OF DEMOCRACY

- DEMOCRACY REQUIRES INFORMED CITIZENS
- AND THE PRESS HELPS CHALLENGE POLITICIANS AND UNCOVER SCANDALS LIKE WATERGATE
- [CLICK HERE FOR VIDEO CLIP AND ARTICLE ON THE DANGERS OF RESTRICTING THE PRESS](#)



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