FAKE NEWS & COVID-19

LEARN TO IDENTIFY & AVOID FAKE NEWS

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WHAT IS FAKE NEWS?

INFO THAT IS UNRELIABLE AND UNSUPPORTED:

DISINFORMATION *(deliberately misleading)*

MISINFORMATION *(unintentionally misleading)*
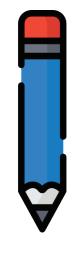
HOW DO WE SPOT IT?

HEADLINES ARE NOT ARTICLES

Headlines are meant to grab our attention and can be designed to mislead. Keep this in mind while reading and especially before sharing.

SOURCE MATTERS

Seasoned reporters and publications list their sources. If there are no sources or unreliable sources, question the piece.

KNOW THE AUTHOR

Take the time to learn about the author's credentials. Is the author using reliable sources?

CHECK THE DATE

Double check the date and time of the article. Is this old news? Especially important with how rapidly COVID-19 information is changing.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Understand the intent behind the article. Most articles are written to inform, educate or entertain. Be aware of articles written to further political agendas or to sell something.

IDENTIFY BIAS - YOURS & THEIRS

Be aware of author and source bias. Be aware of yours - we all have them! Read multiple sources to get the bigger picture.

CONSULT THE EXPERTS

COVID-19 Experts

- **World Health Organization:** *who.int*
- **Center for Disease Control:** *cdc.gov*
- **Johns Hopkins Interactive Map:** *coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html*
- **IL Dept. of Public Health:** *dph.illinois.gov*
- **WI Dept. of Health:** *dhs.wisconsin.gov*

Fake News Experts

- **Snopes:** *snopes.com*
- **Politifact:** *politifact.com*
- **Factcheck.org:** *factcheck.org*
- **Media Bias Chart:** *adfontesmedia.com*
- **Washington Post Fact Checker:** *washingtonpost.com/news/fact-checker*

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