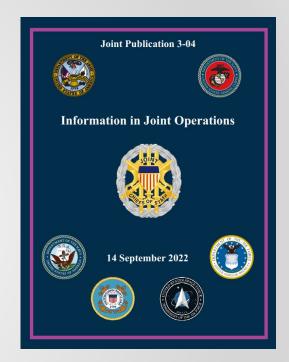




Facebook ads purchased by Russia are pictured. | Facebook/Democratic House members

My goal for this presentation is for you to leave having learned at least one actionable step that you can take to protect yourself and your business from information disorder.

"The enemy is not really defeated until they believe they are defeated. Even in operations without an enemy or adversary, such as foreign humanitarian assistance, successful outcomes hinge on the perceptions, attitudes, beliefs, and other drivers of behaviors of the affected population."



- JP 3-04

"The competition is not really defeated until they believe they are defeated. Even in markets with limited competition, successful outcomes hinge on the perceptions, attitudes, beliefs, and other drivers of behaviors of the target audience."

Types of Information Disorder

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FALSENESS INTENT TO HARM

Misinformation

Unintentional mistakes such as innaccurate photo captions, dates, statistics, translations, or when satire is taken seriously.

Disinformation

Fabricated or deliberately manipulated audio/visual content. Intentionally created conspiracy theories or rumours.

Malinformation

Deliberate publication of private information for personal or corporate rather than public interest, such as revenge porn.
Deliberate change of context, date or time of genuine content.

Does the intent really matter? Why or why not?

TYPES OF MIS- AND DISINFORMATION



FALSE CONNECTION

When headlines, visuals or captions don't support the content



FALSE CONTEXT

When genuine content is shared with false contextual information



MANIPULATED CONTENT

When genuine information or imagery is manipulated to deceive



SATIRE OR PARODY

No intention to cause harm but has potential to fool



MISLEADING CONTENT

Misleading use of information to frame an issue or individual



IMPOSTER CONTENT

When genuine sources are impersonated



FABRICATED CONTENT

Content that is 100% false, designed to deceive and do harm



PROPAGANDA

When content is used to manage attitudes, values and knowledge



SPONSORED CONTENT

Advertising or PR disguised as editorial content



FRROR

When established news organisations make mistakes while reporting



STOP THE SPREAD OF MISINFORMATION.

THINK BEFORE YOU SHARE, REACT OR RESPOND.



MEDIA LITERACY

"Digital literacy is the ability to define, access, manage, integrate, communicate, evaluate and create information safely and appropriately through digital technologies and networked devices for participation in economic and social life. It includes competences that are variously referred to as computer literacy... information literacy, data literacy and media literacy."

-UNESCO

Media literacy "provides a framework to access, analyze, evaluate, create, and participate with messages in a variety of forms - from print to video to the internet."

-Center for Media Literacy

Testing information:

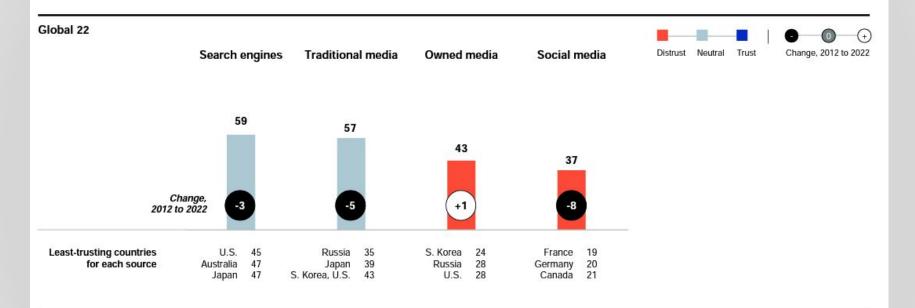
- Does this source <u>have a record</u> of truthful information and correcting their wrongs?
- What is its <u>motivation</u>, <u>mission</u>, and <u>vision</u>?
- Where does the <u>funding</u> come from?
- Who are its <u>followers</u>? How would it respond if their followers didn't like this story?
- Does this story evoke an <u>emotional response</u> in me? Why?

Outrage sells... for now.

But credibility = our currency

NEWS SOURCES FAIL TO FIX THEIR TRUST PROBLEM

Percent trust



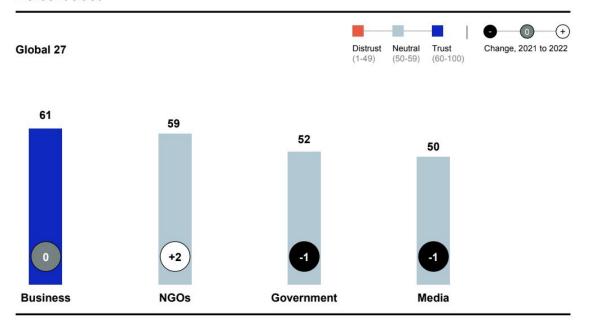
2022 Edelman Trust Barometer. COM_MCL. When looking for general news and information, how much would you trust each type of source for general news and information? 9-point scale; top 4 box, trust. Question asked of half of the sample. General population, 22-mkt avg.

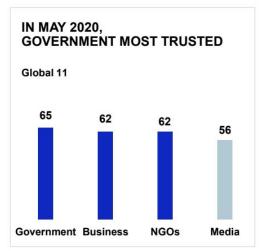
*From 2012-2015, "Online Search Engines" were included as a media type. In 2016, this was changed to "Search Engines."



TRUST DECLINES FOR GOVERNMENT AND MEDIA; BUSINESS STILL ONLY TRUSTED INSTITUTION

Percent trust

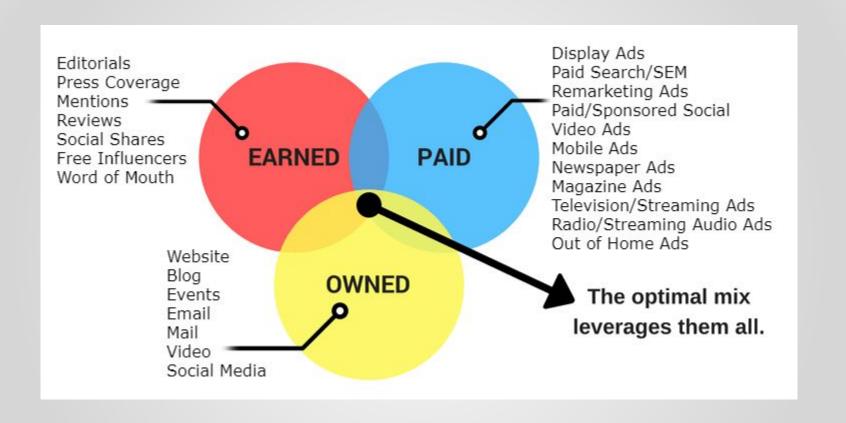






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In order for the truth to prevail it has to be marketed well.



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ISN'T MUCH DIFFERENT THAN...

Balancing verification and accuracy with a timely response.



RESOURCES

NIMMO BREAKOUT SCALE (HOW TO MEASURE SCALE OF INFLUENCE OPERATIONS)						
CATEGORY 1	CATEGORY 2	CATEGORY 3	CATEGORY 4	CATEGORY 5	CATEGORY 6	
One platform, no breakout	One platform, breakout OR many platforms, no breakout	Multiple platforms, multiple breakouts	Cross-medium breakout	Celebrity amplification	Policy response OR call for violence	

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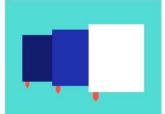
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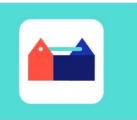
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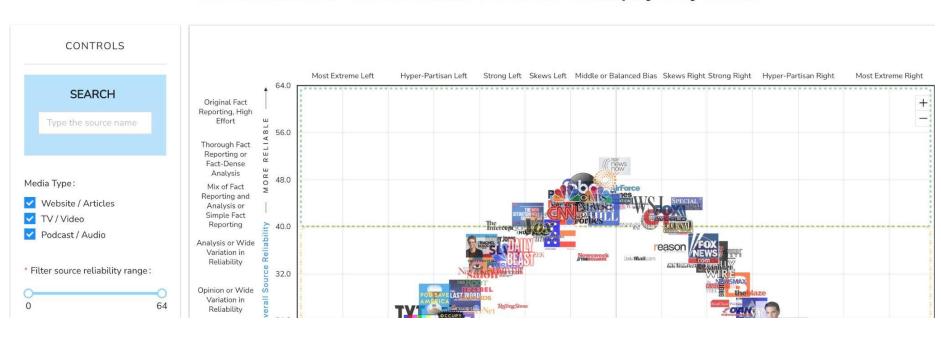


Find tools, readings and resources to help newsrooms with online newsgathering



Discover a mobilefriendly selection of verification and monitoring tools

Use search box to find thousands of sources not displayed by default



- Leverage Al to help you → ChatGPT can help you create thorough boolean searches
- Invest in cybersecurity measures → NSA offers no-cost cybersecurity services to any company that has contracts with DoD or access to non-public DoD information
- Don't shy away from emotionally charged topics, especially in the academic realm
- Have a crisis communication plan that involves information disorder and coordinate widely
- Teach employees basic skills like reverse image searching, understanding URL construct, and use of bias chart

Academia

Understanding gray zones

Report: There are 149 fact-checking projects in 53 countries. That's a new high. Digital deceit: The technologies behind precision propaganda on the internet. The fake news machine: How propagandists abuse the internet and manipulate the public.

Examining complex forms of conflict gray zone and hybrid challenges.

Bots. #StrongerIn. and #Brexit: Computational propaganda during the UK-EU referendum

Lexicon of lies.

<u>Truth decay: An initial exploration of the diminishing role of facts and analysis in American public life.</u>

Will verification kill fact-checking?

China's propaganda in Africa hurts U.S. interests—and the U.S. must counter it. Gaining competitive advantage in the gray zone: Response options for coercive aggression below the threshold of major war.

Weapons of mass destruction: Foreign state-sponsored disinformation in the digital age.

How to kill a disinformation narrative: Is fact-checking enough?

Information warfare: Issues for congress.

<u>Information disorder: Toward an interdisciplinary framework for research and policy making.</u>

Verifying content online challenge

Formative battles: Cold War disinformation campaigns and mitigation strategies.

Industry

Hostile social manipulation: Present realities and emerging trends.
U.S. unleashes military to fight fake news and disinformation.
Competing in the gray zone: Countering competition in the space between war and peace.

How Facebook is combating spread of Covid-19 misinformation
Worldwide threat assessment of the U.S. intelligence community.
China's military expands its influence in Africa.

Afghan abandonment a lesson for Taiwan's DPP: Global Times editorial. Resist: Counter-disinformation toolkit.

Fake accounts, manufactured reality on social media.

Issue brief: Distinguishing disinformation from propaganda,
misinformation, and "fake news."

Joint chiefs nominee wants to boost information warfare.

Information related capabilities (IRC) descriptions.

Military

PMESII-PT research analysis framework.

Gen. Dunford's remarks at the National Defense University graduation.

Background to "Assessing Russian activities and intentions in US elections": The analytic process and cyber incident attribution.





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