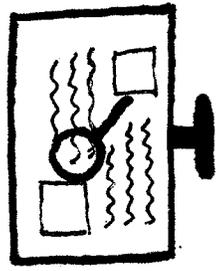# Spotting Misinformation

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A Critical Skill!

With the rise of "fake news" and misinformation, information literacy is important now more than ever. Information literacy is the ability to access, evaluate, analyze, and ethically use information.

It involves understanding information, its context, credibility, and relevance.

Learn More!

* The 'Sift' Strategy - BBC
* How to Spot Misinformation - NPR
* Misinformation, Disinformation, & Malinformation: A Guide - Princeton Library
* 10 Ways to Spot Disinformation on the Internet - AARP

Good Luck! <3

SIFT Method

Developed by digital literacy expert, Mike Caulfield, to help decide if online content can be trusted as a credible or reliable source of information.

It helps you quickly evaluate a source by focusing your attention on what matters!

Stop!

Before sharing an article, be aware of your emotions + response. Headlines rely on those to get clicks!

Consider:
- What you already know about the topic
- what you know about the source. whats its reputation?
- Take a moment to reflect!

Trace to the Original

Claims, quotes, + media may be cherrypicked to support biased claims. Attempt to find the original source by clicking source links/the bibliography.

Consider:
- Was the claim, quote, media represented fairly?
- Was it taken out of context?
- Was anything edited from the original?

Investigate

Take a moment to look up the author + publishing source.

Consider:
- what can you find about the author?
- what's their mission? Do they have a conflict of interest?
- Do they have authority in that area?

Find Better Coverage

See if you can find other sources that support or dispute the original claim.

Consider:
- What coverage is available on the topic?
- Is there controversy around the topic?
- Are trusted sources reporting on it?
- Use a fact checker!
  • Factcheck.org
  • Snopes.com

- Use lateral reading to see what trusted sources say about this source!