"Fake News" and Information Literacy

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FAKE NEWS AND INFORMATION LITERACY SPARKING ALIGNMENT AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN LIBRARIANS AND SOCIOLOGISTS

LIES AND CONFUSION
THE PROBLEM EXPOSED!

“Fake News” and Detecting Falsehoods

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Pope Francis Shocked World, Endorses Donald Trump for President, Releases Statement

Decoding “Fake News”

Definitions and usage of the term:
- **Misinformation** - Unintentional spreading of falsehoods due to ignorance or confusion
- **Disinformation** - Deliberate lies, false information
- **Propaganda** - Systematic spread of disinformation
- **Nihilism** - Denial of the reality of whatever givens or orientations of phenomena do not fit into the universe.

Satire & Entertainment

Parody of “real” news

Are You a Target for Fake News?

Do you手臂 yourself with people and information that reinforce your beliefs and ignore or reject information that interferes with your worldview? You probably don’t even realize it, thanks to selective exposure and perception. Fake news is also given a big assist by ideological fragmentation and postmodern relativism, maintaining divided opinions to achieve a collectively informed reality. Shared realities consummate shared identities—essential for solidarity within communities.

**Information Credibility + Social Construction of Knowledge**

Source evaluation skills are everyone’s favorite remedy to fake news. Operationalizing the **CRAAP** test (Meriam Library, California State University, Chico 2010), so it’s refreshing to see these two getting together. Considering that knowledge is socially constructed helps managers understand the difficulty in staying up to date with the latest research, and helps them develop strategies for evaluating and using this information.

**Source Formats + Scientific Knowledge Creation**

The Social Construct of Information and Knowledge

Sociological Literacy Framework

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Aligning the Frameworks

Library and Information Science

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Search Strategies + Algorithmic Cultures

Going beyond Google is key to developing literature research skills. This pairing hosts the sociological imagination to everyday life information seeking tools and behaviors, allowing sociologists and librarians to ask in creating clarification and educating people to address, tackle, and solve these quandaries, which are exacerbated by fake news.

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