**Disinformation, Misinformation, & Fake News** 



Disinformation, misinformation, and fake news promotes disagreement and conflict, creates distrust, and weakens the democratic process. In more extreme cases, it encourages violence and creates permanent damage to society.

**Disinformation** is false, inaccurate, or confusing information intentionally spread to mislead or manipulate others.

**Misinformation** is false, inaccurate, or confusing information shared without the intent to mislead or manipulate.

**Fake news** involves false news stories - the information is made up, with no provable sources, facts, or quotes.

None of the above include satire, parody, criticisms, complaints, or protests of government actions, agencies, or processes.

**Check Facts and Sources**



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**Consider Bias**