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Check Your Bias at the Door: How Do We Become More Conscious Consumers of News?

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What will we do today?

- Read some news
- Talk about where we get our news and why
- How do we classify/identify fake news?
- How do we become more conscious consumers of news?

Let's read some news

NFL protests and President Trump's response

Articles from FOX News and MSNBC websites

As you read, underline or highlight information that stands out to you.

Does this article favor one side of the issue or the other?
If yes, which side and in what ways?

Let's read some news

NFL protests and President Trump's response

Articles said to be from FOX News and MSNBC websites

BUT...

You were all reading the **same news article**
written by reporter for Associated Press

Hostile Media Effects

Hostile Media Effect (HME) – what is it?

Research finds HME across a variety of contexts

Politics, war, sports

HME prominent when source is opposite affiliation

Some questions

- Where do you get your news? Why do you turn to those sources for information?
- What happens when you read/watch/listen to news from sources that you perceive are biased against your point of view?
- What can we do to be exposed to/open to opposing viewpoints?

How can we become more conscious consumers of news?

- What is fake news?
- How can we identify fake news? What are some red flags that news is fake?
- Sources to check the facts: [FactCheck.org](https://factcheck.org), [Snopes.com](https://snopes.com), [Politifact.com](https://politifact.com)

How can we become more conscious consumers of news?

Fake news examples

DEFEND RACE



BREAKING: SEATTLE SEAHAWKS MAY BE KICKED OUT OF NFL FOR WHAT THEY DID IN LOCKER ROOM

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INFO WARS

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BOMBSHELL: AT LEAST 25 MILLION DEAD AND FRAUDULENT "REGISTERED VOTERS" IN 2016

Trump proven right: millions of dead and invalid voters not included in study showing 800,000 illegals for Hillary!

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Monday, October 23rd: Trump has NWO on the Run - President Trump proposes the "largest tax cuts in history" as he moves to help rebuild the middle class. Meanwhile...

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Fake news Examples (cont. from last slide)

A study revealing that **over 800,000 non-citizens voted for Hillary Clinton** doesn't account for dead and fraudulent voters, which accounted for over **25 million "registered voters" during the 2012 presidential election – and little has changed since then.**

Illegal alien voters combined with dead and "multiple state" voters could easily explain Clinton's "popular vote" margin over Donald Trump in the 2016 presidential election, especially considering that her "victory" came from Democratic-controlled counties known for illegal immigration and loose voter ID laws such as in New York and California.

"A report by the Pew Center on the States finds that more than 1.8 million dead people are currently registered to vote, and 24 million registrations are either invalid or inaccurate," NPR reported in 2012, which is ironic given how NPR is heavily controlled by Democrats.



And many of the dead, registered voters somehow keep voting Democrat from beyond the grave, most recently in [Philadelphia, Penn.](#) and [Colorado](#).

It's also worth noting that the U.S. population has increased since 2012, meaning that there's likely

more dead and invalid voters than before.

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Fake news examples (cont. from last slide):



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Fake news examples

A 'Vulgar' Lie

A fake news story overstated Republican VP candidate Mike Pence's disagreement with the First Lady's criticism of Donald Trump.



How can we become more conscious consumers of news?

Why do we need to prevent fake news from spreading?

What consequences does fake news have?

How can you prevent fake news from spreading?