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## Fake News Synthesis Sources

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### Constitution of the United States of America 1789 (rev. 1992)

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

#### Vocabulary to know:

- Hoax
- Valid
- Satire
- Bias
- Fake News
- Evaluate

#### Questions to answer:

- How can we create a news ecosystem that values and promotes truth?
- Should social media outlets knowingly allow the publishing, dispersing, and sharing of fake news?

**Your Task:** Using the sources I’ve provided for you as well as some of your own (if you choose), fill in the following chart with information about fake news. Then, attempt to answer the two questions above, using the information you’ve gathered.

	Source Type	Source Title	Source Publication	Choices/Quotes	Argument
1	Written/Article				
2	Written/Article				
3	Written/Article				
4	Audio/Video				
5	Audio/Video				
6	Your Choice				

## **Websites to peruse:**

[AP: Not Real News](#) - Published (almost) weekly by the Associated Press, news stories that spread but are not real.

<http://jestincolor.com/> -A Fake News website

<http://nationalreport.net/> - Another Fake News website

## **Research Studies:**

[MIT Study of Fake News](#)

[NATO/STRATCOM Study: How Social Media Companies are Failing to Combat Inauthentic Behaviour Online](#)

## **Listen to/watch:**

[NPR: Fake News Creator](#)

[TED Talk: How Fake News Does Real Harm](#)

[Sasha Baron Cohen's Speech to the ADL](#) (also linked below as a text)

[WP: How to Spot Fake News](#)

[Beware the Jabberwock - NPR Podcast](#)

[I Can't Believe It's Not News: A Podcast About Fake News](#)

## **Articles about the history of “fake news”**

[A Short Guide to the History of Fake News and Disinformation](#)

[Fake News has Turned an Age-Old Problem into a New Threat](#)

## **Articles/Transcripts to Read:**

["Nothing on This Page is Real" - Washington Post article](#)

[Sasha Baron Cohen's Speech to Anti-Defamation League](#)

[Zuckerberg: Speech to Georgetown about Internet](#)

[Aaron Sorkin: An Open Letter to Mark Zuckerberg](#)

[The Grim Conclusions of the Largest-Ever Study of Fake News](#)

[Interactive: Who Will Tell the Truth about the Free Press? - NY TIMES](#)

[I worked for Alex Jones. I regret it.](#)

[IT's Okay to Call It 'Fake News' - The Atlantic](#)

[Majority of Americans Were Not Exposed to Fake News in 2016 Election](#) - An oppositional source

[Columbia Journalism Review: The Toxins We Carry. Disinformation is polluting our media environment. Facts won't save us.](#)

[Inside the Hate Factory: How Facebook Fuels Far-Right Profits](#)