

FAKE NEWS

**ALTERNATIVE
FACTS**

Detecting the Fake News at Its Source, Media Literacy, and Regulatory Compliance

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Thursday 11 April 2019 by Chris Ballard

TV fans delighted as Brexit renewed for another season

 Like Bozhidar Bozhanov and 358K others like this.

Fans of Britain's long-running comedy-drama Brexit are today overjoyed after learning that another season of the popular show has been commissioned.

Just when it looked like the UK's telly addicts would need to find another boxset to binge it has been announced that

Brexit – possibly the greatest farce since *Fawlty Towers* and a fantasy to rival *Game of Thrones* – will roll on for at least one more season.

Brexit aficionado Simon Williams had been bracing himself for the show's emotional finale.

"I'm so happy!" he said. "There's still so much potential with these characters, so many more votes they could have on Theresa May's deal."



Monday, December 12, 2016

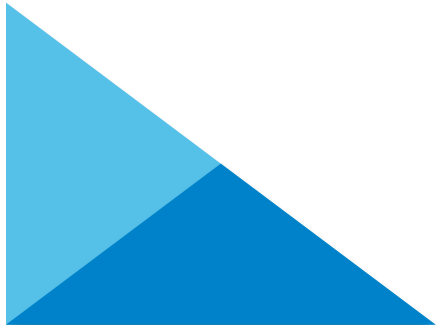
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Can you be asked to be Christmas
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What is “Fake News”?



Merriam-Webster: Self-Explanatory, No Need to Define



Words We're Watching

The Real Story of 'Fake News'

The term seems to have emerged around the end of the 19th century

The reason *fake news* is unlikely to be entered in our dictionary anytime soon is that it is a self-explanatory compound noun — a combination of two distinct words, both well known, which when used in combination yield an easily understood meaning. *Fake news* is, quite simply, *news* (“material reported in a newspaper or news periodical or on a newscast”) that is *fake* (“false, counterfeit”).

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<https://www.merriam-webster.com/words-at-play/the-real-story-of-fake-news>

Secretary Brunnell Declares **Fake News** About His People is Being Telegraphed Over the Country.

—*Cincinnati Commercial Tribune* (Cincinnati, OH), 7 Jun. 1890

Fake News. The following is handed to us for publication: Sunday's Enterprise says that I and a companion were run over by the Neptune and thrown into the water. As can be proved by more than one, we did not so much as get our feet wet, nor were we helped into the Neptune. Clarence Collins.

—*The Kearney Daily Hub* (Kearney, NE), 7 Jul. 1890

The public taste is not really vitiated and it does not in its desire for 'news' absolutely crave for distortions of facts and enlargements of incidents; and it certainly has no genuine appetite for **'fake news'** and 'special fiend' decoctions such as were served up by a local syndicate a year or two ago.

—*The Buffalo Commercial* (Buffalo, NY), 2 May 1891

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WHAT GIVES?

Fake News Is An Oxymoron

Written By [Chitra Subramaniam](#) | Mumbai | Published: November 18, 2018 22:59 IST



Ever since the fountainhead of fake news moved into the White House two years ago, the news space for lesser mortals including media houses has taken a serious beating.

<https://www.republicworld.com/opinions/what-gives/fake-news-is-an-oxymoron>

Definition of 'fake news'

English: fake news

Example sentences

fake news in British

noun

false, often sensational, information disseminated under the guise of news
reporting

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2017'S WORD OF THE YEAR BY DICTIONARY PUBLISHER COLLINS

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FAKE
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RISING BY **365%** IN **2017**

("FALSE, OFTEN SENSATIONAL,
INFORMATION DISSEMINATED
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OF NEWS REPORTING".)

- 2016** - BREXIT
- 2015** - BINGE-WATCH
- 2014** - PHOTOBOMB
- 2013** - GEEK



Oxford Dictionaries

**WORD
OF THE YEAR**

post-truth

2016



Meaning of **fake news** in English



fake news

noun [U] • **UK**  /,feɪk 'nju:z/ **US**  /,feɪk 'nu:z/

★ **false stories that appear to be news, spread on the internet or using other media, usually created to influence political views or as a joke:**

There is concern about the power of fake news to affect election results.

— Thesaurus: synonyms and related words

True, real, false, and unreal

<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/fake-news>



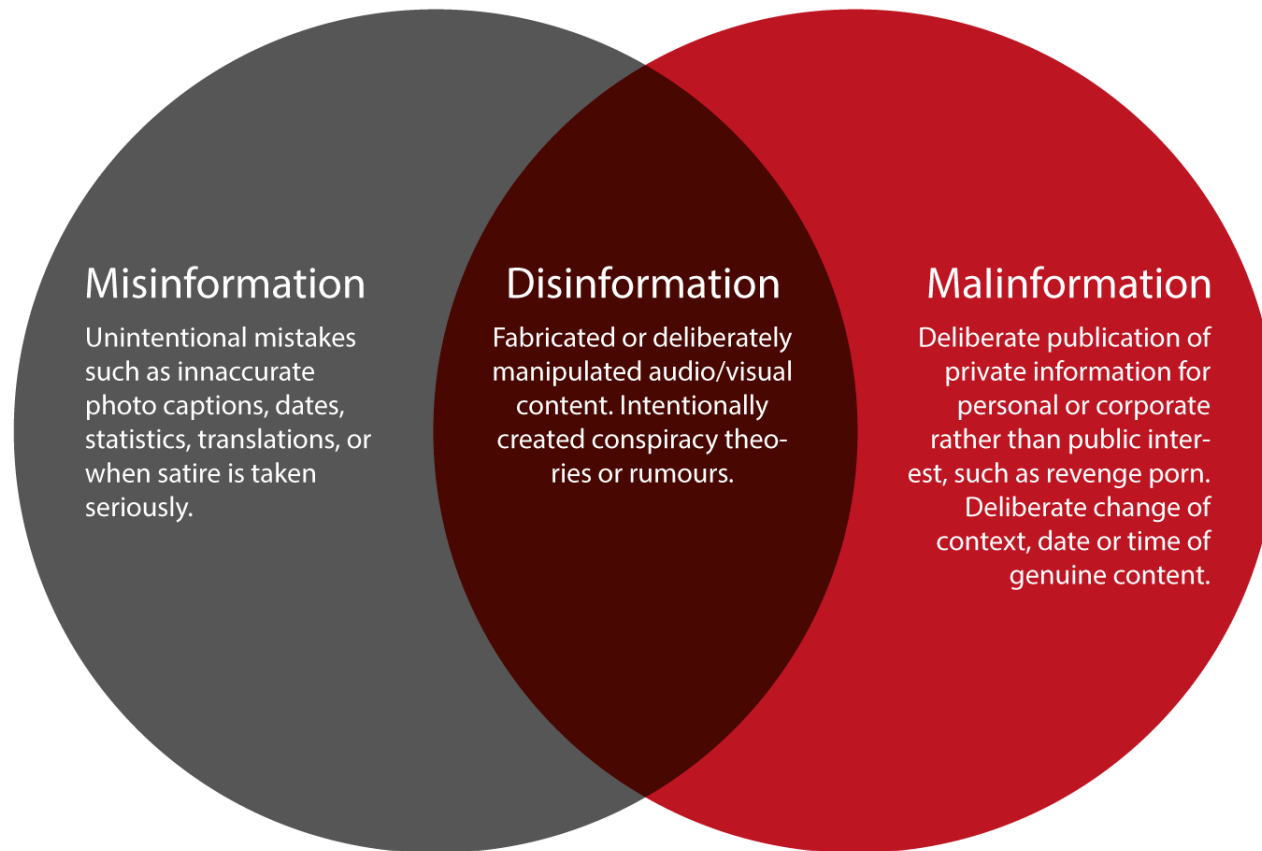
- Fake news is a neologism often used to refer to fabricated news. This type of news, found in traditional news, **social media or fake news websites**, has no basis in fact, but is presented as being factually accurate.
- Fake news is a type of yellow journalism or propaganda that consists of deliberate disinformation or hoaxes spread via traditional news media (print and broadcast) or **online social media**
- Fake news is written and published usually with the intent to mislead in order to damage an agency, entity, or person, and/or gain financially or politically, often using sensationalist, dishonest, or outright fabricated headlines to increase readership. Similarly, **clickbait** stories and headlines earn advertising revenue from this activity.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fake_news

TYPES OF INFORMATION DISORDER

FALSENESS

INTENT TO HARM



7 COMMON FORMS OF INFORMATION DISORDER



SATIRE OR PARODY

No intention to cause harm but has potential to fool



MISLEADING CONTENT

Misleading use of information to frame an issue or individual



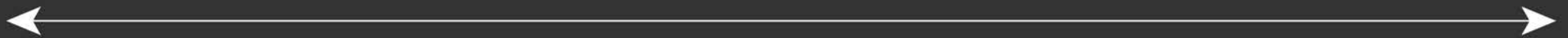
IMPOSTER CONTENT

When genuine sources are impersonated



FABRICATED CONTENT

New content is 100% false, designed to deceive and do harm



FALSE CONNECTION

When headlines, visuals or captions don't support the content



FALSE CONTEXT

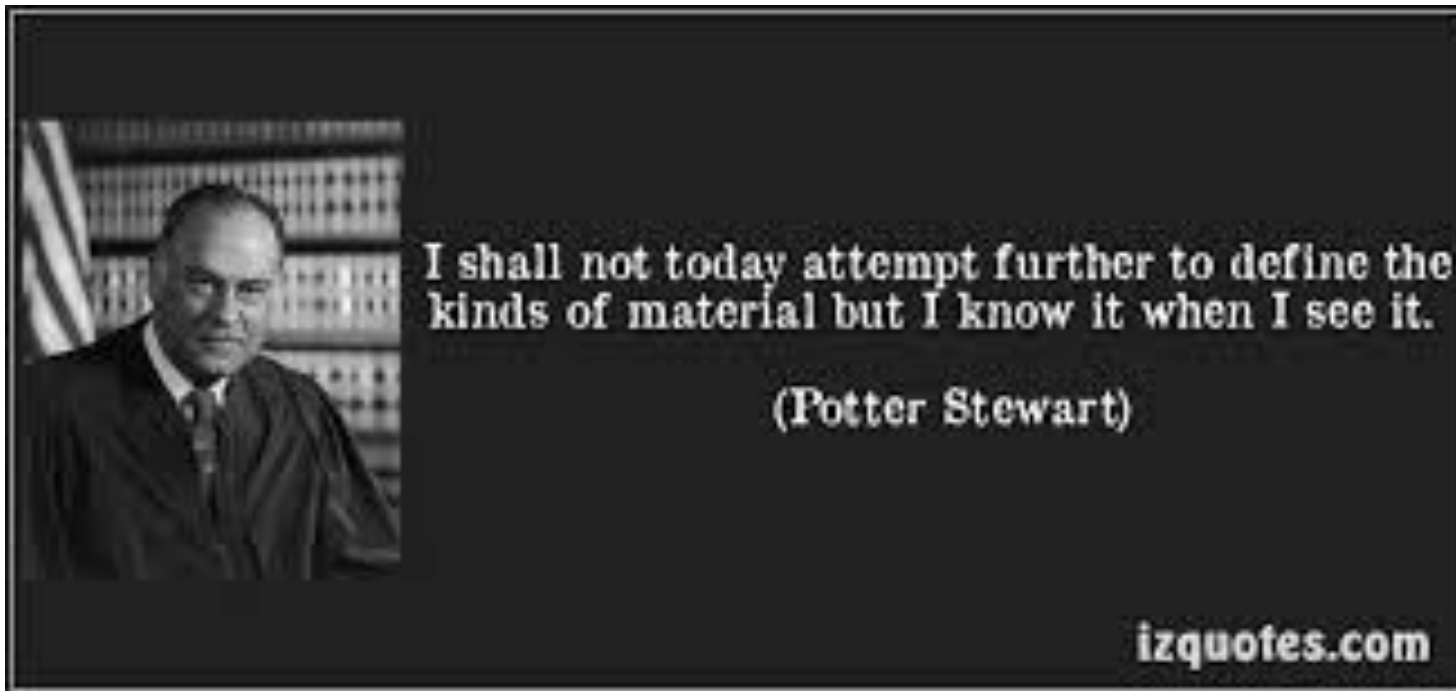
When genuine content is shared with false contextual information



MANIPULATED CONTENT

When genuine information or imagery is manipulated to deceive

Maybe it Cannot be Formally Defined, but People Recognize It When They See It



I shall not today attempt further to define the kinds of material I understand to be embraced within that shorthand description ["hard-core pornography"], and perhaps I could never succeed in intelligibly doing so. But I know it when I see it.

US Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart in 1964

Truth: Wisdom of the Crowds?



Elon Musk ✓

@elonmusk

Going to create a site where the public can rate the core truth of any article & track the credibility score over time of each journalist, editor & publication. Thinking of calling it Pravda ...

10:12 PM · May 23, 2018 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

47.9K Retweets **239.4K** Likes

Truth: Wisdom of the Crowds?

Пролетарии всех стран, соединяйтесь!

Коммунистическая партия Советского Союза



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5 мая 1912 года
В. И. ЛЕНИНЫМ

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State of California

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For questions about this form, go to www.sos.ca.gov/business/be/filing-tips.htm.

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① PRAVDA CORP.

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Truth: Wisdom of the Crowds?



Elon Musk  @elonmusk · May 23, 2018

Replying to [@elonmusk](#)

Create a media credibility rating site (that also flags propaganda botnets)

Yes, this would be good

88%

No, media are awesome

12%

681,097 votes · Final results

 4.5K

 12.7K

 38.8K



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Pravda is Elon Musk's worst idea ever

This idea isn't Boring. It's Insane.



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<https://medium.com/@LanceUlanoff/pravda-is-elon-musks-worst-idea-ever-9403bd2476fd>



Elon Musk doesn't know how journalism works — but thinks he can fix it

The tech leader took to Twitter to slam the media, proposing a new platform where people could rate articles on trustworthiness.

By Li Zhou | li@vox.com | May 24, 2018, 3:30pm EDT

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People Do Not Recognize “Fake News” When They See It



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Mariya Gabriel: 75% of young people do not recognize fake news

Europe is taking small steps to fight against fake news, but the road is very long. Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Digital Society told ...

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<https://www.bnt.bg/en/a/mariya-gabriel-75-of-young-people-do-not-recognize-fake-news>

Most People Believe It, But Is It True?



<https://sputniknews.com/science/201807271066736384-russians-poll-on-moon-landings/>

Even the Blockchain Can Be Hacked

(and those who produce “Fake News” have deep pockets)

Blockchain Jan 8

Hackers may have just stolen \$1 million from the Ethereum Classic blockchain in a “51%” attack



An attack on the Ethereum Classic blockchain may have helped hackers steal around \$1.1 million worth of the currency from other users, according to popular cryptocurrency exchange Coinbase.

<https://www.technologyreview.com/f/612728/hackers-just-stole-1-million-from-the-ethereum-classic-blockchain-in-a-rare-51/>

Maybe “Fake News” is Just “News I Do Not Like”?



Donald J. Trump ✓

@realDonaldTrump

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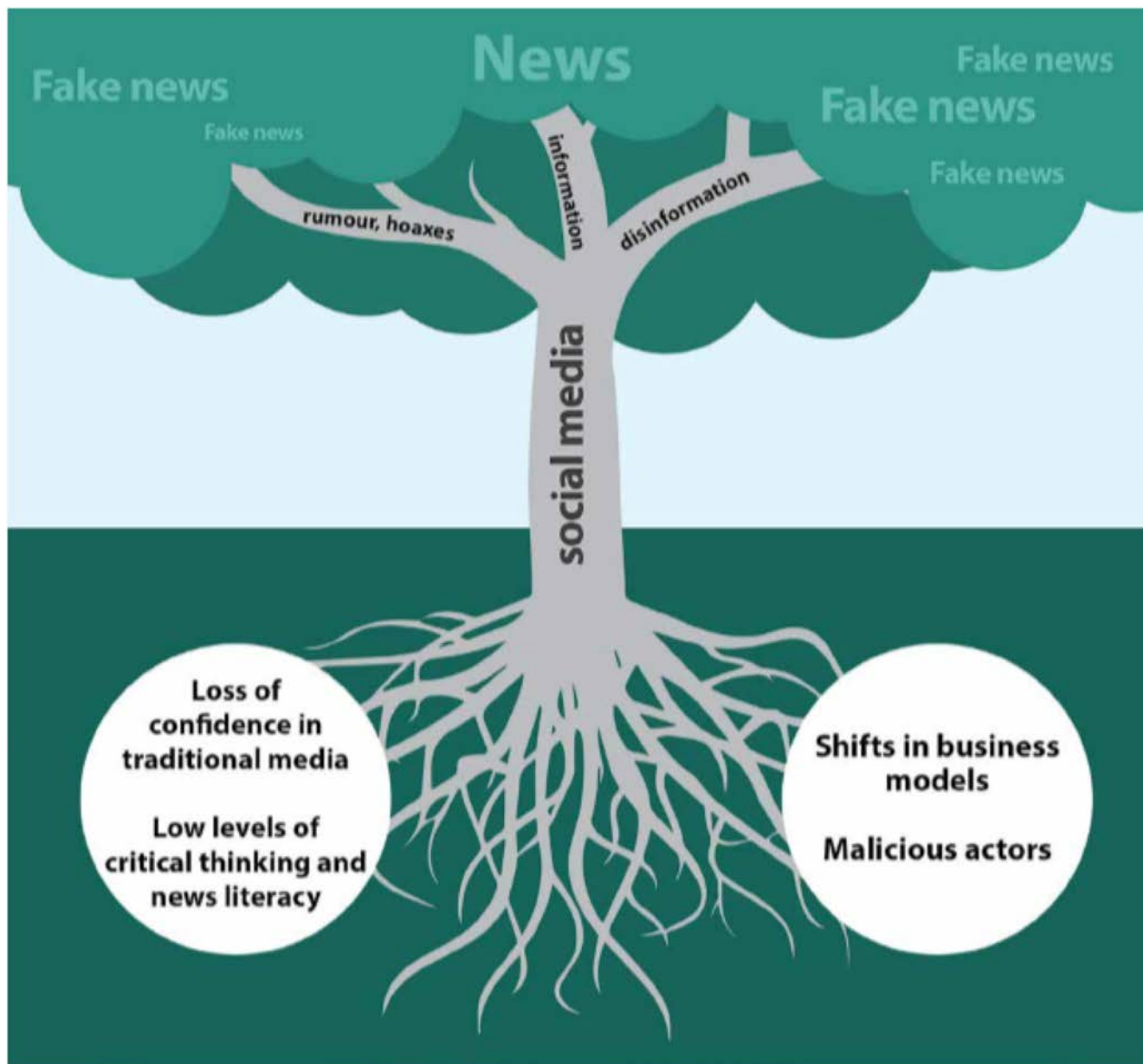


The FAKE NEWS media (failing @nytimes, @NBCNews, @ABC, @CBS, @CNN) is not my enemy, it is the enemy of the American People!

RETWEETS	LIKES	Users
33,167	101,171	

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Fake news 2.0: personalized, optimized, and even harder to stop

Artificial intelligence will automate and optimize fake news, warns a technology supplier to US intelligence agencies.

by **Will Knight**

Mar 27, 2018

Fake news may have already influenced politics in the US, but it's going to get a lot worse, warns an AI consultant to the US government.

“The automation of the generation of fake news is going to make it very effective,” Gourley told the audience at EmTech Digital, organized by *MIT Technology Review*.

<https://www.technologyreview.com/s/610635/fake-news-20-personalized-optimized-and-even-harder-to-stop/>

“Fake News”: A Weapon of Mass Deception



Sun, Sep 30, 2018

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How Big Data Mines Personal Info to Craft Fake News and Manipulate Voters

BY NINA BURLEIGH ON 6/8/17 AT 1:01 PM



<https://www.newsweek.com/2017/06/16/big-data-mines-personal-info-manipulate-voters-623131.html>



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Fake news handed Brexiteers the referendum – and now they have no idea what they're doing



'Would we have won without immigration? No. Would we have won without...the NHS? All our research and the close result strongly suggests no. Would we have won by spending our time talking about trade and the single market? No way'

Andrew Grice | @IndyPolitics

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Facebook Frenzy

How the German Right Wing Dominates Social Media

A comprehensive analysis has revealed the degree to which German right-wing populists from the Alternative for Germany (AfD) party are dominating the social media landscape. They might be getting help from abroad.

By Jörg Diehl ▼, Roman Lehberger ▼, Ann-Katrin Müller ▼ and Philipp Seibt ▼



Monika Skolimowska/ DPA

<https://www.spiegel.de/international/germany/germany-afd-populists-dominate-on-facebook-a-1264933.html>

European Elections

Polling from across Europe. Updated daily.



Half of European voters may have viewed Russian-backed 'fake news'

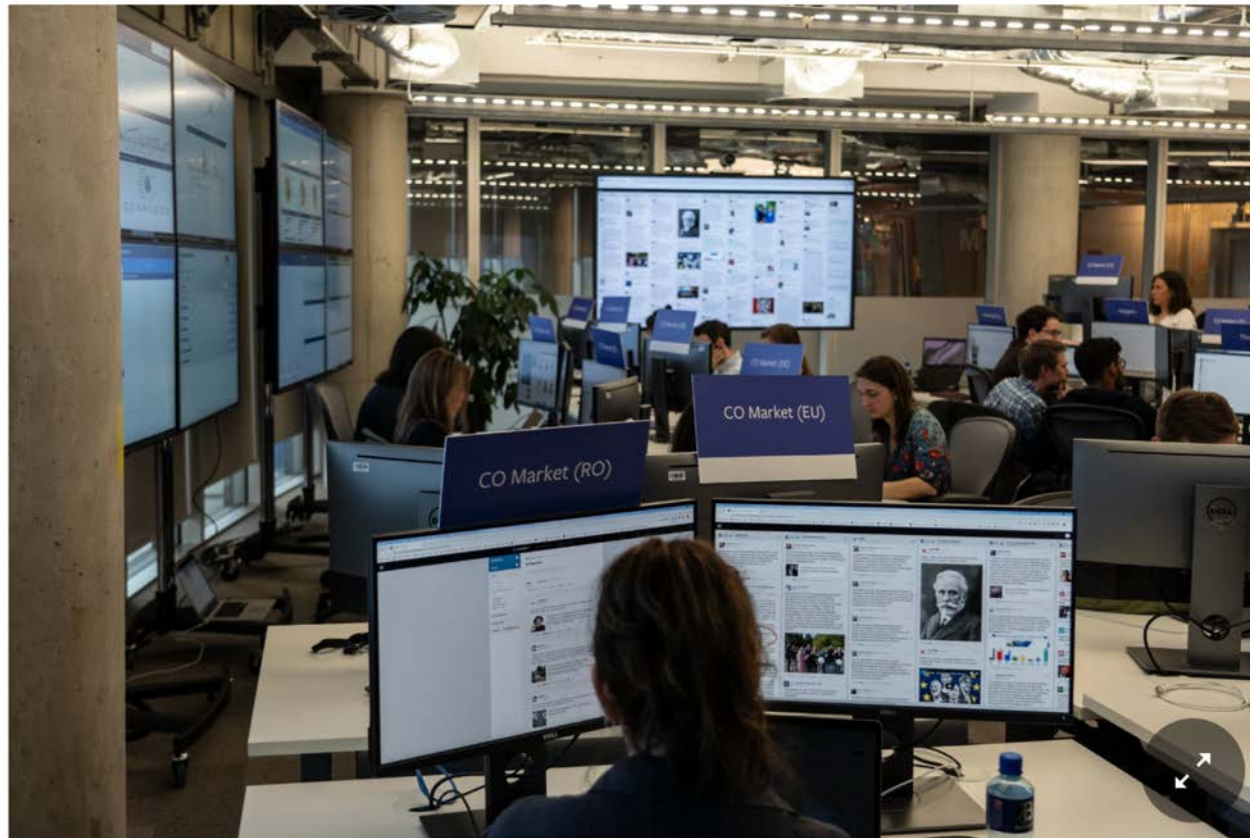
Kremlin-backed campaigns are promoting extremist views and amplifying them to sow discord, says cyber firm.

By MARK SCOTT | 5/7/19, 12:45 PM CET | Updated 5/8/19, 7:00 PM CET

<https://www.politico.eu/article/european-parliament-russia-mcafee-safeguard-cyber/>

The New York Times

***At Least 70 Countries
Have Had Disinformation
Campaigns, Study Finds***



<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/26/technology/government-disinformation-cyber-troops.html>

Half of Americans see fake news as bigger threat than terrorism, study finds

Almost 70% of Americans feel fake news has greatly affected their confidence in government institutions, a new study says



▲ Lawmakers have yet to take concrete action against fake news and misinformation.
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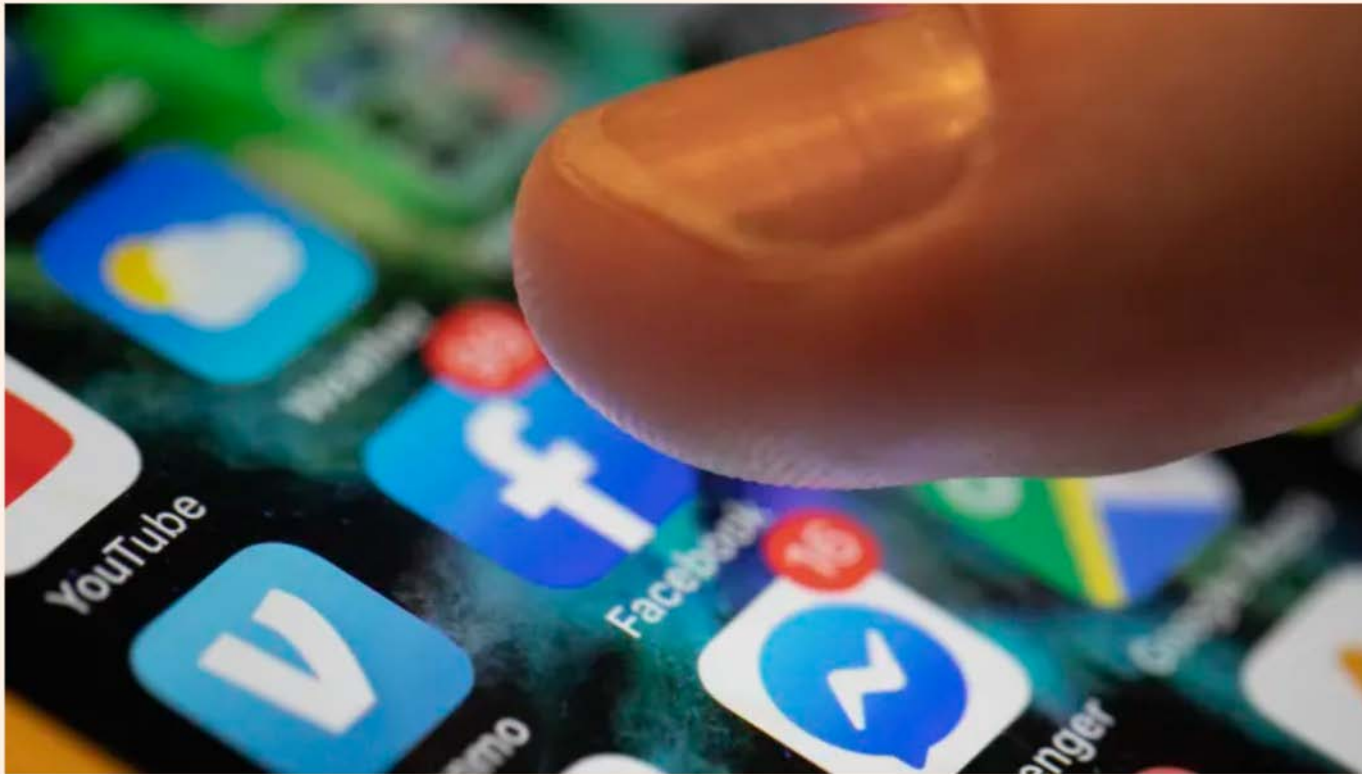
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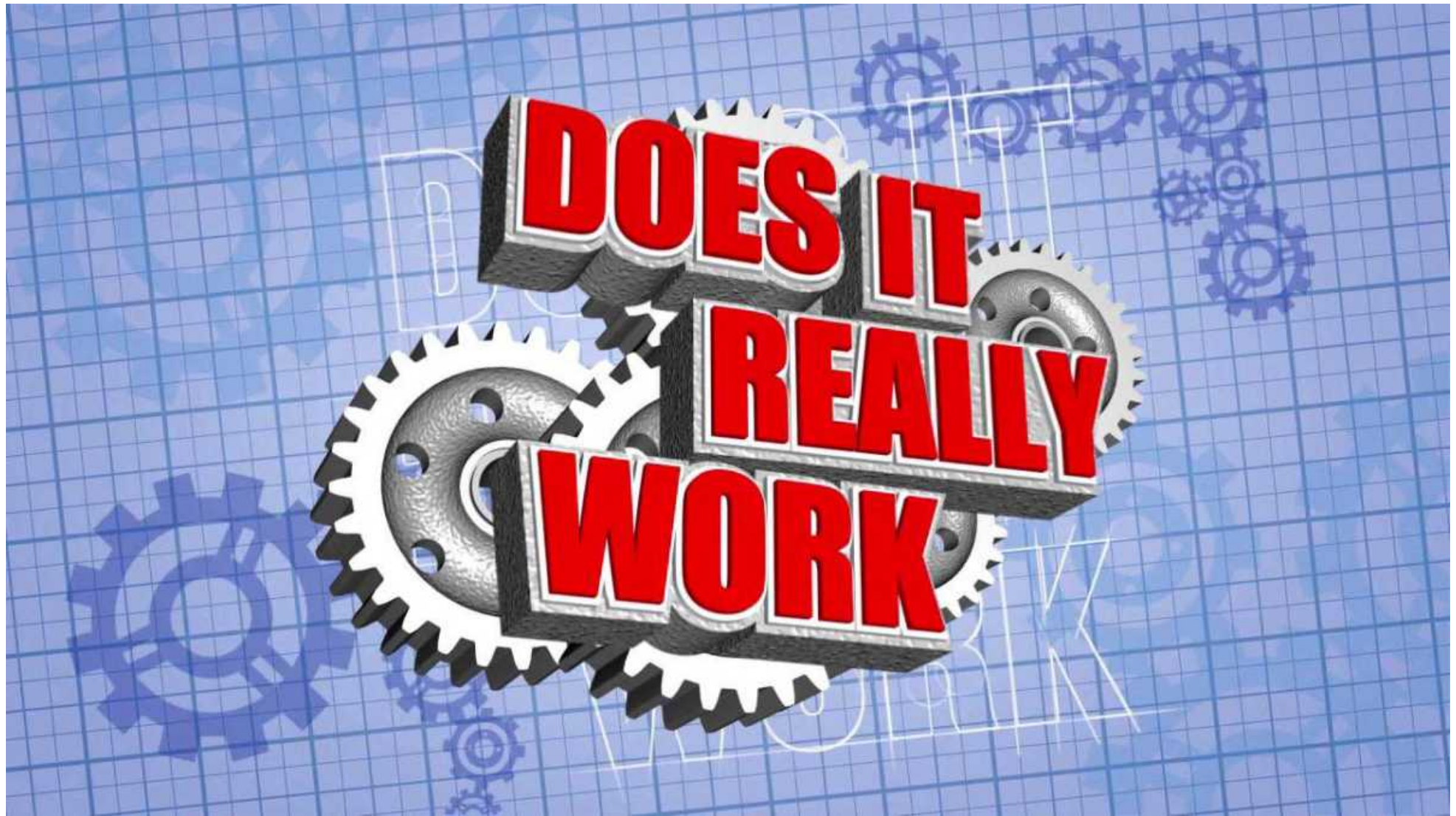
Companies fear rise of fake news and social media rumours

Annual Kroll fraud report finds 84% of businesses feel threatened by digital hearsay



Data gleaned from 588 large companies across 13 countries comes after several corporates suffered at the hands of internet disinformation © AP

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FACEBOOK EXPOSED 87 MILLION USERS TO CAMBRIDGE ANALYTICA



<https://www.wired.com/story/facebook-exposed-87-million-users-to-cambridge-analytica/>

The Fix

Donald Trump will be president thanks to 80,000 people in three states



Donald Trump speaks in Washington in 2014. (Jewel Samad/AFP/Getty Images)



<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-fix/wp/2016/12/01/donald-trump-will-be-president-thanks-to-80000-people-in-three-states/>

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Magazine

The city getting rich from fake news

By Emma Jane Kirby
BBC News

5 December 2016 Magazine



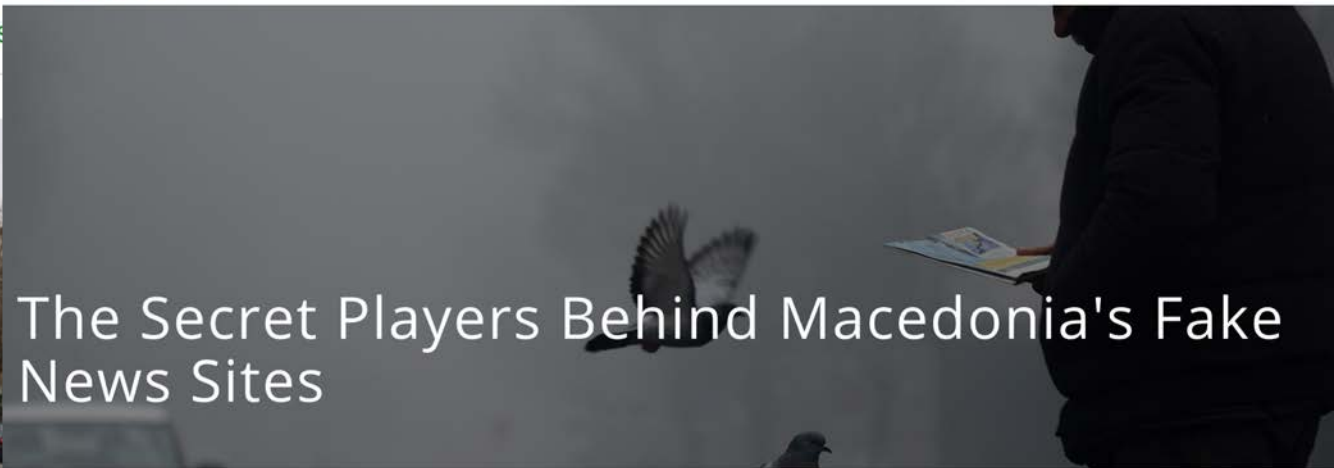
Many of the fake news websites that sprang up during the US election campaign have been traced to a small city in Macedonia, where teenagers are pumping out sensationalist stories to earn cash from advertising.

In today's Magazine

My partner vanished without warning. I had to ...



SPOOKS AND SPIN: INFORMATION WAR IN THE BALKANS · THE SECRET PLAYERS BEHIND MACEDONIA'S FA... f t vk РУССКИ



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A joint investigation by the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP) and partners has uncovered new information that rewrites the story of the fake news boom in the Macedonian town of Veles.

A week before Election Day in 2016, BuzzFeed News revealed that young men and teens in Veles were running over a hundred websites that pumped out often false viral stories that supported Donald Trump.

Media outlets from around the world descended upon Veles to tell the story of how the so-called fake news teens — many of whom had a shaky understanding of English

by **Saska Cvetkovska, Aubrey Belford, Craig Silverman, and J. Lester Feder**
18 July 2018

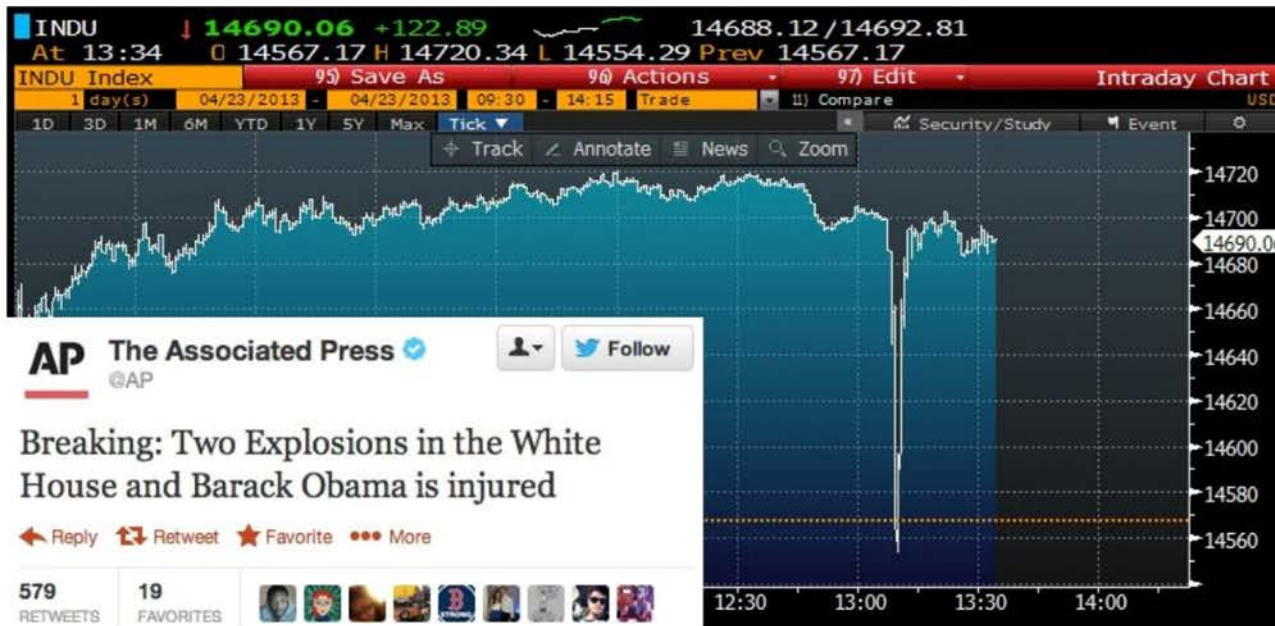


Above: A man reads a magazine near a newsstand in Skopje, Macedonia, 2017.
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Syrian hackers claim AP hack that tipped stock market by \$136 billion. Is it terrorism?

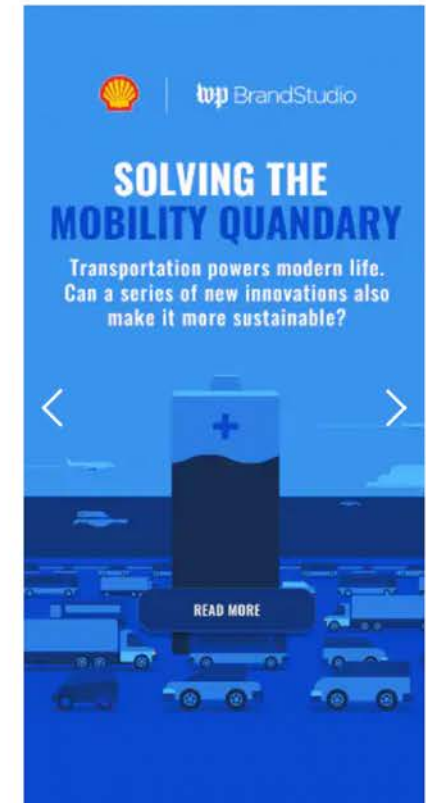
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2013/04/23/syrian-hackers-claim-ap-hack-that-tipped-stock-market-by-136-billion-is-it-terrorism/>

By **Max Fisher**
April 23, 2013



This chart shows the Dow Jones Industrial Average during Tuesday afternoon's drop, caused by a fake A.P. tweet, inset at left.

At 1:07 p.m. on Tuesday, when the official Twitter account of the Associated Press sent a [tweet](#) to its nearly 2 million followers that warned, "Breaking: Two Explosions in the White House and Barack Obama is injured," some of the people who momentarily panicked were apparently on or near the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange.





UNICEF blames anti-vaxxers for the 300% spike in global measles outbreaks

Published: Apr 25, 2019 3:49 p.m. ET



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'The ground for the global measles outbreaks we are witnessing today was laid years ago,' report says



Measles cases have spiked 300% around the world over the past year.

<https://www.marketwatch.com/story/unicef-blames-anti-vaxxers-for-the-300-spike-in-global-measles-outbreaks-2019-04-25>

Measles: Four European nations lose eradication status

<https://www.bbc.com/news/health-49507253>

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Measles has returned to four European nations previously seen as free of the illness, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

The disease is no longer considered eradicated in Albania, the Czech Republic, Greece and the UK.



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Viral WhatsApp Messages Are Triggering Mob Killings In India

July 18, 2018 · 9:12 AM ET

LAUREN FRAYER



<https://www.npr.org/2018/07/18/629731693/fake-news-turns-deadly-in-india>

U.N. Fact Finders Say Facebook Played a 'Determining' Role in Violence Against the Rohingya



<https://time.com/5197039/un-facebook-myanmar-rohingya-violence/>

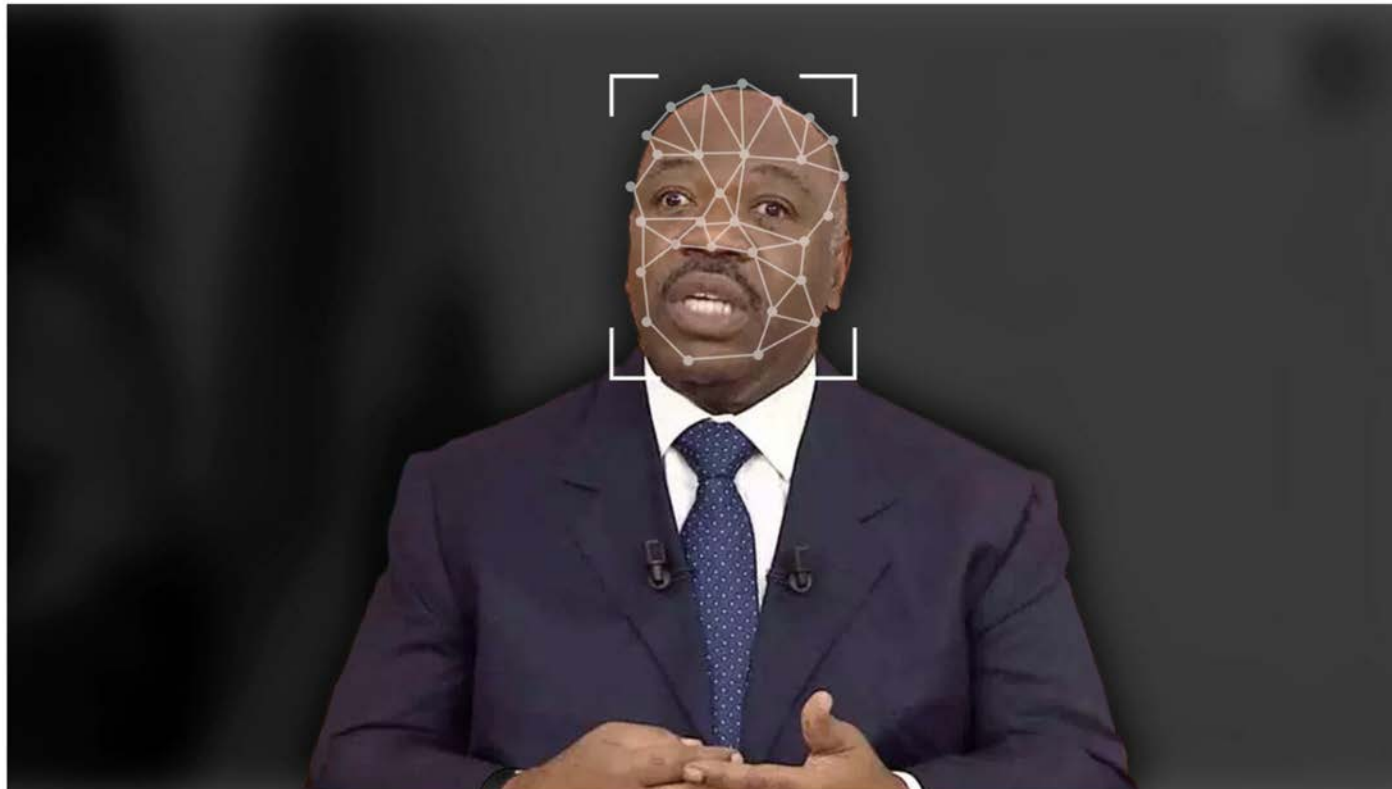
A girl looks out of her tent in the Balukhali refugee camp in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh on Jan. 17, 2018. U.N. fact finders have pointed to the role that hate speech on social media has played in fueling anti-Rohingya sentiment and violence

A Military Coup in Gabon Inspired by a Potential Deepfake Video is Our Political Future



Ty Joplin

Published May 8th, 2019 - 09:54 GMT



Ali Bongo (Youtube, Rami Khoury/Al Bawaba)

A **video** of Gabon's President, Ali Bongo, appeared on Jan 1, 2019, sparking a wave of confused reactions inside the country.

<https://www.albawaba.com/news/military-coup-gabon-inspired-potential-deepfake-video-our-political-future-1284760>



Web creator Tim Berners-Lee blasts Facebook, saying it makes his invention easy to 'weaponize'

Published: Mar 19, 2018 4:40 a.m. ET



On World Wide Web's 29th birthday, Tim Berners-Lee criticizes its "gatekeepers" such as Facebook and suggests more regulation



Getty Images



Computer scientist Tim Berners-Lee, the "father of the World Wide Web."

<https://www.marketwatch.com/story/webs-creator-blasts-the-tech-giants-that-make-his-invention-easy-to-weaponize-2018-03-12>

Can We Win the War on “Fake News”?



Complex Problem, No Easy Solution

- **Need for cooperation**

- social media, technology companies
- governments
- international organizations
- civil society: journalists, fact-checkers, media, NGOs, etc.
- researchers: academia, industry



Finland is winning the war on fake news. What it's learned may be crucial to Western democracy

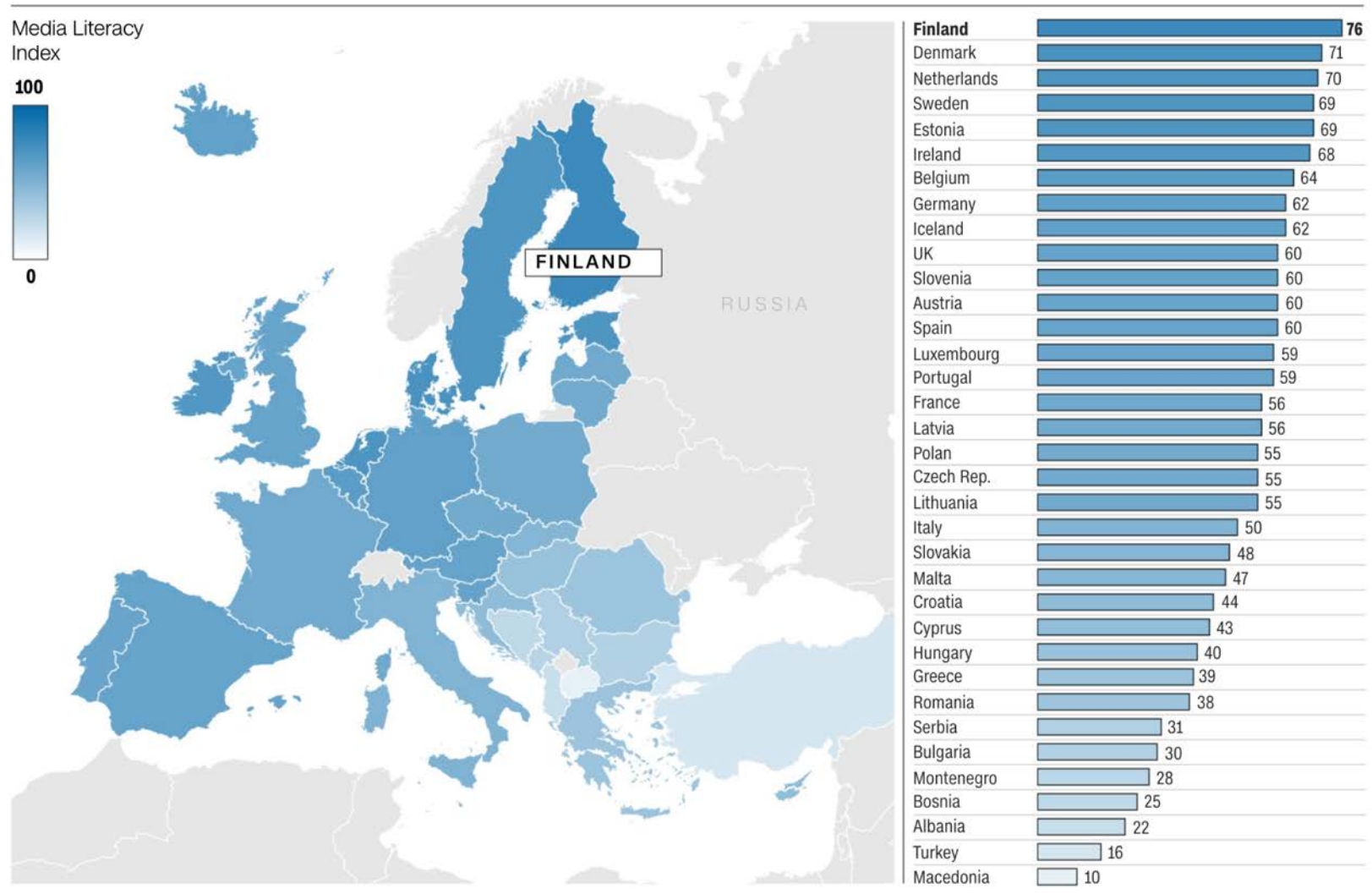
By Eliza Mackintosh, CNN
Video by Edward Kiernan, CNN



<https://edition.cnn.com/interactive/2019/05/europe/finland-fake-news-intl/>

Media literacy across Europe

Finland ranked first out of 35 countries in a study measuring resilience to the post-truth phenomenon



Source: European Policies Initiative, Open Society Institute - Sofia, March 2018
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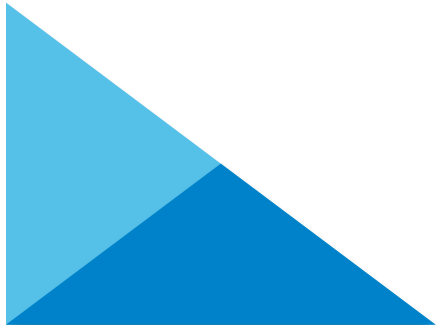
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“Propaganda becomes ineffective the moment we are aware of it.”

Joseph Goebbels (1897-1945)

The Tanbih Mega-Project



The Tanbih Mega-Project



<http://www.tanbih.org>



Highlights:

- **Disinformation-aware news aggregator**
- **Media profiles:** help fact-check the news before it was even written
- **Fine-grained propaganda analysis:** trains people to recognize it

The Tanbih Team at QCRI *(present & past)*



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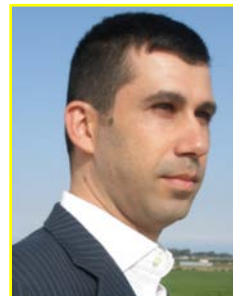
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QCRI-MIT project: Arabic Speech and Language Processing
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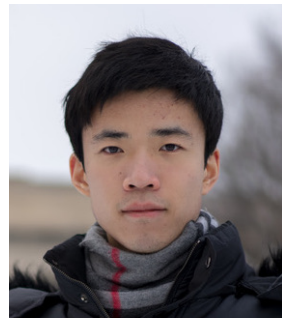
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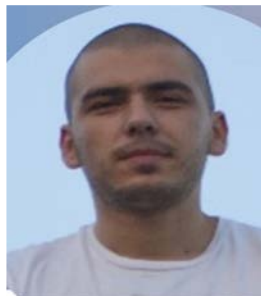
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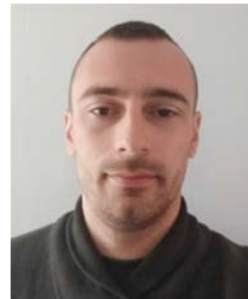
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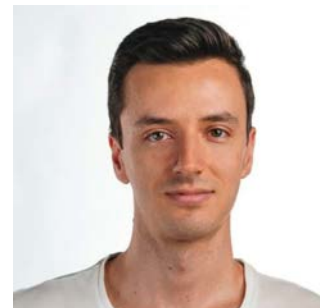
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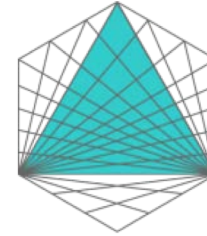


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Media Bias and Factuality of Reporting



Previous Work Focused on Fact-Checking *Claims, Rumors, Articles*



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Following

Am considering taking Tesla private at \$420. Funding secured.

9:48 AM - 7 Aug 2018

'Putin is DEAD' Shock claims Vlad was killed YEARS ago and Russia led by 'body double'

VLADIMIR Putin was killed in a plot by the CIA and MI6 and replaced with a body double who still leads Russia, according to astonishing claims.

During Farewell Address to Armed Forces, Obama URGES Soldiers to Do the Unthinkable to Trump

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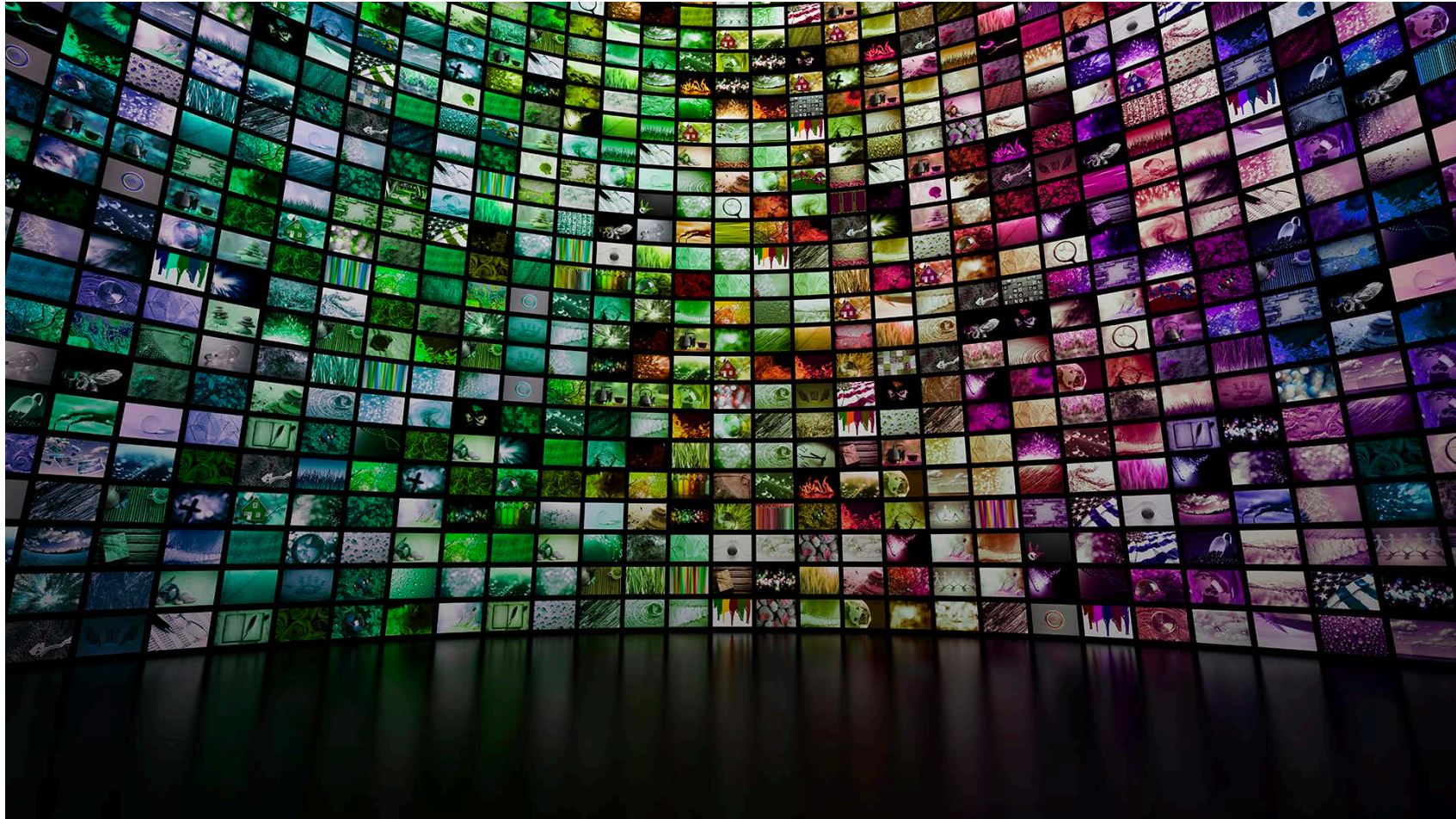
No

Not sure

2,764 Votes · Promoted Content

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But Can We Check All News and All Claims in the World?

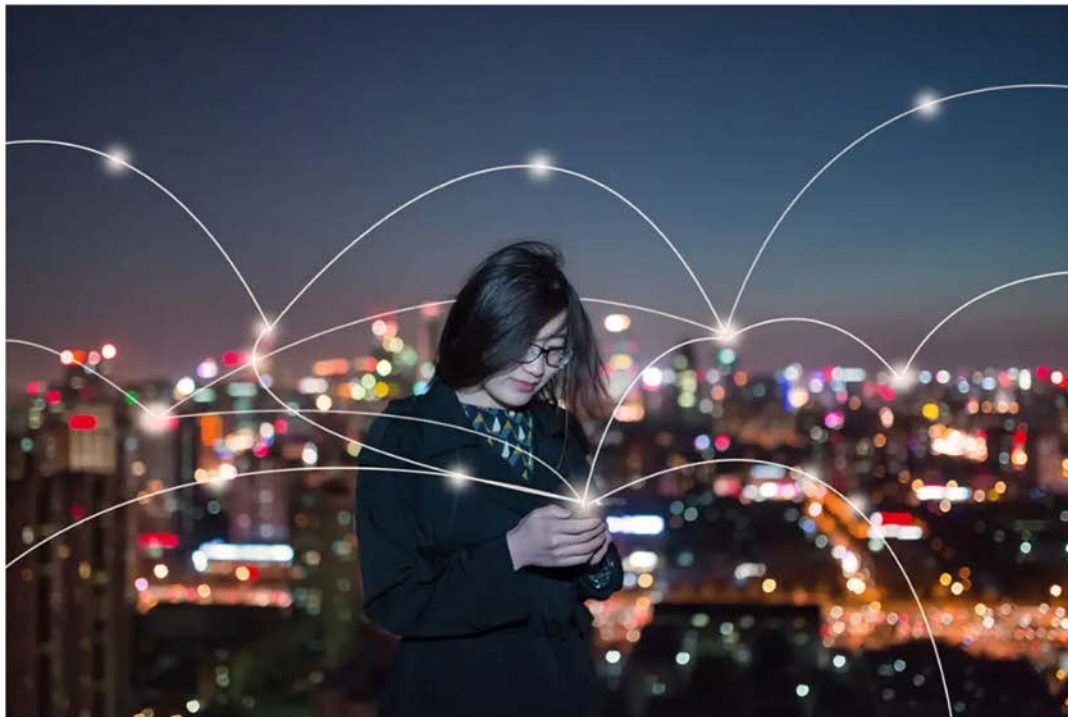


Fake news travels six times faster than the truth on Twitter



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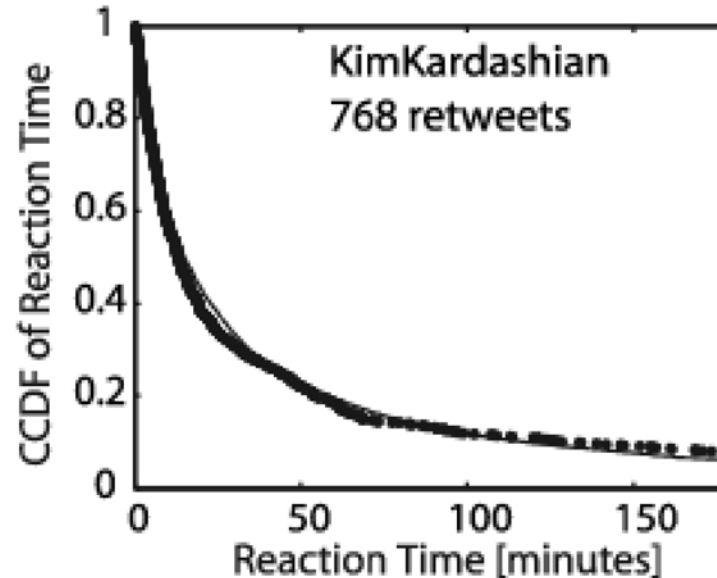
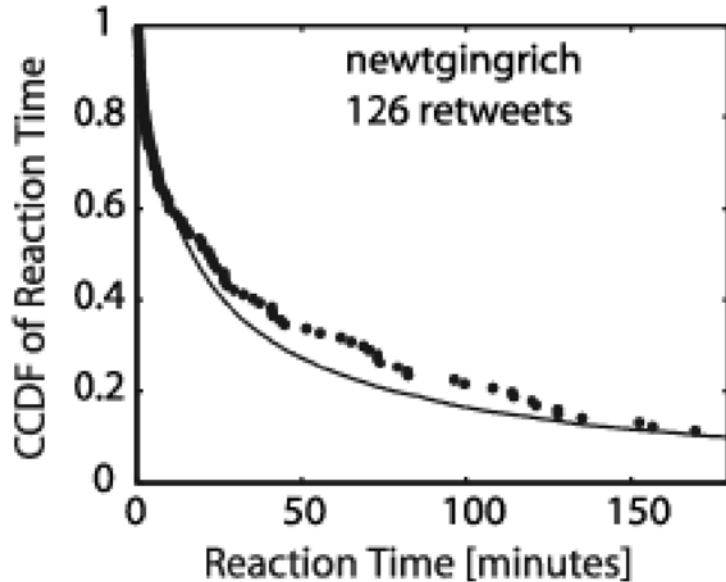
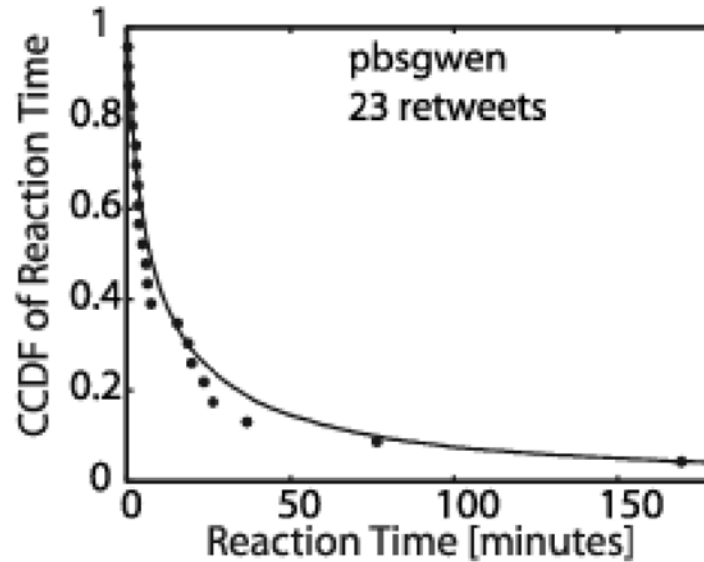
By [Chris Stokel-Walker](#)



News travels fast, especially when it's wrong

<https://www.newscientist.com/article/2163226-fake-news-travels-six-times-faster-than-the-truth-on-twitter/>

**50% of the spread
of "fake news"
on Twitter:
<10 minutes**



Tauhid Zaman, Emily B. Fox, and Eric T. Bradlow
A Bayesian approach for predicting the popularity of
tweets.
Ann. Appl. Stat. 8(3):1583-1611, 2014.
<https://projecteuclid.org/euclid.aoas/1414091226>

Fake News Generation Can be Also Automated

GPT-2: <https://talktotransformer.com>

Custom prompt

The price of oil just hit \$100 per barrel.

GENERATE ANOTHER

Completion

The price of oil just hit \$100 per barrel.

"That's a price that we had not anticipated."

"I think we've got a pretty good idea as to what the market situation is going on," said Mr. Treloar.

"We can tell that the market is still holding at the high end of its range and we think it could continue to drop over the course of the remainder of the year or maybe for the rest of the year."

"We certainly look for oil to be in the \$60s to be around now."

Grover: <https://grover.allenai.org>

Oil is back above \$100. That should shock you into thinking more about energy policy. Or it should, but in fact it doesn't.

Yes, we might turn off the heat if we had to – but there's no way we can walk away from oil. It's an essential part of everyday life in almost all parts of the world.

And so we will continue to pump it. Probably, the oil-supply cartel OPEC (which always has good sense – remember this?).

That's going to be bad news for consumers everywhere, but especially in the energy-importing countries where more than half of our oil imports come from. Some of these markets are in major trouble, including Poland, India, and the East European region, but many other countries – led by Russia, Venezuela,

Iran, and Nigeria – are getting richer and will oil remains affordable.

Take a quiz:

<https://quiz.newsyoucantuse.com/>

We Go After the Source



Search the site



Would you like to retire rich?

Yes

<http://www.angrypatriotmovement.com/>

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**Thus, We Can Detect “Fake News”
Before It Was Even Written!**





"We're OK" says British colleague of eight climbers feared dead in India



1 of 2

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'Nothing Short of Madness': Netanyahu Accused of Trying to Turn Israel Into Iran



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The Most Comprehensive Media Bias Resource



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- SUBMIT FACT CHECK
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- FACTUAL NEWS SEARCH
- FILTERED SEARCH
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LATEST

The Angry Patriot

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QUESTIONABLE SOURCE

<http://www.angrypatriotmovement.com/>

A questionable source exhibits *one or more* of the following: extreme bias, overt propaganda, poor or no sourcing to credible information and/or is fake news. Fake News is the *deliberate attempt* to publish hoaxes and/or disinformation for the purpose of profit or influence ([Learn More](#)). Sources listed in the Questionable Category *may* be very untrustworthy and should be fact checked on a per article basis. Please note sources on this list *are not* considered *fake news* unless specifically written in the notes section for that source. [See all Questionable sources.](#)

Bias: **Extreme Right, Conspiracy, Propaganda, Some Fake News**

Notes: The Angry Patriot is a very right wing biased website with many conspiracies and fake news stories. A very untrustworthy source that was placed on Politifact's [fake news](#) source list. (10/9/2016) Updated (6/20/2017)

UN Says Climate Genocide Is Coming. It's Actually Worse Than That.

By David Wallace-Wells



You now have permission to freak out. Photo: George Rose/Getty Images

New York Magazine

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LEFT BIAS

These media sources are moderately to strongly biased toward liberal causes through story selection and/or political affiliation. They may utilize strong loaded words (wording that attempts to influence an audience by using appeal to emotion or stereotypes), publish misleading reports and omit reporting of information that may damage liberal causes. Some sources in this category may be untrustworthy. [See all Left Bias sources.](#)

Factual Reporting: **HIGH**

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

Doubling Down on Global-Warming Alarmism

By JONATHAN S. TOBIN | October 11, 2018 6:30 AM



Al Gore at a premiere of *An Inconvenient Truth*, Hong Kong

National Review

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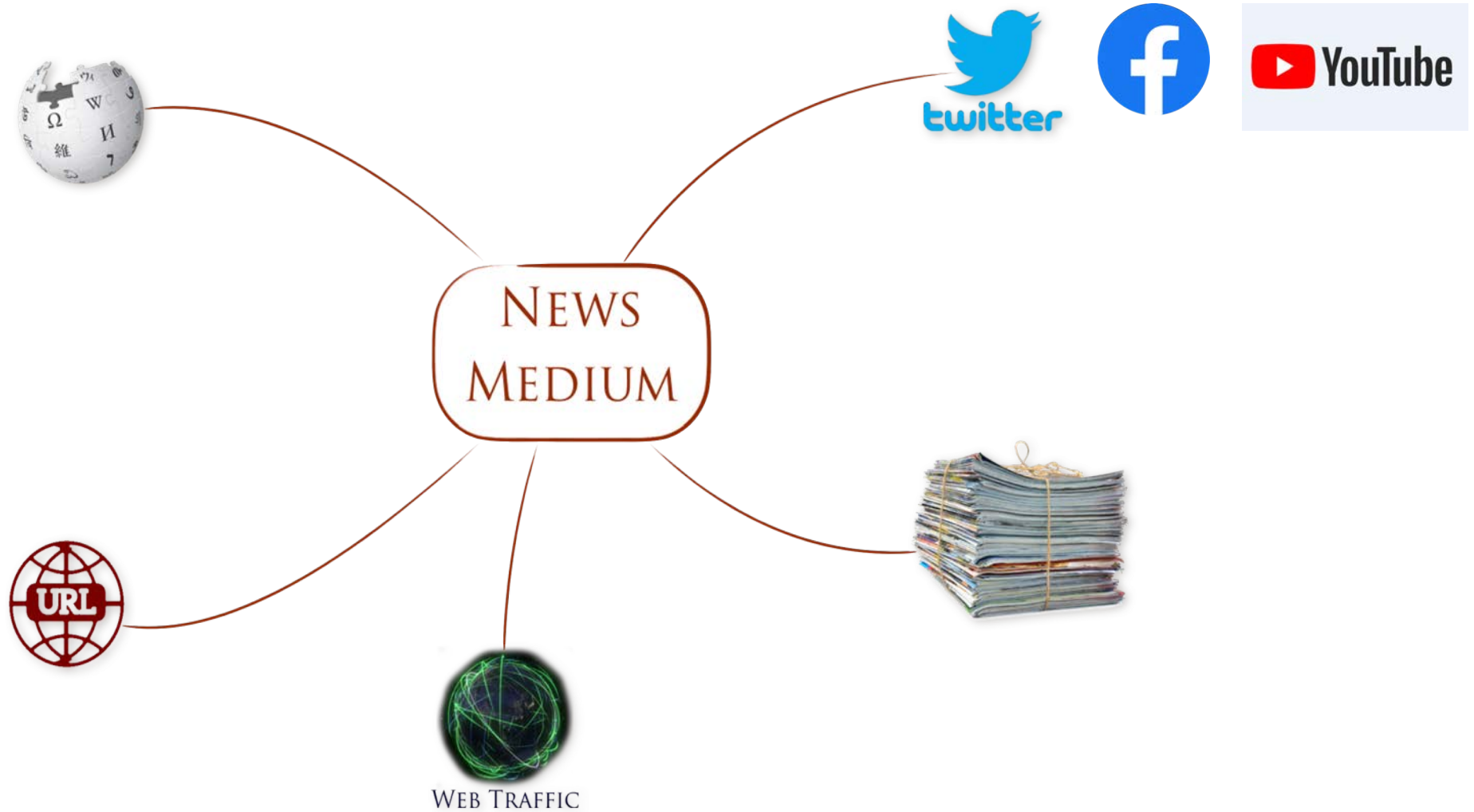
Factual Reporting: **MIXED**

World Press Freedom Rank: **USA 45/180**

Modeling Factuality and Bias

Name	URL	Bias	Factuality
London Web News	<code>londonwebnews.com</code>	Extreme Left	Low
Daily Mirror	<code>www.mirror.co.uk</code>	Left	Mixed
NBC News	<code>www.nbcnews.com</code>	Center-Left	High
Associated Press	<code>apnews.com</code>	Center	Very High
Gulf News	<code>gulfnews.com</code>	Center-Right	High
Russia Insider	<code>russia-insider.com</code>	Right	Mixed
Breitbart	<code>www.breitbart.com</code>	Extreme Right	Low

Modeling Factuality and Bias in the News



Article Features: Title and Body

- **Linguistic structure:** function words, pronouns
- **Sentiment**
- **Bias**
- **Subjectivity**
- **Topic**
- **Text complexity**
- **Morality**

INFOWARS
THE TRUTH ABOUT THE **CRISIS ACTOR** **HOAX** AT PA
MUST go viral! Infowars YouTube to be deleted based on this fraud!

Words associated with fake news outlets

IS A NUKE **FALSE FLAG** BEING PREPARED FOR US
MSM hinting at possible attack

HILLARY CLINTON: DEMONIC WARMONGER
WWIII has a higher chance of occurring with Clinton in The White House

The image shows a screenshot of an Infowars article. The word 'INFOWARS' is in a large, bold, white font on a dark blue background. Below it, the article title is 'THE TRUTH ABOUT THE CRISIS ACTOR HOAX AT PA'. The words 'CRISIS ACTOR' and 'HOAX' are highlighted with red boxes. Below the title, there is a line of text: 'MUST go viral! Infowars YouTube to be deleted based on this fraud!'. A red box labeled 'Words associated with fake news outlets' has arrows pointing to the highlighted words. Below this, another line of text reads 'IS A NUKE FALSE FLAG BEING PREPARED FOR US'. The words 'FALSE FLAG' are highlighted with a red box. Below this, there is another line of text: 'HILLARY CLINTON: DEMONIC WARMONGER'. The words 'DEMONIC WARMONGER' are highlighted with a red box. Below this, there is a final line of text: 'WWIII has a higher chance of occurring with Clinton in The White House'.



Wikipedia Features

- Has Wikipedia page?
- Embedding for the text in
 - Infobox
 - Summary
 - Content
 - Categories
 - Table of Contents

National Review

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

This article is about the American magazine. For other uses, see [National Review \(disambiguation\)](#).

National Review (**NR**) is an American semi-monthly [conservative](#) editorial magazine focusing on news and commentary pieces on political, social, and cultural affairs. The magazine was founded by the author [William F. Buckley Jr.](#) in 1955.^[3] It is currently edited by [Rich Lowry](#).

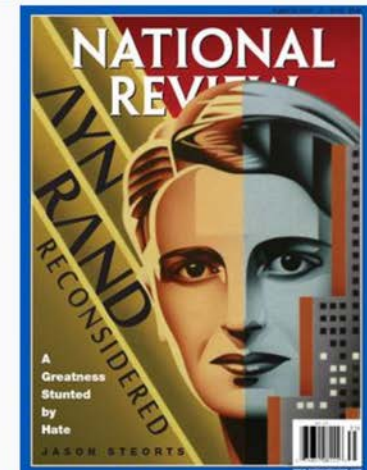
Since its founding, the magazine has played a significant role in the development of [conservatism in the United States](#), helping to define its boundaries^[3] and promoting [fusionism](#) while establishing itself as a leading voice on the [American right](#).^{[3][4][5]}

The online version, **National Review Online**, is edited by [Charles C. W. Cooke](#) and includes free content and articles separate from the print edition.^[6]

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National Review



National Review cover for August 30, 2010

Editor [Rich Lowry](#)
Categories [Editorial magazine](#), [conservatism](#)

Frequency [Bi-monthly](#)

Twitter Features

- **Counts:** friends, statuses, favorites
- **Has Twitter account?**
- **Has location information?**
- **Verified?**
- **Years in existence**
- **Text description**



The screenshot shows the Twitter profile of 'The Angry Patriot' (@loki_jcrusader). The profile picture is a circular image of an eagle with wings spread, set against a background of the American flag. The header shows 645 tweets, 404 following, 333 followers, and 843 likes. A 'Follow' button is visible. The bio reads: 'An Army Combat Vet ('99 to present). NCO. Crusader. Republican. Take back our country. #MAGA America First!'. The location is listed as 'USA' and the account was joined in February 2012. A tweet from Dan Bongino (@dbongino) is featured, dated July 22, with 1.5K replies, 17K retweets, and 44K likes. The tweet text is: 'Dear Media Hacks, Now that the the FISA application has been released, & you've been completely humiliated for promoting the Russian collusion hoax, may I suggest that you all collectively submit letters of resignation? Your reputations are forever tarred. Thanks for considering.' A 'Tweet to The Angry Patriot' button is at the bottom left.

Feature	Value
Tweets	645
Following	404
Followers	333
Likes	843

URL Features

- **Length**
- **Use of special characters**
 - digits
 - dashes
 - underscores
- **Use of https**
- **Is it hosted on a blog platform?**
- **Can the URL be chopped into meaningful words?**
- **What is the top-level domain?**

<http://www.angrypatriotmovement.com/>

<http://alternativemediasyndicate.com>

<http://100percentfedup.com/>

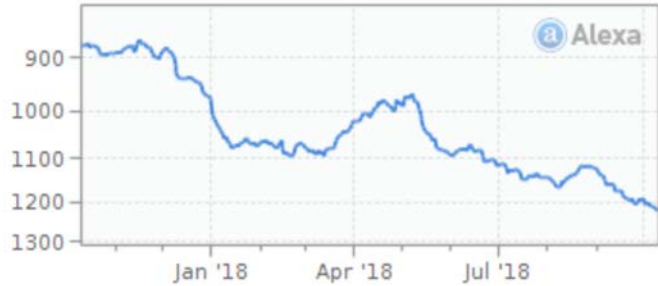
<http://abcnews.com.co>

Web Traffic Features

How popular is abcnews.go.com?

Alexa Traffic Ranks

How is this site ranked relative to other sites?



Global Rank [?]
🌐 1,220 ▼ 92

Rank in United States [?]
🇺🇸 324

How popular is abcnews.com.co?

Alexa Traffic Ranks

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Global Rank [?]
🌐 2,767,435 ▼ 664,690



Youtube Features

<https://youtube-politics.herokuapp.com/media/the-patriot-post>

YouTube Politics Media Annotate About

Search...

The Patriot Post



Breitbart's Ben Shapiro Gives CNN's Piers Morgan a Smackdown

COMPLETE Ben Shapiro CUTS Piers Morgan DOWN

YouTube

Bias distribution



Video stats

Views 2087

Likes 35

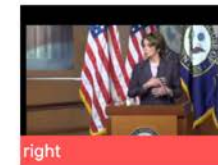
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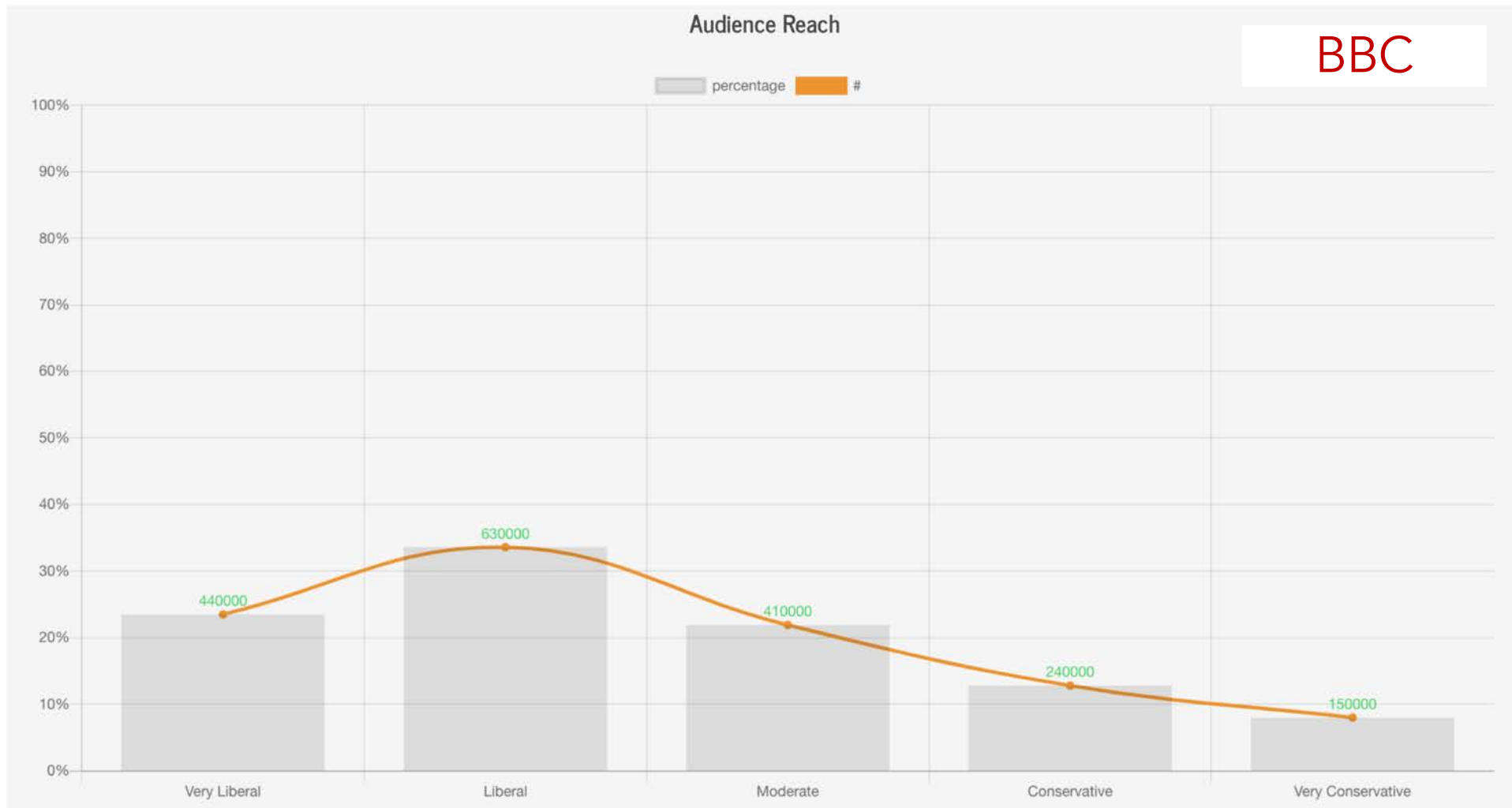
Speech episodes



Analyzed videos

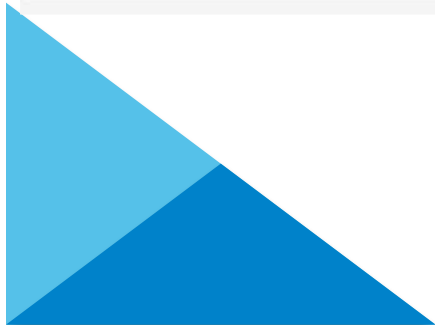


Audience Reach (in Facebook)



Audience Bias (in Twitter)

Twitter User Based Bias Prediction					BBC
	Far Left	Left	Center	Right	Far Right
Climate Change		●			
Gun Control		●			
Ilhan Omar	●				
Immigration	●				
US Mid-term Elections 2018			●		
Police Racism		●			
Kavanaugh Nomination		●			



Factuality of Reporting

	Source (Features)	Dim.	Macro F_1	Accuracy	MAE
1	Majority class baseline	–	21.0	46.0	0.813
2	Baly et al. (2018)	764	62.2	65.9	0.420
3	Articles (NELA)	141	56.6	61.0	0.486
4	Articles (BERT)	768	63.5	66.4	0.390
5	Articles (Articles Agg.)	2	53.9	68.1	0.371
6	Articles (NELA, BERT + Articles Agg.)	911	79.8	80.1	0.222
7	Wikipedia (BERT)	768	49.6	55.5	0.597
8	Twitter (Media Profiles)	779	48.2	53.1	0.653
9	Twitter (Followers)	768	55.5	59.7	0.551
10	YouTube (Metadata + Text + Acoustics)	2,186	34.3	47.3	0.780
11	Facebook (Audience ideology)	6	23.9	47.1	0.804
12	All Social Media (lines 8–11)	3,739	56.5	60.7	0.518
13	All Sources (lines 6–11)	5,418	77.6	77.9	0.246

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Media Bias: left-center-right

Source (Features)	Approaches	Macro F_1	Accuracy	MAE
-	Majority class baseline	24.5	37.1	0.689
	Baly et al. (2018)	62.2	65.9	0.420
All Social Media	Single classifier	65.5	68.0	0.437
	Ensemble 1	67.8	71.3	0.381
	Ensemble 2	69.6	71.8	0.364
	Ensemble 2 (weighted)	72.1	74.3	0.334
All Social Media + Articles	Single classifier	75.0	75.9	0.326
	Ensemble 1	74.4	77.4	0.304
	Ensemble 2	75.7	78.7	0.276
	Ensemble 2 (weighted)	79.8	81.5	0.243
All Social Media + Articles + Wikipedia	Single classifier	75.2	76.6	0.313
	Ensemble 1	77.0	79.1	0.290
	Ensemble 2	75.8	78.8	0.278
	Ensemble 2 (weighted)	80.3	81.9	0.238

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Non-English Media Profiling

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Süddeutsche Zeitung


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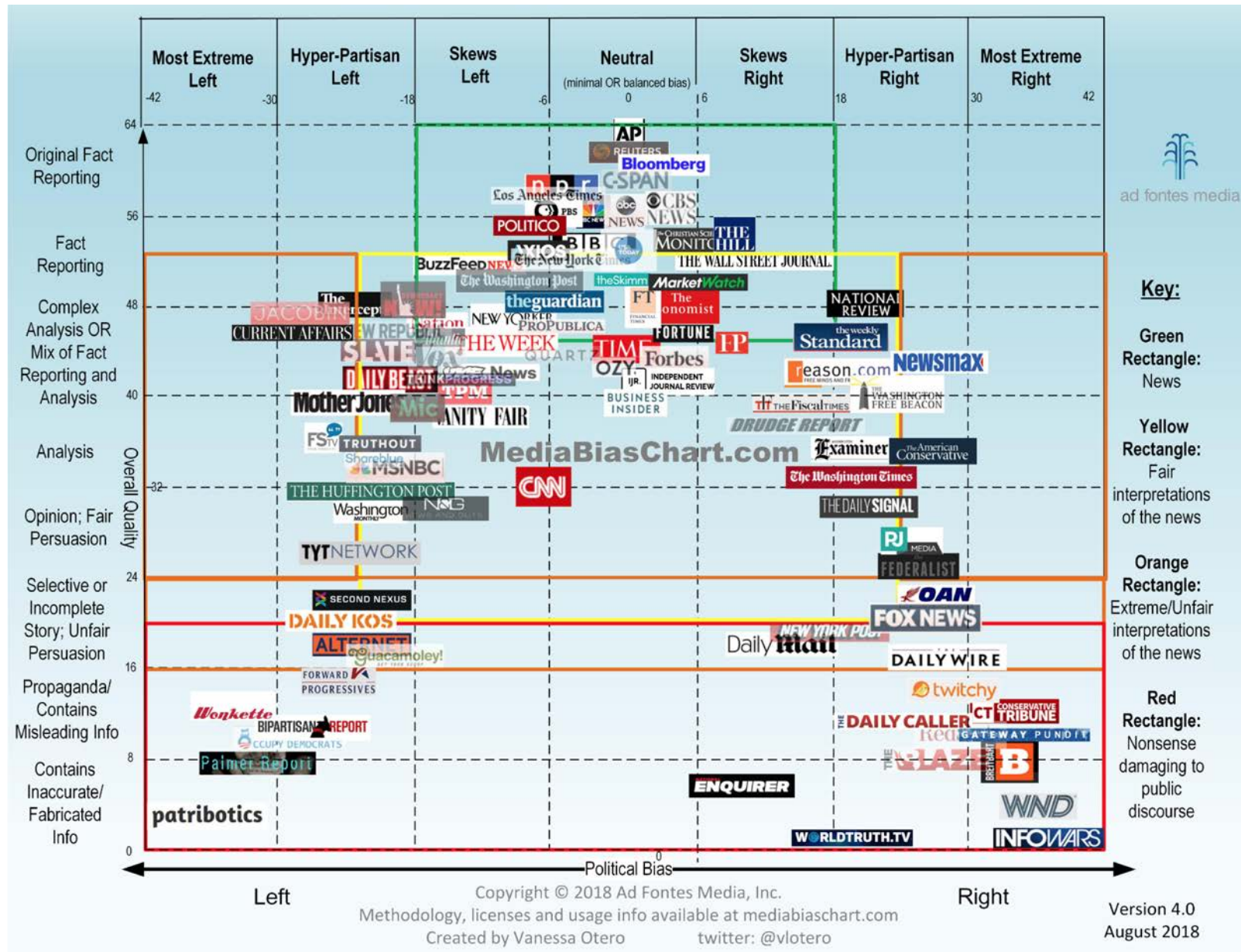
When Left Is Right: Party Ideology and Policy in Post-Communist Europe

MARGIT TAVITS *Washington University in St. Louis*
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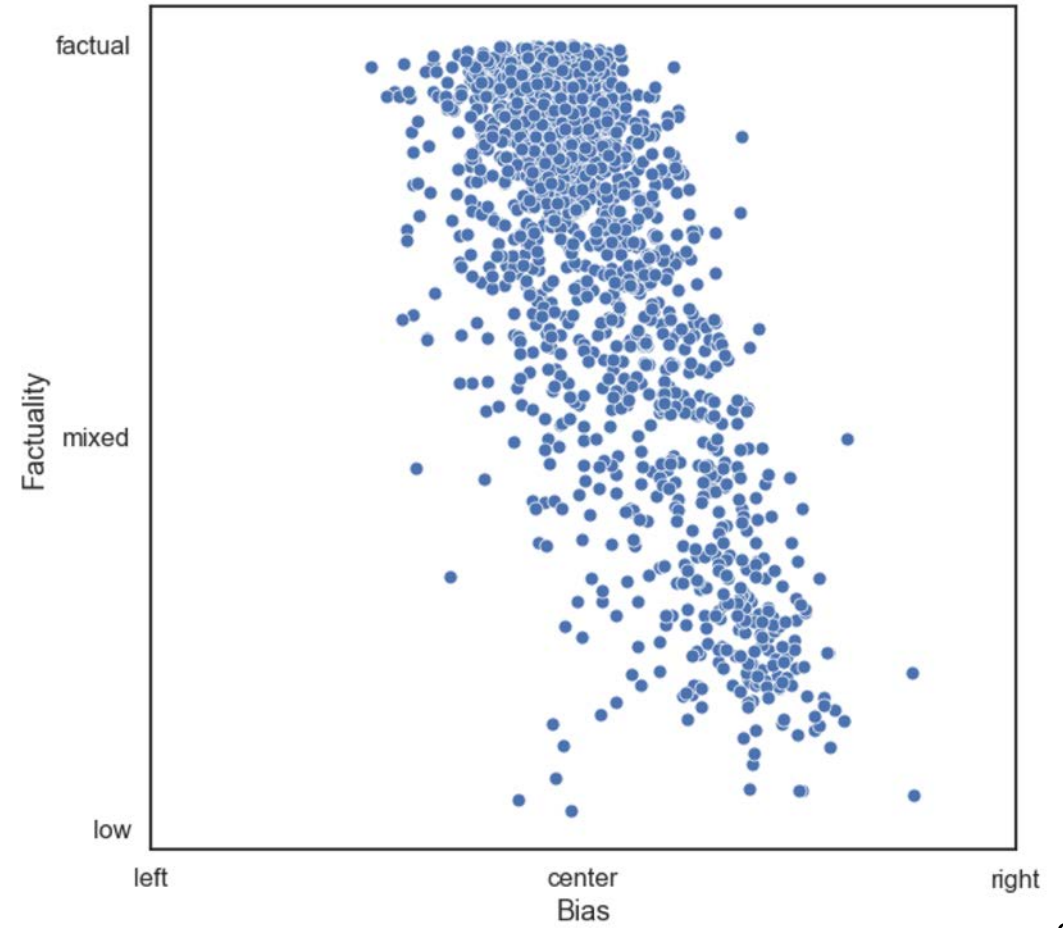
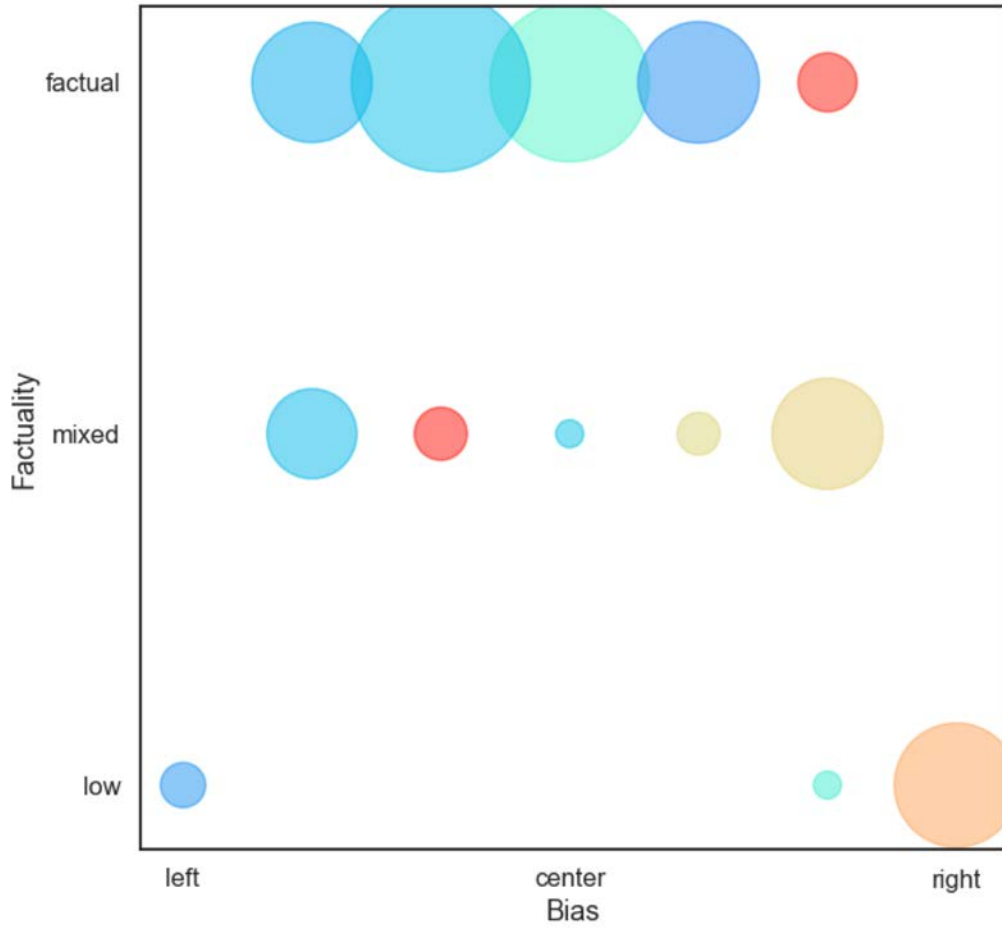
According to the classic partisan theory of spending, leftist parties are expected to increase government spending, and rightist parties are expected to decrease it. We argue that this relationship does not hold in post-Communist countries, where in the context of dual transition to democracy and to a market economy, leftist parties have had stronger incentives and better opportunities to enact tighter budgets, whereas rightist parties were compelled to spend more in order to alleviate economic hardships. We illustrate this theoretical argument with case studies from Hungary and Poland. We then test and find support for our theory by considering the influence of cabinet ideology on total, health, and education spending in thirteen post-Communist democracies from 1989 to 2004. We explore various alternative explanations and provide further narratives to support our causal argument.

The traditional partisan theory of policy outcomes predicts that left wing and right wing parties propose and adopt drastically different budgets. Because the Left prefers more government control of the economy and the Right advocates reliance on the market, leftist governments are expected to produce a bigger government in general and increased welfare (including health and education) spending in particular than rightist parties. The empirical research on advanced, mostly Western European democracies generally supports this theory (see, e.g., Alesina and Roubini

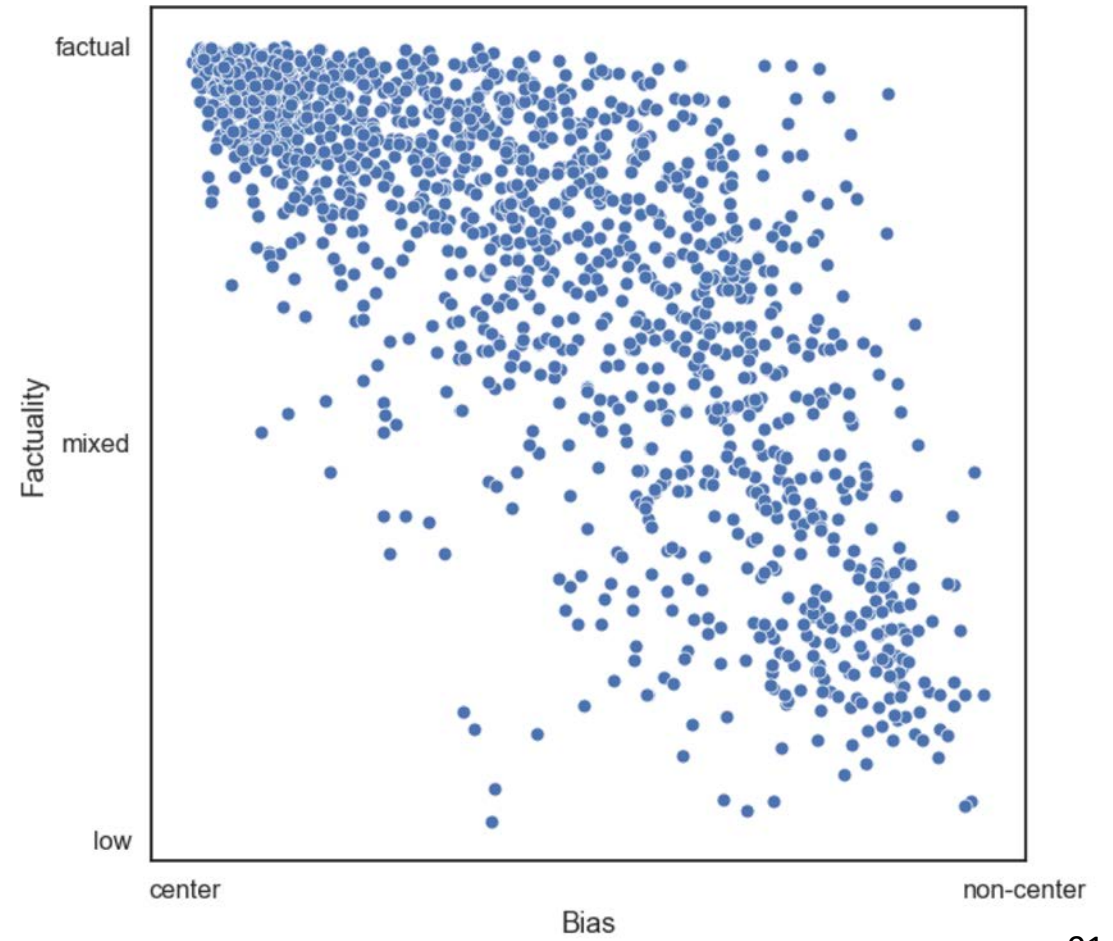
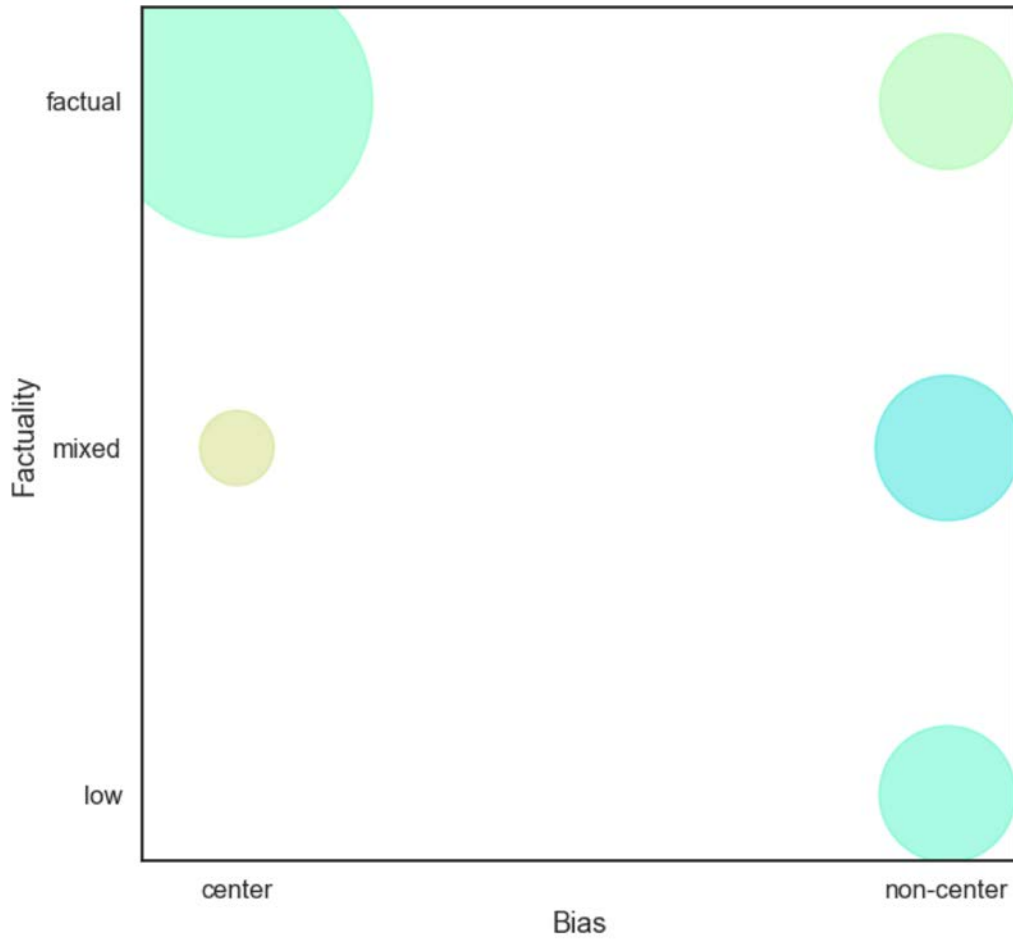
not only did leftist parties have an incentive to pursue rightist economic policies, but they also had better opportunities to do so. Leftist parties could count on a loyal electorate, and therefore, policy reversals did not constitute a major threat to the stability of their electoral base. Their voter loyalty resulted from three reasons: (1) the traditional pro-welfare image of leftist parties provided a safeguard against voter punishment because budget cuts by the Left, unlike those by the Right, could be interpreted as absolutely essential; (2) leftist parties in the region were much more consci-



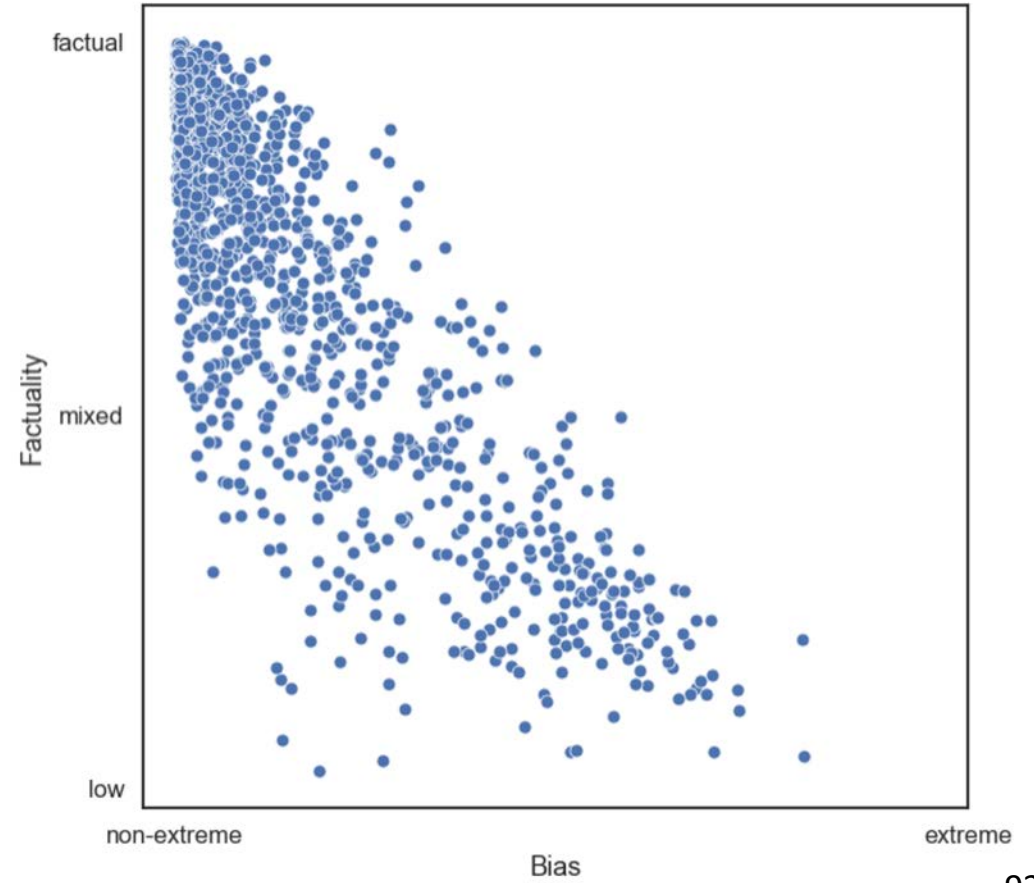
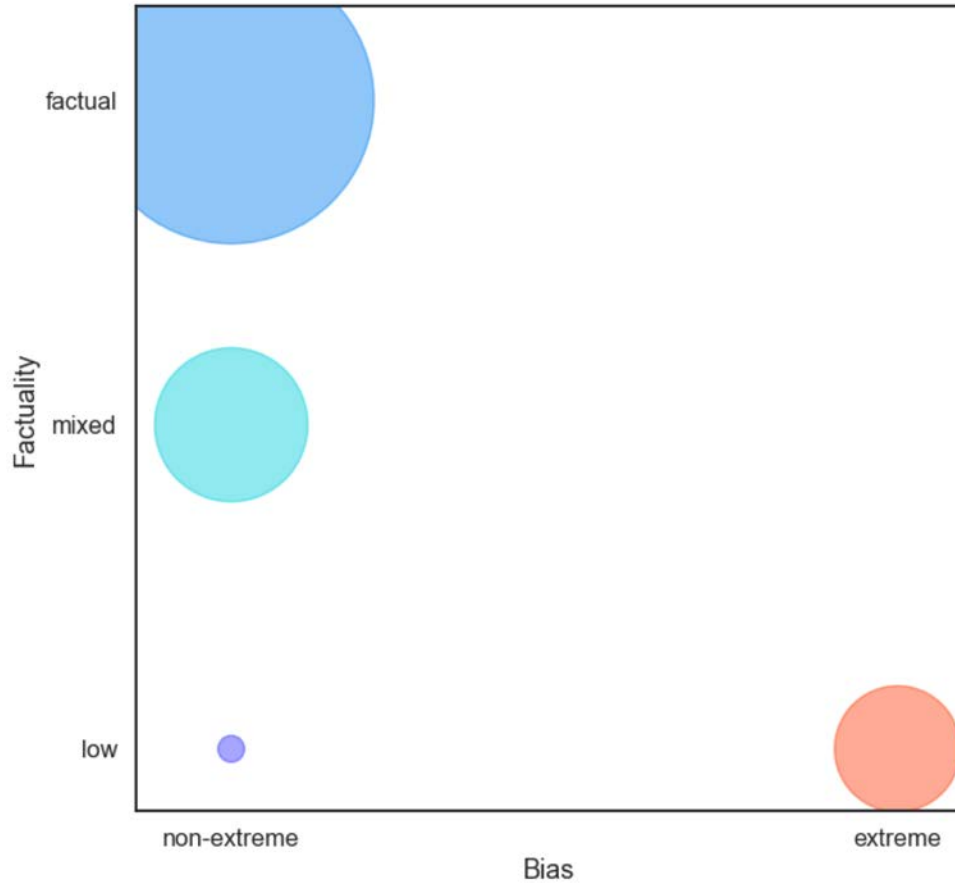
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Center vs. Non-Center

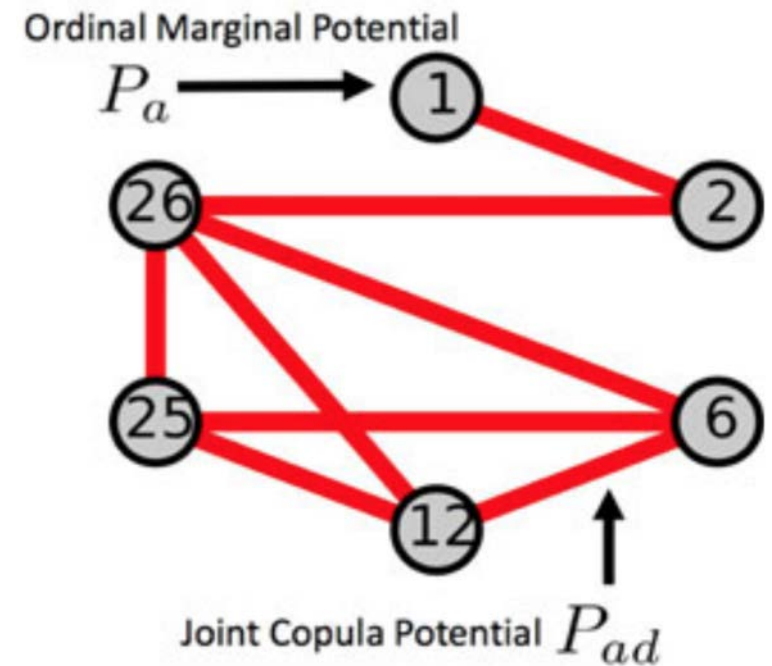


Hyper-Partisanship



Multitask Ordinal Regression for Factuality & Bias

- **Ordinal regression**
- **Learn jointly**
 - Factuality
 - Left-center-right bias
 - 7-point
 - 5-point
 - 3-point
 - Centrality
 - Hyper-partisanship

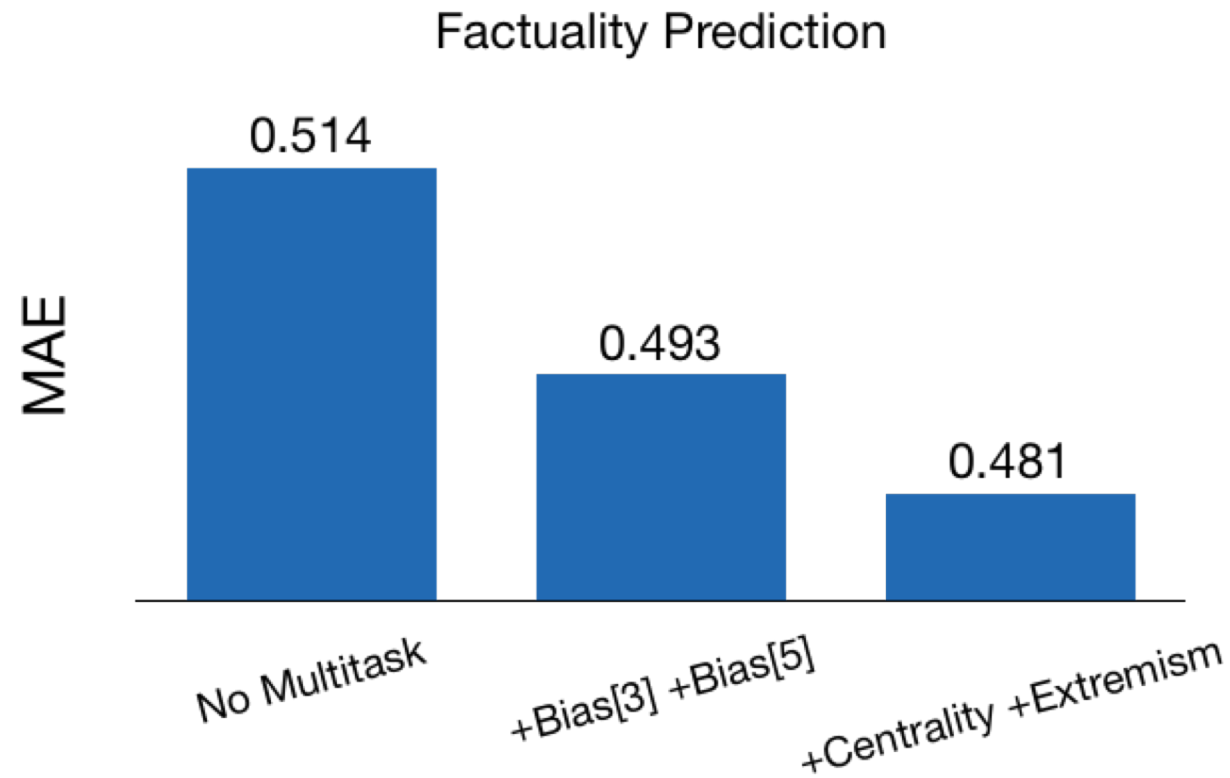


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(Submitted on 2 Oct 2018)

We present a study on predicting the factuality of reporting and bias of news media. While previous work has focused on studying the veracity of claims or documents, here we are interested in characterizing entire news media. These are under-studied but arguably important research problems, both in their own right and as a prior for fact-checking systems. We experiment with a large list of news websites and with a rich set of features derived from (i) a sample of articles from the target news medium, (ii) its Wikipedia page, (iii) its Twitter account, (iv) the structure of its URL, and (v) information about the Web traffic it attracts. The experimental results show sizable performance gains over the baselines, and confirm the importance of each feature type.

Comments: Fact-checking, political ideology, news media, EMNLP-2018

Subjects: **Information Retrieval (cs.IR)**; Machine Learning (cs.LG); Machine Learning (stat.ML)

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Detecting fake news at its source

Machine learning system aims to determine if an information outlet is accurate or biased.

MACHINES

Facebook might be eager to get its hands on this latest ‘fake news’ AI

by *Colm Gorey*

4 OCT 2018

195 VIEWS

Intelligent Machines

Even the best AI for spotting fake news is still terrible

It should be possible to automatically identify dubious news sources—but we’ll need a lot more data.

MIT ALLIES WITH ISLAMIC TERROR STATE TO CENSOR CONSERVATIVES

October 9, 2018 Daniel Greenfield



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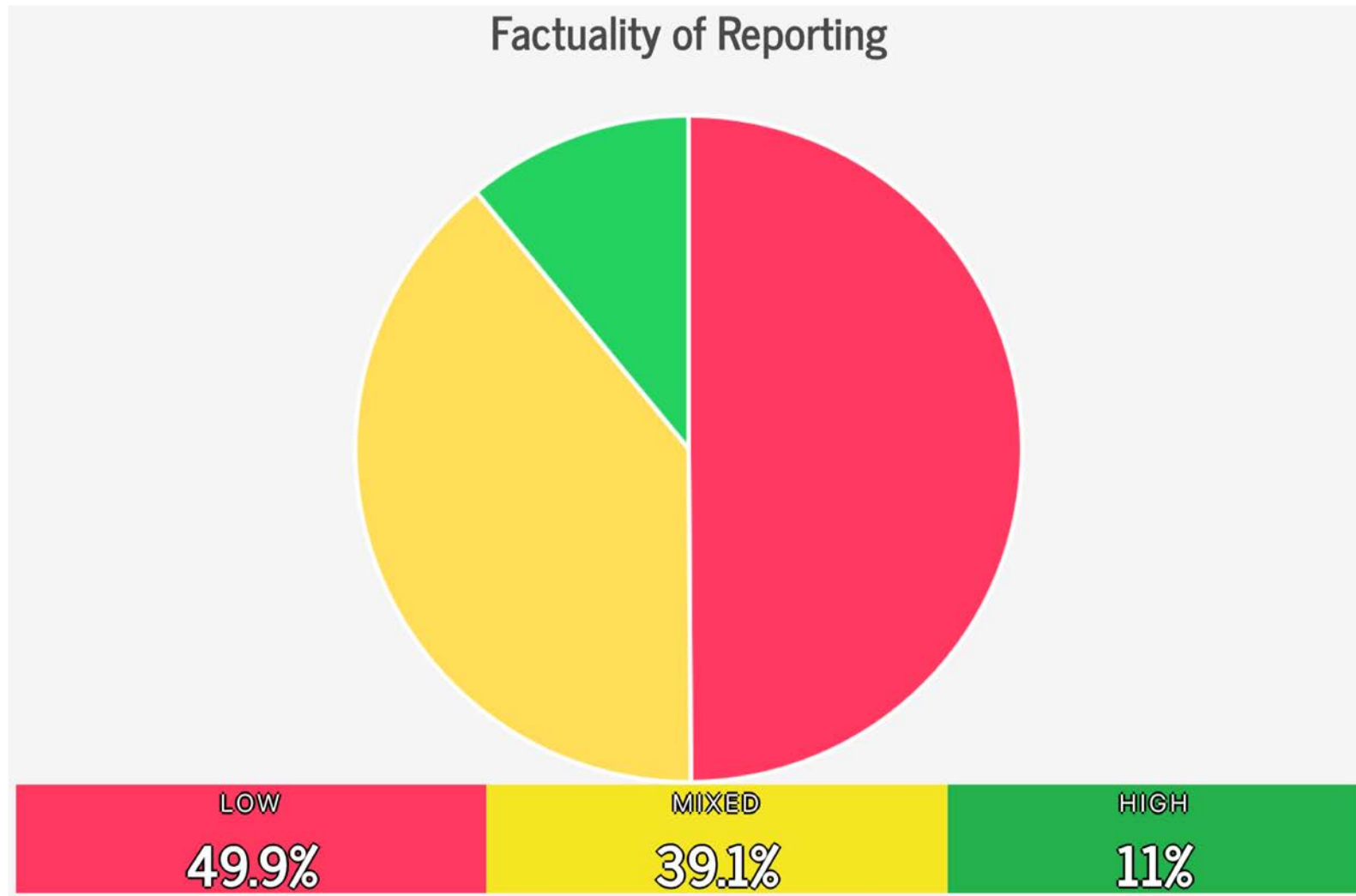
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Our Analysis of the Previous Medium (in Tanbih)



In Media Bias/Fact Check



QUESTIONABLE SOURCE

Reasoning: **Extreme Right, Hate Group**

Notes: *FrontPage Magazine* is an online conservative political website, edited by David Horowitz and published by the *David Horowitz Freedom Center*, a non-profit organization in Los Angeles, California. This source has a pretty strong right wing bias in reporting that often is negative toward minorities and Islam. Frontpage Magazine is also listed on the *Islamophobia Network*. The Southern Poverty Law Center has this magazine labeled as an *anti-Muslim*. (10/7/2016) Updated (D. Van Zandt 7/19/2017)

Propaganda



Why Propaganda?

- “Expression **deliberately** designed to **influence** the opinions /actions of other individuals or groups with reference to predetermined ends.”

Institute for Propaganda Analysis

- “ · The rise of the Internet [...] has opened the **creation and dissemination of propaganda messages**, which were once the province of states and large institutions, to a **wide variety of individuals and groups.**”

(· Bolsover and Howard, Big

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DAILY NEWS

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NEW YORK'S HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

NYDailyNews.com

THE EVIL HAS LANDED



Mahmud Ahmad Rajad

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EDITORIAL
PAGE 22

WOULD YOU VOTE FOR
CLINTON AS PRESIDENT?

57%

SAY YES

WASHINGTON POST/ABC NEWS POLL — NOV 28 DEC 2, 2012





Bandwagon: "Attempting to persuade the target audience to join in and take the course of action because "everyone else is taking the same action".



"We are in the middle of the sixth mass extinction, with more than 200 species getting extinct every day"

Greta Thunberg



"We are in the middle of the sixth mass extinction, with more than 200 species getting extinct every day"

Greta Thunberg

Appeal to Fear

BLOG

Qatar spending profusely on Neymar, not fighting terrorism

AUGUST 9, 2017

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Demo: Proppy

<http://proppy.qcri.org>

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The propaganda analyzer

List of the last 24 hours' events:

- Malaysian ex-PM Najib hit with 25 new charges over 1MDB scandal
- Air pressure error causes mass bleeding on India flight
- North Dakota man rescues animals from Hurricane Florence
- Japan eager to get in on rise of 'flying cars'
- Abbas to hold meeting with ministers, diplomats in New York
- Trump blames OPEC for rising oil prices, says U.S. 'will remember'
- New James Bond movie to be directed by Cary Joji Fukunaga

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estimated amount of propagandistic content

Malaysian ex-PM Najib hit with 25 new charges over 1MDB scandal
Kuala Lumpur, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia --2018-09-20

Malaysia's former Prime Minister Najib Razak has been hit with 25 new corruption charges linked to the 1MDB scandal. The new charges include four counts of abuse of power and 21 counts of money laundering over hundreds of millions of dollars of fund..

Source:www.aljazeera.com

Najib faces 25 charges linked to \$681m in 1MDB case | Bangkok Post: news
British Virgin Islands --2018-09-13

Former Malaysian prime minister Najib Razak (centre) arrives at the High Court in Kuala Lumpur on Thursday. (EPA-EFE photo) KUALA LUMPUR: Former Malaysian premier Najib Razak seeks trial for charges linked to \$681 million that appeared in his persona..

Source:www.bangkokpost.com

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labeling
causal oversimplification
appeal to authority
name calling
obfuscation
loaded language

Fine-Grained Propaganda Detection

1	Manchin says Democrats acted like Stereotyping_name_calling_or_labeling babies at the SOTU
2	Democrat West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin says his colleagues' refusal to stand or applaud during President Donald Trump's State of the Union speech was disrespectful and a signal that Black-and-white_Fallacy the party is more concerned with obstruction than it is with progress.
4	In a Loaded_language glaring sign of just how stupid and petty things have become in Washington these days, Manchin was invited on Fox News Tuesday morning to discuss how he was one of the only Democrats in the chamber for the State of the Union speech Exaggeration not looking as though Trump killed his grandma. Loaded_language
6	As Manchin noted, many Democrats bolted as soon as Trump's speech ended in an apparent effort to signal Exaggeration they can't even stomach being in the same room as the president

New Dataset

- 18 techniques
- 350k words
- 400 man hours
- 7.3k instances

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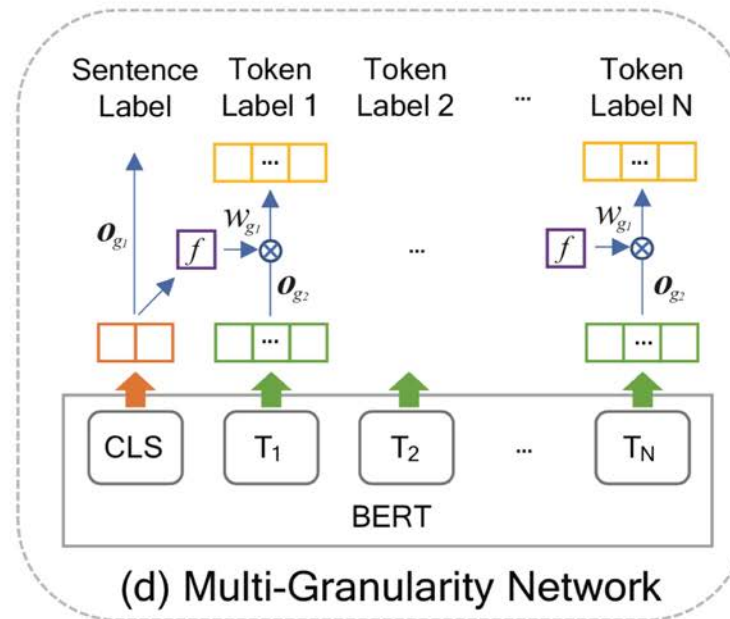
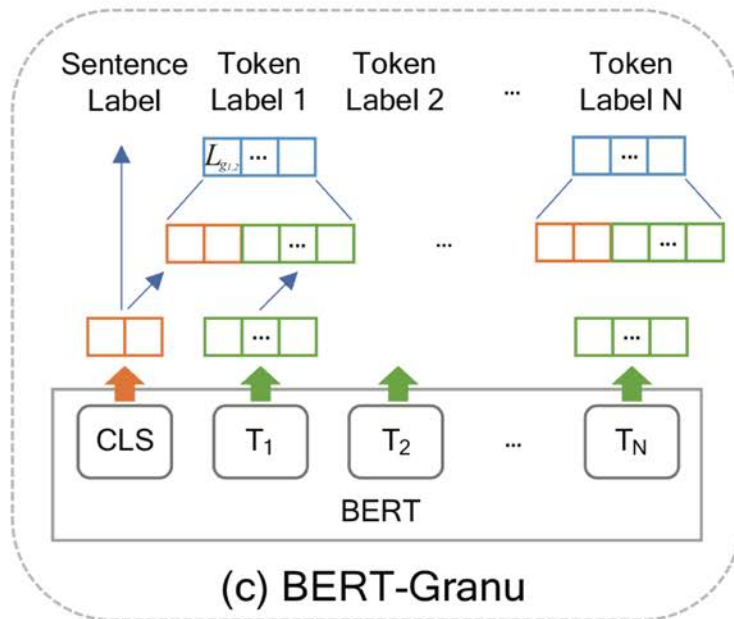
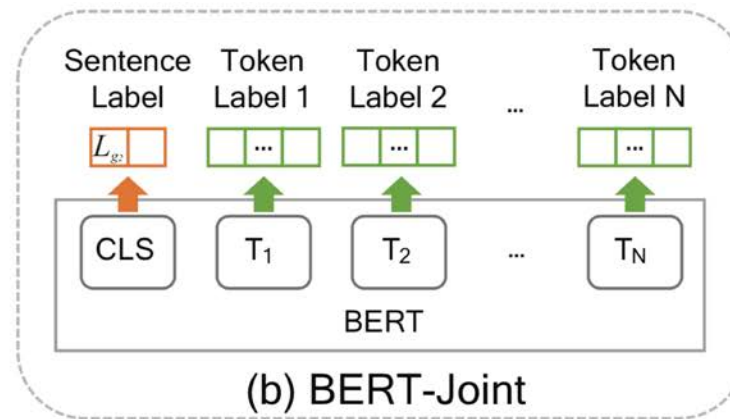
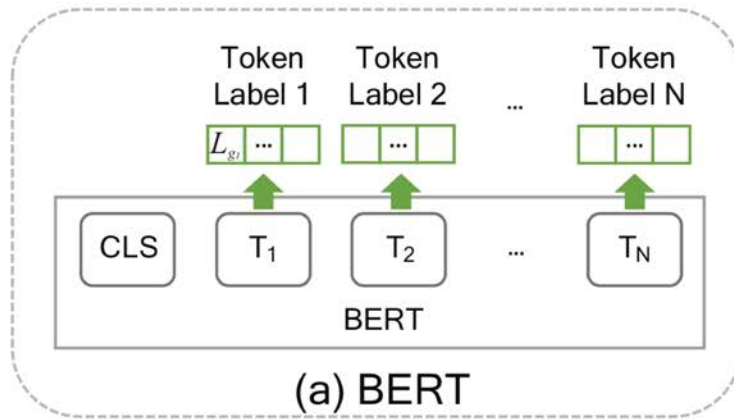
Technique • Snippet

loaded language • until forced to act by **a worldwide storm of outrage.**
name calling, labeling • dismissing the protesters as **lefties** and hugging Barros publicly
repetition • Farrakhan repeatedly refers to Jews as **Satan**. He states to his audience [...] call them by their real name, **'Satan.'**
exaggeration, minimization • heal the situation of **extremely grave** immoral behavior
doubt • **Can the same be said for the Obama Administration?**
appeal to fear/prejudice • **A dark, impenetrable and irreversible winter of persecution of the faithful by their own shepherds will fall.**
flag-waving • conflicted, and **his 17 Angry Democrats that are doing his dirty work are a disgrace to USA!**—Donald J. Trump
flag-waving • attempt (Mueller) **to stop the will of We the People!!!** It's time to jail Mueller
causal oversimplification • he said **The people who talk about the "Jewish question" are generally anti-Semites.** Somehow I don't think
causal oversimplification • will not be reversed, **which leaves no alternative as to why God judges and is judging America today**
slogans • **BUILD THE WALL!"** Trump tweeted.
appeal to authority • **Monsignor Jean-Francois Lantheaume, who served as first Counsellor of the Nunciature in Washington, confirmed that "Vigan said the truth. Thats all"**
black-and-white fallacy • Francis said these words: **Everyone is guilty for the good he could have done and did not do ...If we do not oppose evil, we tacitly feed it.**
thought-terminating cliches • **I do not really see any problems there.** Marx is the President
whataboutism • President Trump—**who himself avoided national military service** in the 1960's— keeps beating the war drums over North Korea
reductio ad hitlerum • "Vichy journalism," a term which now fits so much of the mainstream media. **It collaborates in the same way that the Vichy government in France collaborated with the Nazis.**
red herring • It describes the tsunami of vindictive personal abuse that has been heaped upon Julian from well-known journalists, many claiming liberal credentials. The Guardian, **which used to consider itself the most enlightened newspaper in the country,** has probably been the worst.
bandwagon • He tweeted, "**EU no longer considers # Hamas a terrorist group. Time for US to do same."**
obfusc., int. vagueness, confusion • **The cardinal's office maintains that rather than saying "yes," there is a possibility of liturgical "blessing" of gay unions, he answered the question in a more subtle way without giving an explicit "yes."**
straw man • "Take it seriously, but with a large grain of salt." **Which is just Allen's more nuanced way of saying: "Don't believe it."**

Propagandistic News Outlets and Number of Articles

News Outlet	#	News Outlet	#
Freedom Outpost	133	The Remnant Magazine	14
Frontpage Magazine	56	Breaking911	11
shtfplan.com	55	truthuncensored.net	8
Lew Rockwell	26	The Washington Standard	6
vdare.com	20	www.unz.com	5
remnantnewspaper.com	19	www.clashdaily.com	1
Personal Liberty	18		

Propaganda Technique	inst	avg. length
loaded language	2,547	23.70 ± 25.30
name calling, labeling	1,294	26.10 ± 19.88
repetition	767	16.90 ± 18.92
exaggeration, minimization	571	45.36 ± 35.55
doubt	562	123.21 ± 97.65
appeal to fear/prejudice	367	93.56 ± 74.59
flag-waving	330	61.88 ± 68.61
causal oversimplification	233	121.03 ± 71.66
slogans	172	25.30 ± 13.49
appeal to authority	169	131.23 ± 123.2
black-and-white fallacy	134	98.42 ± 73.66
thought-terminating cliches	95	34.85 ± 29.28
whataboutism	76	120.93 ± 69.62
reductio ad hitlerum	66	94.58 ± 64.16
red herring	48	63.79 ± 61.63
bandwagon	17	100.29 ± 97.05
obfusc., int. vagueness, confusion	17	107.88 ± 86.74
straw man	15	79.13 ± 50.72
all	7,485	46.99 ± 61.45



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Results: Fragment-Level

Model	Spans			Full Task		
	P	R	F ₁	P	R	F ₁
BERT	39.57	36.42	37.90	21.48	21.39	21.39
Joint	39.26	35.48	37.25	20.11	19.74	19.92
Granu	43.08	33.98	37.93	23.85	20.14	21.80
Multi-Granularity						
ReLU	43.29	34.74	38.28	23.98	20.33	21.82
Sigmoid	44.12	35.01	38.98	24.42	21.05	22.58

Results: Sentence-Level

Model	Precision	Recall	F1
All-Propaganda	23.92	1.00	38.61
BERT	63.20	53.16	57.74
BERT-Granu	62.80	55.24	58.76
BERT-Joint	62.84	55.46	58.91
MGN Sigmoid	62.27	59.56	60.71
MGN ReLU	60.41	61.58	60.98



HACK THE NEWS DATATHON

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- Long press release: <https://www.datasciencesociety.net/global-datathon-aims-at-detecting-the-use-of-propaganda-in-the-news/>
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- Detailed description: <https://www.datasciencesociety.net/hack-news-datathon-case-propaganda-detection/>
- Leaderboard: <https://www.datasciencesociety.net/events/hack-the-news-datathon-2019/leaderboard/>

Hack The News Datathon (January 2019): 250 participants from 50 countries

Passcode

Team Page

<https://propaganda.qcri.org/nlp4if-shared-task/>

A nighttime photograph of a dense urban skyline, likely Hong Kong, with numerous skyscrapers illuminated by city lights. The image is used as a background for the main title text.

SHARED TASK ON FINE-GRAINED PROPAGANDA DETECTION @NLP4IF 2019

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Tasks

<http://alt.qcri.org/semeval2020/index.php?id=tasks>

We are pleased to announce the following tasks in SemEval-2020.

└─ Task 11: Detection of Propaganda Techniques in News Articles

AI for Regulatory Practice: Application to Media



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Media-Telecom Catalyst Programme

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AI Indexing for Regulatory Compliance

A collaboration between Al Jazeera, RTÉ, Associated Press, V-Nova, TechMahindra, Metaliquid and QCRI (Qatar Computing Research Institute, HBKU) using highly efficient AI visual analysis to rapidly identify, index, and measure political balance and enhance accuracy of on-air content, supporting broadcasters and content owners regarding their regulatory measurement and compliance processes.





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Mahindra

Browser tabs: Google Search, Meeting with... | 13.253.182.12:8080/analysis... | Open Governor isn't covered by...

Address bar: Not secure | 712235182.12:8080/analysis... | Metadata | Contextual Metadata | Regulatory Compliance Report

Sentiments

Legend: Neutral (Yellow), Positive (Green), Negative (Red)

Timeline: [Red] [Red] [Red] [Yellow]

Bias

Claims Worth

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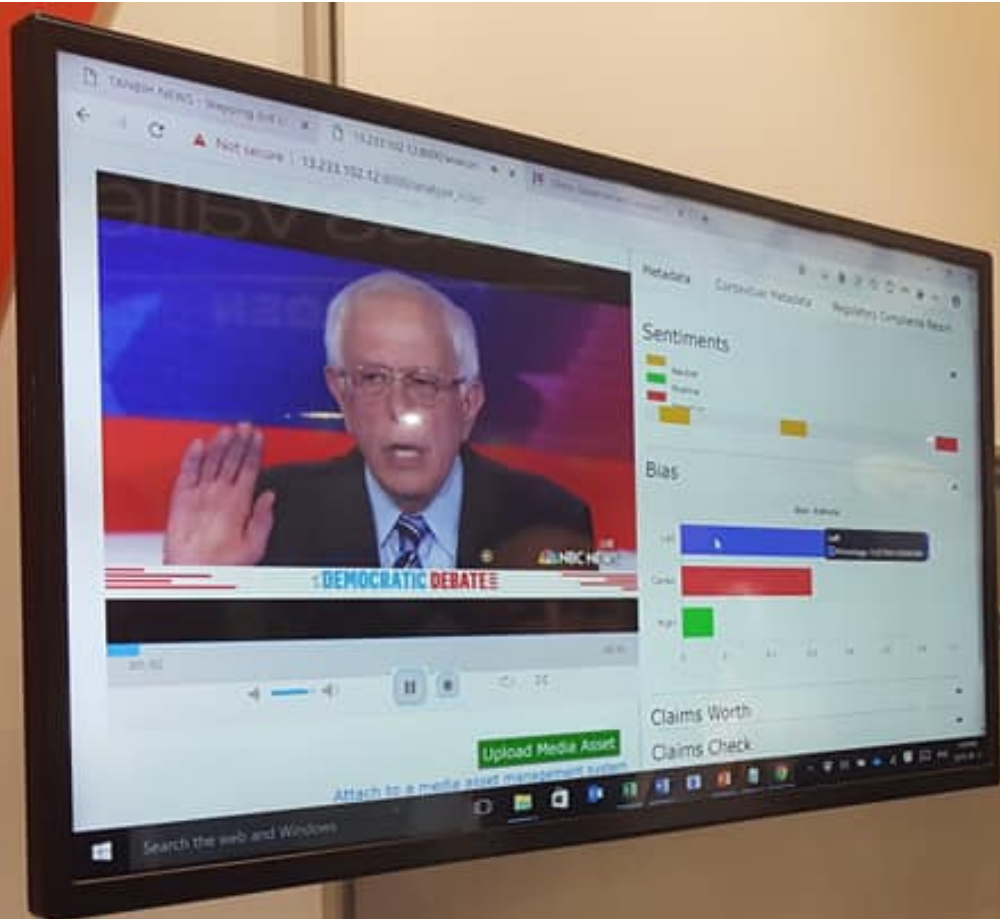
- "The Obama administration was begging for a meeting" with Kim Jong Un. ❌
- "The governor having a meeting isn't covered by the open meetings act." ✅

Upload Media Asset

Attach to a media asset management system

Search for web and Bluetooth









Info



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Search



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- POST /article/propaganda
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- POST /article/propaganda/sentenc
- GET /article/propaganda/sentenc
- POST /article/bias
- GET /article/bias
- POST /article/checkworthiness
- GET /article/checkworthiness
- POST /claim/check
- GET /claim/check

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1 # Example YAML to get you started quickly.
2 # Be aware that YAML has indentation based coping.
3 # Code completion support is available so start typing for
  available options.
4 swagger: '2.0'
5
6 # This is your document metadata
7 info:
8   version: "0.5.0"
9   title: Tanbih API
10  description: |
11    Tanbih API allows user to estimate propaganda score on
12    both article level
13    and sentences level and to predict bias on given piece
14    of text. With current
15    version, the article level propaganda estimation is
16    implemented.
17    Requests for estimation is done in a asynchronical way.
18    Client will POST
19    a request for estimation, when successful, get a key in
20    return; then client
21    will use this key in query parameter to pull the
22    estimation result from
23    server.
24
25 host: webapi.tanbih.org
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27 schemes:
28   - http
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Read Only

Tanbih API

0.5.0

[Base URL: webapi.tanbih.org]

Tanbih API allows user to estimate propaganda score on both article level and sentences level and to predict bias on given piece of text. With current version, the article level propaganda estimation is implemented. Requests for estimation is done in a asynchronical way. Client will POST a request for estimation, when successful, get a key in return; then client will use this key in query parameter to pull the estimation result from server.

Schemes

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QCRI team honoured for innovation at tech expo

TRIBUNE NEWS NETWORK
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A team of scientists from Qatar Computing Research Institute (QCRI) at Hamad Bin Khalifa University have received recognition for their contribution to a media-telecom catalyst project on AI indexing for regulatory compliance that uses artificial intelligence to identify, index and measure political balance.

The project aims to detect false claims and to enhance the accuracy of video content.

Developed in partnership with Al Jazeera, Associated Press, RTE Ireland, Tech Mahindra, V-Nova and Metaliquid, the project seeks to support broadcasters and content owners with their regulatory measures and compliance processes.

QCRI worked on the com-



A team of scientists from Qatar Computing in Amsterdam.

pliance use of the project, developing the fact checking, news coverage, political bias detection and graphic content detection mechanism.

The team of QCRI scientists was honoured with an award at IBC2019, a leading media, entertainment and technology

conference held in Amsterdam in September.

The global gathering saw more than 50,000 industry experts and researchers from 150 countries come together to showcase their latest innovations and participate in a number of topical discussions.



<http://www.qatar-tribune.com/news-details/id/173546/qcri-team-honoured-for-innovation-at-tech-expo>

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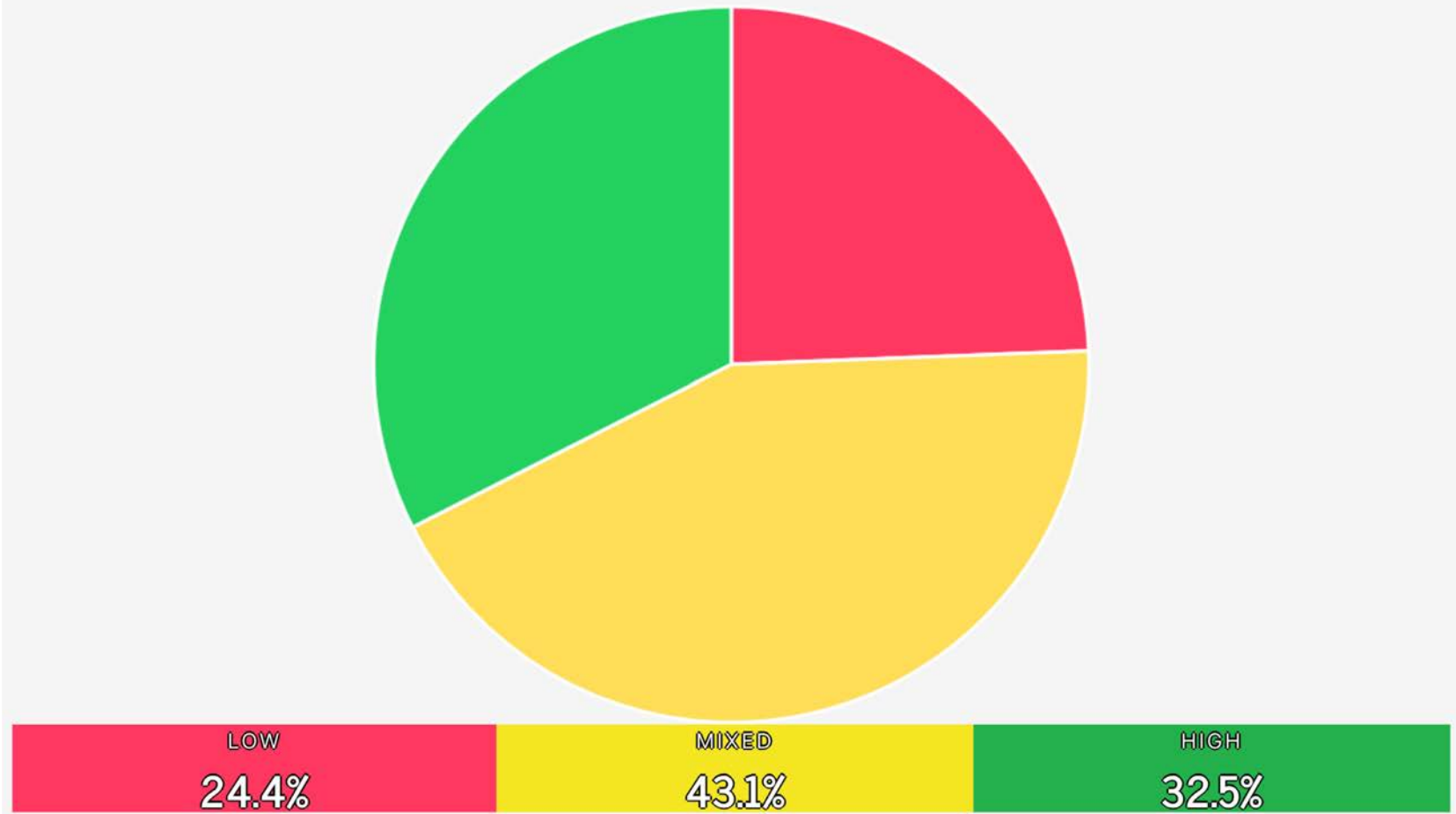
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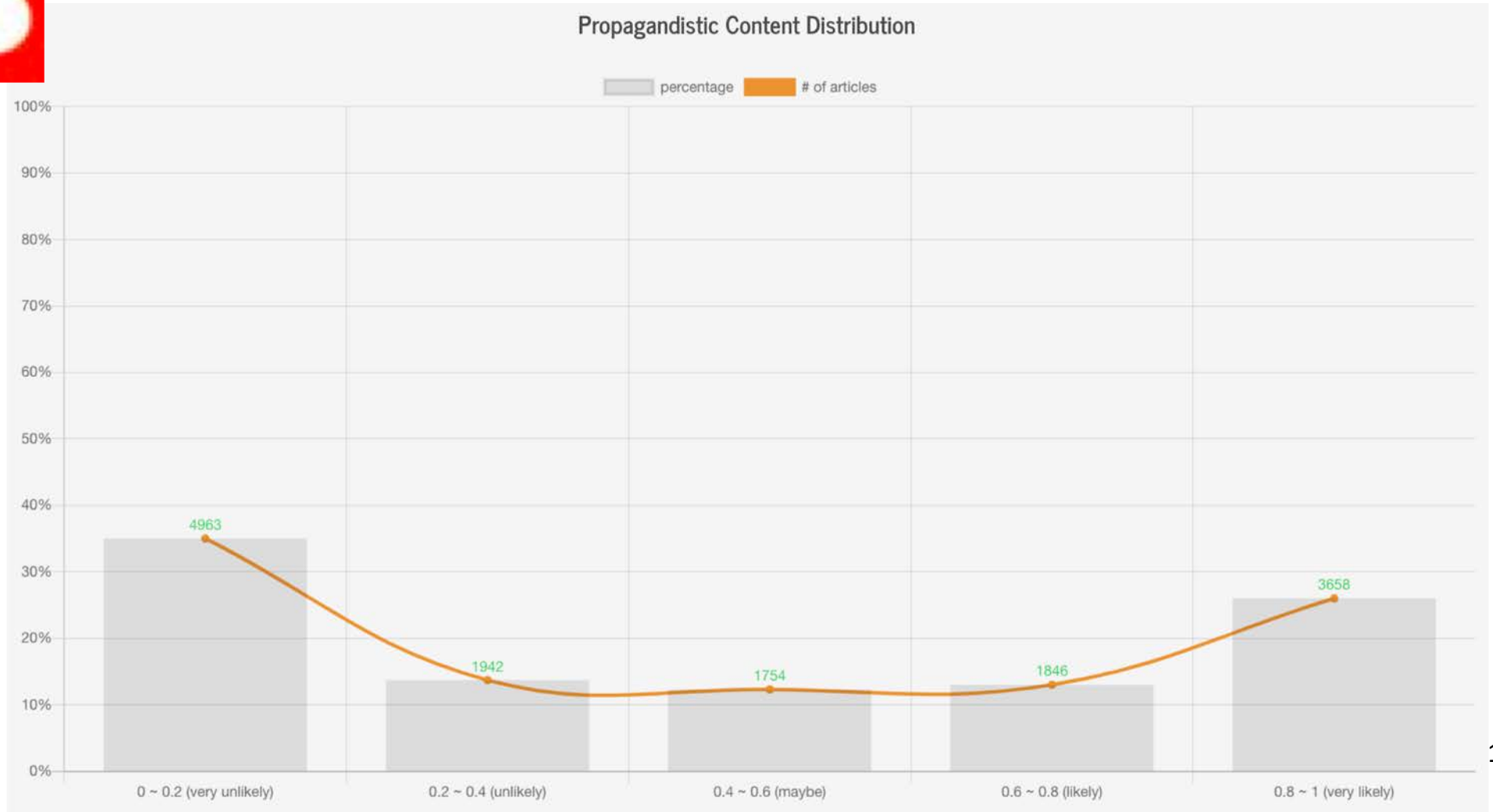


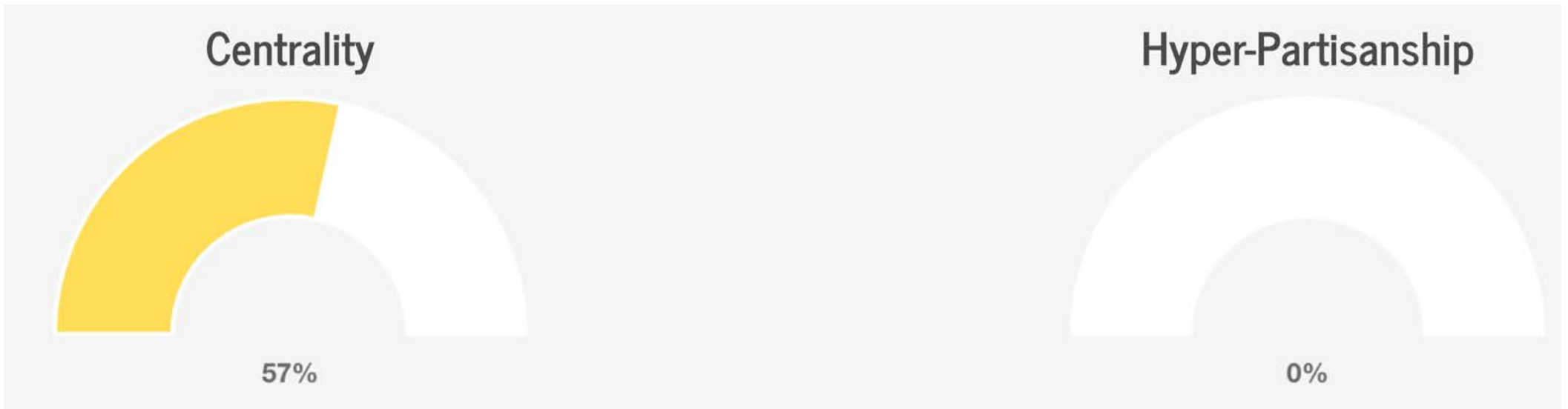
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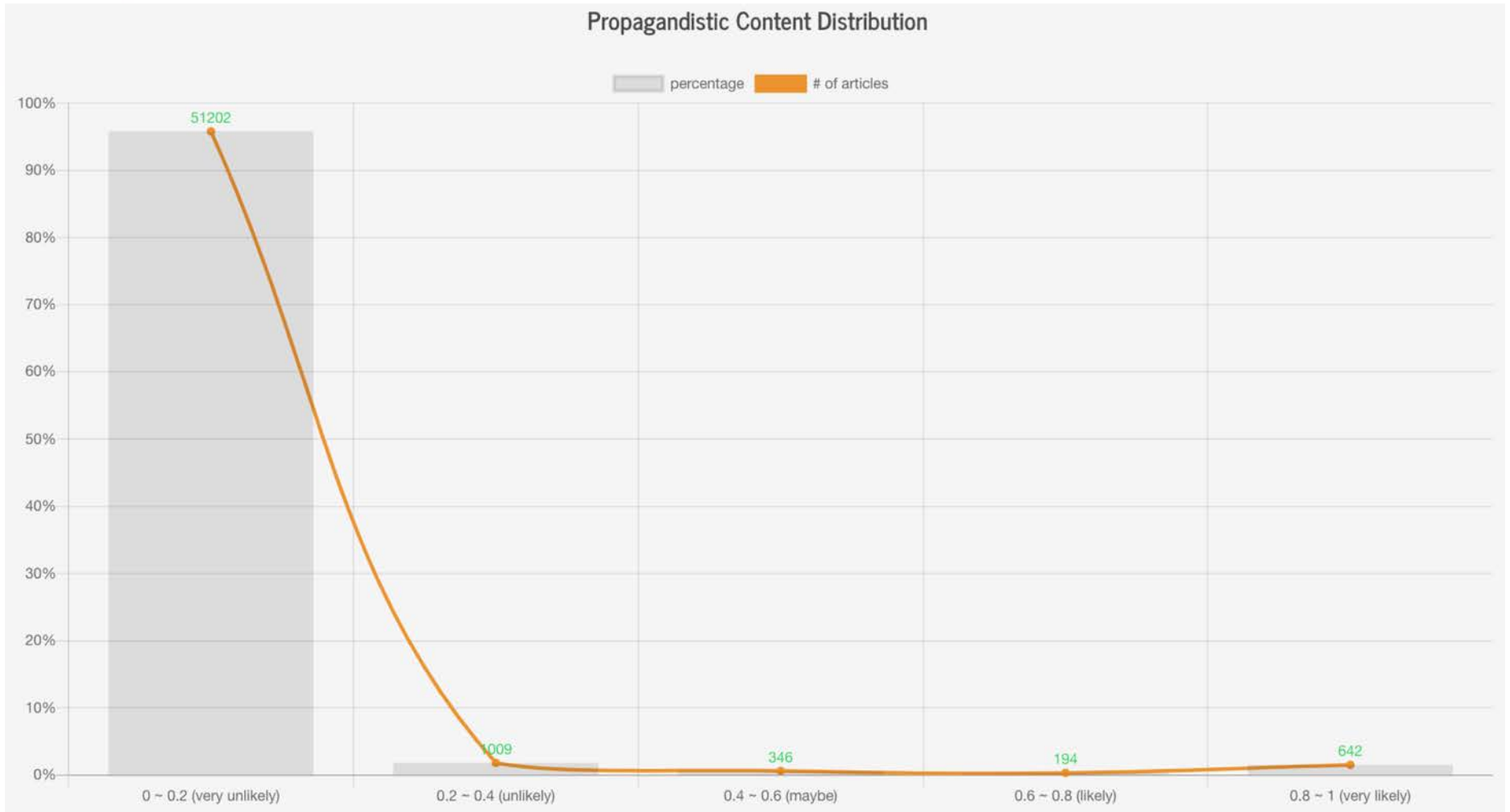
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US Mid-term Elections 2018				●	
Police Racism				●	
Kavanaugh Nomination					●



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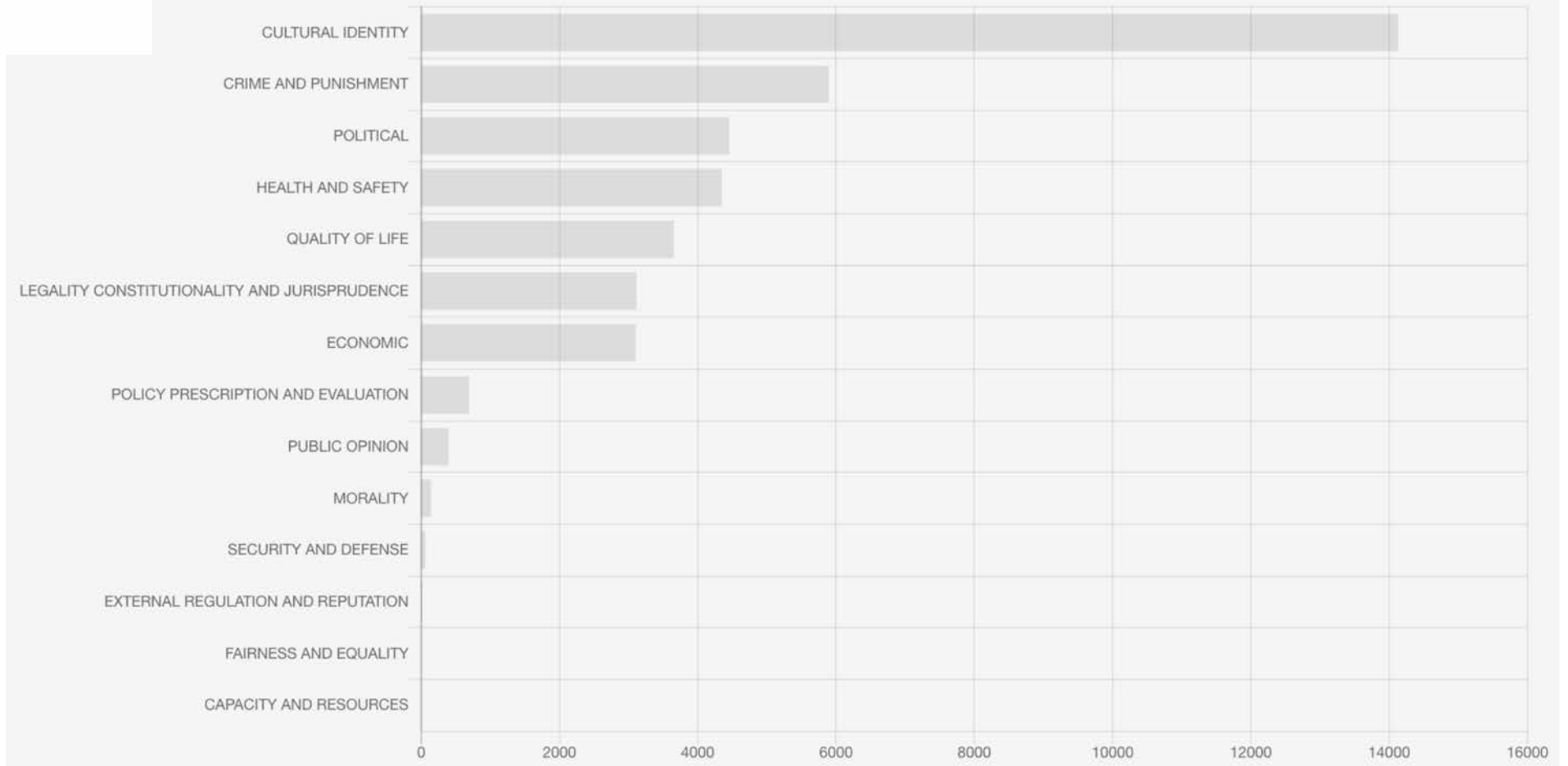








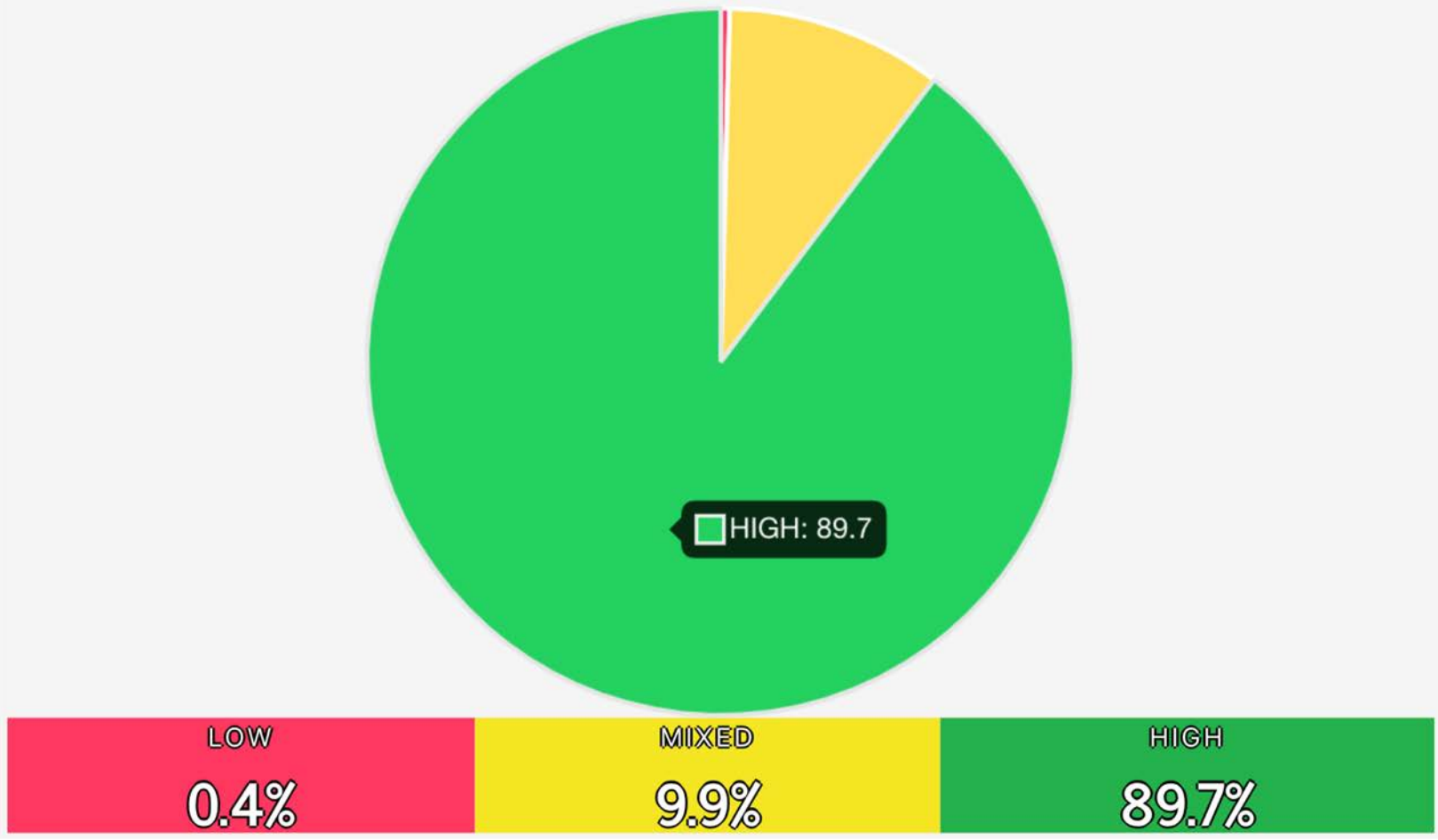
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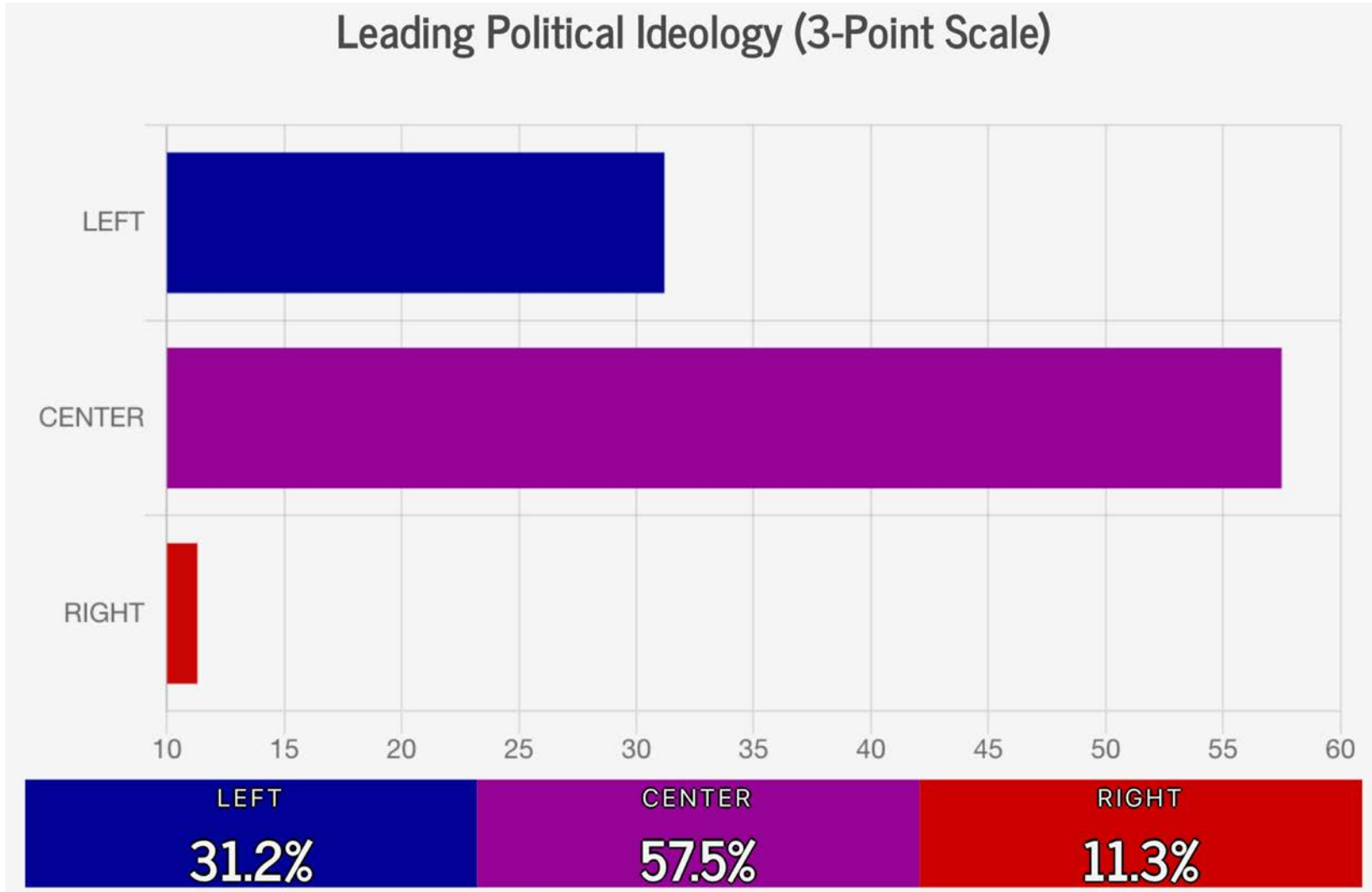


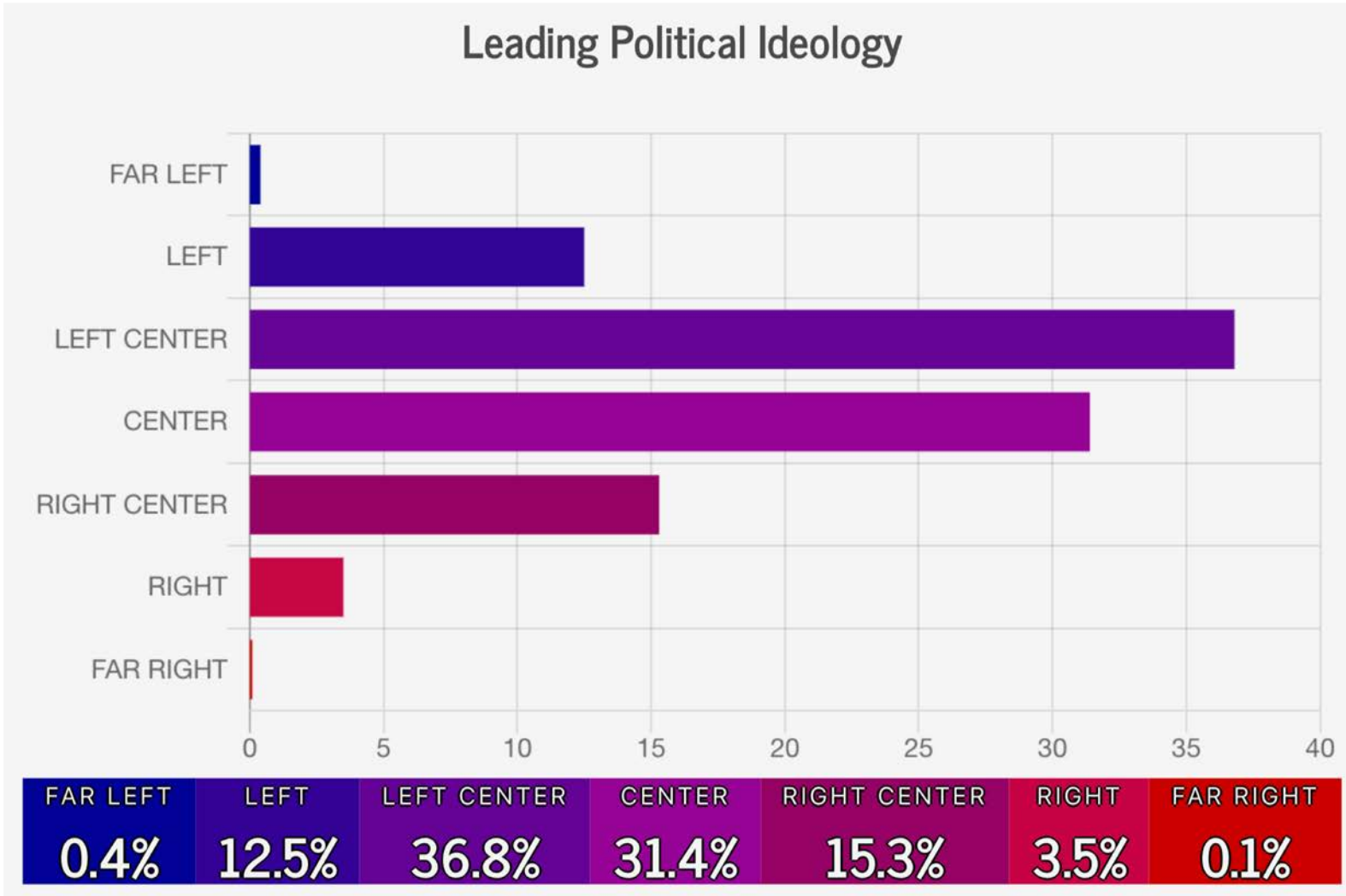
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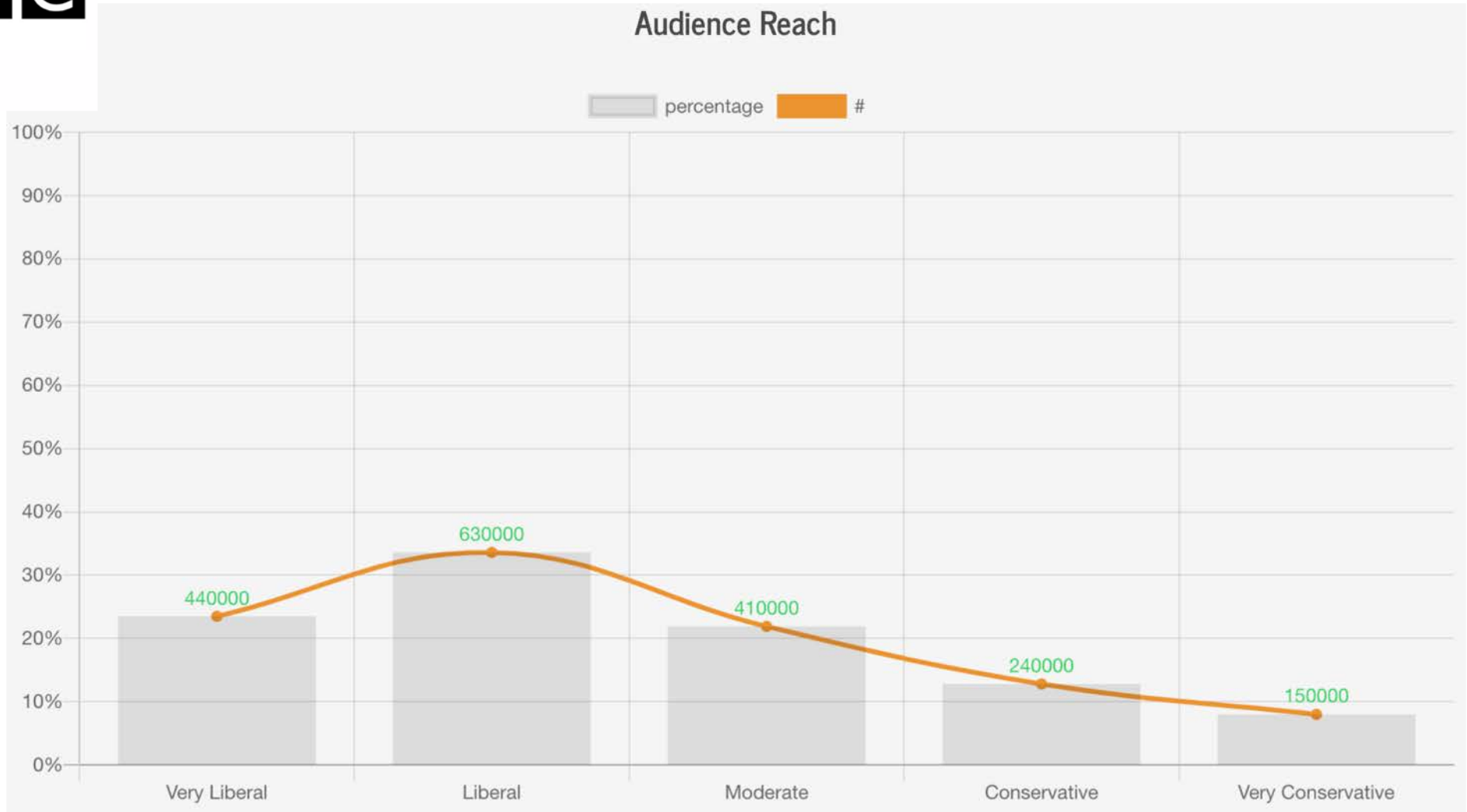


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Kavanaugh Nomination		●			



Climate Change 69% PRO

PRO Claims

The government should increase environmental regulations to prevent climate change (94)



AGAINST Claims

Climate change is a flat-out hoax (292)





Try Tanbih: <http://www.tanbih.org>

This work is part of the Tanbih project, developed in collaboration between QCRI and MIT-CSAIL, which aims to limit the effect of “fake news”, propaganda, and media bias by making users aware of what they are reading.

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