

False, Misleading, Clickbait-y, and Satirical “News” Sources

Below is a list of fake, false, regularly misleading, and otherwise questionable “news” organizations that are commonly shared on facebook and other social media sites. Many of these websites rely on “outrage” by using distorted headlines and decontextualized or dubious information in order to generate likes, shares, and profits.

Other sources on this list are purposefully fake with the intent of satire/comedy, which can offer important critical commentary on politics and society, but they are regularly shared as actual/literal news. I’m including them here, for now, because 1.) they have the potential to perpetuate misinformation based on different audience (mis)interpretations and 2.) to make sure anyone who reads a story by *The Onion*, for example, understands its purpose. If you think this is unnecessary, please see [Literally Unbelievable](#).

Notes: Not all of these sources are always or inherently problematic, but I’m including them because they should be considered in conjunction with other news/info sources due to their tendency to rely on clickbait headlines etc.

100PercentFedUp.com	EnduringVision.com	PakAlertPress.com
21stCenturyWire.com	FPRNradio.com	PoliticalBlindSpot.com
70news.wordpress.com	GeoEngineeringWatch.org	PoliticalEars.com
abcnews.com.co	GlobalResearch.ca	Politicalo
ActivistPost.com	GovtSlaves.info	PoliticusUSA
Addicting Info	GulagBound.com	PrisonPlanet.com
American News X	HangTheBankers.com	PrisonPlanet.tv
AmericanNews.com	HumansAreFree.com	Private-eye.co.uk
AnonNews.co	Huzlers	ProjectVeritas
Associated Media Coverage	IfYouOnlyNews	Rawstory
BeforeItsNews.com	Indecision Forever (www.cc.com/indecision)	React 365
Being Liberal	IJR (Independent Journal Review)	RealFarmacy.com
BigAmericanNews.com	InfoWars	RealNewsRightNow.com
BigPZone.com	Infowars.com	Red State
Bipartisan Report	IntelliHub.com	RedFlagNews.com
BizPac Review	Inquisitor.com	RileNews.com
Blue Nation Review	JonesReport.com	Satira Tribune
Breitbart	LewRockwell.com	Sprotspickle.com
Cap News (twitter.com/capnews)	Liberal America	The Blaze
ChristWire.org	LibertyTalk.fm	The Free Thought Project
Chronicle.su	LibertyUnyielding	The New Yorker’s Borowitz Report (satire column)
CivicTribune.com	LibertyVideos.org	The Onion (satire)
ClickHole.com (satire/comedy)	LMR (LibertyMovementRadio.com)	The Other 98%
CoastToCoastAM.com	MediaMass.net	The Reporterz

CollectiveEvolution	MegynKelly.us	The Stately Harold
CommonDreams	MSNBC.com.co	TheDailySheeple.com
ConsciousLifeNews.com	MSNBC.website	TheNewsNerd.com
ConservativeOutfitters.com	Naha Daily	TheRunDownLive.com
ConspiracyWire (WideAwakeAmerica.com)	National Report	TheUsPatriot.com
CountdownToZeroTime.com	NationalReport.net	TruthFrequencyRadio.com
CounterPsyOps.com	NaturalNews.com	Twitchy.com
CreamBMP.com	NC Scooper	UnconfirmedSources.com
Crooks and Liars	NCT (New Century Times)	Upworthy
DailyBuzzLive.com	News Examiner	USA Supreme
DailyCurrant.com	News-Hound.com	US.Blasting.News
Daily NewsBin	NewsBiscuit.com	US Uncut
Daily Wire	NewsBuzzDaily	VeteransToday.com
DCClothesLine.com	Newslo	Walking Times
DCGazette.com	NewsMutiny.com	WakingUpWisconsin.com
DerfMagazine.com	NewsWatch 28	Winning Democrats
Disclose.tv	NewsWatch 33	WitScience.org
DrudgeReport.com.co	NewsWire-24.com	World Net Daily
DuffleBlog.com	NoDisInfo.com	World News Daily Report
DuhProgressive.com	Now8News	WorldTruth.tv
Embols.com	NowTheEndBegins.com	ZeroHedge
Empire Herald	Occupy Democrats	
Empire News		
EmpireNews.com		
Endingthefed.com (ETF News)		

Tips for analyzing news sources:

- Avoid websites that end in “lo” ex: Newslo (above). These sites specialize in taking a piece of accurate information and then packaging that information with other false or misleading “facts.”
- Watch out for websites that end in “.com.co” as they are often fake versions of real news sources.
- Watch out if known/reputable news sites are not also reporting on the story. Sometimes lack of coverage is the result of corporate media bias and other factors, but there should typically be more than one source reporting on a topic or event.
- Odd domain names generally equal odd and rarely truthful news.
- Lack of author attribution may, but not always, signify that the news story is suspect and requires verification.
- Check the “About Us” tab on websites or look up the website on Snopes or Wikipedia for more information about the source.
- If the story makes you REALLY ANGRY it’s probably a good idea to keep reading about the topic via other sources to make sure the story you read wasn’t purposefully trying to make you angry (with potentially

misleading or false information) in order to generate shares and ad revenue.

- It's always best to read multiple sources of information to get a variety of viewpoints and media frames. Some sources not specifically included in this list (although their practices at times may qualify them for addition), such as *The Daily Kos*, *The Huffington Post*, and Fox News, vacillate between providing legitimate, problematic, and/or hyperbolic news coverage, requiring readers and viewers to verify and contextualize information with other sources.

If you have suggestions of sources/websites that should be added to the list, please email me at mzimdars1@gmail.com

People are asking who I am: I am an [assistant professor of communication & media](#), and this list started as a resource for my students, who are learning about journalism/social media/media literacy.