How to Avoid Internet Trolls and Troublemakers

Library Resources

Librarians at the Reference Desk

1 on 1 consultations with a librarian

News Article Databases <https://skokielibrary.info/resources/research/articles>

Understanding Fake News blog post <https://skokielibrary.info/blog/88/understanding-fake-news/>

Civic Lab

Books to read:

The Truth Matters: A Citizen's Guide to Separating Facts From Lies and Stopping Fake News in Its Tracks by Bruce Bartlett

The News: A User's Manual by Alain De Botton

The Influencing Machine: Brooke Gladstone on the Media by Brooke Gladstone, illustrated by Josh Neufeld

Broadcast Hysteria: Orson Welles's War of the Worlds and the Art of Fake News by A. Brad Schwartz

Fact Checking Sites:

The International Fact-Checking Network from Poynter Institute <https://www.poynter.org/channels/fact-checking>

Snopes <http://www.snopes.com/>

Politifact <http://www.politifact.com/>

Fact Check <http://www.factcheck.org/>

Fact Checker from Washington Post <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/fact-checker>

NPR Politics: Fact Check <https://www.npr.org/sections/politics-fact-check>

Multiple Viewpoints:

Opposing Viewpoints <https://skokielibrary.info/resources/research/#O>

All Sides <http://www.allsides.com>

Perspecs <http://www.perspecsnews.com>

Pew Report on Political Polarization & Media Habits <http://www.journalism.org/2014/10/21/political-polarization-media-habits/>

Satirical and Humor Sites:

The Onion <http://www.theonion.com>

ClickHole <https://www.clickhole.com>

News Mutiny <http://www.newsmutiny.com>

The Babylon Bee <http://babylonbee.com/>

Pacific Northwest Tree Octopus <http://zapatopi.net/treeoctopus>

Browser Extensions:

AdDetector <https://goo.gl/V77t0f>

B.S. Detector <https://goo.gl/vZdups>

FiB <https://goo.gl/Xjsyem>

Media Bias/Fact Check Icon <https://goo.gl/dnGhs2>

Who Runs This <https://goo.gl/PWZXBG>

Typosquatter URLs examples

(very fake sites so don’t visit them)

cnnews3.com

CNSNews.com

guardianlv.com

msnbc.website

Remember to

Be skeptical

Look deeper

Do not share bad information

Examine your own bias

Read widely