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**FAKE
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FAKE NEWS AND COVID-19



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In February 2020, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the Director General of the WHO, warned that the world is "not just fighting an epidemic; we're fighting an infodemic. Fake news spreads faster and more easily than this virus, and is just as dangerous" (WHO, 2020).

Fake news

As stated in the Oxford dictionary it is false information that is broadcast or published as news for fraudulent or politically motivated purposes.

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How to recognize fake news



- Headline is a clickbait
 - Is written very emotionaly
 - The author is unreliable
 - The facts and the opinions are not separated
 - The source is disputed or there is no source at all
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How to avoid fake news



Check the source. If you are using the internet trust only websites ending with .edu or .gov.

Don't trust images. They can be really easily manipulated.

The quotes are often uncheckable. Don't trust them. Stay cool and use your own mind. With the second thought you may realise that most of the fake news don't make any sense

Examples of fake news

- [Coronavirus Bioweapon – How China Stole Coronavirus From Canada And Weaponized It](#)
 - ["Pope Francis shocks world, endorses Donald Trump for president"](#)
 - [US Bacon Reserves Hit 50 Year Low](#)
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The fake news and the pandemic




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As we all know the first months of 2020 were full of fear. People didn't understand what was going on around them, so they tried to explain it to themselves and that's how most of fake news and conspiracy theories were made. Very often they are really harmful and lead to ridiculous situations.



The most popular fake news about pandemic

- [5G spreads COVID-19](#)
 - [Italian outbreak is driven by throngs of illegal immigrants](#)
 - [COVID-19 vaccines cause death](#)
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What we can do about fake news?



The solution is really simple. We have to educate society, so it will be more aware what is going on around them, make them use more trustable sources and learn them to recognise fake news faster.

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