

say sike right now

Fake News Inventory by Emily Malick
April 7 – April 14

My Goals:

- Uncover misinformation that I have seen, mostly on my social media in the form of a journal.
- I define misinformation as pieces of false information that is made with an intent to deceive and is made popular by other people spreading it, whether they know it's fake or not.
- Not all misinformation is the same. Some are satirical in nature and meant to be a joke, and those are normally obvious (ex: The Onion), while others have more of a negative intent to get people to believe false information.
- At the end I will provide data based on what I gathered myself in one week. However, there is not a large pool of data as this is a short experiment.
- Be funny.

April 7, 2020

What Social Distancing Is

A lot of people have been getting on my nerves by not actually social distancing. This has been spread around on social media by giving people the idea that as long as they're not around more than 10 people they are okay, which isn't true at all. You should not be seeing anyone unless necessary, and when you do go out you should be 6 feet apart at all times. That means no hikes or bonfires or sleepovers or anything like that. STAY HOME! I'm over here trying to go back to school in the fall, not be stuck at home all year. Also, quarantine is not the same as social distancing and choosing to stay home. Quarantine is isolation from everything.

Every. time. I. open. Snapchat. you. dumb. ass. mfs. are. OUTSIDE!!



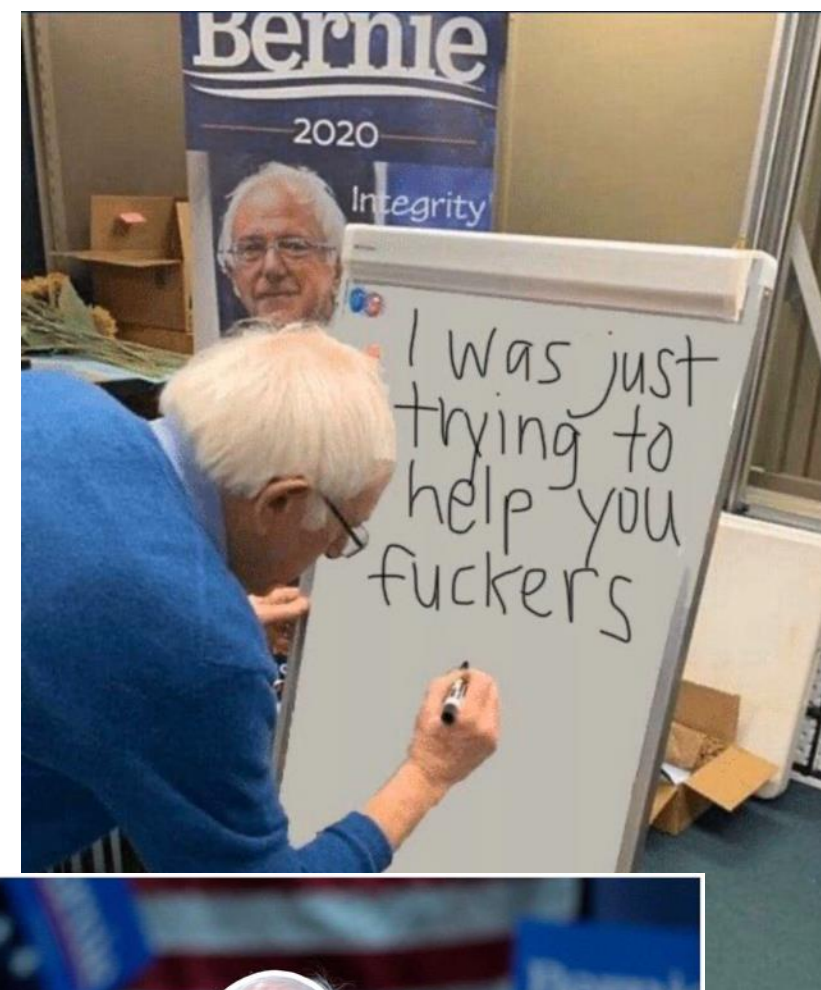
The only activism anyone is literally requiring from us is sitting at home on our asses and some people can't even do that????

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April 8, 2020

Bernie Sanders Drops Out

My heart broke this day. Not only did Bernie Sanders drop out of the presidential race, but he did it on my birthday): People had been spreading around tons of false information regarding his announcement by saying that he was simply suspending his campaign, but was still in the race and you could still vote for him. This is false, and he officially withdrew from the race, making Joe Biden (sadly) our democratic presidential nominee. I actually did participate in this spread of false information and I am ashamed to admit it. I should know better than to believe everything that I see on Twitter. That one retweet...



April 9, 2020

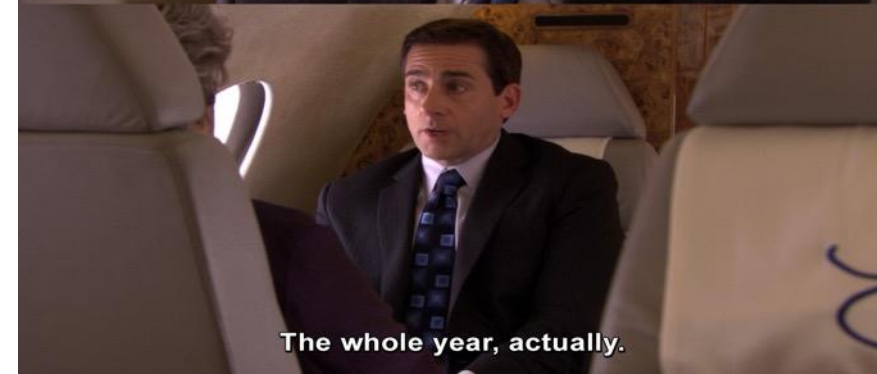
Stimulus Checks

Man... I was so excited for that \$1,200 to hit my bank account. We were getting dangerously low. Imagine my surprise then, when I found out I wasn't eligible! My mom claimed me as a dependent on her latest taxes, so I can't receive any support. But my mom also can't receive support for having me, because I'm 19. Tell me how that makes sense? Anyways, there was a lot of false information circling all of my social media about who was going to get the stimulus checks. In the beginning, people kept saying "everyone gets it!" and I was like heck yes, I'm part of everyone! It's not true though, so I, a broke college student, am still broke and can't get a job because everything is closed (: happy Thursday!

me when i find out that i'm not getting \$1200 because my parents claim me



Well, I'm going through a little bit of a rough patch.



The whole year, actually.

April 10, 2020

Adele!!

Adele is a queen! Love her music and love her. She's getting a divorce and has to give her ex-husband £140 million when she's worth £190 million. This is some real BS (not actually fake just stupid). However, the fake news in this is whether she is worth £150 million or £190 million. Dates in 2018 and 2019 have her worth £150m but reports from 2020 have her worth £190m. All over social media people have been saying £150 as well, which is misleading because it shows her having to give practically all of her money, when she isn't. She does have to give a heck of a lot though.

Adele has to give her ex husband £140 million to settle the divorce. All of a sudden these pictures make so much sense



April 11, 2020

Ohio = World

Honestly, this is definitely going to be my favorite slide. Ohio taking over the world memes are so funny. I'm a born and raised Ohioan and I'm a ride or die Buckeye. Obviously, these are fake, but this is an instance where the false editing to make it look like it came from news stations isn't with a negative intent. These were created to make people laugh and to be a joke. I 100% participated in the spreading of this fake news. It was freaking amazing. Pretty sure I cried when reading them. There are more than just these three.



April 12, 2020

NY Times & Joe Biden

There was a part of an article that the New York Times tweeted about the accusations of sexual misconduct by Joe Biden. Not only is the wording confusing because the actions that they list are considered sexual harassment, but they later edited the article to remove this part without putting in an editors note that it was ever changed. This is misleading to the public as the information that we are reading no longer exists, and whoever wrote it was dishonest about changing it after publication. This one made me upset for sure.



No other allegation about sexual assault surfaced in the course of our reporting, nor did any former Biden staff corroborate Reade's allegation. **We found no pattern of sexual misconduct by Biden,** beyond hugs, kisses and touching that women previously said made them uncomfortable

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April 13, 2020

What Masks Actually Do

So many people are under the impression that wearing a mask stops the virus from entering your body, which is completely false. I have seen so many people assert that they are fine to hang out with people and go in public because they have a mask. What masks actually do is block what you are breathing out so you don't spread anything to other people.

Particles can still get through your mask and make you very sick. When wearing a mask you're protecting the people around you more than you are yourself. But if everyone wears a mask then everyone is better off. Wearing a mask is still important, just not for the reason most people think.

"Oh shit my mask"



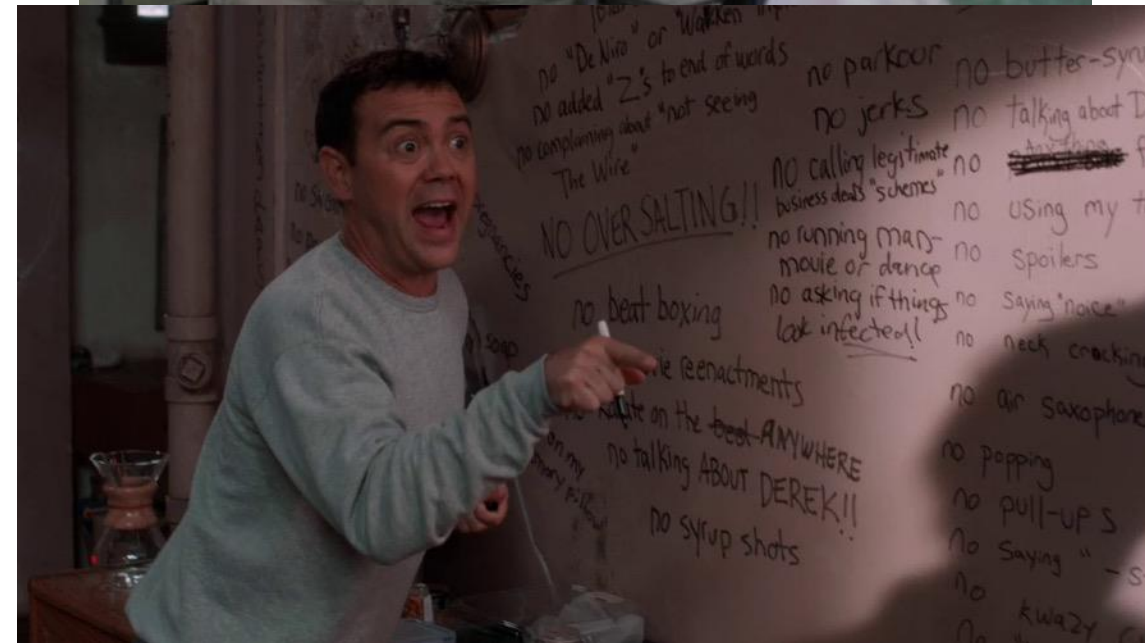
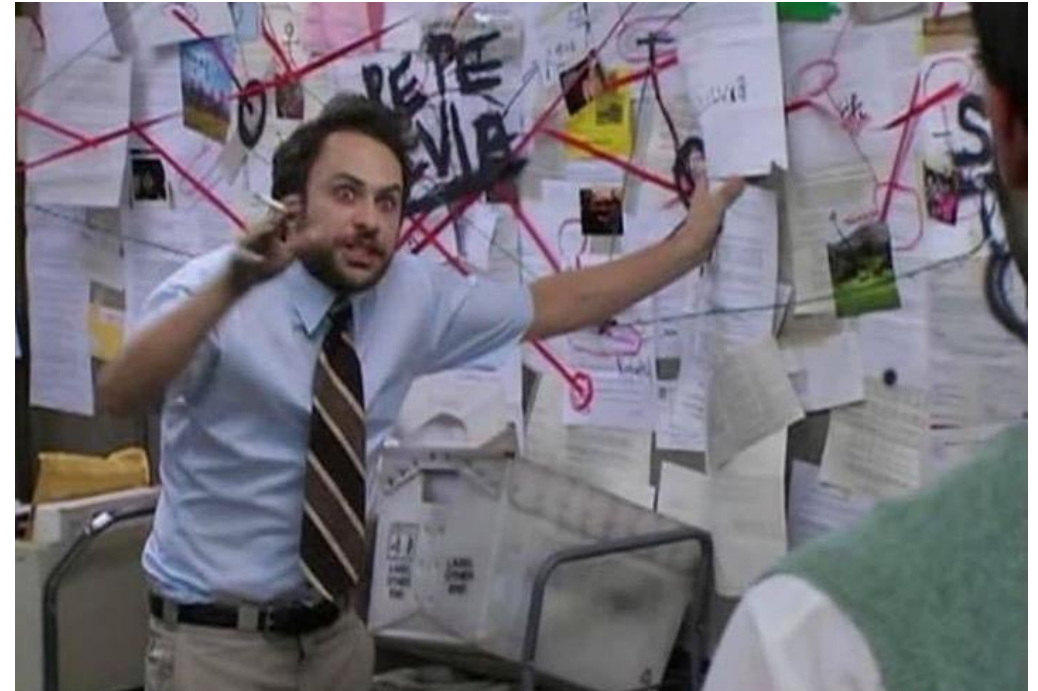
I miss outside



April 14, 2020

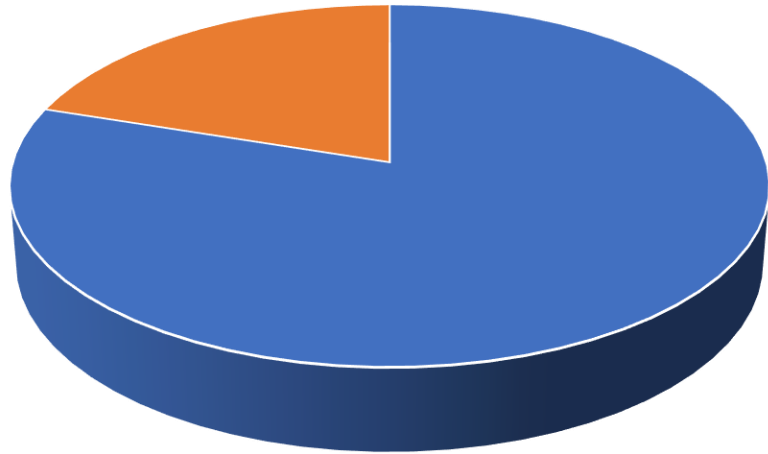
5G Radiation

There is SO much false information going around about 5G radiation. First, the radiation will not harm you by you using your phone. If it did there would be no way cell phone companies would be allowed to use it. There are also conspiracy theories that 5G radiation caused the coronavirus to become a pandemic, which is just crazy. I mean I love conspiracy theories, but I like believable ones. This just isn't it. This spreading of information is dangerous in my opinion because there are some people who will believe it and further the spread.



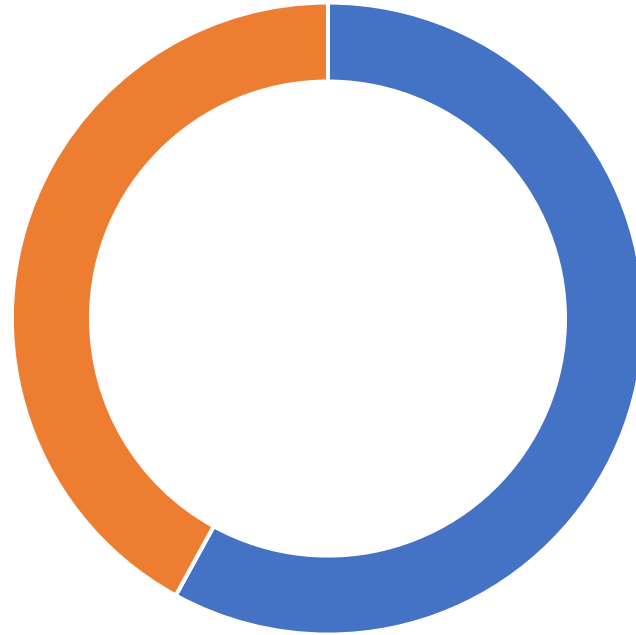
Charts, Graphs, & Other Stuff

Where I Got my Memes



- memes from twitter
- memes from twitter but in orange

Harmful Fake News I Found



- harmful
- not

In conclusion, most of the information I found was harmful in some sense. Although this is a very small study, I still believe that it is always important to check where you are getting your information and make sure that the results are consistent with other news sources or reports.