Fictional Media and The War Of The Worlds

In 1938, Orson Welles released his famous radio broadcast, causing mass hysteria. Why is this important?

1) We believe print.
We believe radio and television.
We trust the media.

2) The “hysteria” itself was fake news.
It was a publicity stunt.

3) If it can happen once, it can happen again.
Who regulates programming?

Propaganda and Politics

World War 2 and Captain America

Political Slogans

Memes and the Modern World

https://www.dday.org/2017/10/19/captain-america-a-wwii-fighting-force/
https://rubytoohey.wordpress.com/2017/04/05/memes-x-propaganda/
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Make_America_Great_Again
Social Media, The News, Your Friends and Family

Society
Your friends and family
Facebook, Instagram
Twitter and Snapchat

Clickbait and Tabloids
From classic tabloid papers and magazines to “articles”

The News
Every single news outlet is biased in some way.

Satire
Is it even meant to be true?
The Onion,
The Beaverton,
CBC Comedy

Biased Opinions from Experts
Educational Institutions
Governments
Leading Companies
Anyone is susceptible.
Why is Fake News so Important?

- “Real World” Consequences: Prejudices, increased bias, violence and conflicts, vulnerable sectors at risk, etc.
- Academia: Misinformation, post-literacy, false research.
- Lack of personal autonomy: Who is thinking for you?
What Can You Do?

Think Critically


Contact the friendly library staff for help and guidance navigating Fake News: https://www.uregina.ca/library/help/index.html

Keep an open mind and question everything!
Primary Sources and Research

For some research projects you may be required to use primary sources. How can you identify these?

Primary Sources
A primary source provides direct or firsthand evidence about an event, object, person, or work of art. Primary sources include historical and legal documents, eyewitness accounts, results of experiments, statistical data, pieces of creative writing, audio and video recordings, speeches, and art objects. Interviews, surveys, fieldwork, and Internet communications via email, blogs, listservs, and newsgroups are also primary sources. In the natural and social sciences, primary sources are often empirical studies—research where an experiment was performed or a direct observation was made. The results of empirical studies are typically found in scholarly articles or papers delivered at conferences.

Secondary Sources
Secondary sources describe, discuss, interpret, comment upon, analyze, evaluate, summarize, and process primary sources. Secondary source materials can be articles in newspapers or popular magazines, book or movie reviews, or articles found in scholarly journals that discuss or evaluate someone else’s original research.

https://libguides.ithaca.edu/research101/primary
Primary Sources and Research Examples

Example One:
Primary Source: *Avengers: Endgame*
Bad Source: Your sister’s blog dedicated to Black Widow.

Example Two:
Primary Source: *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare
Fake News, Yes or No?

Little Archie’s big tax problem

As long as the young royal holds U.S. citizenship, Uncle Sam will want to know everything—including the financial holdings of Prince Harry and Prince Charles

by Claire Brownell  Jun 3, 2019

Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, joined by her mother, Doria Ragland, show their new son to the Queen and Prince Philip at Windsor Castle (Chris Allerton/SussexRoyal via AP)

New parents have so much to worry about, and British royals are no exception. Settling into feeding schedules, battling sleep deprivation and fending off the paparazzi are all part of life with a new baby for Meghan and Harry.

In addition to all that, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex have to contend with something no other royal family has to: their son might one day be subject to tax. In fact, he already is:

https://www.macleans.ca/royalty/little-archie-big-tax-problem/
Fake News, Yes or No?

Trump Warns China Not To Underestimate His Willingness To Sacrifice Every American’s Well-Being

5/23/18 9:04am • SEE MORE: DONALD TRUMP

https://politics.theonion.com/trump-warns-china-not-to-underestimate-his-willingness-1834977231
Opinion articles are valid sources, Yes or No?

https://www.psychologytoday.com/ca/blog/naked-truth/201706/your-right-opinion-does-not-make-your-opinion-valid

1) Authority
Who is the author and/or publisher?

2) Accuracy
How reliable is the information provided?

3) Objectivity
What is the purpose of the resource?

4) Currency
How up-to-date is the resource?

5) Coverage
Does the resource contain information relevant to your topic?

Summary
Critical thinking, logic-based research and personal autonomy