

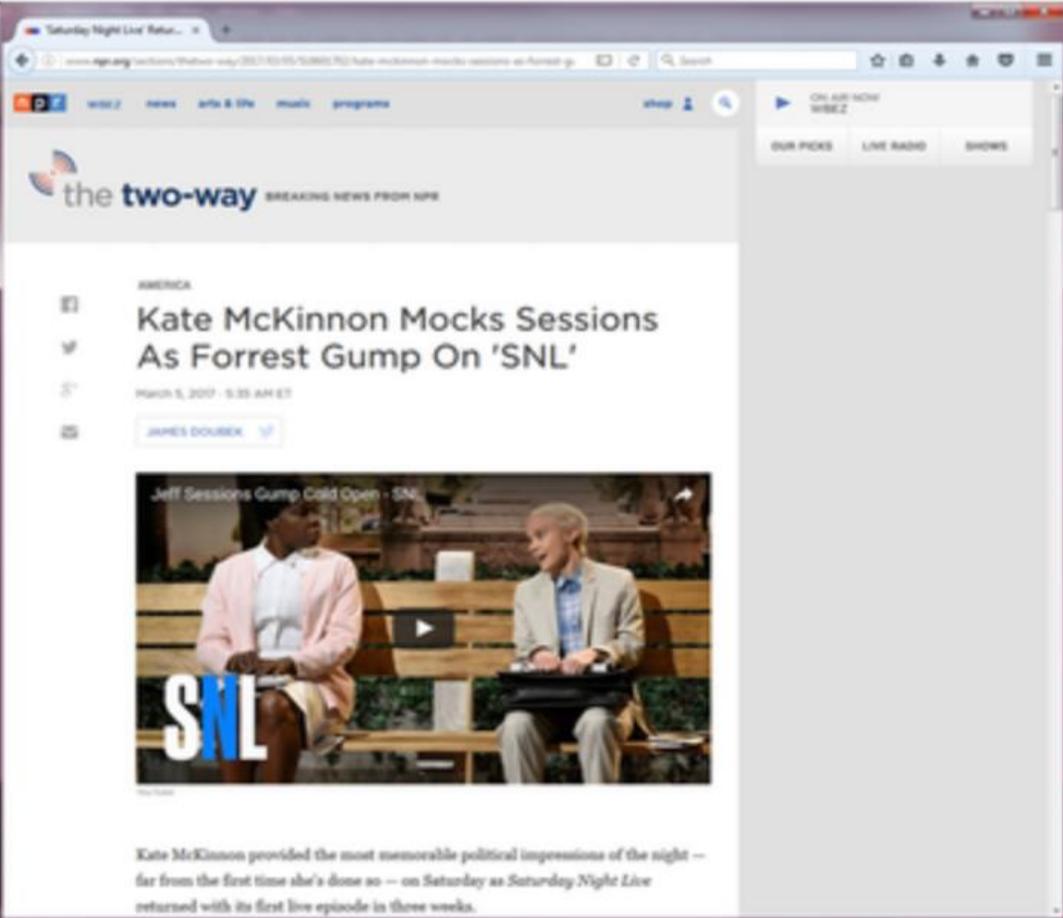
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IS THERE FUTURE FOR UNBIASED INFORMATION?: SOCIAL MEDIA, FAKE NEWS AND POPULISM

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Kate McKinnon Mocks Sessions As Forrest Gump On 'SNL'

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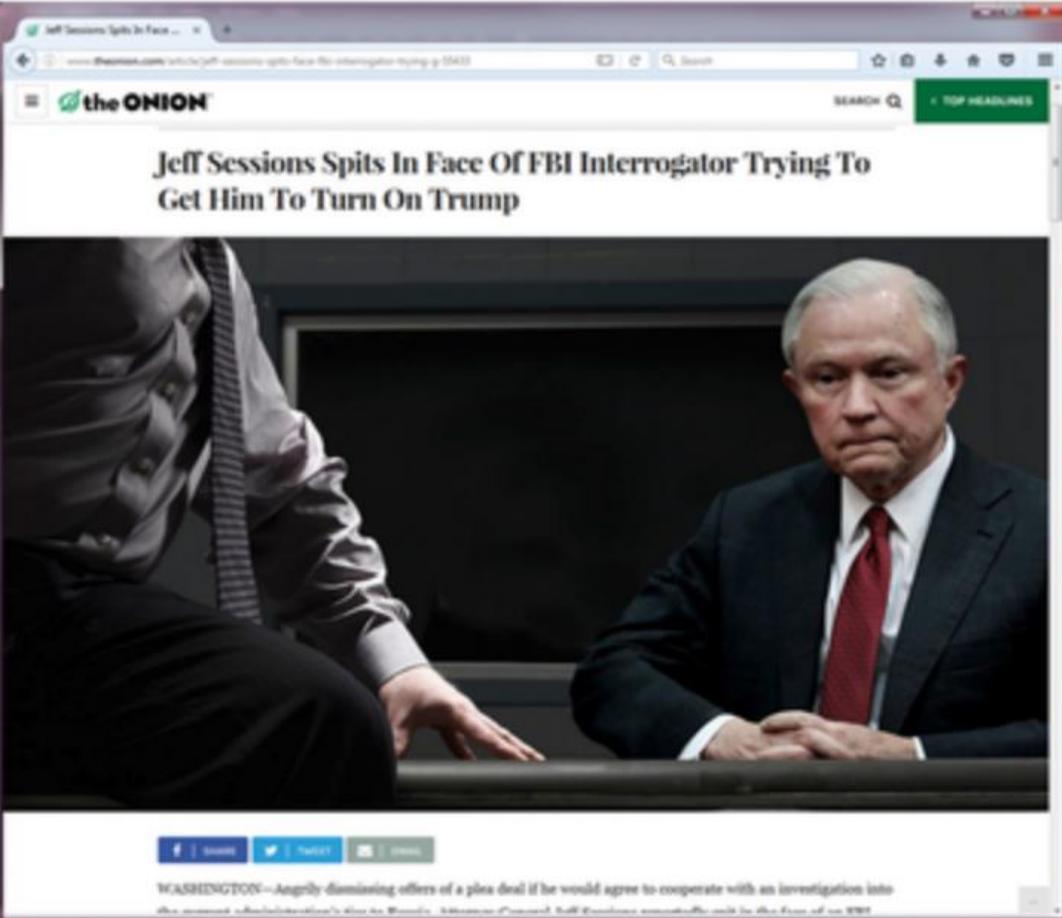
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Jeff Sessions Gump Cold Open - SNL

Kate McKinnon provided the most memorable political impressions of the night — far from the first time she's done so — on Saturday as *Saturday Night Live* returned with its first live episode in three weeks.

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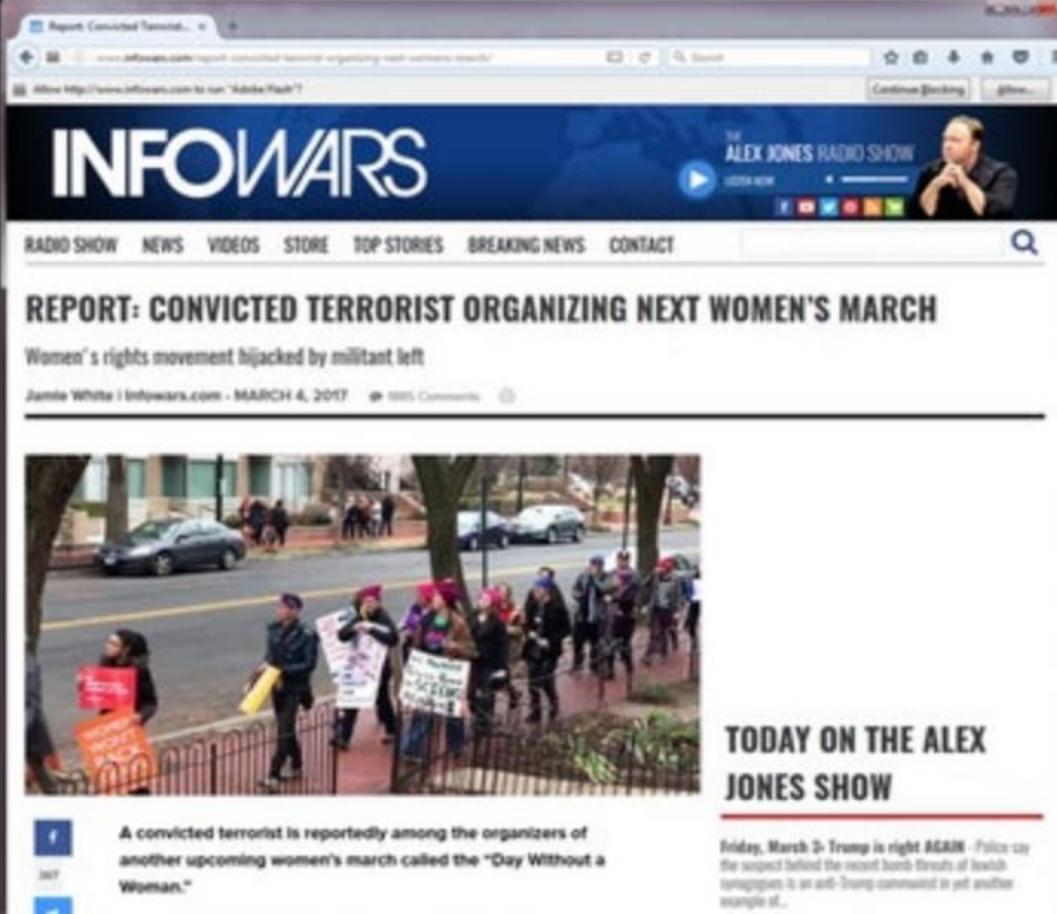
Jeff Sessions Spits In Face Of FBI Interrogator Trying To Get Him To Turn On Trump



WASHINGTON—Angry dismissing offers of a plea deal if he would agree to cooperate with an investigation into the recent administration's rise to power, Attorney General Jeff Sessions emphatically said in the face of an FBI

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REPORT: CONVICTED TERRORIST ORGANIZING NEXT WOMEN'S MARCH

Women's rights movement hijacked by militant left

Jamie White | infowars.com - MARCH 4, 2017



TODAY ON THE ALEX JONES SHOW

A convicted terrorist is reportedly among the organizers of another upcoming women's march called the "Day Without a Woman."

Friday, March 3- Trump is right AGAIN - Police say the suspect behind the recent bomb threats of Jewish synagogues is an anti-Trump communist in yet another example of...

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Radio 3

Malala Yousafzai's UN speech set to music for International Women's Day

BBC Radio 3 announces Kate Whitley's composition, using statements about every girl's right to education, will broadcast on 8 March



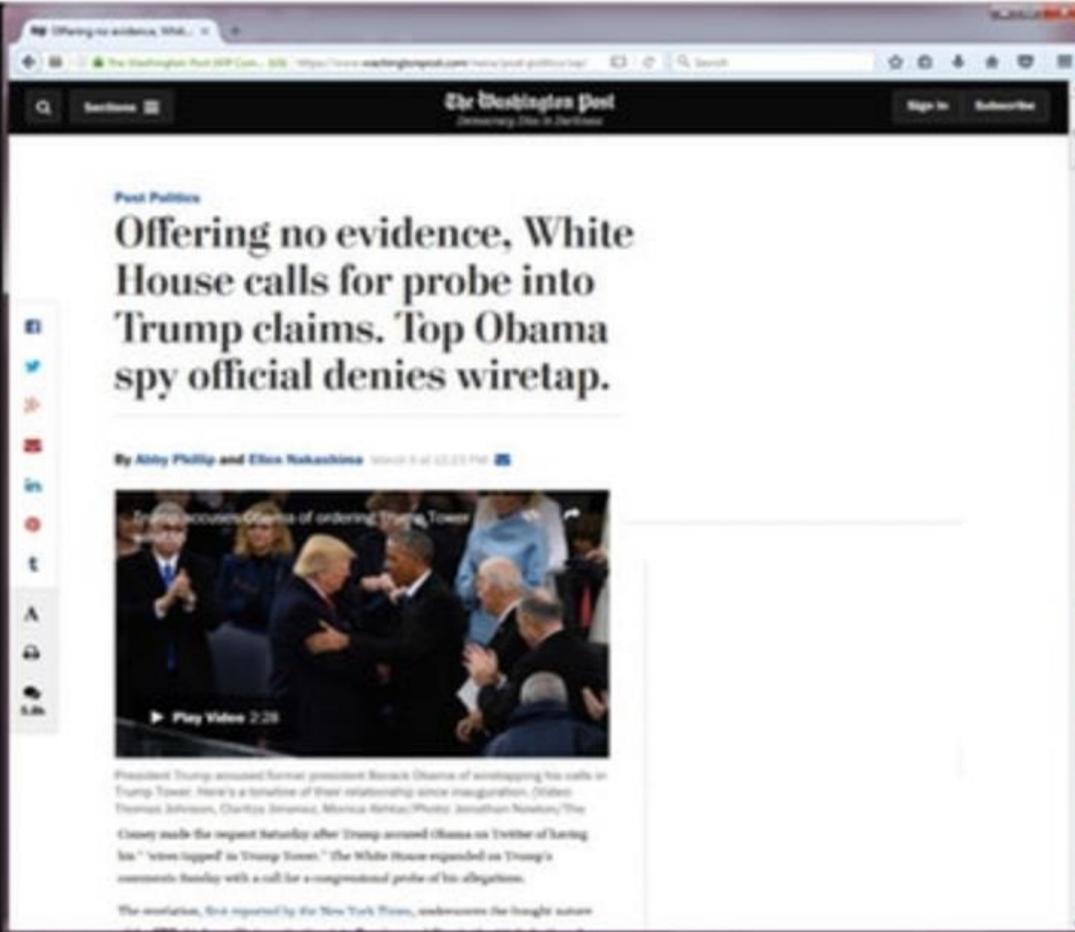
Malala Yousafzai delivered the speech to the UN on her 16th birthday. Photograph: Jonathan Brady/PA

Malala Yousafzai's 2013 speech to the UN, in which she spoke powerfully about every girl's right to an education, has been set to music.

BBC Radio 3 announced it commissioned the composer Kate Whitley to set to music the text, by the schoolgirl who survived a murder attempt by the Taliban,

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The Washington Post

Politics

Offering no evidence, White House calls for probe into Trump claims. Top Obama spy official denies wiretap.

By Abby Phillip and Elise Nakashima March 5 at 12:23 PM



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President Trump accused former president Barack Obama of wiretapping his calls in Trump Tower. Here's a timeline of their relationship since inauguration. (Globe Photos by AP)

Obama's top spy official, Thomas Johnson, said Obama never authorized wiretapping of Trump Tower. Johnson made the report Saturday after Trump accused Obama on Twitter of having his "voice tapped" in Trump Tower. The White House responded on Trump's comments Monday with a call for a congressional probe of his allegations.

The revelation, first reported by the New York Times, underscores the fraught nature

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Speaker Paul Ryan has confirmed that the Obama administration illegally and unconstitutionally wiretapped Donald Trump's private phone.

In an interview on Special Report with Brett Baier, Ryan confirmed that Obama confessed to the

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Canada consider **#JustinBieber** as new ambassador to **#USA**. burrardstreetjournal.com /canada-consider ... **#canada** **#TrumpLeaks** **#cdnpoli** **#trudeau**



Canada Considering Justin Bieber As New Canadian Ambassador To US
Justin Bieber has emerged as the shock front runner to become Canada's new Ambassador to the United States.

Jason Amuda (@jasonamuda Feb 24)
@burrardstreet @adbucho correction, Canadian Government considers Justin Bieber for the position. BKO... stupid how if this is true

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The New York Times
U.S. Soccer will require anyone on a national team to "stand respectfully" during national anthems nyti.ms/2miHfoVW



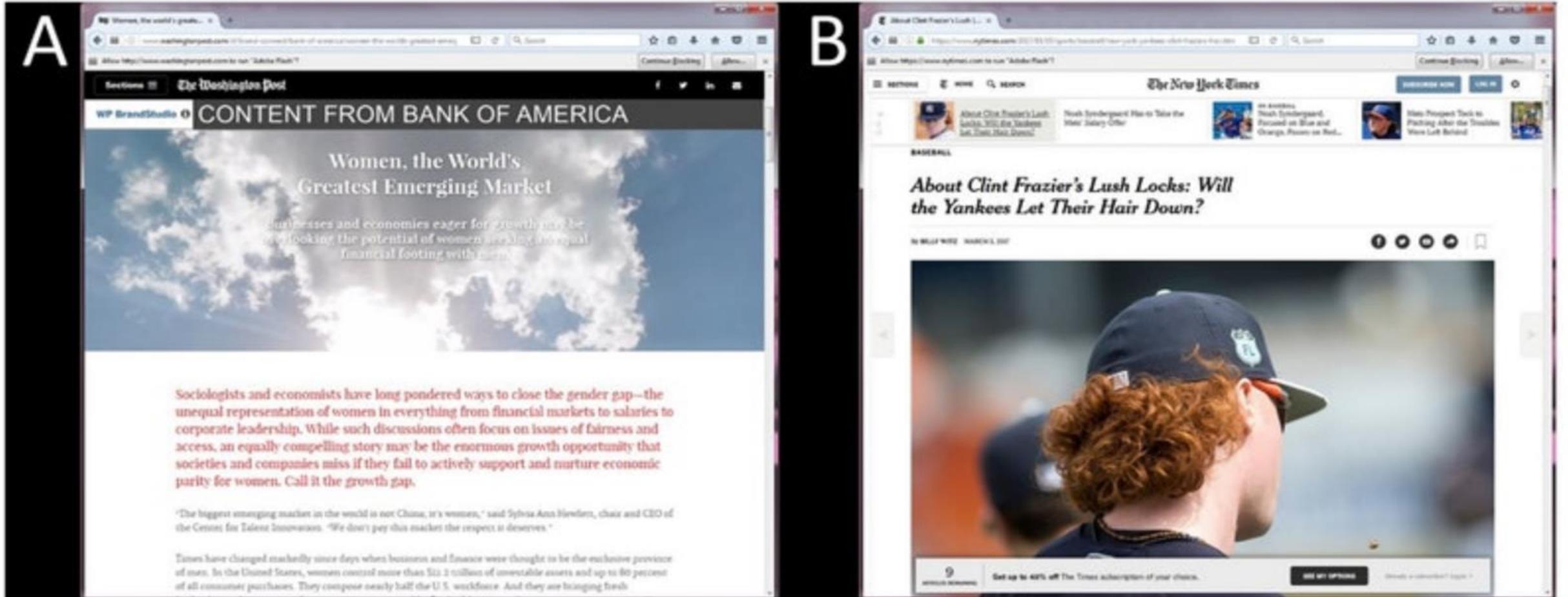
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7:52 AM - 2 Nov 2017

Jack Coles (@JackColes) · 2h
@nytimes all of the US Soccer players should immediately kneel at the start of their anthems because of this stupid rule.

Jane (@jane700000) · 2h
@nytimes well that's freedom of speech for ya...

Fake or not?



Some fake/false news statistics

On Twitter false news stories are 70% more likely to be retweeted than true stories, and it takes true stories about **six times** as long to reach 1,500 people as it takes for false stories to reach the same number of people.

Falsehoods are also retweeted more widely than true statements
...they travel **10 to 20 times more quickly** than facts.

Ipsos Public Affairs study found that **fake headlines fool American adults 75% of the time.**

Fake News Is A Real Problem

Facebook engagement of the top five fake election stories*



Total Facebook engagement for top 20 election stories (August-election day)



How this came to be?

Rise of populism → crisis of trust in political institutions and representations as a product of larger global shifts (**recession, mass migration, inequality**)

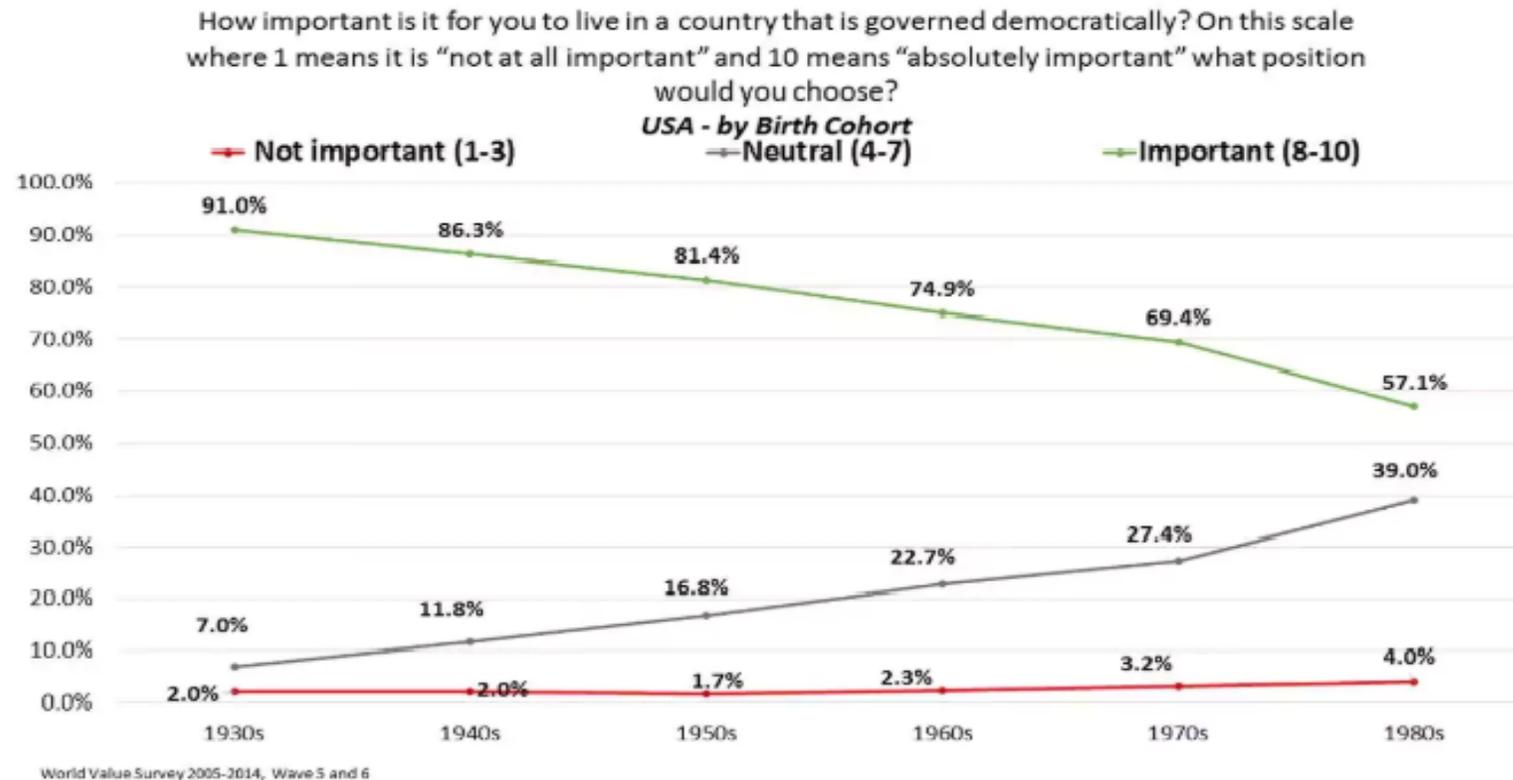
Changes in **technology**, changes in **communication** → Rise of the fake news

disruption of the **public sphere** → phases of **political communication development**

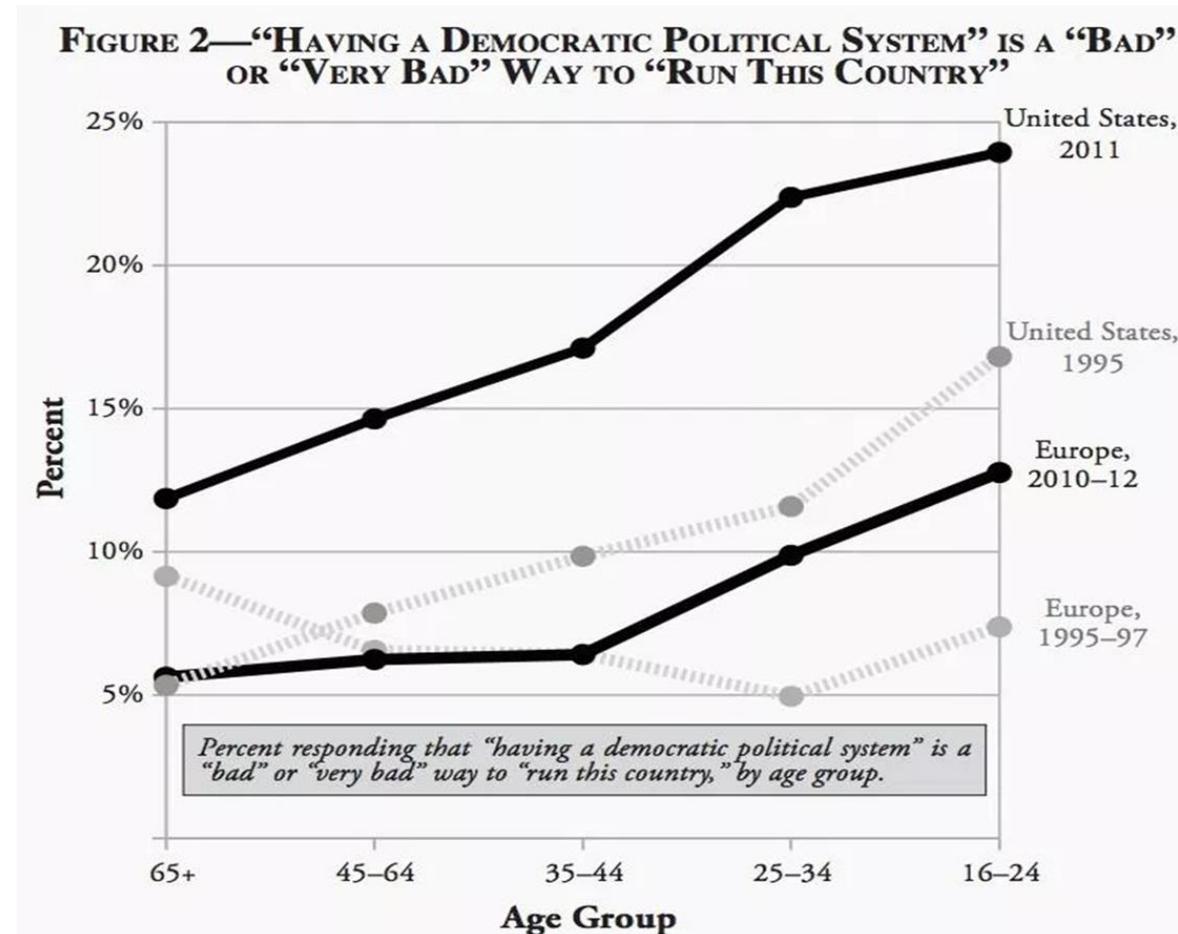
Contemporary challenges: populism, fake news and algorithmic profiling on social media

Youth attitude towards politics – crisis of democracy in global context

Greater Share of Young People Is Neutral About Living in A Democracy



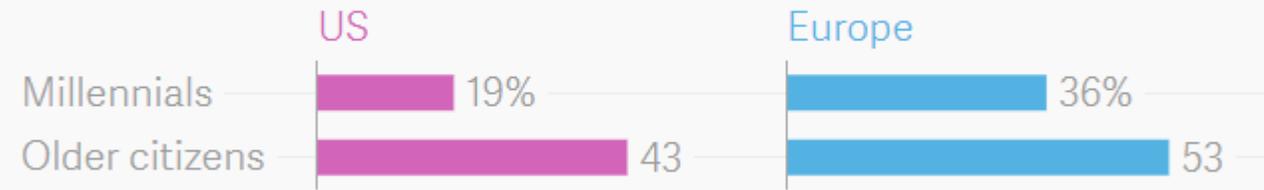
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Source: World Values Surveys, Waves 3 to 6 (1995–2014). Data for Europe includes a constant country sample in both waves: Germany, Sweden, Spain, the Netherlands, Romania, Poland, and the United Kingdom. Valid responses: United States, 1995: 1,452; United States, 2011: 2,164; European countries, 1995–97: 6,052; European countries, 2010–12: 8,197.

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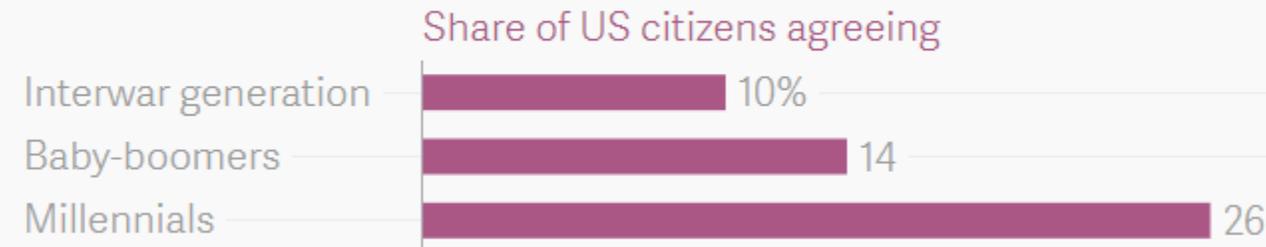
Believe military takeover is not legitimate in a democracy



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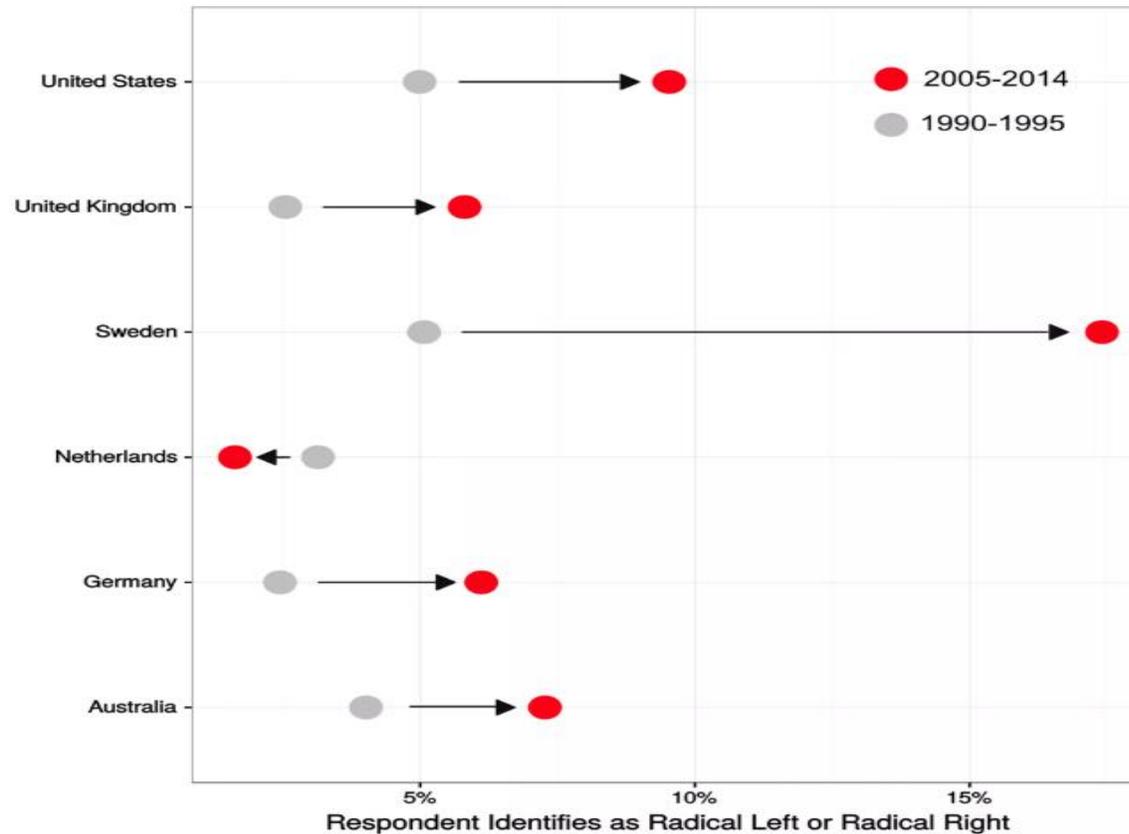


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Rising Radicalism Among Respondents Aged 14-35



Public sphere: phases of political communication development

Phase	The public sphere	Recipients	Media	Political actors	Stateform
The premodern phase	Centralized party press	Passive	Newspapers, party press	The elite, old political parties	The Nation state
The modern Phase	Two-step models emerge	Passive	Breakthrough of mass media, Still party press, state monopoly on electronic media	Political parties, organized interests groups	The welfare state
The late modern phase	Increased fragmentation, mediatization	Passive, seen as an individualized citizen	Privatization of media, dying party press, increased professionalization	Elites isolated in „Bermuda triangles“, increased professionalization	The competition state
A Fourth phase?	Interactivity, continued fragmentation, algorithms shape public awareness	Increasingly active, but still individualized	Stagnation of mass media, emergence of digital media	Everyone collects data	The digital state

DEFINITION OF POPULISM

Populism → „strategic approach that frames politics as a battle between the virtuous, “ordinary” masses and a nefarious or corrupt elite.”

„the pure people” vs. „the corrupt people” (Cas Mudde)

Contested term with various meaning → not all the same: left populists more inclusive what constitutes „true people” than right populists

POPULISM AND SOCIAL MEDIA

“Social media gives legions of idiots the right to speak when they once only spoke at a bar after a glass of wine, without harming the community. Then they were quickly silenced, but now they have the same right to speak as a Nobel Prize winner. It’s the invasion of the idiots.”

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Ivan Pernar

26 min · 🌐

Upravo mi se javio čovjek iz Splita, imao je simptome početka gripe i nije znao što napraviti. Međutim, ključna je bila njegova sestra koja prati moju stranicu i koja mu je rekla da pogleda moj video o vitaminu C.

Čovjek je pogledao, otišao u DM, kupio vitamin C i uzeo ga u tri mega doze do sad - čak pola čajne žličice po dozi (ja preporučam trećinu).

Veli da se osjeća puno bolje i nema nikakvih nuspojava. Uglavnom, požalio se da mu najmanji sin ima problema s kašljem, a još doji i veli da je rekao ženi da i ona pije vitamin C.

Rekao sam mu da postoji jednostavnije rješenje, da jednostavno izdoji mlijeko u bočicu i da na vrh čajne žličice stavi vitamina C unutra i tri put ako tako napravi kašalj je gotov.



Nigel Farage

@Nigel_Farage

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What an insult to the victims of sexual abuse in Cologne and rape in Malmö. These people are sick.



7:13 PM - 14 Jul 2018

736 Retweets 1,551 Likes



376 736 1.6K

POPULISM AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Several key issues why social media, fake news and populism go well together

1. **Direct communication** with likeminded people → no filters or fact checking
2. Closely knitted **networked community of followers** → weak interaction with oppositional world view
3. **Glass bubbles reinforced by algorithm** → user preferences are reinforced by algorithmic recommendations

Clinton and Trump supporters live in their own Twitter worlds

- Follow only Trump
- Follow only Clinton
- Follow both
- Follow neither

Clinton Supporters

Hillary Clinton supporters in this user group are not as cohesive as Trump supporters and they interact more frequently with users who follow both or neither candidate. They have few mutual follower networks in common with the far-right conservative cluster.

This large cluster of Trump supporters on Twitter have little mutual follower overlap with other users and are a remarkably cohesive group. They exist in their own information bubble.

Trump Supporters

HOW TO SPOT FAKE NEWS



CONSIDER THE SOURCE

Click away from the story to investigate the site, its mission and its contact info.



CHECK THE AUTHOR

Do a quick search on the author. Are they credible? Are they real?



CHECK THE DATE

Posting old news stories doesn't mean they're relevant to current events.



CHECK YOUR BIASES

Consider if your own beliefs could affect your judgement.



READ BEYOND

Headlines can be outrageous in an effort to get clicks. What's the whole story?



SUPPORTING SOURCES?

Click on those links. Determine if the info given actually supports the story.



IS IT A JOKE?

If it is too outlandish, it might be satire. Research the site and author to be sure.



ASK THE EXPERTS

Ask a librarian, or consult a fact-checking site.

Today's news:

REAL or FAKE?

80% of middle schoolers mistake sponsored content for real news
3 in 4 students can't distinguish between real and fake news on Facebook
Fewer than **1 in 3** students are skeptical of biased news sources

Students who meet the ISTE Standards for Students are able to critically select, evaluate and synthesize digital resources. That means understanding the difference between real & fake news.

Here's how to tell them apart:



Help your students gain media literacy skills with resources from the ISTE Blog.
• Go to iste.org/subscribe to get the latest articles delivered to your inbox.
• Dive into the ISTE Standards for Students at iste.org/StandardsForStudents



Confronting fake news: individual media literacy vs. The control of the system

Who should bare the burdain? → overwhelming ammount of information, scarcity of dispoable time

Oversaturated with obligations and constant digital interaction → how many people are capable of maintaing that kind of „liquid literacy“?

Shifting the wight of burdain on the digital megacorporations and systems → social responsibility of Google, Facebook, Twitter...

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