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Definitions:

False information

- **False information:** Information that is inaccurate, inconsistent with reality, or based on fabrication or fallacy
- **Misinformation:** False or misleading information spread unintentionally, by error or mistake.
- **Disinformation:** False or misleading information spread intentionally, usually to achieve some political or economic objective, influence public attitudes or hide the truth
- **Mal-information:** Information based on reality but used to inflict harm on a person, organization, or country
- ****Definitions 1–3 were provided by Merriam-Webster and affirmed by nonprofit think tank RAND Corporation in “Truth Decay” (2018). Definition 4 was provided by First Draft News, a nonprofit organization formed in 2015 to address trust and truth in the digital age.**

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Types of false information

- **Satire or parody:** No intention to cause harm, but potential to fool
- **Misleading content:** Misleading use of information to frame an issue or individual
- **Imposter content:** When genuine sources are impersonated
- **Fabricated content:** New content is false, designed to deceive and do harm
- **False connection:** When headlines, visuals or captions do not support the content
- **False content:** When genuine content is shared with false contextual information
- **Manipulated content:** When genuine information or imagery is manipulated to deceive

Types of risk

- **User risk:** Instances where false information can have immediate and harmful effects on user health
- **Public policy risk:** Issues that are a priority in public policy, where false information can have the gravest impact on public health if not addressed
- **Reputational risk:** Issues where false information has the most potential to damage Pinterest's reputation (which includes legal and regulatory risks)

Tools:

[BuzzSumo](#) (search for most shared content/articles)

[SimilarWeb](#) (sources of traffic to specific websites)

Who is (inspect country of origin of websites)

<https://whois.icann.org/en>

<https://www.whois.com/>

[First Draft News](#) (Fake News)

[Media Bias/Fact Check](#) (resource for determining the bias of media sites)

Google Search: site:pinterest.com

Google Trends: <https://trends.google.com/trends/explore>

Resources to Read:

- [WHO 2019 Health Threats Assessment](#)
- [Addressing Health-Related Misinformation on Social Media \(Chou, Wen-Ying Syliva\)](#)
- Stories about HPV vaccine in Social Media, Traditional Media, and Conversations (Preventative Medicine 118 (2019))

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News

Types of Content:

- [Memes](#)
- News Stories
- Merchandise
- Image

Topic	Key Finding	Recs	
<p>2020 US Election</p>	<p>Misinfo easily found + coming from news sites w/ extreme bias</p>	<p>Monitor/ consider actions against news sites that publish highly subjective and biased content</p>	<p>Kamala Harris</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Search terms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <p>Types of Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Satirical memes (12%) ● Extreme bias news sources (48%, 53% extreme right bias) <p>Sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jacob Wohl (banned by Twitter) ● Big League Politics (Extreme right-wing) ● Puppet String News (Fringe News Source) ● Gateway Pundit (Extreme right-wing) ● Biz Pac Review (Extreme Right Bias) ● Western Journal (Extreme Right Bias) ● Newsfortrump.club (URL no longer active) <p>Specific Content + Keywords:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “kamala harris” OR “senator harris” OR harris2020 OR “harris 2020” OR (harris AND 2020) ● Kamala + Eligibility: Ineligibility Claims (Pin) (Pin) ● Kamala + Antifa: Antifa Claim (Pin) ● Kamala + Wiretapping: Illegal wiretapping claim (Pin) ● Kamala + Campaign + Wakanda: Wakanda Forever Claim (Pin) <p>Elizabeth Warren</p> <p>Types of Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Smear campaigns ● False information ● Memes ● Youtube videos ● Political cartoons ● Merchandise ● Headline screenshots ● Extreme bias news sources (16%) <p>Sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gateway Pundit (Extreme right-wing) ● Breitbart (Extreme right-wing) ● Bizpacreview (Extreme right-wing) <p>Specific Content + Keywords:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “senator warren” OR “elizabeth warren” OR warren2020 OR “warren 2020” OR (warren AND 2020) ● Warren + blackface: Blackface Doll Claims (Pin)

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4Chan ○ r/The_Donald subreddit ● Fauxcahontas OR Fauxcahontus OR 1/1024: Native American Narrative (Pin) (18%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Non-Playable Character (NPC)-liberals as “autonomously follow group thinks and ○ social trends.” ● Warren + Tonsils + Abortion: Abortion Quote (Real Quote: “getting an abortion is safer than getting your tonsils out.”) ○ LifeNews (pro-life news site)(Pin) ● Warren + Pagan Ritual: Photo (Pin) <p>Cory Booker Types of Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Satirical memes (12%) ● Extreme bias news sources (9/35 extreme right, 1 extreme left) <p>Sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bluntforcetruth (Pin) ○ Chuck Woolery (twitter)(Conservative commentator) ○ Pacific Pundit (Pin) ○ The Gateway Pundit (fringe right wing media) ○ American Thinker (fringe right wing media) ○ James Wood (twitter) ○ BizPacReview (extreme right-wing bias) ○ Dailywire (right wing media) ○ Teaparty.org (right wing media) ○ Western Journal (right wing media) ○ Federalist Papers <p>Specific Content + Keywords:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● : “cory booker” OR “senator booker” OR booker2020 OR “booker 2020” OR (booker AND 2020) ● Booker + Sexual or groping or assault: sexual assault + sexual assault (12%) ● Fabricated quotes on Constitution (Pin) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Babylon Bee (Satirical site) ○ Ebaum’s World ○ 56packardman ● Birther Claims(America’s Last Line of Defense-satirical) ● Spartacus Content (16%)
<p>AOC Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (Case Study)</p>	<p>94% false/misinfo</p>	<p>Monitor misinformation and smear campaigns on other platforms to take proactive actions against new content sources and themes as they emerge.</p>	<p>Types of Content: Memes/ Smear Campaign</p> <p>Specific Content + Keywords:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Insulting intelligence (Monitor boards with titles related to) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FunnyConservative.com (Pinterest Account) ● Green New Deal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Doctored version + Mark Dice (Conspiracy Theorist) ○ Attacking credibility ● Democratic Socialism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ted Nugent (FB) ○ (Pin) (Pin)

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<p>Anti- Muslim Content</p>	<p>Content from major anti-Muslim actors, many of whom have been banned from other social platforms, is readily available on Pinterest.</p>	<p>Identify the main actors involved to limit the reach of their key phrases, websites and social media channels.</p>	<p>Increase in Anti-Muslim Attacks in US + UK SPLC List of Anti-Muslim hate groups</p> <p>Content Searched For:</p> <p>Keywords:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "(jihad OR "creeping sharia" OR ("mainstream media" OR msm OR pork) AND (muslim* OR Islam*)) OR (refugee* AND (rape OR minor))) • † (Muslim AND (rape OR rapist OR rapists)) • † ("tommy robinson" OR tommyrobinson OR "english defense league" OR "stephen yaxley-lennon" OR freetommy) <p>ACT for America (Not Blocked-added to STL doc for review)</p> <p>Tommy Robinson (Blocked-Tommy Robinson + Islam, Muslim, Muslims, free)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • large amount encouraged people to join the movements • that linked directly to promotional websites and social media • Conduits for other political conspiracy theories <p>"creeping Sharia" (Not Blocked-added to STL doc for review)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theory that Muslim communities are conspiring to replace legal systems with Sharia Law <p>Sources:</p> <p>24% from leaders in anti-muslim movement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Horowitz Freedom Center (DHFC)(Not blocked) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ www.frontpagemag.com (Not blocked) ◦ JihadWatch (Richard Spencer)(Blocked) • Pamela Geller (activist) (Pin) • The Rebel Media (Canadian far-right site + Youtube)(Pin) • English Defence League (Not blocked) <p>Creeping Sharia references</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bizpacreview (extreme right-wing bias)(Not blocked) • pjmedia (extreme right-wing bias)(Not blocked) • Mohammedanislam (anti-muslim/creeping sharia) (Not blocked) <p>18% from extreme right-wing bias sources (55% referred to Muslims as rapists)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act For America <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Founder: Brigitte Gabriel • Stephen Yaxley-Lennon (Tommy Robinson) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Founder of English Defence League ◦ Founder of Pegida (Patriotic Europeans Against the Islamisation of the Occident). ◦ Tommy Robinson's Youtube Channel (Board) ◦ Tommy Robinson's News Youtube Channel ◦ Tommy Robinson's Live Stream • Rebel Media (Canadian)(Youtube)
<p>White Power/ Anti-Semitism</p>	<p>this content is still present. Some content links directly to recruitment</p>	<p>Identify the main actors involved to limit the reach of their key phrases, websites and</p>	<p>Content Searched For:</p> <p>Keywords:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "(turner diaries" OR "leaderless resistance" OR "new american government" OR "we must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children" OR "14/88" OR "1488" OR "our might is right" OR "revolt against the modern world" OR "right wing death squads" OR