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Fake News with Real Consequences

Nowadays everyone can receive the latest news from social media, texts, television, etc. People assume what they're being told is true because it looks trustworthy, but should they always believe it? Since fake news makes people more inclined to believe stories that justify their pre-existing partisan biases, whether or not they are true, we need to be more cautious.

In the *New York Times* article "The Real Story About Fake News Is Partisanship" Especially during the election Trump's supporters would believe scandals about Clinton, and the same for Clinton supporters about Trump. On the *Wikipedia* page 'Fake news websites in the United States' it explains how fake news sources mainly generate profit from clickbait. Posting fake news can be dangerous especially if people react based on those lies. In both entries it explains how the election played a big role in fake news taking over social media.

In the *Wikipedia* page the thesis is clearly stated in the beginning while in the *NY Times* article it is implied throughout the text. In the *Wikipedia* page the author supported their thesis by giving a definition, news websites and evidence of the effects of fake news. In the *NY Times* article it mainly explained the power of partisan bias and the effect it had on the election.

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These articles made me realize that I am exposed to new sources every day and they shorten down the news to make it interesting. A viewer like me doesn't really have the time to really sit and watch the news, so if I want to find out more about a story I should look into it more. As I get older I noticed I'm paying more attention to the news occurring around the world and the main way I stay updated is from social media. I just hope in the future there's a way to filter out the fake news without silencing the people.

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