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Why You Don't Believe Everything You Hear

When one finds out news, should you always believe it or question it? In recent news there was a video from Live Action (an anti-abortion group) called "The Prenatal Care Deception" that was released about Planned Parenthood's health care practices saying that they only provide abortion services and not pre-natal care services. Dan Evon, the author from Snopes.com stated that the video did have some evidence to back up their claim, but they omitted parts of the Planned Parenthood president Cecile Richards' statement which they included in the video. In another article from *The Huffington Post* called "Anti-Abortion Group Releases Misleading Video About Planned Parenthood" they stated that: "(Hatch) The video shows members of Live Action calling and visiting 97 Planned Parenthood centers (out of 650) only to show five of those centers offering prenatal care, which should come as no surprise — Planned Parenthood has never said that every single one of its centers offers prenatal services." As you can see, the fake video can be misleading to the truth in the articles because they use Planned Parenthood's own words and cut out important parts to try to expose them. Live Action is known for what they believe, so whatever they put out against the opposing side should not be considered 100% true with be checked.

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A thesis is important in writing essays or any text because it is the main purpose of why the author wrote their paper, and it gives the reader the overall goal of what they are going to do or persuade them. Between both articles and the video, although one is justified by the false information they all had a thesis. The thesis in a text is the main idea, and it should have evidence to support the claim. The fake news video stated several informative facts to state their thesis was true. The fake news video “The Prenatal Care Deception” the thesis was “that Planned Parenthood does not offer prenatal care and they only offer abortions” (Live Action 0:06). Although the fake news was not a trustworthy source, their thesis was persuading many people to believe since they put that in the beginning of the video. In the real news article, “Prenatal Where?” from Snopes.com the thesis was “A video investigation showed that Planned Parenthood lies about providing prenatal care” (Don Evon 1). The Snopes article author wanted to influence those who are reading to believe in their thesis because it is truthful and they have evidence to prove it.

The author’s values are considered warrants; these are good to know to back up their thesis. In addition to that, “backing” is when both sources have a backing to support each warrant they stated in their article, even when one source support isn’t credible to readers. The author represents their values in specific words, these words are called warrants or assumptions. Some warrants aren’t stated in an author writing, but the author’s paper gives the reader an understanding of what they value. The creators of the false video had warrants that showed they were pro-life; in the end of the video they have a petition to defund Planned Parenthood.

Based on the Toulmin analysis some important terms are not stated in the author’s writings, except one article does have a qualifier. The qualifier limits the thesis with certain

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language, like the words might, maybe, some, perhaps, probably, when, etc. According to Evon the use of “more” in the statement “80 percent of our patients receive services to prevent unintended pregnancy,” and that Live Action chose to compare prenatal services (approximately 17,000 in 2014-2015) to abortions (more than 300,000) for this video, which gave the misleading impression that Planned Parenthood rarely provides reproductive health services other than abortions. In reality, Planned Parenthood provides more STD screenings (4,218,149), contraception services (2,945,059), and cancer screenings (682,208) than they do abortions (para 13). This shows that Live Action doesn’t use numbers to show what services are actually more than what Planned Parenthood just offers.

Each of the sources had good evidence, but only one source was actually credible and logical to readers. As readers we should look into what we read and determine what we believe is credible based off facts and not easily believe in misleading reports.

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