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Problem:

There is a lot of misinformation and fake news on social media, which causes the public to believe in this misinformation.

Solution:

A platform where people can submit links to articles and social media posts where people can discuss the validity of the claims and include sources/references. Links can be ranked positively or negatively, depending on whether readers thinks the claim is true or false. This causes common misconceptions that are circulating the web to be viewed by more people and generate more discussion on the validity of common claims people normally accept as fact.

The intention is to become a place in the mainstream where common people, not just people interested in science, can find out about common misconceptions circulating the web and thus be more wary of misinformation. The solution is not trying to get rid of fake news, it intends to be a one-stop place to fact check and discuss the source of common misinformation, though we recognise that if the platform gets very popular, it can create a culture where people naturally care more about the validity of the claim and doesn't just accept it as truth.

Structure:

Not trying to reinvent the wheel: The front end will be a website that anybody can open in their browser, which connects to a webserver that serves the content.