Second Sprint Review

What was the aim for this Sprint?

The objectives for this sprint were:

- 1. Look at possible alternatives for the discussion topic; primarily, more specific topics.
- 2. Find sources to use in the discussion paper, and verify that they fill the necessary qualifications. Also, take note of any bias.
- 3. Identify the methods that I can use.
- 4. Define exactly what was considered misinformation about COVID-19.
- 5. Identify the types of models I could use in my paper.

What was achieved in this Sprint?

Of my intended objectives, I managed to:

- Look further into the sources I had found. After reading them in more depth, I was able to gain a better understanding of my topic. I feel more confident with the sources I have, and that I can use them effectively.
- 2. Partially identify the method I want to use for the paper. For my method, I have been looking at instances where companies have tried to prevent the accidental spread of disproven information (also, intentional spread of disproven information). I have also been looking at instances of misinformation other than COVID-19, and observing any similarities in the results and, if applicable, solutions.
- 3. I found an interesting use of terms, that I feel will be important for my paper; the differences between misinformation and disinformation.
- 4. As a result of the above point, I gained a better understanding of what exactly was considered misinformation (and how to separate it from facts).

What was not achieved in this Sprint?

Of my intended objectives, I failed to:

- 1. Discover a new, more specific, topic. While I like my current topic, I was hoping to find an idea to narrow its area of discussion. While reading through my sources, I was able to find some ideas, but nothing concrete enough. I am hoping that I will find something as I read more about the topic.
- 2. Choose types of models that would be effective in my discussion essay. I have had difficulty in understanding what models I could use for my topic. However, I have found a few examples of models within my sources, and have been trying to use those to better understand what I need.

What will be done different during the next Sprint?

During the next Sprint, I plan to:

- For next Sprint, I will already have the sources I plan to use. Instead, I will focus on looking at and analyzing the results and conclusions.
- 2. Focus more on writing the essay, rather than just researching the topic. While the research I have done up til now has been invaluable, I have avoided thinking about how I would use all this information, and put it down. As such, I feel thinking about that is a high priority for next Sprint.

Currently unanswered Questions

How can I quantifiably measure "misinformation"?

Should I discuss the viability of possible solutions, or discuss how misinformation allowed for further spread of the COVID-19 virus?