Annex C. References

Books and Articles

These are practical guides:

- [Verification handbook](#), especially the chapter on [investigative reporting](#)

These books give the history of disinformation, propaganda and information operations:

- SJ's 2018 book stack - dated, but some good classics in here
- Thomas Rid's "Active Measures"
- PW Singer and Emerson Brooking's "Like War"
- Zeynap Tufeki's "Twitter and Tear Gas" (free version)

Good background articles include:

- Unpacking China's Viral Propaganda War
- Prevalence of Low-Credibility Information on Twitter During the COVID-19 Outbreak (5 pages)
- Media Manipulation and Disinformation Online (106 pages)
- Facebook's Coordinated Inauthentic Behavior - An OSINT Analysis
- Naval Post Graduate - Disinformation (many)
- Hate multiverse spreads malicious COVID-19 content online beyond individual platform control (9 pages)
- From Russia with Blogs (26 pages)
- The COVID-19 Social Media Infodemic (18 pages)
- We've Just Seen the First Use of Deepfakes in an Indian Election Campaign
- Facebook shut down commercial disinformation network based in Myanmar and Vietnam
- Facebook April 2020 Coordinated Inauthentic Behavior Report (26 pages)
  - Iran's Broadcaster: Inauthentic Behavior (46 pages)
  - Facebook's VDARE Takedown (18 pages)
  - Facebook Downs Inauthentic Cluster Inspired by QAnon (19 pages)
- (Bellingcat) Uncovering A Pro-Chinese Government Information Operation On Twitter and Facebook: Analysis Of The #MilesGuo Bot Network

- [Unmaking Democracy: How Corporate Influence Is Eroding Democratic Governance](#) (Harvard International Review) - 4 May 2020 (6min read)
- [Conspiracy Theory Handbook](#) (12 Pages) - also its [Google Drive Location](#)
- [What if we've all been primed?](#) (6 pages)
- (Bellingcat) [Investigate TikTok Like a Pro](#) (15min read)

Podcasts and videos include:

- Motherboard's [Cyber Podcast Episode with Thomas Rid about Active Measures](#) and implications for modern disinformation
- [Lawfare's Arbiters of Truth](#) podcast series about disinformation, and especially [this episode with Camille Francoise](#) on COVID-19 and the ABCs of disinformation
- [vOPCDE #2 - Discussion: Disinformation about Disinformation (Grugq, SJ, Brian)](#)

People and Examples

People to Follow

Disinformation data scientists:

- Conspirador Norteno and Dr ZQ: always a great example on [bot tracking](#), [investigated reopen](#) etc. [@conspirator0](#), [@ZellaQuixote](#)
  - Tools: [https://makeadverbsgreatagain.org/allegedly](#) and python/jupyter with libraries pandas, tweepy, bokeh, cytoscape
- Andy Patel, Infosec and misinformation data scientist: [@r0zetta](#), [blog](#)

- ○ Tools: e.g. [using TFIDF plus Louvain clustering to analyse twitter](#), [https://twitter-clustering.web.app/](#), [https://github.com/r0zetta/meta_embedding_clustering](#)

- Elliot Alderson, infosec and misinformation data scientist: [@fs0c131y](#), [fs0c131y.com](#)

Disinformation trackers:

- Erin Gallagher: [@3r1nG](#)

- @josh_emerson

- Kate Starbird: [@katestarbird](#)

Examples of disinformation tracking

- ["Distinguished Impersonator" Information Operation That Previously Impersonated U.S. Politicians and Journalists on Social Media Leverages Fabricated U.S. Liberal Personas to Promote Iranian Interests](#)
- [From Russia With Blogs](#)
- [Facebook shut down commercial disinformation network based in Myanmar and Vietnam](#)
- [Facebook's Coordinated Inauthentic Behavior - An OSINT Analysis](#)

- Data science:
  [https://onezero.medium.com/facebook-groups-and-youtube-enabled-viral-spread-of-plandemic-misinformation-f1a279335e8c](#)
- Images and disinformation: [Deepfakes by BJP in Indian Delhi Election Campaign](#)

Disinformation Counters

- Training end-users about disinformation

- ○ https://getbadnews.com/#intro - game showing how disinformation works
- ○ CrashCourse media literacy videos

Disinformation teams

Teams with Volunteers

These teams we know:

- RealityTeam - creating and deploying counter-narratives
- CogSecCollab - standards, deployments etc
- CTI League Disinformation Team - infosec group, focussed on Covid19
- Bellingcat investigation team - OSINT investigations
- Credibility Coalition - research
- Pro-Truth Pledge - persuading politicians etc to pledge to be truthful
- Public Editor - news article markup
- Art Into Science
- Project Domino - machine learning