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Industrial Workers of the World  
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You can't be "pro-worker" and anti-immigration. Immigrants ARE workers. Don't be fooled by dog-whistle racism – immigrants aren't driving down wages, bosses are. #IWW #1u

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I want to know more about... 

**Do you actually see truth in media? Or is it hyped for more views?**



OK so first things first: journalists & members of the press are people with jobs that are overworked, underpaid, and underappreciated. So I'm not here to dump on them because they deal with enough. I respect them a lot and admire those who conduct their work with integrity.

But the institutions and incentives in media overall is absolutely incentivized towards conflict and drama, because that is what generates clicks, views, and revenue. That said, when you see a FACT that is reported, cited, and verified by several reputable outlets, 99.999% it's going to be true.

HOWEVER! there is a BIG difference between a fact and the STORY. And the STORY (often the headline) that's told surrounding the fact is frequently stretched, mischaracterized, or dramatized to get you to click. Sometimes the STORY is so misleading that even though it contains FACTS it is told in such a way that people will walk away thinking the wrong thing, or just getting angry about something that's actually not a big deal. And that creates lack of trust in media & institutions, and overall polarization.

I will give you an example.

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**Remember this? This was my DNC Convention speech to procedurally nominate Bernie. It was pre-recorded and approved by the DNC, Biden campaign, and Bernie. The DNC provided an advisory to the media DAYS ahead of time that I would be seconding Bernie's procedural nomination.**



A white arrow points from the text "Remember this?" to AOC's face in the video frame.

**This happens at EVERY single convention (Dolores Huerta did Hillary Clinton's in '08, etc), and ironically it is considered an important step in UNITING the party by paying respect to the second-place finisher and their supporters and sets up a process so we all come together via roll call in the end.**

But how did @nbcnews cover it? 

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 NBC News @NBCNews

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In one of the shortest speeches of the DNC, Rep. Ocasio-Cortez did not endorse Joe Biden: "I hereby second the nomination of Sen. Bernard Sanders of Vermont for president of the United States of America." [nbcnews.to/2Clp24c](http://nbcnews.to/2Clp24c)



NBC immediately framed this normal process as "AOC doesn't endorse Joe Biden" when they KNEW this was normal and were ADVISED that the whole point of my role WASN'T to do that! 🇺🇸

9:49 PM - 17 Jun 2016

But educating people on the process doesn't generate as much clicks or money, so they framed this as a controversially as possible. The FACT is true - I didn't endorse Biden in this 60 sec clip - but the STORY was at best irresponsible.

This actually made my life hell in the immediate aftermath. 20-30 million people were watching on convention nights. Floods of people, misled by NBC, directed a ton of abuse my way and I was cast as "going rogue" and harming the party. A lot of moderate Democrats used this as an opportunity to send a lot of hatred, anger, and vitriol my way.

All for fulfilling a 60 second role that I was asked to do. And @nbcnews has yet to apologize.

This stuff happens all the time.

(NBC quietly took down the tweet in the middle of Send Messageight - after it already went viral) ⚡ ...

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## My tips for consuming media & staying informed:

- Don't rely on only one source. Every outlet has their own biases and habits, even if they don't want to admit it. Read multiple outlets to determine YOUR perspective.

- Get an idea for each outlet's slant / vibe / perspective/ whatever you want to call it. Media bias rarely shows up as "this outlet is out to get X politician" (though there are some hacky, 2nd/3rd tier outlets or websites that are that way), but it's more often a bias towards a certain class perspective that's out of touch, or it's a bias against context they DON'T have ie race. For example, a lot of newsrooms don't have enough empowered BIPOC journalists, so their coverage can be really tone deaf towards race, or gender, or class, etc.

- Identify journalists whose work you respect and trust. They often specialize in topics you are interested in, from politics to gaming. Follow them. I find that to be a lot more illuminating than just blanket loyalty to an outlet

- Take a beat. Many headlines are designed to trigger an emotional response. So if you have the inclination to get angry, pause.

- Also: many journalists are not responsible for the headlines above their work. Which I find really sad, bc they will put in a ton of work on an article just for an editor to put in a horrible headline that undercuts all the work they just did. I believe digital headlines should be held to higher editorial standards to preserve people's trust.

I believe we should hold headlines accountable too.

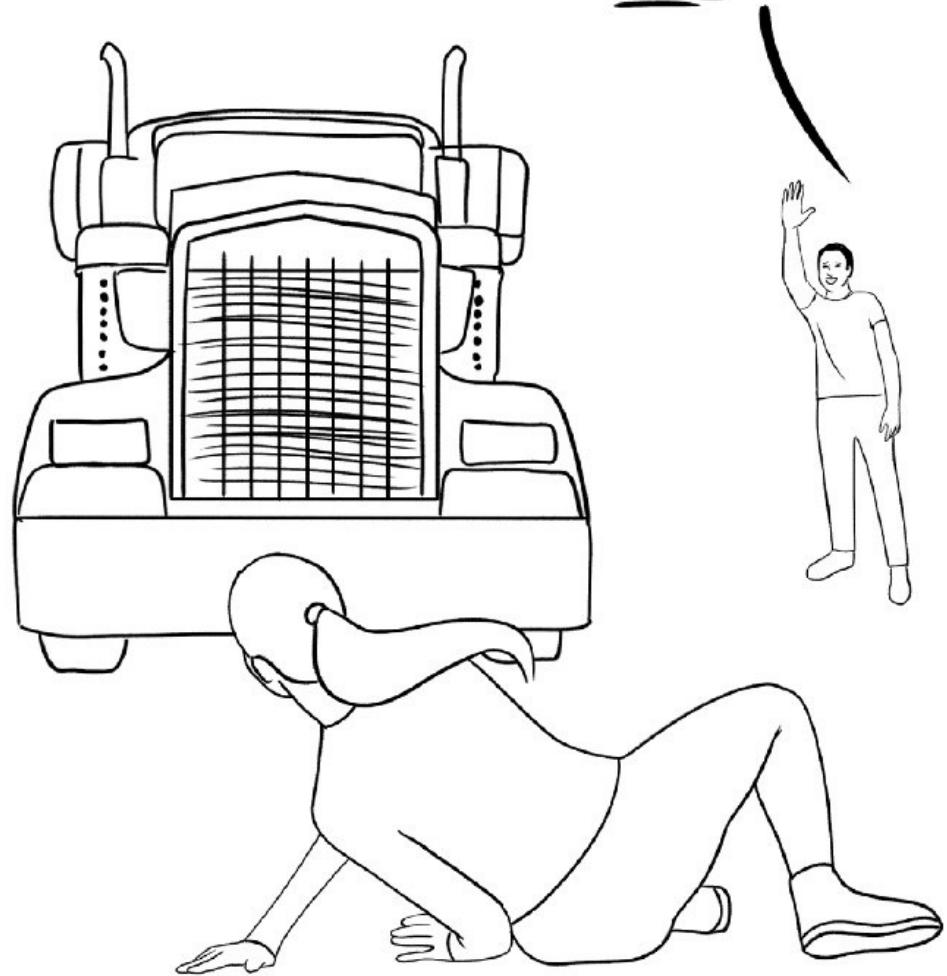
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This thread is very good. Her advice is on-point. [link source](#)

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This Is What Your Unsolicited Advice Sounds Like [source](#)

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# QAnon



# QAnon

is a sprawling conspiracy theory alleging that a cabal of "deep-state" Satan-worshipping pedophiles secretly control America. *Really.*

The movement accuses many liberal celebrities and Democratic politicians of heinous crimes and warns of an impending "apocalyptic reckoning" in which they'll be indicted, *and perhaps executed*, at Guantanamo Bay. Here are a few of the targets of QAnon conspiracies:



(Yes, that list includes Tom Hanks, the Pope, and the Dalai Lama.)

In the QAnon narrative, President Trump is the savior who was specially recruited by the military to fight the deep state.

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SOURCE: NEW YORK TIMES, CNN/MARSHALL COHEN



Theories are often shared by an anonymous internet user who calls itself "Q" and claims to be a high-level intelligence officer.

"Q" has shared more than 5,000 cryptic messages on various websites. Many of the posts include specific predictions that simply *do not come true*.

Information is then shared on social media sites like Twitter, YouTube, and Facebook.

Followers often use the hashtag #WWG1WGA ("where we go one, we go all") to coordinate messages.

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SOURCE: NEW YORK TIMES



Since the theory first emerged three years ago, Donald Trump himself has employed a wink-and-nod approach to the conspiracy theory - he's regularly retweeted Q followers but conspicuously ignores questions about it or gives vague answers, alleging ignorance.

**But the conspiracy no longer just lives on the fringes & in the nooks and crannies of the internet.**

Marjorie Taylor Green - a QAnon follower from Georgia - recently won her primary election for the House of Representatives. Jo Rae Perkins, a Senate candidate in Oregon, has taken an official "QAnon pledge."

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SOURCE: NEW YORK TIMES, FOX NEWS

# Trump eats this shit up.

A few things Trump has said regarding QAnon:

*"They like me very much, which I appreciate."  
"I've heard these are people who love our country."*

And a special congratulations to big time QAnon follower Marjorie Taylor Greene on her primary win:



**Donald J. Trump** @realDonaldTrump · Aug 12

Congratulations to future Republican Star Marjorie Taylor Greene on a big Congressional primary win in Georgia against a very tough and smart opponent. Marjorie is strong on everything and never gives up - a real WINNER!

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SOURCE: CNBC, TWITTER



# The GOP Response

While President Trump has made favorable comments about QAnon and its followers, not every GOP response has been positive.

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy has denounced the movement, saying that "there is no place" in the GOP for QAnon.

Mike Pence is on a different page than POTUS: "I called it a conspiracy theory, I said I don't have time for it, I don't know anything about it."

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SOURCE: CNBC, NEW YORK TIMES, POLITICO



**During the COVID-19 lockdowns,  
online activity around QAnon theories  
has increased substantially.**

Membership in some of the larger Facebook groups has grown by more than 600% in recent months.

*An internal Facebook study, as reported by NBC News, concluded that there were thousands of QAnon groups, with millions of members between them.*

Twitter recently announced it was limiting the reach of over 150,000 QAnon-associated accounts. YouTube has moderated QAnon videos and changed their recommendation algorithm to push users towards more reputable content. Facebook also banned about 900 pages and groups and 1,500 ads. The company also restricted the reach of over 10,000 Instagram pages and almost 2,000 Facebook groups.

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SOURCE: THEVERGE, WSJ, NEW YORK TIMES, NBC NEWS,  
DIGITAL TREND

# The Danger

These conspiracy theories aren't just limited to message boards.  
*Believers have taken real action.*

One woman was arrested for publicly plotting to kill both Joe Biden and Hillary Clinton.

A man stalked and killed a New York mobster after being convinced that he was part of the deep state.

Another man entered a Washington D.C. restaurant with an AR-15 during the "Pizzagate" conspiracy.

For months, QAnon supporters have hijacked the popular #SaveTheChildren movement, a real fundraising campaign for anti-child-trafficking, to try and recruit new members through online and in-person events.

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SOURCE: NEW YORK TIMES, DAILY BEAST, FORBES



# How to Combat Misinformation:

QAnon is fundamentally about powerful people abusing their power. It's understandable why the conspiracy draws in so many believers.

Combatting misinformation requires understanding. Believers aren't bad people just because they've fallen for a conspiracy theory. Facts are the best response to disinformation.

Stay alert to the information you see and call attention to disinformation. Rely on reputable sources. *And if you see someone claiming that Tom Hanks is up to no good, always second-guess it.*

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BILLIONAIRES: THE AMERICAN NIGHTMARE — shit you should care about

2020 has been a great year - if you're Jeff Bezos. In fact just last month, Bezos added \$13bn to his personal fortune in a single day to take it past \$189 bn. To put that in perspective, Bezos' pockets are now deeper than the big four banks of the UK combined....

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