

Students:

- Research each of the above questions for 3 – 10 minutes each. (Watch your TIME!)
 - Make good notes to guide you when you record your video.
 - Think deeply and broadly about each question.
 - Briefly sketch out a 1 to 3-minute video “presentation” to answer each of the five questions.
 - Only say SMART, IMPORTANT things – you have a very short time for each question
 - MODIFY your OVERALL PRESENTATION OUTLINE to show where each of the above questions will be inserted in your total. Your final outline should include the questions.
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- Remember, these answers must be INTERSPERSED into the rest of the video.
 - Remember to submit your outline and references with the video at the end of the two hours.
 - Please INCLUDE references related to answering the questions in your video and on the reference page you submit.

PLAGIARISM WARNING: (1) YOU MAY NOT SHARE THESE QUESTIONS WITH ANY OTHER STUDENT. TO DO SO IS CHEATING > ASSIGNMENT GRADE = 0.

Social Media, Disinformation...

1. The slander and libel laws are different in the USA and Canada. Compare and contrast, including how easy or difficult to sue, whether criminal or civil, calculation of damages, typical awards for damages and special circumstances for politicians, police officers, court officers and others. How effective do you believe these laws are against misinformation/libel on social media? Support your opinion.
2. Find 2 CANADIAN LEGAL CASES where disinformation is an important factor. Briefly summarize each case being sure to indicate at minimum:
 - a. Applicable laws
 - b. Which court
 - c. How disinformation is involved
 - d. How the court dealt with the disinformation
 - e. Was disinformation social media based, spread otherwise, or both
 - f. Nature of the case
 - g. Finding of the Court

Be sure to include the proper citations.

3. Facebook, Google and other social media companies are planning to block all Canadian social media news links going forward, as a result of the government’s new requirement that Canadian news agencies be compensated by the social media companies. As a result, online news will be available in Canada only through alternative aggregators, alternative search engines and directly from sites such as CBC. Discuss the situation, indicating whether you think it will improve or damage the degree to which Canadians are able to access “real” news. Find various references to support your position.
4. AI-mediated hate speech identification and censorship is a hotly contested topic – even more so since Elon Musk took over Twitter. Discuss the legal, ethical and social issues and provide references.
5. Prepare a brief (3 – 5 minute) summary of the indictments against Donald Trump which relate to disinformation – in particular, “election fraud / we won” issues. How important is disinformation to the future of democracy?