

Partisan Responses to Fact-Checking in Online News Platforms: Evidence from a Political Rumor about the North Korean Leader

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- We examined how fact-checking affects user commenting on online news.
- We used the event where Kim Jong-un's public reappearance debunked the rumor on his death.
- We combined natural language processing and econometric techniques.
- Users empowered by fact-checking became more vocal and hostile.
- Swearing comments of the supported users on rebutted news outlets mainly drove the results.