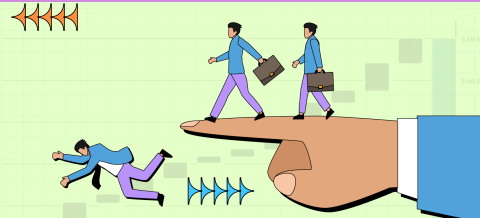


Misleading Statistics in the Media: Examples and How to Spot Them



PART 1: How false news can spread

1. Why should we be more careful today about information and data displayed in the news?

2. Oral comprehension.

Watch TED-Ed's video about how false news can spread (00:00-03:02) and answer the following questions.



Read the questions before watching the video so you know what to expect.



Right or wrong? You may have to justify your answer.

- Decades ago there were fewer newspapers so the information was less trustworthy:
- Aggregated sources of news like the Associated Press (AP) are a safe way to avoid the circulation of misinformation: ...
- Since information travels fast and everybody can participate, false data are easily corrected:
- Children that should have been vaccinated were contaminated:
- The video suggests serious journals should not make jokes:
- In terms of information, new technologies have had positive effects:

Answer the following question through complete sentences.

- Why can it be said that Mark Twain's quotation proves the precise point it is making?

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