

This is not fake news

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Fake news has been going on for many years, it is extremely controversial and a term that has been tossed from politician to politician and pundits, throughout the years but recently it has become much more serious.

Fake news is either news, stories, articles, reports or headlines that are not true, there are a few kinds of fake news: False stories that are knowingly untrue and purposely put through to the media and reported as news in order to make people believe what it is that they are saying, usually publicity stunts, an article written specifically to undermine or hurt the government or an organization whereas on the other hand there are fake news stories or reports miss interpreted and not been checked for all the correct facts or quite possibly have some truth to them but have been twisted to make a good headline or story.

In recent months the issue of fake news came up in parliament and the conservative party want to make the distribution of fake news a criminal offence.

Fake news has become a talked about subject recently, this is down to the presidential election where Donald Trump became president. More fake news about him and his opponent Hillary Clinton was distributed around this time than ever recorded in recent history. It is important to recognise that you cannot trust everything you see on the internet and more importantly on social media which in year 7-8 in Crawshaw Academy 54% of children aged 11-13 have social media .Abi Lawson says "social media is fun, I'm careful" it may well be fun but it really is important that schools or elsewhere are telling children the danger of distributing fake news, or even been tricked into believing it.

My study shows that only 23% of the teachers I asked at Crawshaw knew exactly what fake news was. "when information is twisted, usually biased and extreme propaganda" says a teacher at Crawshaw academy Mrs Dean. Internet Safety includes fake news in my opinion as if the conservative party do follow through with their idea of wanting to make the distribution of fake news an offence, if spreading the news around not knowing that it was fake news may make the individual at risk of danger.

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