

Fake News and the Media

General Questions

1. What is the main purpose of a news company?
2. Do you believe that the main purpose of a news company is to inform people or monetize news?
3. What is fake news?
4. Do you believe what you hear on the news? Why?
5. Can you think of an example of fake news that destroyed a person's life and future?
6. What do you think of the applications on the internet that generate fake news?



Student A Questions (Do not show these to Student B)

1. Do you follow the news? Why/Why not?
2. Where do you get your news from?
3. Do you follow mainstream news media?
4. Do you think *fake news* is a problem? Why?
5. Why are there fake news?
6. Have you noticed that nowadays no one is talking about fake news? – Why do you think this is happening?
7. Do you think that social media helps people to be informed and get news in a different perspective, free of news companies agenda?



Student B Questions (Do not show these to Student A)

1. Do you trust the media? Why?
2. Do you follow the news through the television, newspaper or the internet?
3. Have you heard the concept "*fake news*"? – What is it?
4. Do you think news companies follow an agenda?
5. Have you noticed that when an article gets published you can find the exact or similar copy of that article in every single news website or blog?
6. Why do you think this is happening?
7. Do you think news companies care if the article they copy and reproduce is real or not?
8. Do you think that journalists should be accounted for their articles they produce?

