A cognitive scientist explains why humans are so susceptible to fake news and misinformation

“We might like to think of our memory as an archivist that carefully preserves events, but sometimes it's more like a storyteller.” By Julian Matthews.

Could those information boxes under YouTube conspiracy videos add legitimacy instead of reduce it?

VOX / SARAH KLIFF

After Vox’s ER bill stories, Zuckerberg Hospital is overhauling its aggressive billing tactics

“The hospital has for years made the rare decision to be out of network with all private health insurance plans. This created an acute problem for patients like like Nina Dang, 24, who made an unexpected trip to the hospital’s emergency room, the largest in San Francisco. An ambulance took Dang to the trauma center after a bike accident last April. She is insured by a Blue Cross plan, but she didn’t know that the ER does not accept insurance. She received a bill for $20,243. After the Vox story ran, the hospital reduced Dang's bill to $200, the copay listed on her insurance card.”

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Why the Chicago Tribune made a quiz for readers on which mayoral candidate they aligned most with

“The feature was a major winner in converting readers into subscribers, and was also popular among our existing subscribers.”

BUSINESS INSIDER / LUCIA MOSES

The Information may introduce ads, on top of its high-priced subscriptions, this year

Founder Jessica Lessin “said she sees an opportunity to match The Information’s readers with advertisements in its newsletters.”
for things like jobs and events, information that the audience is interested in, just not “flashing banner ads.”

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Chinese app TikTok (megapopular in many markets, including the U.S.) is removed from Google and Apple app stores in India →

“A court in southern Tamil Nadu state asked the federal government on April 3 to ban TikTok, saying it encouraged pornography and warning that sexual predators could target child users.”

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Hiring is up 208% at BuzzFeed since its layoffs →

“It’s the first sign that BuzzFeed has its new move-forward strategy in place after having shucked the employees that were no longer part of its future…. Of the 77 openings, 12 are tagged as ‘Editorial’, behind only ‘Sales’ with 16 open headcounts.” Three are at BuzzFeed News.

NBC NEWS / OLIVIA SOLON AND CYRUS FARIVAR

Mark Zuckerberg and Sheryl Sandberg were on board with selling access to Facebook users’ data →

“In some cases, Facebook would reward favored companies by giving them access to the data of its users. In other cases, it would deny user-data access to rival companies or apps… Facebook ultimately decided not to sell the data directly but rather to dole it out to app developers who were considered personal ‘friends’ of Zuckerberg or who spent money on Facebook and shared their own valuable data, the documents show.”

THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER / ERIQ GARDNER

Will it soon be legal to say curse words on broadcast TV? →

“Since Pacifica, the Supreme Court has refused to extend the indecency bar beyond ‘a situation in which a listener does not want the received message,’ and with a proliferation of options to access media, one might wonder if Pacifica is somewhat outdated.”

HUFFPOST / LYDIA POLGREEN

HuffPost is launching a membership program with three tiers, including a free one →

“Our membership program is not a paywall because we believe our journalism should remain freely available to everyone — not just those who can afford to pay.” Paid tiers are $5.99/month or $99.99/year (which comes with a t-shirt).

Peru ex-president Garcia shoots himself as police try to arrest him

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LIMA (Reuters) - Peru’s former president Alan Garcia shot himself early on Wednesday after police arrived at his home in the capital Lima to arrest him in connection with a bribery investigation, a police source said. Garcia, 69,
underwent emergency surgery at the Casimiro Ulloa hospital and suffered three cardiac arrests, Health Minister Zulema Tomas said in broadcast comments.

**Snopes, Which Will Be Fact-Checking For Facebook, Employs Leftists Almost Exclusively**

dailycaller.com

Alex Pfeiffer and Peter Hasson | Reporters Snopes, which will now have the power to declare what news is or is not legitimate on the world’s largest online platform, almost exclusively employs leftists. Facebook announced Thursday that mythbusting website Snopes will be one of a few fact-checking organizations allowed to label stories as “fake news.”

**The impact of women's careers on childbearing age, in one chart**

doz.com

We know intuitively that, in developed economies, birthrates are falling as people have fewer children and are waiting until later in life to start families. For some, that’s because of career commitments earlier in life. For others, travel and education play a role, while others are waiting until they’ve found someone with whom they want to co-parent.

**The Ecuadorean Authorities Have No Reason to Detain Free Software Developer Ola Bini**

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Hours after the ejection of Julian Assange from the London Ecuadorean embassy last week, police officers in Ecuador detained the Swedish citizen and open source developer Ola Bini. They seized him as he prepared to travel from his home in Quito to Japan, claiming that he was attempting to flee the...

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