

10 STEPS

to remove disinformation from your newsfeed

- 01 Check whether the title is neutral, or it is click-bait.**
The title doesn't always say it all. The titles online are sometimes modified to get more clicks, and very often include quotes.
- 02 Make sure you know who the author is.**
Look up for a writer to ensure the author really exists, and whether he/she writes for well-known sites or newspapers.
- 03 Check the date.**
Sometimes there is a new date to an old article and the title and content have been updated.
- 04 Know the publisher.**
Make sure you know who has published the news, whether it is a news medium or a person on social media.
- 05 Check the sources.**
Check where does the information come from, from another news medium, organization, interview or report?
- 06 Verify hyperlinks.**
If articles refer to any other websites, organizations or information – make sure these are real and match what is claimed in the article.
- 07 Clarify the motive.**
Make the author's intent clear to you. The news piece can be written for advertising, to express an opinion, or to make you laugh.
- 08 Reflect on your preconceptions.**
You often have a preference for someone who says or writes something. Your personal experiences or striking images can influence you.
- 09 Pay attention to presentation.**
Edited images, spelling errors and a lot of capital letters and exclamation points are suspicious.
- 10 Be aware of social media algorithms.**
Online, you often see different news stories than your friends. That's the result of what you look up online, who your friends are and which preferences you have.

