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# Defining “Fake News”

A typology of scholarly definitions

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## Abstract

This paper is based on a review of how previous studies have defined and operationalized the term “fake news.” An examination of 34 academic articles that used the term “fake news” revealed a variety of types of fake news, including: (1) news that is false, (2) news that is deceptive, and (3) news that is propagandistic. The study also found that the term “fake news” is often used to describe news that is both false and deceptive. The study concludes that the term “fake news” is a complex and multifaceted concept that requires further research and discussion. The study also provides a guide for researchers and practitioners on how to identify and deal with fake news.

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