

## Bibliography for Truth, Education, and Democracy Reunion Event

June 2023

Dave Lewis:

1. Two soon to be released reports from the International Panel on the Information Environment (IPIE), Global Information Environment Trends 2023: An Expert Survey and Platform Responses to Misleading Information. You can register to receive the reports at: <https://www.ipie.info/reports-and-publications>.
2. Pew Research Center reports on misinformation at: <https://www.pewresearch.org/topic/news-habits-media/media-society/misinformation/>
3. Muhammed T. Sadiq and Saji K. Mathew, "The disaster of misinformation: a review of research in social media," International Journal of Data Science and Analytics (February 15, 2022) 13:271–285 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41060-022-00311-6>
4. Michela Del Vicario, et. al., "The spreading of misinformation online," PNAS (January 4, 2016) 113(3):554-559, <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1517441113>

Gail Welsh:

- **Dr Fauci Looks Back: "Something Clearly Went Wrong"**. NYTimes interview with David Wallace-Wells. April 24, 2023. mistakes were made and missteps were taken, including some by himself. How the divisiveness in the country made it difficult to get a coherent message across of following fundamental public-health principles. [Dr. Fauci Looks Back on the Pandemic and What Went Wrong - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](https://www.nytimes.com/2023/04/24/us/politics/dr-fauci-looks-back-on-the-pandemic-and-what-went-wrong.html)

Louis Wu:

1. **How Democracies Die** by Levitzky and Ziblatt 2018 - how elected leaders can gradually subvert the democratic process to increase their power. The playbook and how most autocratic leaders have followed it to the letter.
2. **The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion** by Jonathan Haidt 2012 explores how our divergent moralities evolved, why morality is about more than just fairness, and how we can counter our natural self-righteousness to decrease political divides.

James May:

Articles

Esma Aïmeur, Sabrine Amri, Gilles Brassard, Fake News, Disinformation and Misinformation in Social Media: A Review, Social Network Analysis (February 9, 2023)  
<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s13278-023-01028-5>

Books

- **Anti-Intellectualism in American Life** by Richard Hofstadter 1964 Pulitzer prize winner portrays the scorn of intellect in American life, but says something about what the intellectual is, and can be, as a force in a democratic society.

Recent works exploring connections between the spread of disinformation and conspiracy theories and the radicalization of the Republican Party

1. David Corn, **American Psychosis: A Historical Investigation of How the Republican Party Went Crazy** (2023)
2. Dana Milbank, **The Destructionists: The Twenty-Five Year Crack-Up of the Republican Party** (2022)
3. E.J. Dionne Jr., **Why the Right Went Wrong: Conservatism--From Goldwater to the Tea Party and Beyond** (2016)

#### Non-Profit Organization Reports

Aspen Institute Commission on Information Disorder Final Report (November 2021)  
<https://www.aspeninstitute.org/publications/commission-on-information-disorder-final-report/>

#### Conferences, Symposia

1. "Disinformation and the Erosion of Democracy," April 6-8, 2022  
<https://www.theatlantic.com/live/disinformation-democracy-uchicago-conference-2022/>  
 Conference Presented by the University of Chicago Institute of Politics and The Atlantic
2. "Challenges to Democracy in the Digital Information Realm," April 21, 2022  
<https://cyber.fsi.stanford.edu/events/challenges-democracy-digital-information-realm>  
 Symposium presented by Stanford University Cyber Policy Center
3. Virtual Conference on "Disinformation, Media and Democracy," April 26, 2022  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sh88LSU6pKA> Co-sponsored by Brown University  
 Watson Institute of International and Public Affairs and University of Denver

#### John Stuhr:

1. John Dewey, **The Public and Its Problems** (multiple editions and republications of this 1927 book)—the classic account of the nature of democracy not simply as a form of government but as a form of life, with special emphasis on the roles of inquiry and communication in democratic cultures.
2. Reginia Rini, "**Fake News and Partisan Epistemology**" (2017, <https://kiej.georgetown.edu/fake-news-partisan-epistemology/>)—a short analysis of the concept of fake news and the nature of social media testimony, with a constructive look at the institutional changes needed to address problems.

3. Bill Bishop, **The Big Short: Why the Clustering of Like-Minded America Is Tearing Us Apart** (Mariner Books, 2009)—a demographic data-driven account (way back in 2009!) of how Americans have “sorted” themselves into communities of the like-minded increasingly unable to understand others.
4. Tom Nichols, **The Death of Expertise: The Campaign Against Established Knowledge and Why it Matters** (Oxford UP, 2018)—a critical analysis of what the author calls internet- and social media-fueled “intellectual egalitarianism” and the sense that everyone’s views are just as good as anyone else’s.
5. Michiko Kakutani, **The Death of Truth: Notes on Falsehood in the Age of Trump** (Duggan Books, 2018)—an examination of the social trends and causes of the replacement of truth by propaganda and conspiracy theories, the replacement of expertise by the views of insular communities that confirm their own biases, and the replacement of science with subjective ideas of “my truth.”
6. Mikael Klinton, **Knowledge Resistance: How we avoid insight from others** (Manchester, 2018)—how (biologically, economically, socially) people ignore, resist and ultimately deny available knowledge from other persons and cultures.
7. Charlie Kirk, **The MAGA Doctrine: The Only Ideas That Will Win the Future** (Broadside, 2020)—an account of the importance of self-rule by groups long ignored and taken for granted by its “rulers”—and a way for folks not in those groups to see a different perspective

Julia Miksch Bates:

- **Demon Copperhead** by Barbara Kingsolver - This novel puts the reader in the heart of the cultural tensions tearing apart communities, schools, and the lives of young people.