

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1598 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 8th - 9th March 2017

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

In recent months people have often talked about "fake news". Do you think each of following count or do not count as "fake news"?

News organisations that are honest, but have a clear political viewpoint or agenda

This counts as "fake news"	16	10	20	14	16	11	24	18	14	17	15	15	19	16	16	13	18	17	14	16
This does not count as "fake news"	56	71	49	62	61	71	43	60	53	58	54	59	57	63	47	67	57	51	54	59
Don't know	28	19	30	24	23	19	32	22	33	25	32	26	24	21	37	20	25	33	33	25

News organisations that twist their reporting to fit their political viewpoint or agenda

This counts as "fake news"	61	61	67	64	61	63	70	66	57	62	57	63	69	65	56	59	64	60	60	62
This does not count as "fake news"	17	24	12	19	21	25	9	18	17	18	19	17	14	20	14	27	17	14	17	18
Don't know	21	16	21	17	18	12	21	16	26	20	24	20	17	15	29	14	19	26	24	21

News organisations that don't check if their stories are true or not

This counts as "fake news"	68	72	72	75	69	76	70	70	66	66	65	68	76	73	61	68	71	68	63	70
This does not count as "fake news"	9	10	8	10	11	12	6	11	8	11	9	10	7	11	7	12	9	7	10	10
Don't know	23	18	20	16	20	12	24	19	27	22	26	22	17	16	31	20	20	25	27	20

News organisations that deliberately say things that aren't true

This counts as "fake news"	77	85	78	84	79	91	76	80	74	72	74	78	84	84	67	83	80	74	72	77
This does not count as "fake news"	5	3	4	4	5	0	4	6	3	9	5	4	2	5	5	4	5	4	5	7
Don't know	18	12	17	12	16	9	20	13	23	19	21	17	14	11	28	13	15	22	23	17

Organisations publishing funny or satirical material which is presented so that it looks like real news but isn't supposed to be taken seriously

This counts as "fake news"	35	30	41	43	32	32	37	33	37	26	31	38	45	35	35	30	38	35	35	31
This does not count as "fake news"	42	54	37	40	49	54	39	49	36	45	45	41	37	49	34	53	42	37	40	48
Don't know	23	16	22	16	19	15	25	19	26	29	24	21	19	16	31	17	20	27	25	21

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How often do you think you see news stories from organisations that you think fall into the following categories?

News organisations that are honest, but have a clear political viewpoint or agenda

Very often	25	28	23	25	25	21	26	28	22	24	23	25	29	30	18	34	29	17	21	27
Fairly often	36	40	38	43	38	45	34	38	34	31	35	37	40	39	31	34	38	35	36	33
TOTAL OFTEN	61	68	61	68	63	66	60	66	56	55	58	62	69	69	49	68	67	52	57	60
Not very often	14	15	15	15	14	14	15	14	14	15	14	12	16	13	16	12	11	19	15	15
Never	3	2	3	1	3	1	4	3	4	7	3	3	2	2	5	3	1	4	4	6
TOTAL NOT OFTEN / NEVER	17	17	18	16	17	15	19	17	18	22	17	15	18	15	21	15	12	23	19	21
Don't know	22	15	21	17	19	19	20	17	26	23	25	22	14	15	30	17	20	24	25	19

News organisations that twist their reporting to fit their political viewpoint or agenda

Very often	30	30	32	29	32	27	37	35	26	21	28	33	36	33	26	32	30	26	31	35
Fairly often	36	41	37	45	40	36	30	37	36	37	33	35	44	39	33	34	39	37	33	34
TOTAL OFTEN	66	71	69	74	72	63	67	72	62	58	61	68	80	72	59	66	69	63	64	69
Not very often	10	13	8	10	10	18	9	10	10	18	11	9	7	11	9	14	11	9	9	7
Never	3	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	4	3	3	4	1	2	3	3	1	2	3	6
TOTAL NOT OFTEN / NEVER	13	15	10	11	12	19	11	11	14	21	14	13	8	13	12	17	12	11	12	13
Don't know	21	15	20	15	17	18	22	17	24	22	26	19	13	15	29	16	19	25	23	18

News organisations that don't check if their stories are true or not

Very often	21	20	24	22	21	14	18	25	18	15	19	22	29	23	19	17	22	21	20	26
Fairly often	28	29	29	30	31	34	27	27	29	23	27	29	32	29	26	30	29	26	28	24
TOTAL OFTEN	49	49	53	52	52	48	45	52	47	38	46	51	61	52	45	47	51	47	48	50
Not very often	22	26	20	26	21	27	25	24	20	29	21	20	20	25	18	28	23	21	19	19
Never	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	1	2	4	6	1	2	3	7
TOTAL NOT OFTEN / NEVER	25	29	23	28	24	29	27	26	23	32	24	24	21	27	22	34	24	23	22	26
Don't know	26	21	24	20	24	23	28	22	30	30	29	26	18	21	33	19	24	30	29	24

News organisations that deliberately say things that aren't true

Very often	19	17	24	22	17	11	19	23	17	13	16	22	27	20	19	19	19	21	17	25
Fairly often	23	25	23	23	28	20	24	24	21	17	21	24	27	24	21	25	23	19	24	24
TOTAL OFTEN	42	42	47	45	45	31	43	47	38	30	37	46	54	44	40	44	42	40	41	49
Not very often	29	34	26	33	29	43	28	29	29	34	30	26	25	34	22	33	33	29	24	20
Never	5	5	4	2	4	7	5	4	6	9	4	5	3	4	6	6	3	4	7	7
TOTAL NOT OFTEN / NEVER	34	39	30	35	33	50	33	33	35	43	34	31	28	38	28	39	36	33	31	27
Don't know	24	19	24	19	22	20	25	20	29	26	29	23	17	19	32	17	23	27	28	24

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Organisations publishing funny or satirical material which is presented so that it looks like real news but isn't supposed to be taken seriously

Very often	18	18	18	19	18	15	14	21	16	20	19	17	18	21	15	22	20	17	15	19
Fairly often	33	39	33	36	39	39	26	34	33	34	32	35	35	38	27	32	36	30	32	37
TOTAL OFTEN	51	57	51	55	57	54	40	55	49	54	51	52	53	59	42	54	56	47	47	56
Not very often	20	22	20	22	19	27	29	22	18	18	18	21	25	20	20	25	18	21	22	15
Never	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	3	2	3	4	2	2	4	3	2	4	3	7
TOTAL NOT OFTEN / NEVER	23	25	23	24	21	29	32	25	21	20	21	25	27	22	24	28	20	25	25	22
Don't know	25	18	25	21	22	17	28	20	30	26	28	24	20	19	34	18	25	28	28	22

And do you think each of the following are or are not a problem?

News organisations that are honest, but have a clear political viewpoint or agenda

This is a problem	24	17	32	22	25	14	35	27	22	24	22	24	29	23	26	16	25	25	24	31
This is not a problem	55	70	49	61	59	74	47	58	53	49	53	59	59	63	45	71	57	50	52	51
Don't know	20	12	20	16	17	12	18	15	26	27	25	17	12	14	29	13	18	25	24	18

News organisations that twist their reporting to fit their political viewpoint or agenda

This is a problem	69	72	71	70	75	61	74	73	65	64	63	75	77	73	64	70	68	65	70	76
This is not a problem	13	15	12	17	10	28	7	14	12	12	14	10	14	15	9	17	15	12	8	11
Don't know	19	13	17	13	15	11	19	14	23	24	24	15	9	12	27	13	17	23	22	13

News organisations that don't check if their stories are true or not

This is a problem	79	86	81	85	83	86	80	82	76	69	74	84	90	86	70	84	81	77	76	81
This is not a problem	4	3	3	3	3	6	3	4	3	9	4	2	2	4	3	3	3	3	4	6
Don't know	17	11	16	12	14	8	17	13	21	22	22	14	8	10	26	13	16	20	20	12

News organisations that deliberately say things that aren't true

This is a problem	79	86	81	84	84	88	80	83	76	72	74	84	89	87	70	86	81	77	77	81
This is not a problem	3	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	6	4	1	2	3	4	3	3	3	3	6
Don't know	17	10	17	13	14	8	17	13	21	22	22	14	9	10	27	11	16	20	20	13

Organisations publishing funny or satirical material which is presented so that it looks like real news but isn't supposed to be taken seriously

This is a problem	23	18	29	27	23	18	22	22	24	15	19	23	37	22	25	15	26	25	19	29
This is not a problem	54	67	49	55	57	68	53	61	48	59	57	55	47	62	44	66	52	50	56	56
Don't know	22	15	21	18	21	14	25	17	28	26	24	22	16	16	31	19	22	25	25	14

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Social media sites (e.g. Facebook) often display news stories to their users and allow their users to share them.

Do you think social media sites should or should not deliberately *avoid* showing and stop people sharing news stories that come from...

News organisations that are honest, but have a clear political viewpoint or agenda

They should	23	20	30	28	23	14	33	24	23	21	21	22	32	22	25	21	25	25	22	21
They should not	50	60	43	50	54	62	43	54	47	55	49	52	48	58	41	61	51	45	47	54
Don't know	26	20	27	22	24	25	24	23	30	25	30	26	20	20	34	18	24	29	31	25

News organisations that twist their reporting to fit their political viewpoint or agenda

They should	36	38	36	36	37	33	34	38	34	34	34	37	38	38	33	38	34	38	36	31
They should not	38	42	37	40	40	47	40	39	37	40	37	36	41	41	34	41	40	34	33	47
Don't know	26	20	27	24	23	20	26	23	29	26	29	27	21	21	33	21	26	28	30	22

News organisations that don't check if their stories are true or not

They should	47	54	45	48	51	59	40	47	47	47	45	48	50	51	42	56	46	45	47	41
They should not	30	28	32	31	27	23	40	32	27	30	28	29	32	31	28	27	30	30	27	36
Don't know	24	18	23	21	22	18	20	22	25	23	27	23	18	18	31	17	24	25	26	23

News organisations that deliberately say things that aren't true

They should	48	57	45	51	52	62	39	51	46	50	47	49	51	55	40	57	50	47	46	42
They should not	29	27	33	29	27	22	42	29	29	25	27	30	33	28	30	28	28	28	28	36
Don't know	23	17	23	20	21	16	19	20	25	25	26	21	16	18	29	15	23	25	25	22

Organisations publishing funny or satirical material which is presented so that it looks like real news but isn't supposed to be taken seriously

They should	23	22	27	25	23	18	32	24	21	20	20	21	30	22	24	20	24	24	22	19
They should not	50	58	43	49	52	55	40	53	47	57	50	51	43	57	40	59	47	46	48	58
Don't know	28	21	29	26	25	26	28	23	32	23	30	28	27	21	36	21	29	31	29	22

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Thinking about the news stories that are displayed by the social media websites, which of these comes closest to your view?

Social media sites should allow all kinds of news stories to be displayed on their sites	17	19	13	10	17	18	16	20	13	27	20	13	8	19	13	15	17	15	17	21
Social media sites have a responsibility to make sure that only true news stories are displayed on their sites	67	67	73	76	67	73	71	63	72	50	62	72	83	69	66	69	70	66	66	68
Don't know	16	13	14	13	16	9	13	16	15	23	18	15	9	12	21	17	13	19	17	12

Thinking about the news stories that are shared by other users, which of these comes closest to your view?

Social media sites should allow all kinds of news stories to be shared on their sites	21	26	15	14	22	23	19	27	15	33	26	16	9	24	16	24	21	17	19	28
Social media sites have a responsibility to make sure that only true news stories are shared on their sites	62	61	69	71	61	64	67	57	66	40	55	67	80	62	61	58	63	63	62	57
Don't know	18	13	16	15	18	13	14	17	19	27	19	17	11	14	23	18	16	20	19	15

Who do you think should have *the most* responsibility for deciding whether a news story is real or fake?

News organisations	52	59	51	58	52	58	51	51	54	52	48	57	57	59	44	60	55	52	48	45
Members of the public who read the story	18	20	16	17	17	23	22	20	15	14	19	16	19	18	17	20	17	16	18	17
The government	6	4	8	3	9	3	6	6	6	5	5	6	9	5	7	2	4	6	9	11
Social media sites (e.g. Facebook)	5	3	6	5	4	6	8	5	5	6	5	3	5	4	5	6	6	4	3	6
Someone else	3	2	4	4	5	1	1	5	2	4	3	5	2	2	5	2	3	3	4	6
Don't know	16	12	15	12	14	10	12	14	18	18	20	14	9	11	22	11	14	19	18	15