

Special Issue

Disinformation and Misinformation in the New Media Landscape

Message from the Guest Editor

The rise of social media as a primary information source and the decline of legacy media have altered consumption patterns. We have seen ideologically driven information choice, exacerbated polarization, and the intentional manipulation of social media to deceive the public. Two strands of research extend from this new environment: misinformation, the unintentional spreading of false information; and disinformation, the intentional spreading of false information. The two are areas of great concern for democratic governance and expanding fields of research in political communication. This Special Issue will cover topics related to the rise of misinformation and disinformation. These topics may include but are not limited to how misinformation and disinformation spread via social media, recursive effects of mis- and disinformation on legacy media, patterns of misinformation and disinformation going viral, effects on the mass public, propaganda, social media's role as a misinformation and disinformation amplifier, information literacy's relationship to misinformation and disinformation, and the implications of misinformation and disinformation for democracy.

Guest Editor

Prof. Dr. Chapman Rackaway

Department of Political Science, Radford University, Radford, VA 24142, USA

Deadline for manuscript submissions

closed (20 March 2025)



Social Sciences

an Open Access Journal
by MDPI

Impact Factor 1.7
CiteScore 3.1



mdpi.com/si/179974

Social Sciences
Editorial Office
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5
4052 Basel, Switzerland
Tel: +41 61 683 77 34
socsci@mdpi.com

[mdpi.com/journal/
socsci](https://mdpi.com/journal/socsci)





Social Sciences

an Open Access Journal
by MDPI

Impact Factor 1.7
CiteScore 3.1



[mdpi.com/journal/
socsci](http://mdpi.com/journal/socsci)

About the Journal

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Social Sciences is an international open access peer-reviewed journal publishing the latest research across all disciplines of the social sciences including anthropology, criminology, economics, education, geography, history, law, linguistics, political science, psychology, social policy, social work, sociology and related areas. The journal is especially interested in interdisciplinary research, and aims to facilitate the interaction and communication between different social scientific disciplines. The journal welcomes conventional length articles as well as shorter Research Notes or short articles, as long as they meet the journal's standards of quality and originality.

Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Daniel McCarthy

Department of Sociology, University of Surrey, Guildford GU2 7XH, UK

Author Benefits

Open Access:

free for readers, with article processing charges (APC) paid by authors or their institutions.

High visibility:

indexed within Scopus, ESCI (Web of Science), RePEc, and other databases.

Journal Rank:

JCR - Q2 (Social Sciences, Interdisciplinary) / CiteScore - Q2 (General Social Sciences)

