

The Media

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Trust In Major Media Dwindles To All-Time Low As Outlets Show Overwhelming Bias Against Israel

Gallup has been tracking Americans' trust in media since 1972 and stated they've never seen numbers this grim. Most informed Christians and conservatives saw signs of this slow erosion decades ago. The difference today is the media is proud to support and endorse godless and woke ideologies while they themselves are biased ministers of misinformation.

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Why has trust in the news media dwindled to an all-time low?

It has proven to be untrustworthy being exposed to just parroting the narrative that the ruling elite is pushing. Truth has a way of becoming known despite the efforts of those seeking to suppress it...

Luke 8:17 – *For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light*

How has censorship contributed to the low view of the news media?

Censorship has become pervasive... since people seeking to control the narrative can't handle the truth, you know that what does get reported serves their agenda.

John 3:19 – *light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil*

How is a low view of the news media actually a sign of the times?

We are experiencing the birth pangs of the Tribulation when deception will be rampant...

Matthew 24:11 – *many false prophets will rise up and deceive many*

What trend can we expect for deception in our day?

It will only grow worse...

2 Timothy 3:13 – *evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived*

Certainly, that is to be expected from the birth pang sign of Jesus' return.

Why are people so easily deceived in our day?

People without God in their lives cannot even think rationally...

Romans 1:28 – *And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting*

The product of a debased mind is to be driven by emotions and are easily manipulated through fear as we saw during Covid. People who know the Lord should not succumb to such fear-mongering propaganda...

2 Timothy 1:7 – *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind*

What is fake news?

Former President Donald Trump brought the term fake news to prominent usage, referring to the way that the mainstream news media reported things about him in ways that were, in his opinion, untrue or slanted to give the wrong impression.

- Essentially, "fake news" is the same as lies and propaganda.

What does the Bible have to say about fake news?

The Bible condemns the presentation of falsehood as if it were the truth...

Exodus 23:1 – *Do not spread false reports*

When did the problem of fake news begin?

The serpent gave Eve the "fake news" that she and Adam would not die if they ate from the forbidden tree. In fact, it said, their situation would dramatically improve (Genesis 3:4-5). Since Adam and Eve's fall, people have been engaged in spreading "fake news."

Where else in Scripture do we read about God's people having to deal with fake news?

False prophets in Israel delivered fake news that God would deliver Israel from the Babylonians. Jeremiah had to provide the true news that no deliverance was coming. In Jeremiah 28, Jeremiah faces off against the purveyors of fake news, led by a prophet named Hananiah.

Why would people rather hear fake news than the truth?

Fake news often confirms people's biases and targets their emotions. And accepting fake news is easier than doing independent research. Purveyors of fake news construct a facade of credibility and can gather quite a following.

2 Timothy 4:3-4 – the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables

While this passage is specifically referring to the apostasy of the church in the end times, it also applies to the public at large... believing the narrative because it is easier to just go along to get along.

How is Adolf Hitler's "Big Lie" applied today?

The Big Lie: "If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it."
– Adolf Hitler, Mein Kampf

People have a hard time accepting that their trusted institutions are lying to them.

- Also, our education system no longer emphasizes critical thinking so people are dumbed down to just believe what the authorities say... especially the technocrats!

Is all news reported today fake?

More is fake than is not, especially among the news outlets presenting themselves as being unbiased.

- Even when there are true facts in the report, critical details
- and context are often left out which makes a huge difference.
- The most effective lies often include some truth.
- Christians should learn evaluate the news with discernment.

How can we be more discerning as we digest the news?

- Get news from a variety of sources with varying viewpoints.
- Look for the larger context of "sound bites" that may not give the whole story.
- When a viewpoint or worldview is apparent in the reporting, evaluate that viewpoint in light of Scripture

and consider how the reporters' worldview might slant the report.

- Become more familiar with the truth of God's Word... the untruths of men become more apparent if you mind is bathed in the truth.

How can we better recognize biased propaganda?

Purveyors of fake news can't keep themselves from impugning the character of the person advocating a policy they disagree with.

- They could just stick to the issues but they have to instead engage in character assassination.
- Look at the language used... terms such as "sustainable development" are right out of globalist dogma.

What policies are advocated by the purveyors of fake news?

- Anything addressing the global warming (or climate change) crisis: 15-minute cities, getting rid of oil, coal, or even natural gas, etc.
- The use of "smart" appliances (makes it easier to centralize control over people)
- The problem of home-grown, domestic terrorists
- The problem of gun violence
- The need for easy access to abortion
- There is no voting fraud to worry about

What is the best way to deal with the fake news of our day?

Ultimately, the answer to fake news is the good news that Jesus died for our sins and rose again and that we can be forgiven and reconciled to God through faith in Him.

- And Jesus is returning to "reset" our corrupt culture

What applications do we see from this discussion?

- Fake news is a major sign of the times.
- God has given us a sound mind; use it!
- Be discerning; fake news is rampant in our day.

Resources:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/fake-news.html>