



MISINFORMATION: SOME EXAMPLES

WHAT IS "MISINFORMATION"?



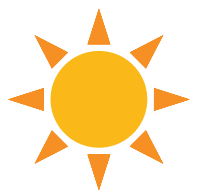
Misinformation is untrue information created and shared as if it were true, there is no specific intention to cause harm (though it may sometimes have this effect)

<https://ethicaljournalismnetwork.org/tag/fake-news/page/4>

SOME RECENT EXAMPLES...

There have been many articles circulating about different cures for coronavirus. Some of these "cures" include:

- 1) Eating garlic
- 2) Sunlight
- 3) Avoiding ice cream & other cold foods



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-51735367>

THE TRUTH...

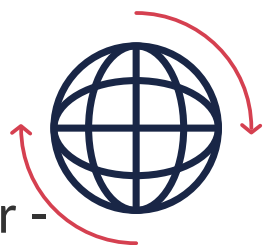


- 1) Garlic - while good for you, there is no proof that it has an effect on coronavirus.
- 2) Sunlight - sunlight does not cure coronavirus, staying at home and away from other people is the best way to stop the spread of the virus
- 3) Avoiding ice cream - this is also not true - you can eat as much ice cream as you like!

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/myth-busters>

SO WHY DOES IT SPREAD?

People share articles without checking to see if there is scientific evidence to confirm if it is correct. Misinformation is like any other rumour - but it spreads extra fast because of the internet!



WHY DOES IT MATTER?



Even though it may seem silly when we're talking about ice cream, misinformation can be very dangerous. The most important way to stop coronavirus is to listen to government advice and read trusted news sources to stay informed!

