

# Disinformation and Social Media

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#### What is Disinformation?

- Disinformation is a subset of misinformation
- Disinformation is the spread of false/ manipulated information with the intention of deceiving/ misleading





#### Types of Disinformation

False Connections: content is not supported by visuals, headlines, or captions

• Click Bait

Manipulated Content: manipulated imagery intended to deceive

• Deep Fakes

Fabricated Content: false content intended to deceive

• Fake news



How Disinformation Spreads:

- Bots
- Trolls
- Confirmation Bias

#### Who is Most Vulnerable:

- Children
- Eldery
- People who are less educated



#### Social Media's Role

- Sharing content without reading past the headline
- Widespread network of connections
- Shorter content is desirable



#### Recognizing Disinformation

- Check the web address
- Look at who posted the content
- Reverse search images
- Look for grammatical and spelling errors



#### Ethical Standpoint

Kantian Ethics:

Disinformation is intended to harm others

Utilitarian Ethics:

Rule: Disinformation is harmful in the long run





### The Future of Disinformation

- Disinformation will persist
- Social media platforms will develop to better recognize disinformation



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## Thank You

