

RECOGNISING FAKE NEWS VIDEO TRANSCRIPT

Young man: Fake

Young woman: news

Young woman: We think it's a problem.

Young woman: I think fake news is a problem because it can influence how people make decisions.

Young man: It leaves me feeling like I don't know who to believe.

Young man: And it worries me that people are growing up misinformed

Young woman: and if we're misinformed, how can we understand the world around us? **Young man:** I think it's a problem because it leads to confusion

Young woman: and we begin to mistrust all news sources.

Young woman: But what exactly is it

Young man: and how do we spot it?

TEXT: RECOGNISING FAKE NEWS

Amol Rajan: Fake news is lies or propaganda told for a political or commercial purpose which deploys digital technology - social media and new networks and go viral, to reach around the world and influence millions of people very very quickly.

Young man: So what about news that's just wrong like when someone has made a mistake?

Natalie Miller: Mistakes can be made, journalists sometimes make mistakes too or sometimes you might be reading a story and the headline could be misleading or a photo in that story could have been changed in some way, it might even have been changed to make you laugh, to make you want to share it - these stories we wouldn't necessarily call fake news but they are misleading in some way.

TEXT: SO FAKE NEWS, COMPLETELY MADE UP STORIES DISGUISED AS NEWS AND MADE TO GO VIRAL FOR POLITICAL OR COMMERCIAL GAIN.

TEXT: NOT FAKE NEWS, RUMOUR, SPIN, SATIRE, MISTAKES

Young woman: So if fake or false stories tell us something is real when it's actually

not,

Young man: what about when someone tells us something is fake or false and it's actually real and true?

Amol Rajan: If you are a politician who wants to close down debate, then you might use the phrase fake news because you don't want people to ask you questions about something uncomfortable. Now that's a legitimate area for democratic inquiry, so it's really important we are clear about what fake news does and doesn't mean.

TEXT: SO WATCH OUT THINGS THAT GET CALLED FAKE NEWS MIGHT NOT ACTUALLY BE FAKE NEWS. CONFUSED?

Mukul Devichand: You're feeling confused, I'm feeling confused. Right – there's all these words, fake news, hoaxes, spin, but in the end just be aware that not everything you see online is completely true.

Rachel Schraer: It might be helpful to think of it not just in black and white terms but that there are lots of different ways that a story might be misleading or inaccurate, it might be spin and in all of these situations it's helpful to step back and just ask yourself is this likely to be true, does it feel right before you share it on social media and pass that story along.