Processing of Misinformation: Motivational Biases and Cognitive Fallacies

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ABSTRACT

Misinformation can be defined as false or inaccurate information created and spread with or without intention to cause harm. The impact and persistence of misinformation can be understood as a case of facts and evidence as counter-attitudinal information to those mis-informed. This presentation discusses the motivational biases and cognitive fallacies during message processing that explicates the impact and persistence of misinformation. Psychological Inoculation is introduced as a promising means to pre-bunk misinformation.

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