

Study of fake news ("Bashing 1" and "Bashing 2" documents (PDF) provided with this report : the phenomenon of bashing :

Questions :

1 / What are we talking about in these magazine covers?

2 / How do you present the people represented? What image do we want to give of them ?

3 / Do these blankets tell the truth and why?

4 / According to the text, explain what bashing is

Corrected :

1 / In these magazine covers (L'Express, Le Point) we want to talk about two former president of the republic: François Hollande and Nicolas Sarkozy.

In all four images, a close-up was taken of them or their face.

2 / The two characters are presented in a rather negative way. Nicolas Sarkozy is shown as someone fake ("Does Sarkozy hold the media?"), someone who plays with the law and does not respect democracy. We want to give him an image of someone bad (the word "hate" roughly).

François Hollande is presented as someone stupid, incompetent ("We stop doing stupid things "), we even give him a nickname (" pépère "). It is presented as a sluggish and ineffective leader.

3 / There is an element of truth in these fake news. Indeed, we want to take stock of these two leaders. But we don't necessarily do it with proof, verified things.

Here, we are mainly based on the image they send in the media, on the photos and not on their actions.

4 / The word "bashing" means to knock, to strike but rather by words. It's a

expression that comes from the USA. It is when a person suffers the full brunt of attacks personal and professional. We can talk about media lynching. It can last a few days to several years when the person in question holds a position very important policies.

The objective is to discredit, to make it not recommendable, to destroy his political or professional career. Bashing can be compared to harassment on social networks, which attacks it to anonymous.

Investigation exercise :

All of this information is potentially Fake-news. Search in the articles (Internet or others), the evidence whether this is true or not.

- The Red-Bull is said to be made from bull semen.
- Smart TVs would spy on its users.
- You can recharge your phone, using the microwave.
- It is possible to light a fire using a battery.

The objective for the pupils was to report on their findings and investigations and present them in class.

We have taken up with interest the content of the internship between teachers carried out in October 2020. Thank you again for the content and the very rich ideas at the pedagogical level.

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An example of a report :

Fake or truth : a study of Fake-News :

The Red Bull is said to be made from bull semen :

This is obviously wrong. Originally Red Bull was made from bovid bile. Today, it is a synthetic substance. The name of the product comes from this first content. This amino acid is contained in the human body.

Smart televisions would spy on its users :

That is true. Vizio, an American television manufacturing company, has been sentenced by the courts. The lawsuit established that it was possible to spy on users.

You can recharge your phone, using the microwave :

This is obviously false and above all dangerous. It is basically a misunderstanding. The idea of microwave has been mixed with that of electromagnetic waves. There is indeed a way to charge your laptop, with a special wireless charger. You just have to put the device on it to perform the operation.

It is possible to start a fire using a battery :

That's right, just place aluminum foil on the two battery terminals.

A sum of questions, for a single answer: beware of everything and above all compare and cross the information you hear, see or read. They can be false, true but sometimes partially true and distort the truth.