Critical Digital Literacy (infographic)

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NAVIGATE INFORMATION DISORDER

USING LATERAL READING + CRITICAL REFLECTION

Information disorder pollutes the information ecosystem with three types of information:
- Disinformation: Content that is false and deliberately created to cause harm.
- Misinformation: Information that is false, but it’s not created or shared with the intention of causing harm.
- Malinformation: Genuine information shared with the intent to cause harm. ¹

Your Standpoint affects what information you receive, trust, and share. Critical awareness of your standpoint will make you less susceptible to information disorder resulting from cognitive and algorithmic bias.

Use Lateral Reading + Critical Reflection to navigate information disorder and evaluate online sources.

The SIFT Method

Stop & check your emotions before sharing unverified information.

Find better coverage by seeking out authoritative sources to verify claims.

INSTRUCTIONS

Click the tweet on the left to open it and see more information.

LATERAL READING
- Leave a source to learn more about it.
- Leverage the internet to verify the authenticity and accuracy of online claims; and the reputation and authority of online sources. ²
- Use the SIFT Method

CRITICAL READING
- Balance skepticism with an open mind to differing perspectives.
- Check the privilege of information creators. ³
- Seek out underrepresented voices.
- Recognize how one’s agenda impacts information behavior.

IN THE CONTEXT OF INFORMATION DISORDER, HOW DOES YOUR UNIQUE STANDPOINT INFLUENCE YOUR INFORMATION BEHAVIOR?

References: https://tinyurl.com/44e9xj8e

LATERAL READERS...

- Investigate the source to uncover bias and agenda.
- Trace quotes, images, & video clips to their original context.

CRITICAL READERS...

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PRACTICE TIME!

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Standpoint Theory seeks to understand how one’s social position impacts their communication. Standpoint Theory asserts that:
- Social communities influence an individual’s information choices and what is perceived as important.
- Recognizing one’s social position is a conscious choice.
- Social positions and intersecting identities influence one’s standpoint. ⁴

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