## **FightingFakes**

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**Information:** facts presented straightforwardly

**Misinformation:** when the facts change or they get reported incorrectly but without ill intention

**Disinformation:** purposeful misinformation that means to mislead the consumer. May be motivated by politics, money to desire to create chaos or confusion.

**Propaganda:** a version of information that attempts to persuade or sell the reader/viewer/listener on an idea without providing the downside or contrary views. Sometimes is well-intentioned.

Information	MISinformation
DISinformation	Propaganda

- ✓ What do you KNOW?
- ✓ What do you NEED to know?
- ✓ HOW does your source know what they claim to know?
- ✓ What other ways could you look at this information?

## Add Credibility:

- -Link me to your sources so I can examine the evidence
- -Allow the public to add and annotate using
- <u>DocumentCloud.org</u>
- -Explain your process
- -Make corrections prominent and clear

## **FakeNews**

- Is NOT just news you wish had not happened.
- May be motivated by money
- May be motivated by politics
- May be motivated by the need to create chaos
- May be a smokescreen to keep you from noticing other stuff that is going on