



Unit 1: Should journalists debunk during breaking news events?

Can you think of news events where you were fooled by a rumour or a false image or video?

Traditionally journalists didn't have to worry about rumours and fabricated images and videos. They would fact-check the information, realise it was false and it would end up 'on the cutting room floor'. Journalists only report the truth. But some would argue that in an age of social media, audiences now need help navigating the online space. BuzzFeed in particular have become experts in collecting lists of rumours and misinformation during breaking news events. **Do you think journalists have responsibility to offer this service? Or do you think audiences should develop the skills to do this themselves?**