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The role of the media in politics and the effect of social media on
political reporting.

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'FAKE NEWS', AND THE TRIUMPH OF TWEETING

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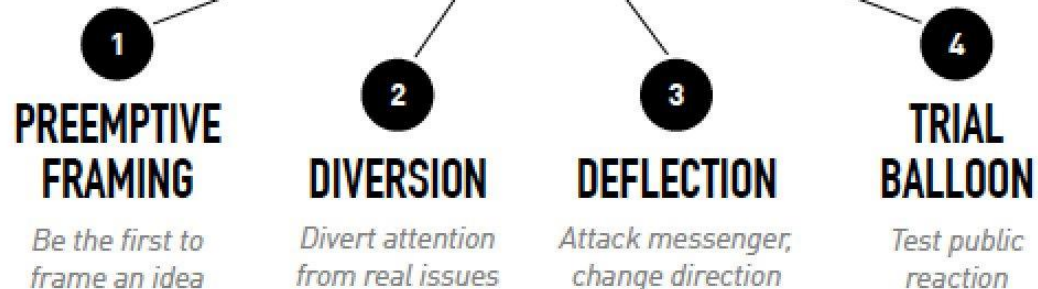
Donald Trump one year on: How the Twitter President changed social media and the country's top office

Mr Trump has weaponised Twitter, using it not just to reach the masses but to control the news agenda through bluster and distraction

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A Taxonomy of
TRUMP TWEETS



EXAMPLE: The hacking of the DNC was the DNC's fault and Democrats lost by a wide margin. (when in fact it was one of the narrowest margins in US history).

JAN 7
@realDonaldTrump
Only reason the hacking of the poorly defended DNC is discussed is that the loss by the Dems was so big that they are totally embarrassed!

EXAMPLE: Divert attention away from real issues around conflicts of interest and Russian hacking and toward Meryl Streep's speech at Golden Globe Awards.

JAN 9
@realDonaldTrump
Meryl Streep, one of the most over-rated actresses in Hollywood, doesn't know me but attacked last night at the Golden Globes. She is a.....

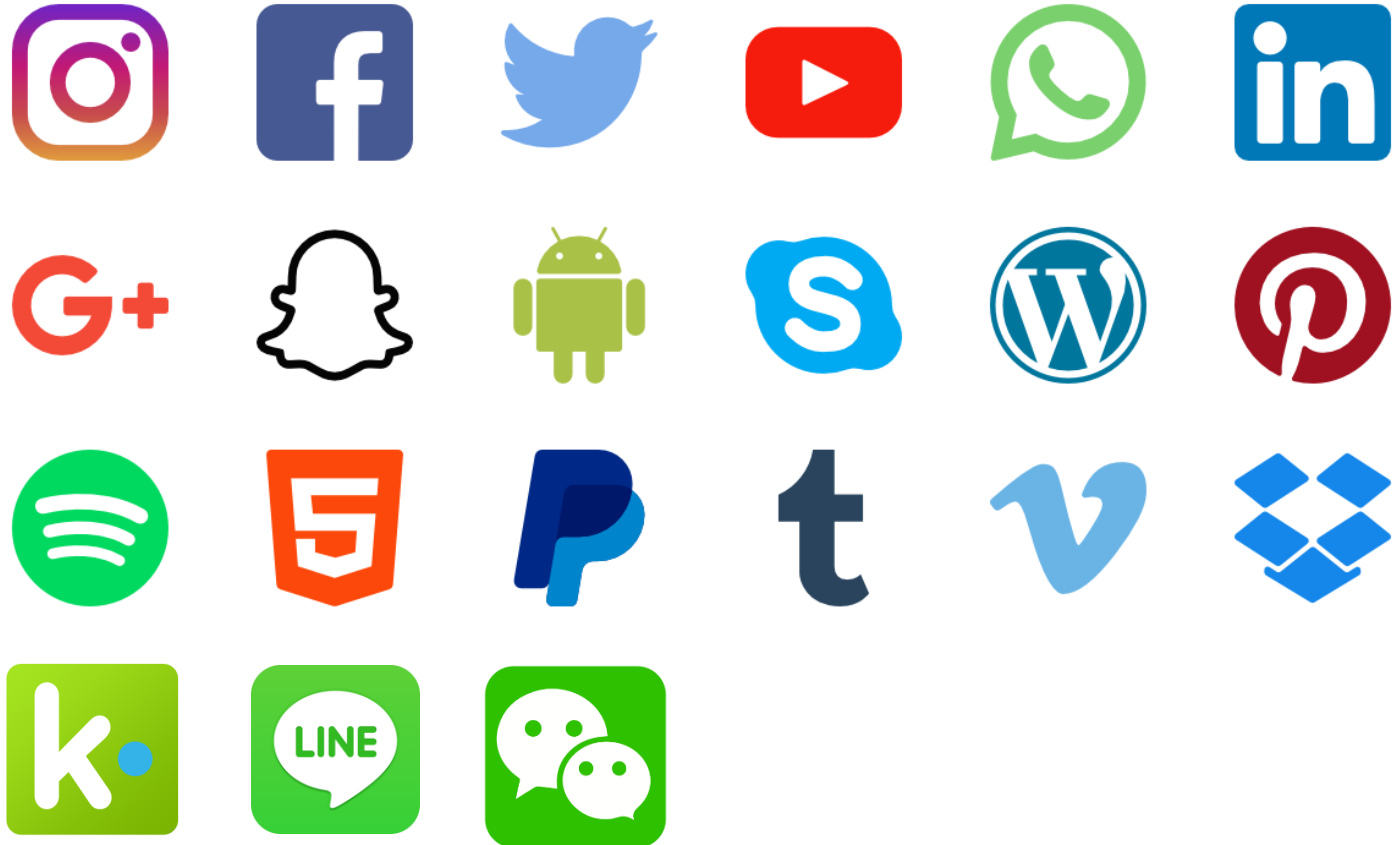
EXAMPLE: Attack media in an attempt to erode public trust. Reframe story as "fake news" and establish Trump administration as source of truth.

JAN 11
@realDonaldTrump
Intelligence agencies should never have allowed this fake news to "leak" into the public. One last shot at me. Are we living in Nazi Germany?

EXAMPLE: Test public reaction to nuclear arms escalation.

DEC 22
@realDonaldTrump
The United States must greatly strengthen and expand its nuclear capability until such time as the world comes to its senses regarding nukes

SOCIAL MEDIA AS A TOOL OF MISINFORMATION DISSEMINATION




STOP LABOR & GREENS EXTREME SEX EDUCATION

LABOR WANT KIDS TAUGHT THAT:

Schools can decide that parental consent is not needed for a student to undergo irreversible hormonal treatment.

- transgender
- genderfluid
- demigender
- 40% girl + 60% boy



PROTECT OUR KIDS WHEN YOU VOTE

PUT LABOR & GREENS LAST

Find out more at www.kidsrights.org.au

Polling shows Labor's extreme views of touch with what Qld voters think

A recent Queensland Galaxy poll showed:⁽²⁾

- **84%** believe that abortion harms women's health
- **85%** oppose late-term abortions past 20 weeks
- Only **6%** of Queenslanders actually support late-term abortion!


Research shows that a pregnant woman is "hard wired" to her baby. That's why many women suffer deeply, even long after an abortion.⁽¹⁾

Pregnant women deserve better: Real options. Real support.

SAY NO TO EXTREME ABORTION LAWS

Number every box and PUT LABOR LAST

(1) Giving Women a Choice: Australia Speaks on Abortion, Southern Cross Bioethics Institute, 2005.
 (2) A comprehensive opinion poll with 13 questions was conducted by Galaxy Research between 6-8 May 2016. The results are available at www.qldchrislife.org.au
 (3) Women, Abortion, and the Brain, Evelyn Birge Vitz and Paul C. Vitz, The Public Discourse, September 20, 2010 www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2010/09/1657.



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STOP late-term ABORTION

Number every box and PUT LABOR LAST

Do you know? **Labor supports:**

- abortion **up to birth** for any reason*
- with **NO safeguards** for pregnant women*


Labor plans **extreme** new abortion laws if it wins the Queensland state election*

LNP leader Tim Nicholls has promised in writing that the LNP will not support any change to the abortion laws in the next term of Parliament.

*Labor introduced extreme abortion laws in Victoria (2008) and Tasmania (2013) that permit abortion for any reason up to birth. These laws include no requirement for independent counselling, and no cooling-off periods.
 *Queensland Labor's Anna Palaszczuk, Jackie Trad and Yvette D'Ath have promised to introduce new abortion laws if re-elected, following the withdrawal of Rob Pym's failed abortion-to-birth bills in 2017. (Qld Cabinet and Ministerial Directory, media statements page, 28/2/17)

Yet... • 99% of Australians support counselling for women • 98% believe women should be advised of the health risks⁽¹⁾

LABOR & GREENS EXTREME SEX ED MEANS NO SAFE PLACE FOR KIDS



"I not only teach people how to be gay, I teach them how to be gay and communist so invite me to your school if you will".
 Roz Ward, Victoria, co-founder of Safe Schools Coalition Australia

Labor and the Greens support radical sex education programs

Labor want our kids taught that:

- boys who identify as girls can use the girls' toilets
- school kids don't have to be 'boys' or 'girls': they can decide which gender identity fits - transgender, gender fluid, genderqueer or over 100 genders
- parental consent may not be necessary to undergo irreversible hormonal treatment

The LNP have promised to axe these radical programs and fund a proper anti-bullying program to protect all students.

Find out more at www.kidsrights.org.au

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WHETHER TO ENGAGE IN THE FAKE NEWS FROLICS OF OTHERS

OUR OWN FACEBOOK PAGES – PITFALLS AND LESSONS LEARNED

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Salisbury Community Grapevine

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CONCLUSION: THE CONTINUOUS LEARNING CURVE

