**Passive Activity:**

***News sort***

**Objective:**

This exercise allows participants to critically evaluate news articles and determine whether they are advertisement, clickbait, fake news, high-quality news, opinion, or satire

**Materials:**

1. At least one sample story to demonstrate each of the article types: advertisement, clickbait, fake news, high-quality news, opinion, or satire. Examples should be short and the reading-level should be accessible for your audience.
2. News Sort Grid document (or make your own from the Core Presentation - Use the 4 slides entitled “What We Expect News to Be”; “What We Might Encounter” “Types of Fake News” and Types of Misinformation”)
3. Large Laminated Posterboard (to print News Source Grid On)
4. News Sort Handout document
5. Golf Pencils
6. Reusable double-sided tape
7. Laminator (optional)

**Exercise:**

1. Print the [News Sort Grid](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/GYAiXVcWSX1zHWHEHDevEv44) defining the various types of news, fake news, and misinformation, on posterboard and post in a prominent location
2. Place a stack of the [News Sort Handout](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/KbXkBKrvPKpzWxi1YBs5AXic) and golf pencils near your display for patrons to take and participate in the activity
3. Print multiple articles, number them, and post them next to the news source grid (we recommend at least 6, and preferably one for each category). You can post all at once, or post them at different time intervals depending on how you want to structure your program (i.e. one a week/two a week/one a month, etc.) If the articles will be up longer than a week, we recommend laminating them.
4. Each week (or at your designated time interval) add the corresponding category letter to the top of the printed article as your “reveal”. Underline key phrases that give clues about what type of article it is.

**Sample Articles:**

* **Advertisement:** 
  + ***How to be proactive about preparing for natural disasters*** [**http://www.politifact.com/sponsored/?prx\_t=w2kDAVPIaALwkQA**](http://www.politifact.com/sponsored/?prx_t=w2kDAVPIaALwkQA)
* **Opinion:** 
  + ***Missing: Criminal Justice Data***

[**https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/21/opinion/missing-criminal-justice-data.html?action=click&module=Opinion&pgtype=Homepage**](https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/21/opinion/missing-criminal-justice-data.html?action=click&module=Opinion&pgtype=Homepage)

* **Satire:** 
  + ***God Particle found in New Jersey***

[**http://weeklyworldnews.com/headlines/41410/god-particle-found-in-new-jersey/**](http://weeklyworldnews.com/headlines/41410/god-particle-found-in-new-jersey/)