

## Lecturer Video Alerts:

No videos added  
But, there is a 75-slide  
animation of the growth (and  
hacking) of a Wikipedia entry.  
All told, the animation takes  
about 4 minutes

## Digital Resource Center Extensions:

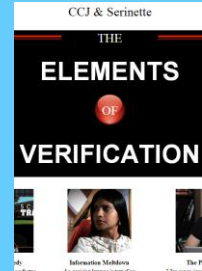
Whenever possible, we provide digital materials for use outside class to encourage solo work by students and accommodate a wider range of learning styles.

### Extending this lecture:

The Committee of Concerned Journalists, a standards and practices watchdog organization, last year built this online (tablet-friendly) series of games. The News Literacy-focused game is "Meltdown," in which the student plays the part of a young woman making decisions based on information coming to her from a variety of sources. It's a good follow-up to the Source Evaluation lecture and the scoring system provides some assessment of their retention of the ideas

Here is the link:

<http://njonline.org/files/VerificationApplication/index.html>



## After this lecture, students will be able to:

1. Explain the crisis of authenticity caused by the anonymity of social and digital media
1. Understand the particular challenges news consumers face when searching social and digital media for *actionable* information.
1. Use specific examples to illustrate the difference between reliable and unreliable information found on social media
2. Articulate the particular danger cognitive dissonance poses to news consumers seeking actionable information on social media

These skills relate to course outcomes 6,4,3,2,1

## Perils of The Most Promising Ideas of This Age:

Disintermediation  
Moore's Law  
Crowd-sourcing

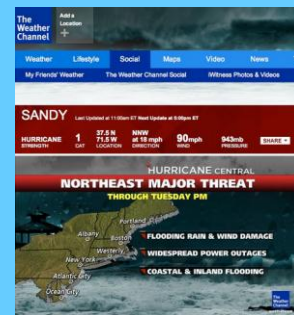
Or...

What Happens When EVERYONE Wields  
The Power of Information?

## The Promise and the Peril: Reliable Information on Digital Social Media



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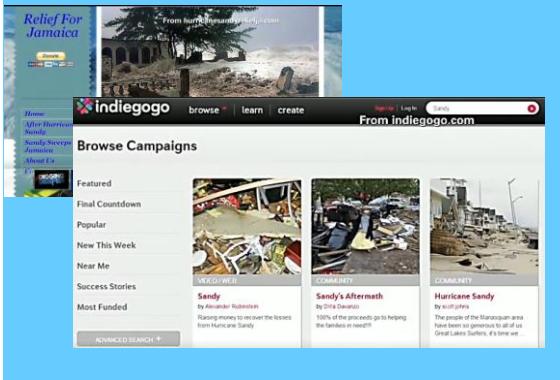
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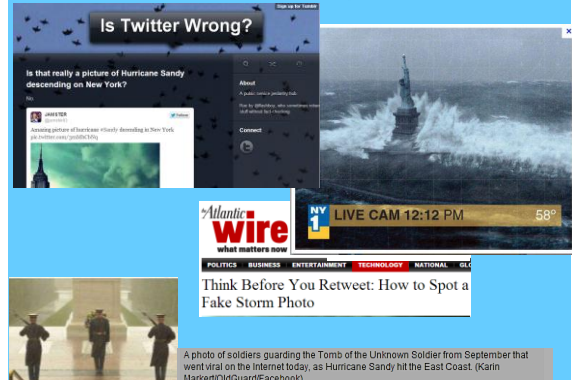
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### The Crisis of Authenticity on The Web

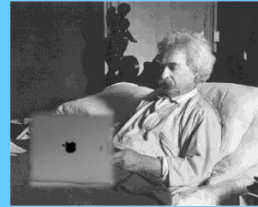


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## The Crisis of Authenticity on The Web

## Mark Twain's Reservations about Facebook™ and the Web



*"Facebook™ found truth astir on earth and gave it wings; but untruth was also abroad, and it was supplied with a double pair of wings."*

## DEADSERIOUSNEWS

## Authenticity Crisis:

Social Media's Embrace of Anonymity Sometimes Make Disintermediation, Technology and Crowds Enemies of The Truth



## Housekeeping, Announcements & Notes

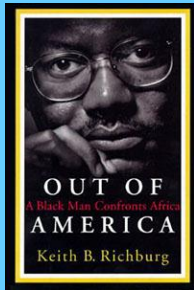
## Countdown To Test #2

Held in Recitation AFTER Lecture 12  
Emphasizes Lectures 7-12, ...but requires some use of concepts from Test 1.  
Same format: 10 questions, 100 points possible.



## Extra Credit Event #3

May 1: The Power of Social Media in China



## Keith Richburg

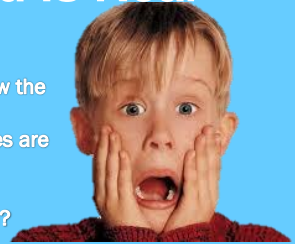
Veteran bureau chief for The Washington Post: 20 years in Beijing, Paris, Hong Kong, Jakarta, Nairobi and Manila and New York.

SAC Auditorium, 8 p.m., Tickets not required, but early arrival is. Doors open at 7:45

## The End is Near

This is a good time to review the syllabus to be sure you understand how final grades are determined.

For instance:  
How is homework weighted?



## News Matters!

*Which Matters Made  
News on Your Homepage  
TODAY?*

*And*

*What Course Concepts  
Were on Display This Week?*

## Context: The Growth of Online Usage

- 1968 First Internet-type file-sharing
- 1989 Tim Berners-Lee, working in Geneva (Switzerland) invents World Wide Web
- 1995: 9% of Americans are online
- 2000: 57% of Americans are online
- 2010: 79% of Americans use the Internet
- *The Average American Adult Now Spends 13 Hours A Week on the Internet*

Source: Harris Polls

## What's Changing? Information Overload



Did the characteristics of reliable information change when news moved online?

**V**erification

**I**ndependence

**A**ccountability

## Disintermediation Delivers Directly

Showing results for [martin luther king](#). Search instead for [martin luther king](#)

**Images for martin luther king** Report images

**Martin Luther King - Biography**  
 In 1954, **Martin Luther King** became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist ... At the age of thirty-five, **Martin Luther King, Jr.** was the youngest man to have ...

**Martin Luther King, Jr. - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia**  
**Martin Luther King, Jr.** (January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968) was an American clergyman, activist, and prominent leader in the African-American civil rights ...

**Martin Luther King Jr. - A true historical examination**  
 The truth about **Martin Luther King** includes historical facts, articles and pictures. A valuable resource for teachers and students alike.

**News for martin luther king**

MartinLutherKing.org

## How Do We Know What to Trust?

**Martin Luther King, Jr. - A True Historical Examination**

That night King retreated to his room at the Whitcomb Hotel. Three FBI agents reportedly picked up 16 hours of party chatter, the clinking of glasses and the sounds of illicit sex - including King's version of "You Pour or Get" and "The Not a Negro Song".

**Historical Writings**  
 Essays, Sermons, Speeches & More

**Truth About King**  
 What We Thought and Thought For

**Death of the Dream**  
 The Day King Was Shot

**The King Holiday**  
 Bring the Dream to Life

**Civil Rights Library**  
 History of People and Events

**Jews & Civil Rights**  
 Who Led The Civil Rights Movement

**Suggested Books**  
 The Life and Work of King

**With The Best Intentions**  
 How MLK Was Assassinated

**Who's Innocent, Really?**

**MLK Rap Verse**  
 The Story of the Peaceful In DA Hood

MartinLutherKing.org

## How Do We Know What to Trust?

Bring the Dream to life in your town!  
 Download flyers to pass out at your school.

**Join MLK Discussion Forum Hosted by Stormfront**

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**Paul Fromm Stormfront.org**  
 Coming to You Every Day 12:00 AM EST

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**Music Radio**  
 10pm - Army Boney  
 10pm - Old Timey Arrangements  
 11pm - Lydia's Celtic Hour

**Loynhall Talk**  
 8pm - Dr. David Dixon & Don Black - Accepting calls  
 8pm - Political Comment - From Memphis, TN  
 12am - Paul Fromm - "For Our People"  
 1am - Sam - Jamie Kellou

**Listen Here!** **Times & Windows Stream Here - NOW!**  
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## Key Lesson

Rank ≠ Reliability

### The Crisis of Authenticity on The Twitter

**Comfortably Smug** Follow

I am a sincere, humble and  
 KIRDqgFR  
 and unconditional apology.  
 I made a series of irresponsible and inaccurate  
 statements on social media as an excuse, I take full  
 responsibility for the harm they have caused.  
 I am sorry, effective immediately. Wight  
 is committed to the betterment of New York to make New York a better place and  
 who will be an outstanding advocate for the people of the 12th Congressional District. It is my sincere  
 hope that the voters of New York will see him based on his merits alone, and not my actions of the last  
 24 hours.

Again, I offer my sincere apologies.

30 Oct 12 Reply Retweet Favorite

**the ONION**  
America's Finest News Source

Kim Jong-Un Named *The Onion's* Sexiest Man Alive For 2012 [UPDATE]

NEWS • Lifestyle • ISSUE 48-48 • Nov 14, 2012

The screenshot shows a news article from The Onion. The headline is "Kim Jong-Un Named *The Onion's* Sexiest Man Alive For 2012 [UPDATE]". The article features a photo of Kim Jong-Un on a horse. The text includes: "China's 2-15 fighter had a smooth taking off and landing last on aircraft carrier fully proving the excellent technical performance of them.", "China's voice on Nov. 27, 2012", "A true mark of China's aircraft carrier era", "NGO offers free HIV home test kits", "Aircraft guiding gestures inspire web craze", "Sky's the limit for booming aviation sector", "Probe launched into polysyllabic sector", and "Overseas returnees under great pressure".

## What Is The Wisdom of Like-Minded Crowds?

Eli Pariser  
"The Filter Bubble"

The image shows two side-by-side search engine results pages. The left one is labeled "Scott's Search" and the right one is "Caren's Search". Below them is a "Goooooogooogle" logo with a search bar containing "Egypt". To the right of the search bar are several small profile pictures and names, including "Chris in Egypt", "Protests of 2011", "Lara Logan", "Travel, Vacations", "Egypt Daily News", and "CIA World Factbook".

### Social Media as Petri Dish

## The Wisdom of Crowds

### The Power of Crowd-Sourcing

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The Free Encyclopedia

"Crowdsourcing is...the voluntary undertaking of a task...in which the crowd should participate bringing their work, money, knowledge and/or experience...The user will receive ... social recognition, self-esteem, or the development of individual skills, while the crowdsourcer will obtain and utilize to their advantage that what the user has brought to the venture."

Towards an integrated crowdsourcing definition. Journal of Information Science (in press)  
FERNANDES ARIAS, F.; CARROBAT LADRIENNE-GUIHARS, F. (2012)

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## Due Diligence

Talk:Barack Obama

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Step in table of contents

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- This is not a forum for general discussion of the article's subject.
- Put new text under old text. Click here to start a new topic.
- Please sign and date your posts by typing four tildes (~~~~~).
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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

WIKIPEDIA

### 2011 Sendai earthquake and tsunami

Four months, for the free encyclopedia

This talk page discusses the article, as edited by Gouzenko post (contributed to) at 08:16, 19 March 2011. It may differ significantly from the current version.

As an earthquake located on 10 km (6.2 miles) E of Sendai, Honshu, Japan, the earthquake possible to create regional tsunamis on the coast.

- UNESCO World Heritage Site: http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/1094
- Image:Japan Tsunami Warning System map from the wikipedia.org

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**External links**

- USGSWorld ID and 360 degree http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakecenter/quakeandtsunami011.php#p=360
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Google news agency has reported a 4 meter tsunami has to have produced in Japan.

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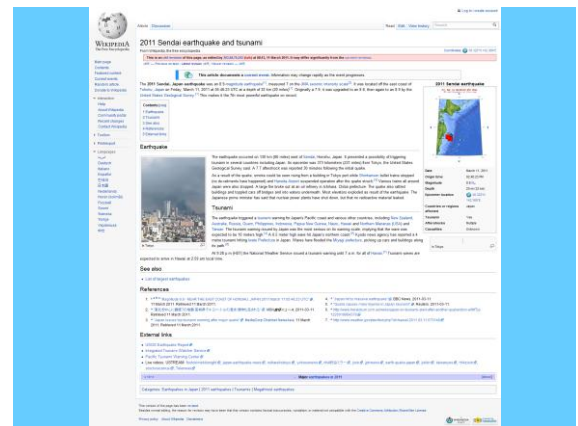
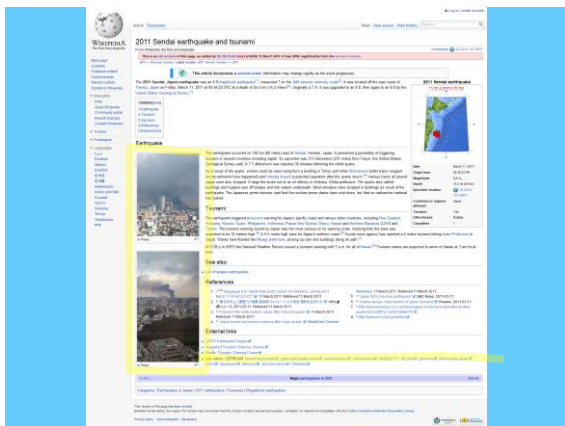
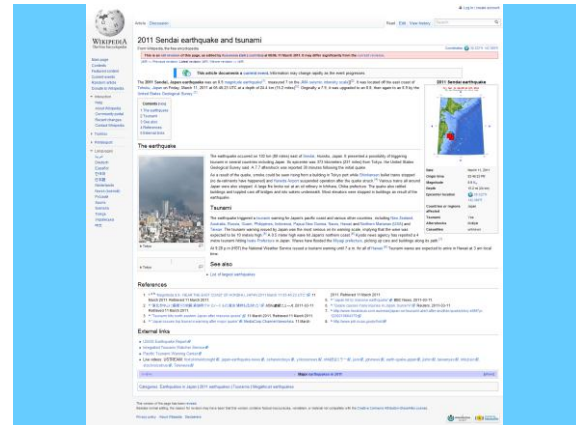
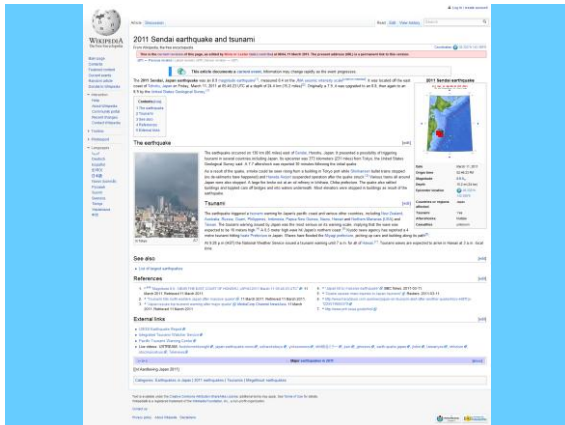
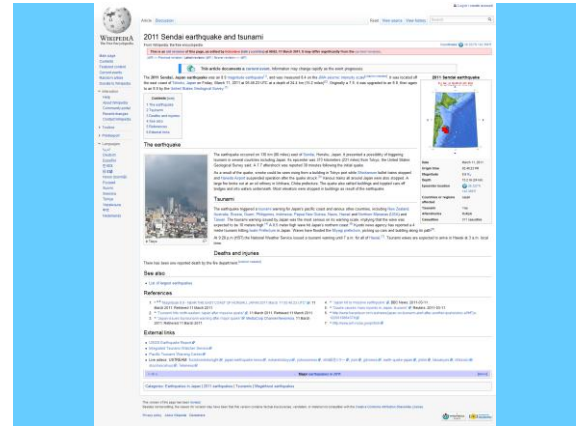
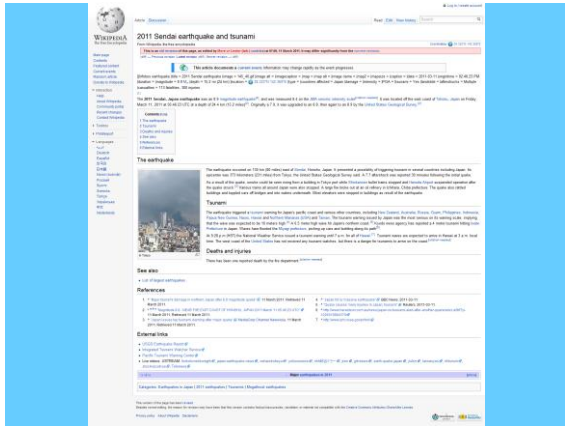
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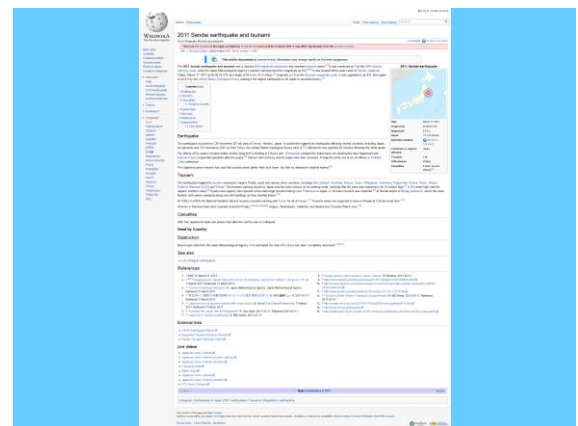
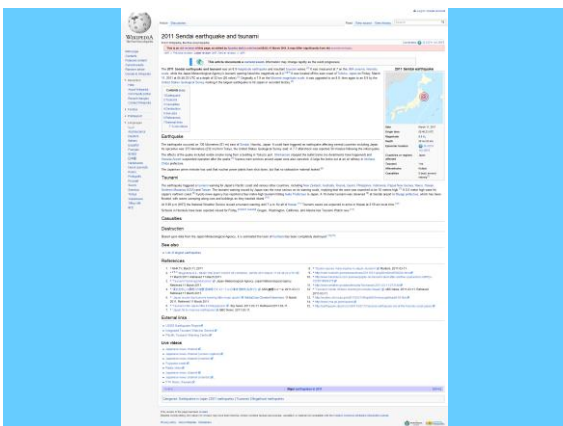
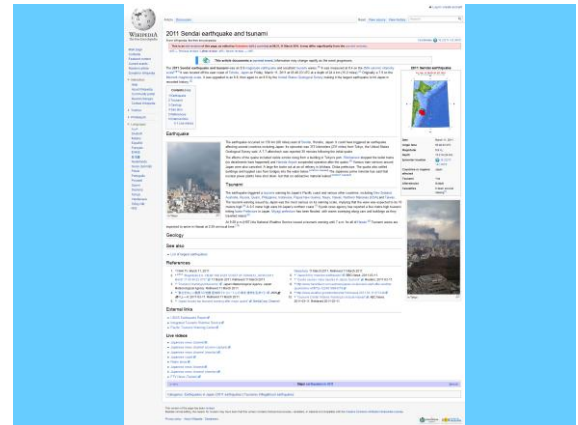
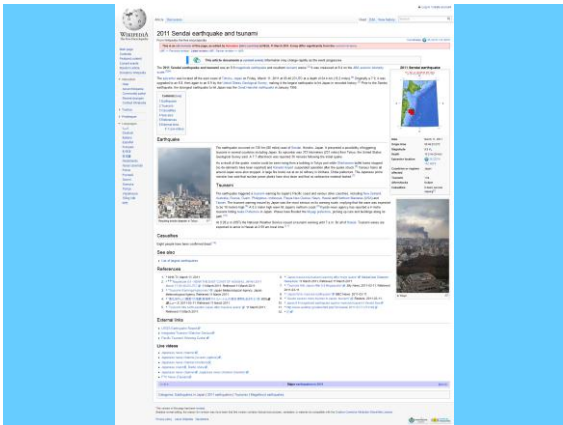
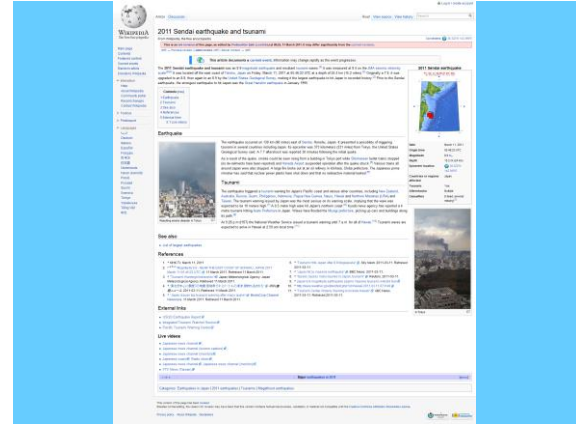
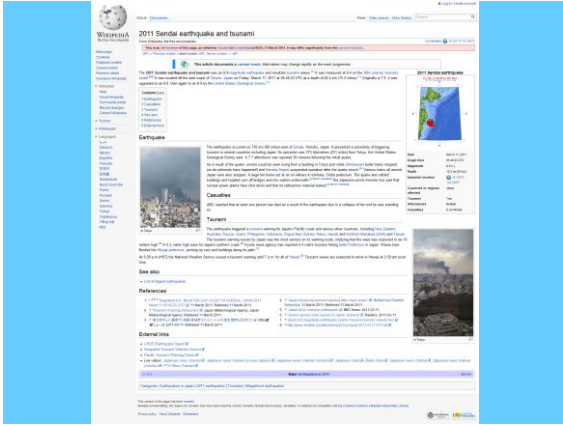


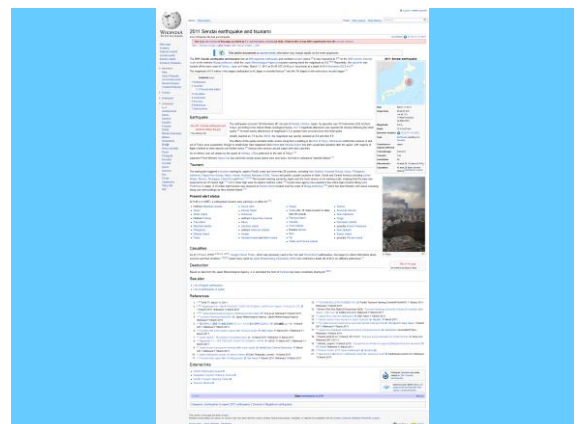
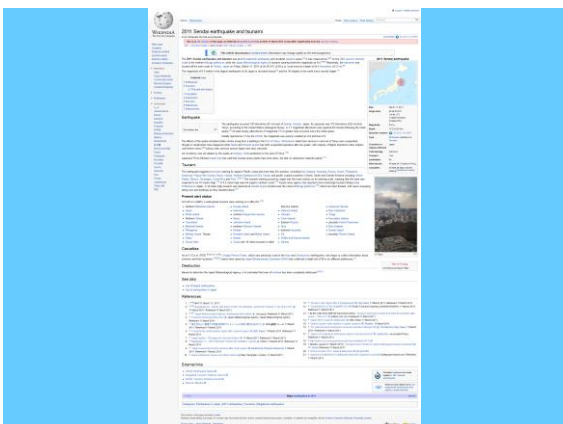
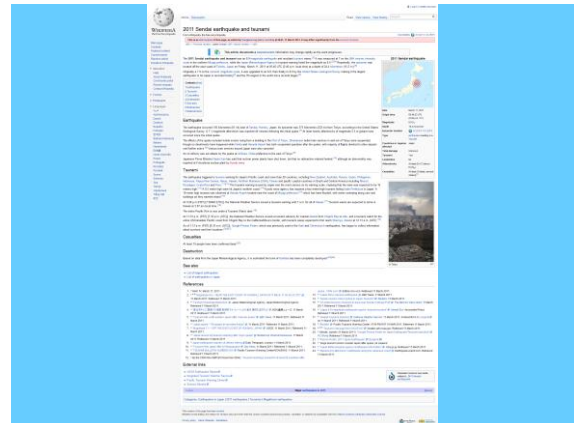
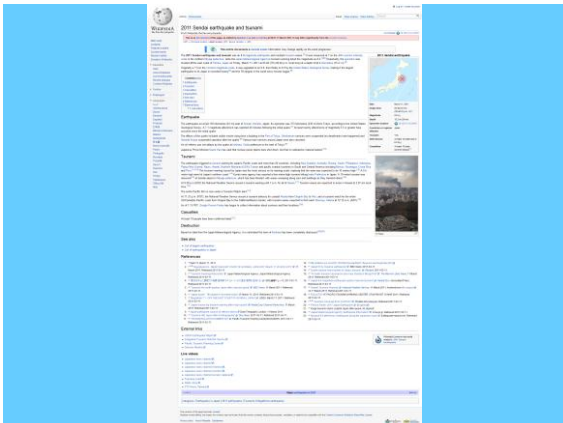
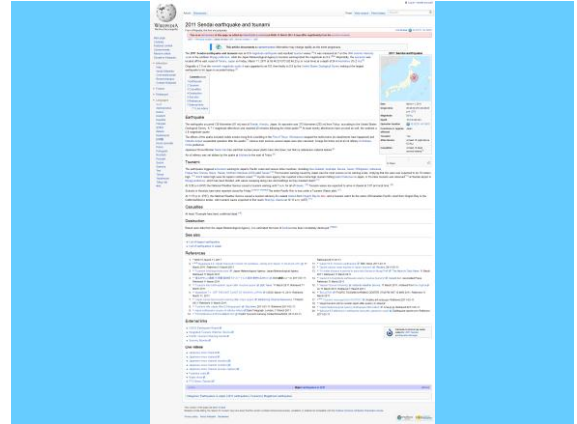
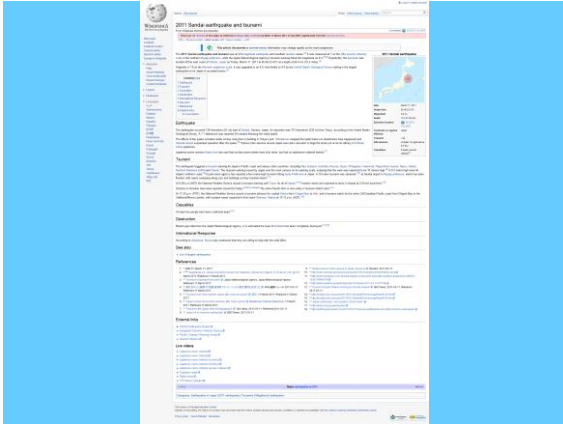


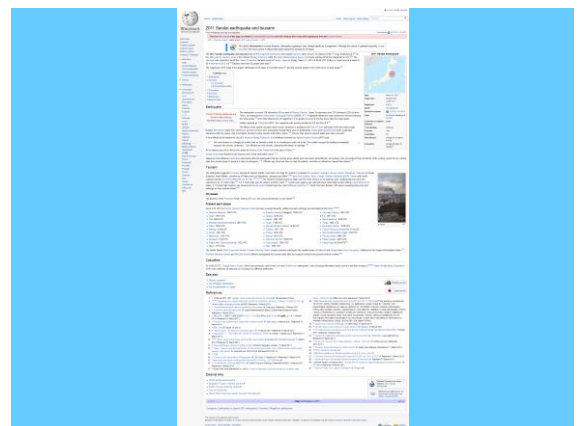
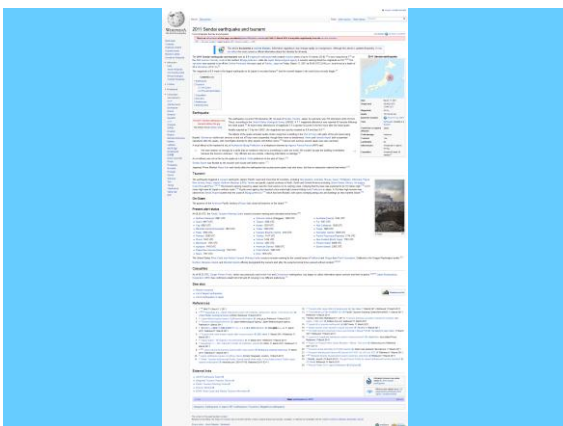
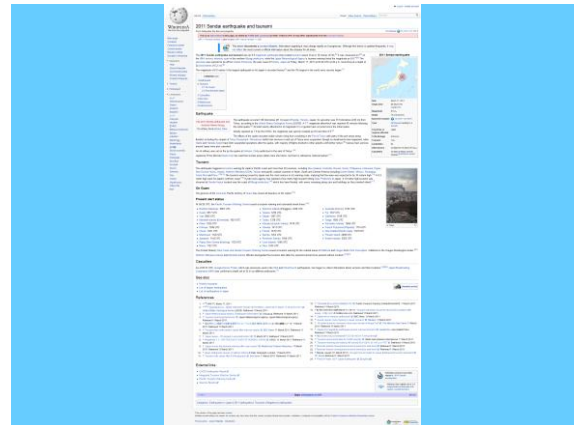
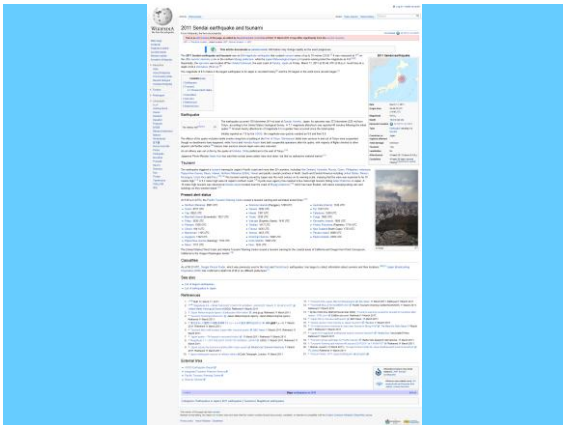
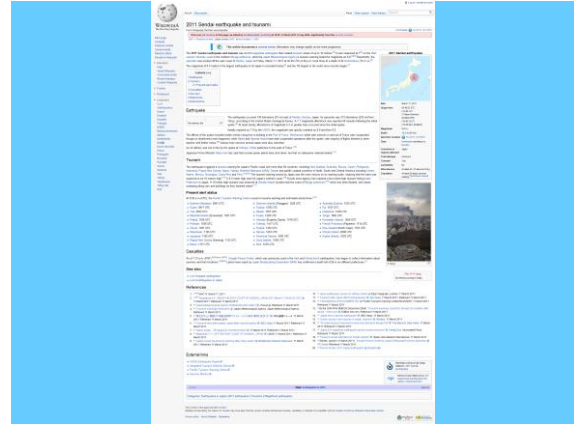
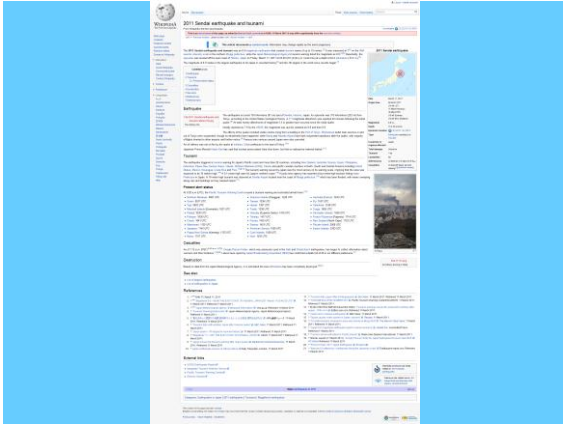


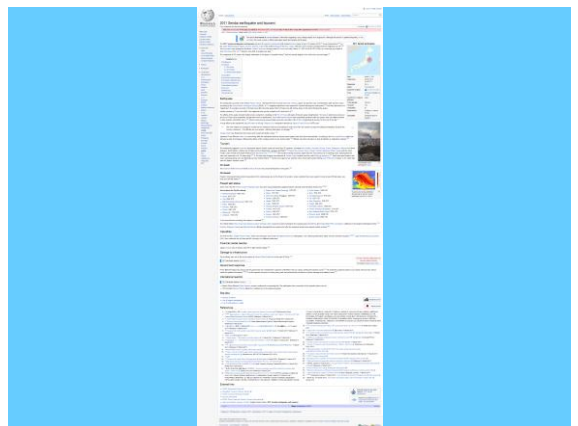
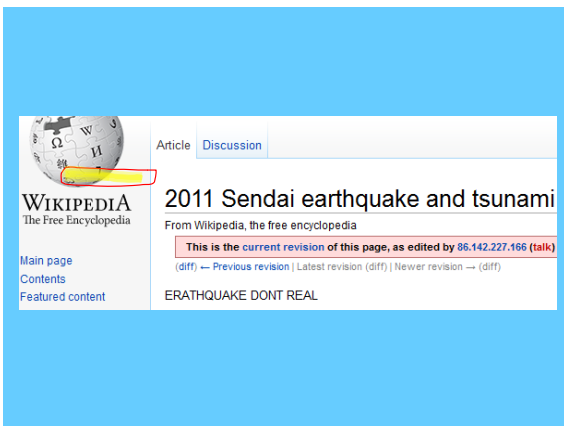
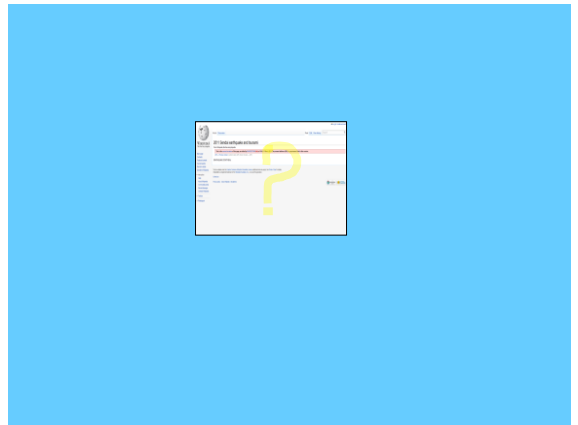
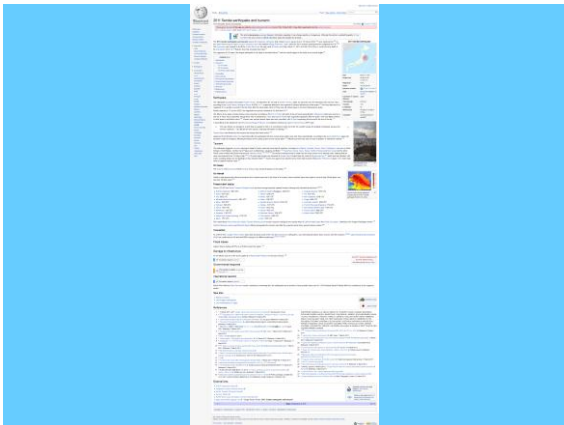
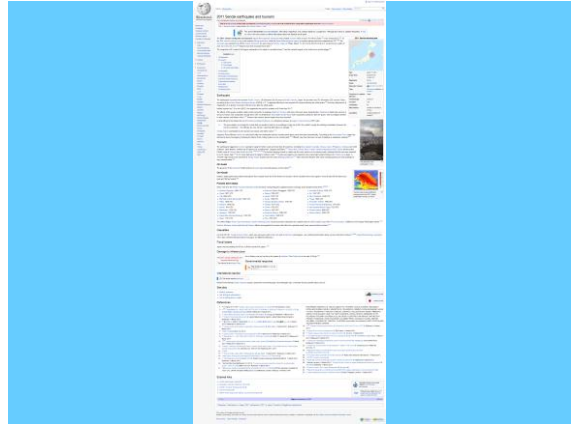
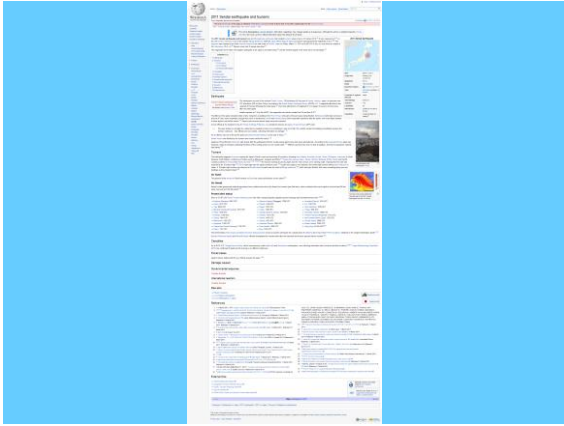


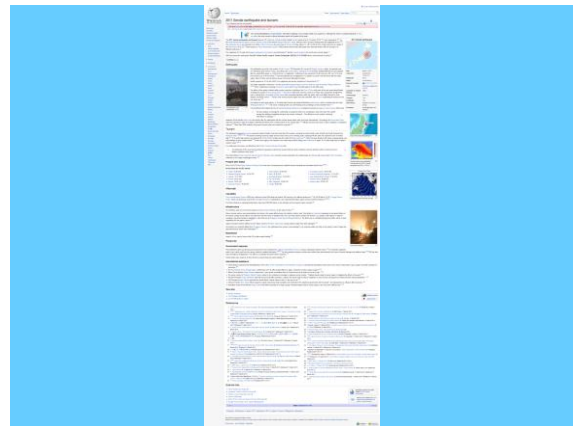
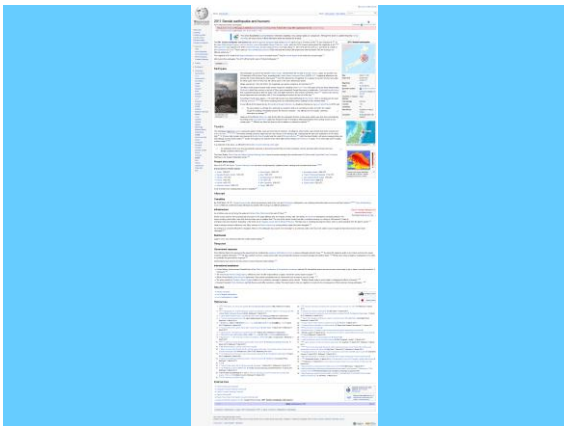
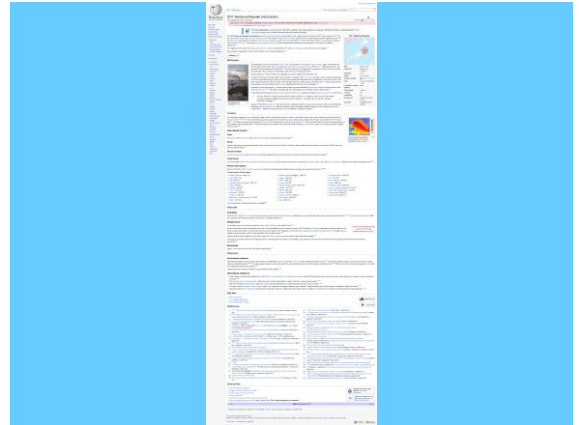
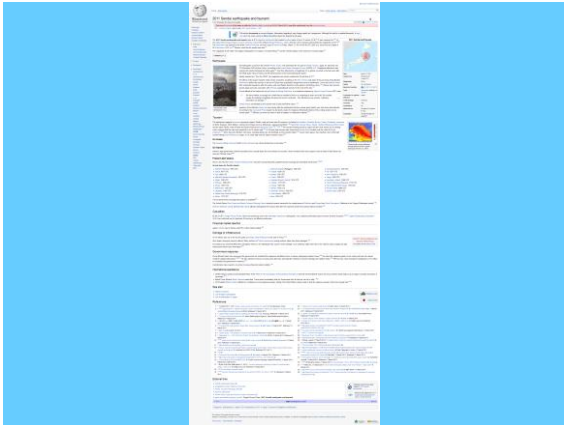
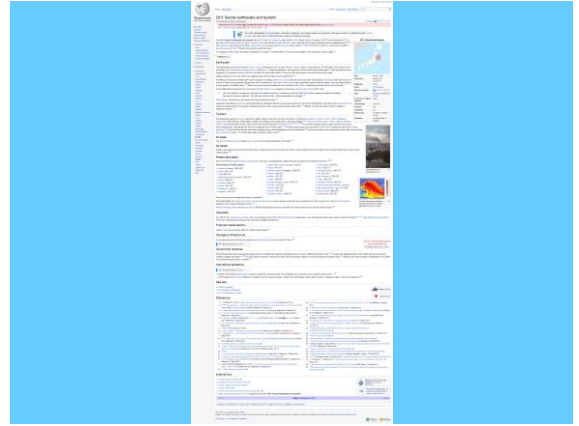
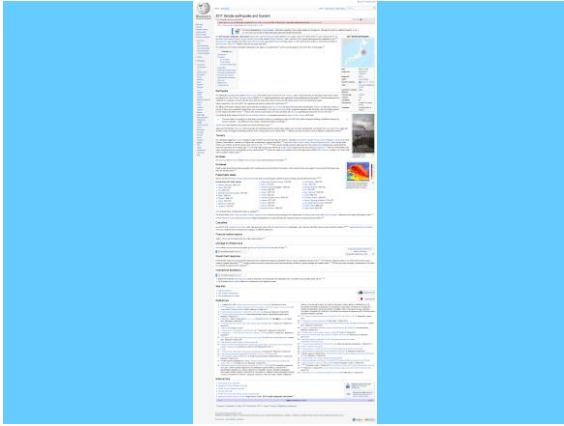




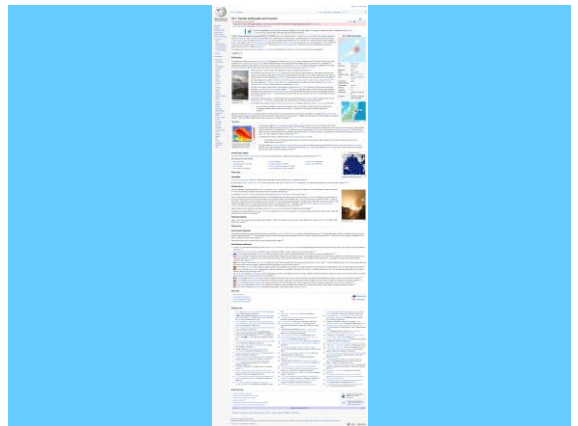
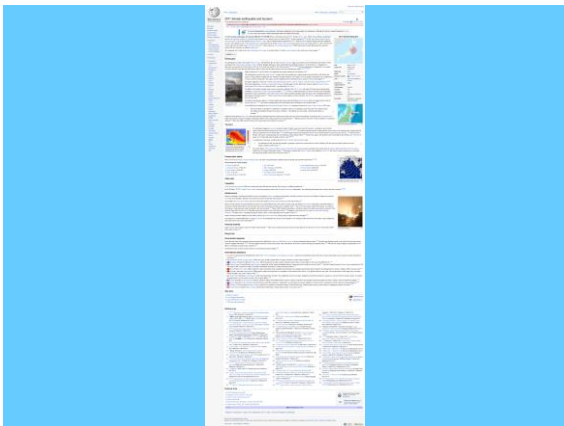
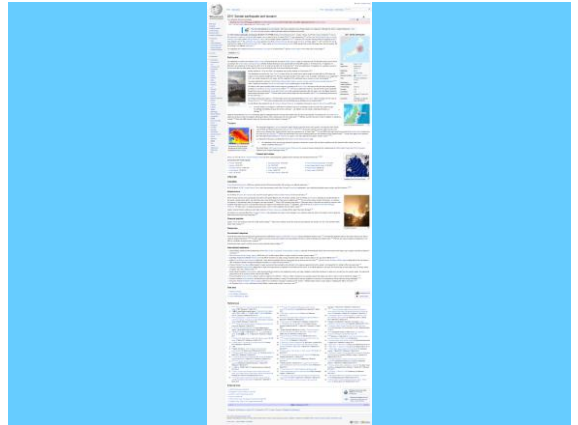
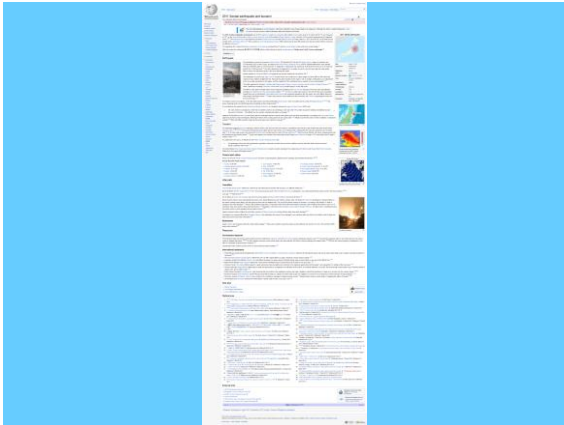
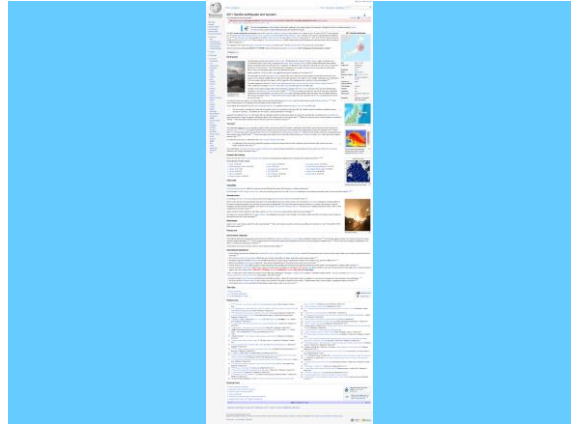
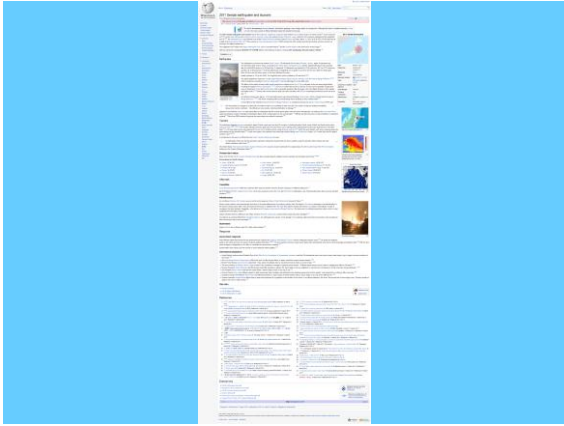


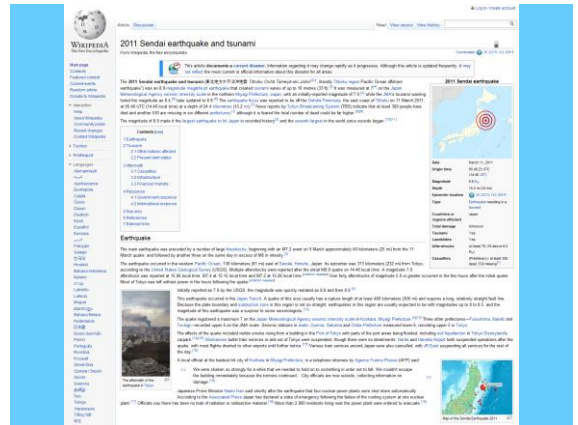
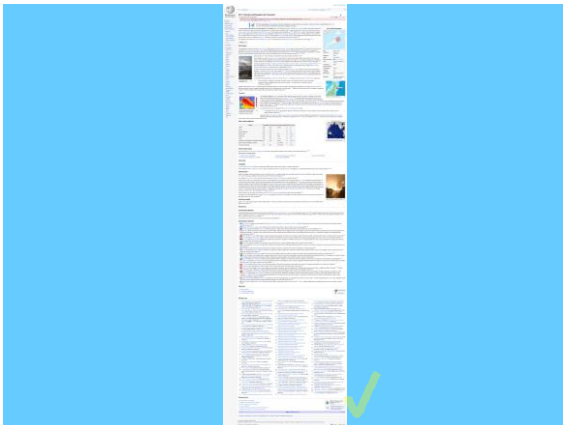
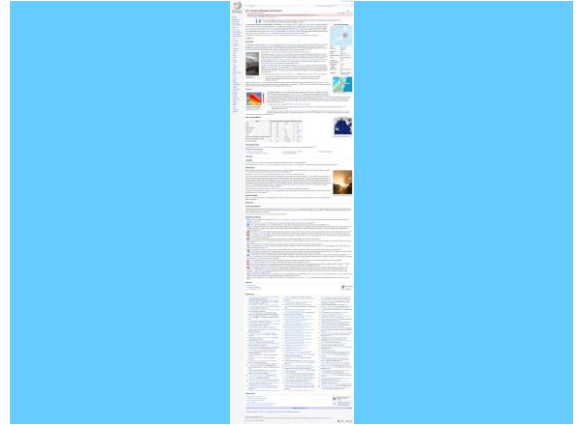
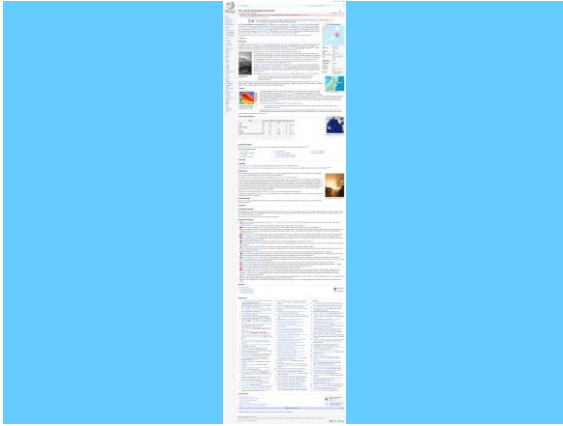












**Tsunami**

The earthquake triggered a tsunami striking Japan's Pacific coast and at least 10 countries including the entire Pacific coast of North and South America from Chile to Hawaii. Tsunami waves were up to 100 feet (30 meters) high and caused fatalities for 100,000 people worldwide. The tsunami caused significant damage to infrastructure and property, and caused a nuclear crisis at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.

**Other nations affected**

Nation	Notes	Estimated Tsunami Height (ft)	Deaths
Chile	Yes	10-20 (3-6)	0
USA	Yes	10-20 (3-6)	0
Peru	Yes	10-20 (3-6)	0
Philippines	Yes	10-20 (3-6)	0
Indonesia	Yes	10-20 (3-6)	0
South Korea	Yes	10-20 (3-6)	0
North Korea	Yes	10-20 (3-6)	0
India	Yes	10-20 (3-6)	0
East Africa	Yes	10-20 (3-6)	0

**Financial status**

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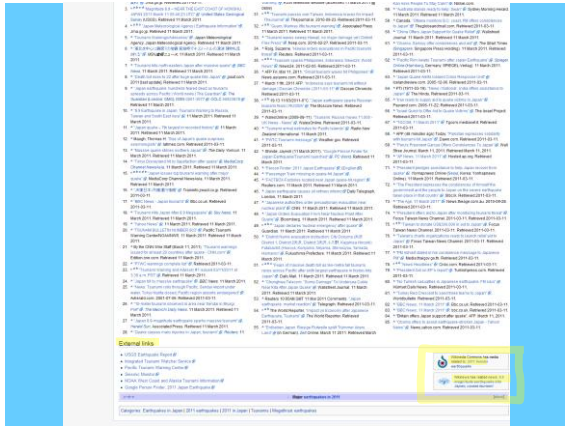
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**Response**

The Japanese government has announced that it will provide financial assistance to other countries affected by the tsunami. The government has also announced that it will provide financial assistance to the victims of the tsunami.

**International response**

- The United States has provided financial assistance to Japan.
- The United Kingdom has provided financial assistance to Japan.
- The European Union has provided financial assistance to Japan.
- The United Nations has provided financial assistance to Japan.



# Wikipedia Hacks Aren't Always so Obvious



## John Seigenthaler's Wikipedia War

# Now What? Verify Before You Trust

Trust but Verify

### Information Forensics: Check

- ✓ Bio
- ✓ Numbers (tweets, followers, retweets)
- ✓ Language
- ✓ Location
- ✓ Evidence (i.e. photos)
- ✓ Timing

Tweet to verify:  
will they tweet back evidence?

Patrick Meier, PhD

**Jorge M Bergoglio**  
@JMBergoglio

Si soy el nuevo Papa, los niños me van a amar más que al Papa Noel #Vaticano

8:19 AM - Feb 28, 2013

5,114 RETWEETS 605 FAVORITES

Translation: "If I'm the new Pope, children will love me more than Santa Claus."

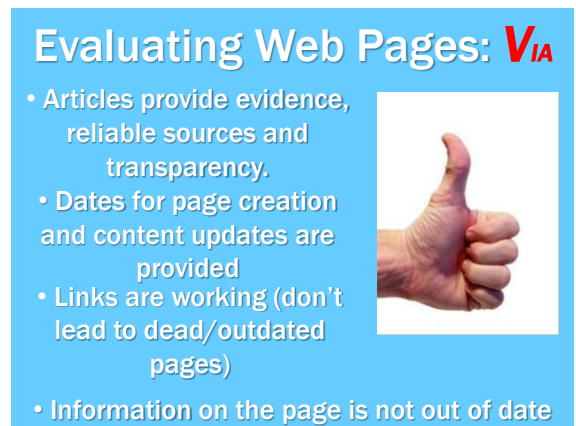
**Pope Francis**  
@PopeFrancis\_

The Real Pope Francis. I don't kept it real since the start. - Drizzy Started From The Bottom Now We Here.

4 TWEETS 649 FOLLOWING 82 FOLLOWERS

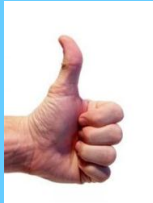
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- Pope Francis** @\_PopeFrancis\_ Fuck all the posers i'm the only real POPE FRANCIS! 57 mins Expand



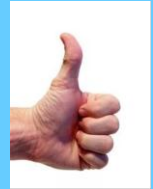
## Evaluating Web Pages: **viA**

- Information is independent and verifiable
- Multiple sources are cited, ideally with a variety of viewpoints
- Links out to reputable, independent, or authoritative sites
- News and opinion are clearly labeled



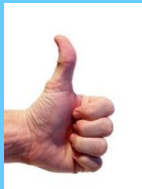
## Evaluating Web Pages: **viA**

The person/organization providing the information is **INDEPENDENT**, informed and knowledgeable. By virtue of experience, data collection, observation, training, credentials, access, they know what they are talking about.



## Evaluating Web Pages: **viA**

- “About Us” easily found, and with robust information about funding, ownership, contact numbers for corrections, etc.



## Look at the ‘About Us’ Page



As a progressive group, FAIR believes that structural reform

**What's FAIR?**  
 FAIR, the national media watch group, has been offering well-documented criticism of media bias and censorship since 1986. We work to increase the First Amendment by advocating the broader interests of the news and by encouraging media practices that are in the public interest.  
 Although FAIR works with both activists and journalists, we maintain a regular dialogue with reporters at news outlets across the country, providing constructive critiques when called for and applauding exceptional, hard-hitting journalism. We also encourage the public to contact media with their concerns, to become media activists rather than passive consumers of news.  
 FAIR publishes *Exposé*, the award-winning magazine of media criticism, and produces the weekly radio program *Crossfire*, the show that brings you the news behind the headlines. In addition, we have a thriving listserve through which we distribute regular Action Alerts to our international network of activists— as of September 2011, the FAIR list has over 33,000 recipients, with more signing on every day.

Can You Identify Who Is Responsible For the Site?

## Who Runs the Site?

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Registrant:
Stony Brook University School of Journalism
Melville Library B4004
stony brook, New York 11794-0001
United States

Registered through: GoDaddy.com, Inc. (http://www.godaddy.com)
Domain Name: NEWSLITERACY.COM
Created on: 05-Apr-12
Expires on: 05-Apr-13
Last Updated on: 05-Nov-10

Administrative Contact:
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Domain servers in listed order:
NS44.DNS41.COM
NS46.DNS41.COM
    
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**QUICK QUIZ!**

Can anyone register a URL at these top-level domains?

- .com
- .museum
- .net
- .gov
- .info
- .org
- .us
- .edu
- .xxx
- .travel
- .name
- .mil
- .uk
- .se

Which of the following domains have restrictions placed on them?

- .com
- .museum
- .net
- .gov
- .info
- .org
- .us
- .edu
- .xxx
- .travel
- .name
- .mil
- .uk
- .se

## Shortcuts: Is It a Hoax?



Check Snopes

Promising Ideas of This Age:

Disintermediation  
Moore's Law  
Crowd-sourcing



Speed Kills...Errors

<http://www.regrettheerror.com/>

### The Best of Both Worlds?

Venerable British Museum Enlists in the Wikipedia Revolution

By NOAM COHEN  
Published: June 4, 2010

The New York Times



### The Promise and the Peril: Reliable Information on Digital Social Media

Final Local Gas Prices  
**GasBuddy.com** Fuel Shortage Tracker

Search for stations by City, State or Zip  
11790 [Search]

Search Results for 11790

<b>Hess</b> 2451 Nesconset Hwy & Story Brook Rd Story Brook, NY 11790	<b>No Fuel</b> As of 2 hours ago [Update]
<b>Getty</b> 959 114-25A near Quaker Path Story Brook, NY 11790	<b>No Fuel</b> As of 22 hours ago [Update]
<b>Shell</b> 105 Main St near Shore Rd Story Brook, NY 11790	<b>No Fuel</b> As of 22 hours ago [Update]

### The Web Empowers Watchdogs

**TELL THE TRUTH!** **NewsBusters**  
mrc EXPOSING & COMBATING LIBERAL MEDIA BIAS

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**Bozell on Hannity 'Media Mash': NBC Deliberately Skewed Trayvon Martin Story with Selective Editing**

By NB Staff | March 30, 2012 | 10:52

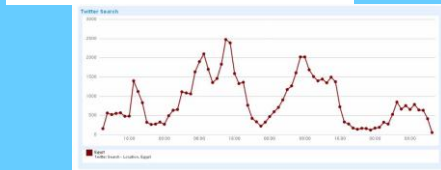
<http://www.psdisasters.com>

### Advantages: Information is Harder to Control

#### Mashable

The Twitterverse Responds to Protests in Egypt [STATS]

January 28, 2011 by Lauren Fink



News Can Disseminate Quickly on Social Networking Sites Like Twitter

### On the Web, You Contribute News

A perpetual motion machine for investigative reporting: CPI and PRI partner on state corruption project

By Justin Ellis



### The Consequence of Increased User Power is...

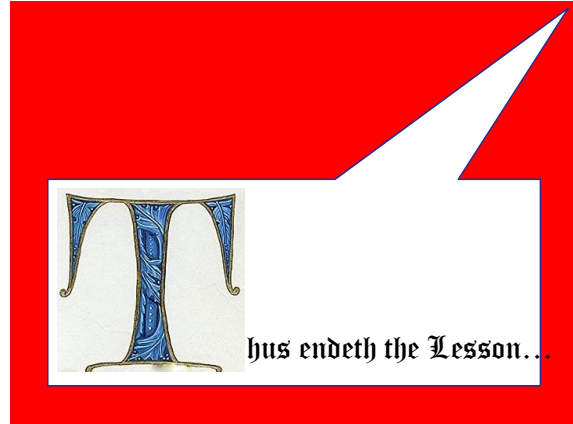
**You**  
Have More Responsibility

"With great power comes great responsibility."

-Uncle Ben Parker



# The Big Lessons



## Advantages: Information in New Ways

Long Island crime and police reports

Incident reports Alerts About the data Report a crime

Select a community: All communities View all

Select a date range: 4/20/2011 to 4/27/2011 Submit

Display the last: Day 7 days 14 days 30 days Year

Assault (18) Burglary (27)  
 Drug/Alcohol CD Intimidation CD  
 Robbery (10) Theft (45)

Multiple types of crimes reported in one area. Zoom in to get more information.

240 incidents Reset map

Newsday plots crime reports on a map

## News judgment, democratized

**Most Blogged »**  
 Articles most frequently blogged by NYTimes.com readers

1. Police Begin Clearing Zuccotti Park of Protesters
2. Chelsea Clinton Hired by NBC News
3. At Google X, a Top-Secret Lab Dreaming Up the Future
4. Panel Seeks Way to Reach a Deal on Tax Increase
5. Supreme Court to Hear Case Challenging Health Law
6. The Fire Aside, Amazon's Lower-Priced Kindles Also Shine
7. Felons Finding It Easy to Regain Gun Rights
8. In July, Paterno Transferred Ownership of Home to His Wife for \$1
9. Jack Raykovitz, Chief of Second Mile, Resigns Amid Penn State Scandal
10. Police Clear Zuccotti Park With Show of Force, Bright Lights and Loudspeakers

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5. Why's the Decoder?
6. Diaper Journal: What Are Diaper Sales Doing That Will Break up the Month...
7. The Broccoli Test
8. A Portable Glow to Help Melt Those H...
9. A Match-and-Wait Prostate Treatment...
10. For One Man, Hawaii is a Land of Pro...

## Is this website fair and/or balanced?

**cnsnews.com**  
 THE RIGHT NEWS. RIGHT NOW.™

8,803,335: Another New Record for Disability—Up 975 Per Day Under Obama™

SUPPORT THE MEDIA RESEARCH CENTER

## Is this website fair and/or balanced?

**THINK PROGRESS**

**ECONOMY: CEO Threatens Employees With 'Personal Consequences' if Romney Loses**

By Adam Peck posted from ThinkProgress Economy on Oct 25, 2012 at 3:35 pm

187 Tweets

The list of corporate CEOs and owners who have tried scolding their employees into voting for Mitt Romney got a bit longer this week thanks to Milwaukee businessman Mike White.

White, the owner of the industrial equipment firm Rite-Hite, sent his 1,400 employees an email this week warning them that they needed to "understand the personal consequences to them of having our tax rates increase dramatically if President Obama is re-elected," according to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, which was sent a copy of the correspondence. The email goes on to warn that Rite-Hite would consider dropping its contribution to the workers' retirement plan, starting tax hikes that White says are on the way if Obama wins a second term, and that workers will lose their health care.

"The tax rate we pay is not 17%, as Warren Buffett would have you believe, with state taxes it is roughly 45%. President Obama has announced that our planned tax rate would increase to roughly 65%, reducing our after tax income by 36% and dramatically reducing, if not eliminating, your and my RSP contributions." As a result, White says the company's profits would not be reinvested. Instead, he writes, "the money will be sent into the abyss that is Washington, D.C. So, on top of the burden of having your personal taxes increase dramatically, which will, your RSP contributions and healthy retirement are also at risk, all for the sake of maintaining an over-sized government that borrows 42% of every dollar it spends."



**Can you get any diseases from kissing a fish?**

I kinda had an incident where I kissed my fish. It wasn't my fault. I had to put my head in the tank to sort out the weed problem, and bam! fish snog. I had my tongue out to feed, and Nemo just attached onto my tongue! Started feeding off it. Ti pulled my tongue in to get it off, but he wouldn't let go. M.A.N.K.

Can i get any diseases?

Help me!!!

3 months ago [Report Abuse](#)

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**Best Answer** - Chosen by Voters

hi green, yes definitely scales i would go to the doctor and get a shot immediatly you can't be too careful with scales. and you can transmit that to your girlfriend or your mom so i would go to the doctor right away. a friend of mine was making out with his fish and he got the same thing scales he noticed that it hurt when he went to the rest room so he went to the doctor and he gave him a shot. but the doctor said it could be worse if he was kissing his pet lobster he could have gotten crustation and that is worse than scales. so your lucky you only kiss your fish and not a lobster so set up a doctor appointment right now and don't wait. good luck i hope you live through this

Source(s): oh, and if any lobsters ask you out tell them no.

3 months ago [Report Abuse](#)

**What's wrong with this picture?**



**About.com**

FW: clueless.....

Now is it just me, are both of them as dumb as they appear. I guess this could have been taken in a mirror which would screw it up, or maybe it is authentic. I would not doubt it being authentic!!! Note both have rings on their ring finger and most likely on their left hand. I think they are truly clueless!!!!

His suit coat is buttoned correctly, so it is not a mirror image.

These people are so clueless. They are not Americans.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

**Reviewing this Lecture:**

1. What are the advantages and disadvantages of **sourcing your information from the Web?**
2. How do you identify reliable information on the Web?

**How Do We Know What to Trust?**

**Facebook Update:**

**WTF?! I Lost ALL Respect For Miley Cyrus After Watching THIS Video!**  
msielele.co.cc

YOU Will Too After Watching THIS!! Simply SHARE The Video To Watch!


Share · about a minute ago

**Facebook Updates**

Sources Who **Verify** are better than Sources who **Assert**

**GOP's Benghazi Smoking Gun Goes Up in Smoke**  
—By Adam Serwer | The Oct. 23, 2012 @12:43M PDT

184 Tweets · 699 Likes · 1.4k Shares



When a set of State Department emails were released Wednesday, one reporting that a local Islamist militia had claimed responsibility for the attack on the US consulate in Benghazi that killed four Americans, including the US ambassador to Libya, conservatives thought they had the smoking gun that the Obama administration had lied about what had occurred.

Reuters reported Wednesday that on September 11—the day of the attack—a State Department email with the subject header "Ansar al-Sharia Claims Responsibility for Benghazi Attack" was sent to the White House. The message stated that "Embassy Tripoli reports the group claimed responsibility on Facebook and Twitter and has called for an attack on Embassy Tripoli." Case closed, conservatives said: The White House had engaged in a cover-up.

There's only one problem—well, actually, there are many, but one big one: The email appears to have been incorrect.

Assess the Evidence

**Chicago Tribune NEWS**

**Clinton: Facebook post about Benghazi attack not hard "evidence"**

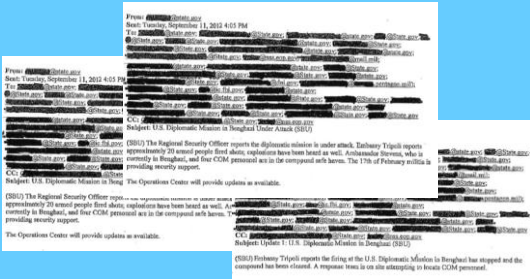
October 24, 2012 | Mark Hosenball | Reuters

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said on Wednesday a Facebook post in which an Islamic militant group claimed credit for a recent attack on the U.S. mission in Benghazi, Libya did not constitute hard evidence of who was responsible.

"Posting something on Facebook is not in and of itself evidence. I think it just underscores how fluid the reporting was at the time and continued for some time to be," Clinton said during an appearance with the Brazilian foreign minister at the State Department.

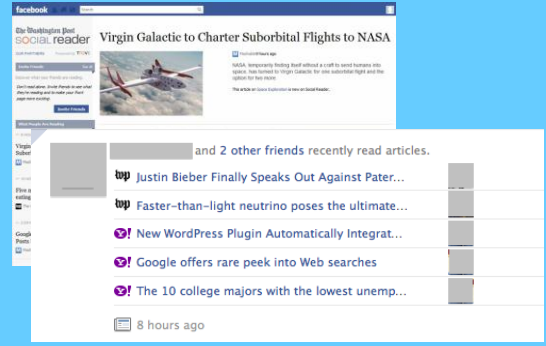


## Multiple Sources are Better than a Single Source

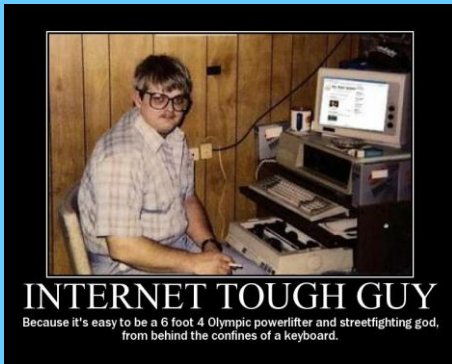


^Emails citing Facebook as a Source for who committed the attack

## News Comes To You, Customized



## How do we know WHOM to trust?



## Disintermediation



## News on the Web - Disadvantages

- Emphasis on Speed Over Accuracy
- Blurring of Lines Between News, Opinion, and Advertising

## News on the Web - Disadvantages

- Abundance Doesn't Guarantee You'll Choose Quality
- "Disinhibition Effect" Makes Comment Sites Troll Habitat
- Underfunding of Newsrooms Erodes Quality of Journalism
- With No "Filters" There Are Also No Barriers to Partisans



The New York Times

In a Race to Out-Rave, 5-Star Web Reviews Go for \$5

In tens of millions of reviews on Web sites like Amazon.com, Citysearch, TripAdvisor and Yelp, new books are better than Tolstoy, restaurants are undiscovered gems and hotels surpass the Ritz. Or so the reviewers say. As online retailers increasingly depend on reviews as a sales tool, an industry of fibbers and promoters has sprung up to buy and sell raves for a pittance. "For \$5, I will submit two great reviews for your business," offered one entrepreneur on the help-for-hire site Fiverr, one of a multitude of similar pitches. On another forum, Digital Point, a poster wrote, "I will pay for positive feedback on TripAdvisor." A Craigslist post proposed this: "If you have an active Yelp account and would like to make very easy money please respond."

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**Cecil W. Syssset, NY** **7** **7** **1/17/2012**

A new born on 106/107 in Hicksville near the Ikea, just like its name 'NuBon'. The food is freshly made and nicely presented. Very clean place which is important for a place serve raw fish. Love the Fire place decoration and Full Bar! On Christmas Eve, We ordered a love boat (combination of sashimi and sushi), a Surf Turrr roll with kobe beef & Lobster, kids ordered Chicken Teriyaki (how tender and tasty that chicken is!) and Udon noodle soup. Tried Uni Fried rice, surprisingly good! I love it! Hot Wings are very crispy and tasty, can be more spicy though. Suggest the restaurant to serve some spicy dip on the side will make me more happy. If you're a wing lover like me, you've got to try it! Service is excellent and friendly. I will definitely return again with friends to try some other items on the menu.

Just saw the other reviews here... I actually don't mind about not seeing the sushi bar since I never sit by the sushi bar anyway, I don't need to see ppl cutting fish in front of me as long as the the finish product is fresh and nicely plated. The menu is beautiful but little bit complicated at first sight. but it's only buy personal preference.

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**Andrew F. Syssset, NY** **10** **2** **1/11/2012**

you are making a mistake eating here. I hate to write a negative review especially for a new restaurant because I do not mind, is after eating there I read their existing Yelp reviews in better detail... notice how ALL their 5 star reviews are written by people who have no Yelp friends, and this is their only review. READ their reviews, and you can spot the poor English common across all of the 5 star reviews...can you say FRAUD?

Anyway, Sushi was not good (not bad, just nothing special and overpriced)...and what sort of Sushi restaurant does not even expose their sushi bar/chef - which were in a back kitchen somewhere ...It was also misleading that outside the restaurant they bill themselves as 'Sushi & Grill'...erghh no Grill, and only thing on the menu even close to grill food is Tempura...run away

Was this review ...? **Useful** (6) **Funny** (2) **Cool** (1)

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Hicksville, NY 11801  
(516) 681-9800

**Price Range:** \$\$\$ **Good for Kids:** Yes **Alcohol:** Full Bar  
**Accepts Credit Cards:** Yes **Takes Reservations:** Yes **Noise Level:** Quiet  
**Parking:** Private Lot **Water Services:** Yes **Has TV:** Yes  
**Attire:** Casual **Outdoor Seating:** No **Caters:** Yes  
**Good for Groups:** Yes

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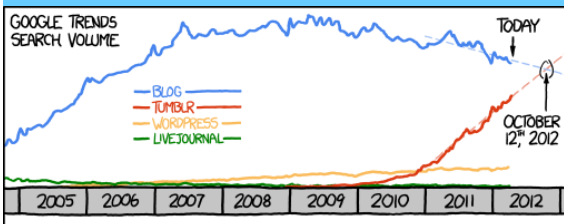
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Platform	Obama	Romney
Facebook Likes	404	16
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YouTube Comments/Likes/Views	106	55

**...and Social Media Response**

Platform	Obama	Romney
Facebook Likes	1,126,175	633,587
Twitter Retweets	150,106	8,601
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Romney has memes, too



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George Turklebaum's Death Goes Viral

Subject: Fv: Look out for your coworkers  
 In the Birmingham Sunday Mercury (7th Jan 2001):  
 Worker dead at desk for 5 days  
 Bosses of a publishing firm are trying to work out why no one noticed that one of their employees had been sitting dead at his desk for FIVE DAYS before anyone asked if he was feeling okay.  
 George Turklebaum, 51, who had been employed as a proof-reader at a New York firm for 20 years, had a heart attack in the open-plan office he shared with 22 other workers. He quietly passed away on Monday, but nobody noticed until Saturday morning when an office cleaner asked why he was still working during the weekend.  
 His boss Elliot Tachianki said: "George was always the first guy in each morning and the last to leave at night, so no one found it unusual that he was in the same position all that time and didn't say anything. He was always absorbed in his work and kept such to himself."  
 A post mortem examination revealed that he had been dead for five days after entering a coronary. Incidentally, George was proofreading manuscripts of medical textbooks when he died.  
 ... You may want to give your co-workers a nudge occasionally.

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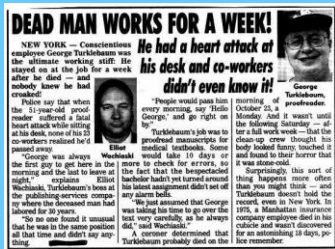


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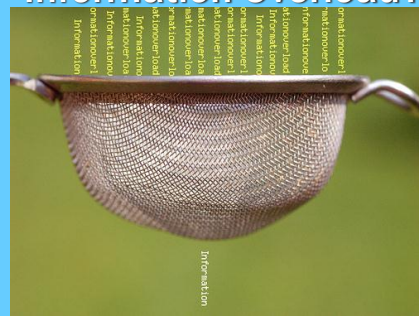
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March 14, 2013 | By Andres D'Alessandro and Chris Kraul, Los Angeles Times

