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# REVAMPING DEMOCRACY

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## MODULE 1: THE BASICS

Introductory module, knowledge, quizzes & more

- **The European Union**
- **Active Citizenship**
- **Impact of Human Rights**



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## MODULE 2: INSTITUTIONAL PARTICIPATION

- **Official EU participation instruments**
- **Access to Information**



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## MODULE 3: Communication Skills

- **Interpersonal communication Skills**
- **Negotiations & Debate**
- **Public Speaking**



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## MODULE 4: MEDIA COMPETENCIES, STORYTELLING & CAMPAIGNING

- **Media Competences**
- **Video Journalism**
- **Social Media Campaigning**



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## MODULE 5:

- **COOPERATION,**
- **TEAM BUILDING**
- **PROJECT MANAGEMENT**



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## MODULE 6: THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY - OPPORTUNITIES & THREATS

- A journey to the future
- Analysing the present
- Future Governence



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## MODULE 7: Well-Being & Awareness

- Digital Well-being
- Self-awareness & discovery
- Mindfulness



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## MODULE 8: Public Councils

**Guidelines for the organisation for Public Councils,  
Citizen Councils, & Assemblies**



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## Example: Module 5 - Team Building

"As many as possible"



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## Future Mindgame

My great grandpa said when he was a child, people were not yet able to talk to persons who lived in the past. This also meant that there was hardly any AI compiling their personal profile while they were alive. I think it's clear that since people know they have a chance of living forever, at least virtually, most people try to be the best version of themselves.



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## Future Mindgame

Tomorrow is Friday. Since around 15 years now, nobody works on Fridays. Friday is Democracy Day. On Fridays, everyone attends the People's Councils, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The one in the morning is the one we can choose. In my case, it's dealing with climate change. The one in the afternoon has been attributed to me randomly, so that I get an insight into topics I haven't been interested in before: in my case health, artificial intelligence, and eldercare were some of the Councils I had to attend in the past 3 years. Participating in the People's Councils is a condition for receiving our basic income.



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## Future Mindgame

My dream is to one day become a representative on the global level, where I would stand a chance to become a Member of the Council of Humanity. The Council of Humanity discusses the challenges humanity is facing in the next thirty to fifty years, mediates between different policy communities, and distributes the budget of the Humanity fund. Sessions of the Council of Humanity are publicly accessible online, and everyone can grade each Council Member via the Participation App.



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# Checking the media

**"ALTERNATIVE FACTS" AT WH BRIEFING**



Obama 2009  
ABC News Footage

Trump 2017  
58th Presidential Inaugural Committee





**Welches Bild gibt die EU hier ab?**

Als dieses Bild kürzlich bei unserem Kollegen Kurt Seinitz erschien, löste es bei unseren Lesern eine wahre Welle der Empörung aus. Österreichs EU-Kommissar Johannes Hahn (60) spricht hier vor leeren Rängen über seine Erweiterungspläne auf dem Westbalkan. Kaum einen der hoch bezahlten 751 (!) EU-Abgeordneten scheint es zu interessieren. Nur so kann man sich auch so manche Entscheidung der „Volksvertreter“ erklären. Das besondere Schmunzeln: Nach dem Austritt der Briten werden deren 73 Plätze keineswegs eingespart – nein, sie werden nur neu verteilt.



Home > News > World > Haven't they learnt a thing? Merkel's government 'hoping to bring in 12 MILLION migrants'



# Haven't they learnt a thing? Merkel's government 'hoping to bring in 12 MILLION migrants'

ANGELA Merkel may just have pushed through rapid deportation rules as well as a ban on refugees but she is not planning on closing Germany's doors to migrants forever.

By **SIOBHAN MCFADYEN**

PUBLISHED: 08:19, Sat, Feb 11, 2017 | UPDATED: 10:06, Sat, Feb 11, 2017



Mrs Merkel went to Stuttgart and picked up an award for her migrant crisis





# Was wurde eigentlich aus

... den Geschichten, die wir 2021 geschrieben haben? Wir haben nachgefragt

RUNDRUF: DIE REDAKTION

POLITIK, FALTER 51/21 VOM 22.12.2021



[slow-journalism.com](http://slow-journalism.com)

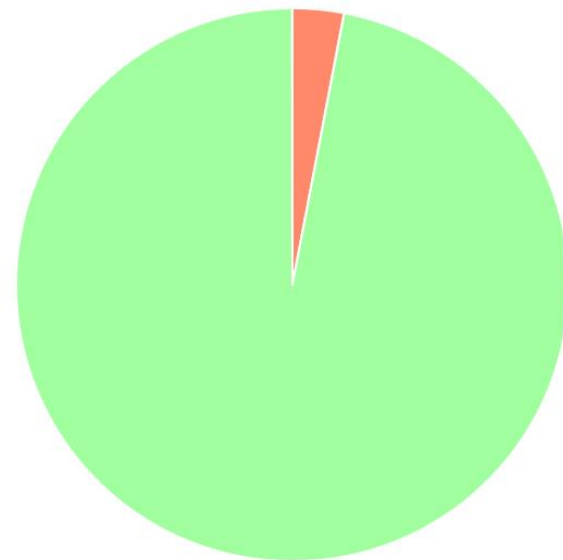


Was wurde aus unseren Geschichten? Der Falter-Jahresrückblick

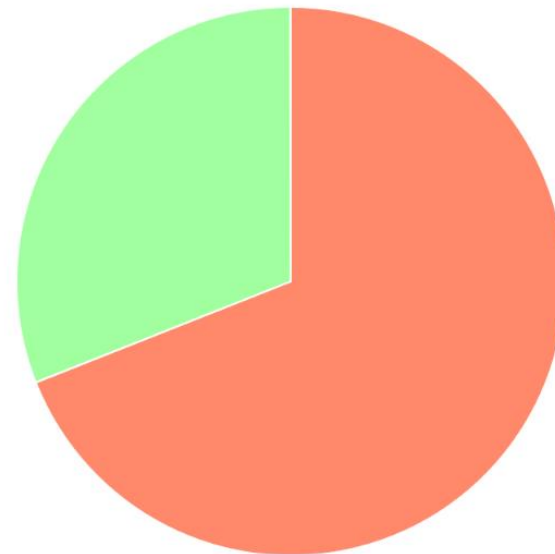
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# Representation of Climate Change in the Media

## Example of Fox News (USA)



Among climate scientists



On Fox News

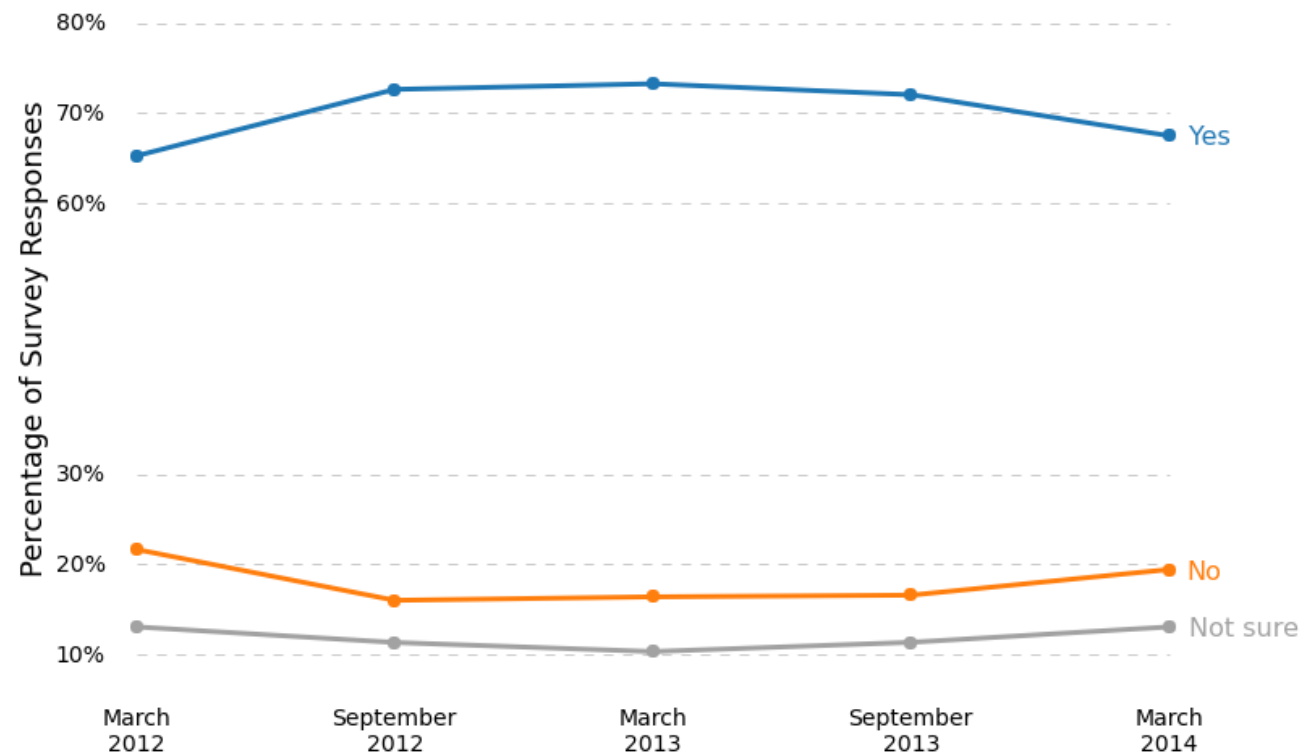
■ Accept climate change  
■ Deny climate change

Scientific consensus on climate change (left) versus attitudes of Fox News guests in 2013

Source:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Media\\_coverage\\_of\\_climate\\_change](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Media_coverage_of_climate_change)  
 and <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/climate-consensus-97-per-cent/2013/oct/23/climate-change-climate-change-scepticism>

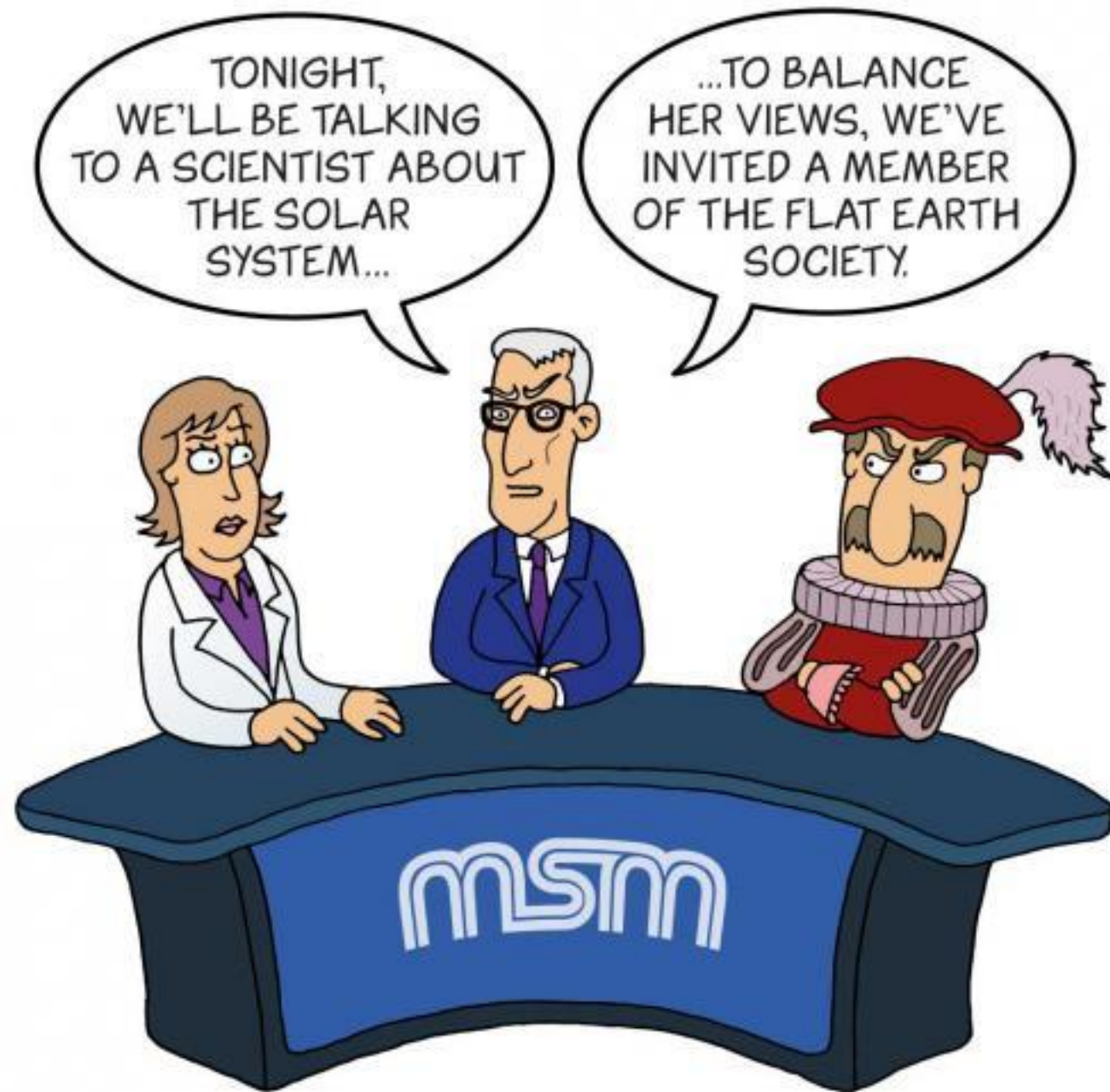
### U.S. Poll: Do you think global climate change is occurring?



Data source: UT Energy Poll (utenergypoll.com)  
 Author: Randy Olson (randalolson.com / @randal\_olson)



# False Balance



# Summary:

## How to critically consume information

- Be aware of the powers of selection and framing.
- Think about what has been left out of the picture/story.
- Watch out for red flags: emotional or suggestive language, etc.
- Check other sources - do an internet search.
- Evaluate the quality of a media outlet (do they abide by the rules of quality journalism?).
- Fact-check with online verification tools.

# Fact-Checking Online Verification Tools

- Image reverse search, eg. Google Images, TinEye
- Maps, Street View
- Internet archive: eg. Wayback Machine
- Historical weather search: eg. Wunderground
- Fact-checking websites such as “Snopes”
- Open data sources, eg. Our World in Data
- OSINT (open source intelligence) tools online  
<https://osintframework.com/>



# Final Thoughts

- Most journalists are doing their best (given their resources and limitations) to give you accurate and balanced information.
- Be critical of the media but don't assume "it's all lies".
- Journalists are humans and everyone can make mistakes: if you are thinking "conspiracy or mistake?", the chances of it being a mistake are much higher.
- Consume quality media from different sources and check if you are not sure about something.
- Support and pay for the media you want to consume - thus making them more independent.