MediaWell

News Item

What makes fake news feel true when it isn’t? For one thing, hearing it over and over again | Nieman Journalism Lab

By Laura Hazard Owen
August 25, 2020

> The growing stream of reporting on and data about fake news, misinformation, partisan content, and news literacy is hard to keep up with. This weekly roundup offers the highlights of what you might have missed.
>
> Just out: The Psychology of Fake News: Accepting, Sharing, and Correcting Misinformation, a new collection of research articles edited by Rainer Greifeneder, Mariela Jaffe, Eryn Newman, and Norbert Schwarz. The book, published by Routledge, is available as a free download or online read (and here it is on Kindle), and it includes a lot of research on why and how people believe false information.
>
> In several of the chapters, researchers look at “what makes a message ‘feel’ true, even before we have considered its content in any detail,” and consider the implications of this for misinformation. Here[in] are some things that make people believe something is true…
>
> […]

Source: What makes fake news feel true when it isn’t? For one thing, hearing it over and over again » Nieman Journalism Lab