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You might know the feeling: You see your aunt, cousin, or friend share something on Facebook, but you doubt the information is true. And if that information is about a critical issue like COVID-19, an election, or a political candidate, you may feel compelled to respond. But what is the best way to do so? While some people create and spread *disinformation*—false information shared with the intent to deceive others—your friends and family may well spread *misinformation*, which is shared by people who may not know the information is false. They probably think the content is true, and they may feel they're sharing something important. That can make it tough to know how to confront them. Here are a few suggestions.

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