

# Antisocial is entertaining and enlightening in the age of misinformation | The Johns Hopkins News-Letter

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Andrew Marantz's 2019 novel *Antisocial* has never been more relevant to American politics than in 2020.

Life is tough right now for Americans, and social media and politics are no small part of that difficulty. The COVID-19 pandemic and 2020 presidential election would have been frustrating even without the avalanche of misinformation surrounding both of them. If you're as exhausted by fake news and misleading social media posts as I am, read on.

I was recently assigned a book for class, and I finished it in one day; I can't tell you the last time I did that. Andrew Marantz, a staff writer for *The New Yorker*, published *Antisocial: Online Extremists, Techno-Utopians, and the Hijacking of the American Conversation* in 2019. Its relevance has only grown since its release. The book explores the rise of the alt-right and misinformation in the age of the internet. Marantz spent a lot of time with vocal members of the alt-right as research, bringing an unrivaled credibility to his analysis.

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