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The spread of misinformation – in the form of unsubstantiated rumour and intentionally deceitful propaganda – is nothing new. Even in antiquity, Antony and Cleopatra were cast as villains [through fake news](#) shared by Octavian.

However, the global proliferation of social media, the 24-hour news cycle and consumers' ravenous desire for news – immediately and in bite-size chunks – means that today, misinformation is more abundant and accessible than ever.

Fake news has been particularly associated with high-profile events like the [2016 Brexit referendum](#), the [2016 US presidential election](#), and [the pandemic](#). It has shaken trust in institutions, governments and even the COVID vaccine.

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