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There's an insidious threat that seeks to divide the nation and undermine our faith in democracy — disinformation. Often called fake news today, disinformation is the spread of false information with the willful intent to deceive.

[Scott Ruston](#), a research scientist with the Global Security Initiative at Arizona State University, studies why disinformation is believable and how it spreads. In the latest ASU KEDtalk here, he offers tips on how to identify and defend yourself against fake news.

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