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Local newsrooms should talk about how to cover politicians who promote conspiracy theories like QAnon | American Press Institute

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Covering conspiracy theories and those who spread them has always been a tricky proposition for journalists. If you are in the business of trying to publish what's true, how do you treat things that are untrue without amplifying them? When is the right time to write about them and what is the right way to describe them accurately? How do you decide which ones are not worth debunking and which are? In an age of social media, how do you do all this without inadvertently encouraging the spread of falsehoods?

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