

# Macedonia has a plan to quit being known as ‘fake news land’ | Poynter

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Macedonia, a small nation in the heart of the Balkans, no longer wants to be internationally known as “fake news land.”

And to change this situation — created during the last U.S presidential election — Macedonians decided to invest in media literacy. Specialists from all over the country are reaching teenagers in different ways to teach them how bad mis/disinformation can be — not only for themselves but for others — and they say this effort can reverberate in the United States in 2020.

The numbers reached so far by [MAMIL](#), a program developed by Macedonian’s Institute of Communication Studies, are impressive in a country with only 2 million people. In the last three years, more than 800 high schoolers have joined the project and participated in after-school camps, contests and in the publication of a newspaper called [“Medium.”](#)

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